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From Arrival to Departure: LAX Volunteers Make Travel Easier



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City Council: Part Ok, Part Not Ok

By Ron Sokol

The second Hawthorne City Council meeting of this new year started as scheduled on January 27, 2026. A little over five hours later, it concluded. The good news is that the City's business continues, important matters are being addressed, and efforts to improve the community are being pursued in earnest. The not-so-good news is that there remains ongoing controversy and negativity among some Council members. The word dysfunctional comes to the fore.

At the start, Pastor Woody Robinson of the South Bay Celebration did a nice invocation, thanking God for the Council members, City officials, Commissioners, businesses, and all those seeking to make Hawthorne a better place.

David Caceres was approved as the City Attorney, and his three-year contract was likewise approved. Council member Angie Reyes English expressed concern, including that he may be biased. The Council voted to confirm his appointment, four in favor, with Ms. Reyes English abstaining. My impression is that Mr. Carceres is an excellent choice.

The South Bay Cities Council then made a presentation of Governments. Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro suggested that Hawthorne join the South Bay Regional Housing Trust, which focuses on affordable homeownership.

Shaun Kemp, Sergeant with the Hawthorne Police Department, stepped forward to discuss the Concealed Carry Weapons program. Before 2022, permits for such weapons were rarely issued, and then only to a limited number of people, such as judges. The rules have changed. While the average wait time can be significant, the permit is good for two years. Applicants must complete 16 hours of training and eight hours upon renewal with certified range instructors. An applicant can be subject to a psychiatric exam if deemed prudent.

During the oral presentations portion of the meeting, several residents came forward to state that the ugly breakdown in civility at

the prior Council meeting was unacceptable. Two residents focused on Council member Angie Reyes English.

Much happier news: Marco Trejo, intrepid Owner of Hawthorne's Sweet Science Boxing and MMA, presented City Manager Von Norris with a Championship Belt. This was in conjunction with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. There were smiles, picture taking, and the belt is really cool!

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro gave an update on the rail line proposal from Metro, a project that has been underway for many years. It will not affect Hawthorne Boulevard. The line will be elevated and run from the Metro station on Aviation/Marine station, down 190th to the Torrance Station. While costly, there is hope that this project will be well worth it.

Council member Reyes English expressed concern that time at the Hawthorne Municipal Pool may have been taken away from some persons, including those who are challenged. She wants there to be fairness and an exploration

of the options. Deputy Director of Community Services Kywana Bowie discussed the status, including the safety policies in place.

Here, then, is what I would call the beginning of the downturn, which started ordinarily enough. Council member Katrina Manning wants to be able to commend people who do good work, have contributed, and are unsung heroes. She wants to be able to do that herself as a member of the City Council, without in each instance requiring full Council approval. Mayor Vargas discussed his thinking: a Certificate of Recognition or a Certificate of Congratulations, not a Proclamation, which is on behalf of the entire Council. There was mention of selecting a vendor to issue a suitable Certificate, but there was concern about who would pay for it. The City Attorney was questioned. The City Manager was questioned. The discussion seemed to go on and on. By the time it played out, the vote was three in favor of the Certificates and two against.

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City Manager Von Norris. Image provided by Ron Sokol.

Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
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Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
69°/55°



Sunday

Partly
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73°/56°



Entertainment

Check It Out

Black Clover by Yuki Tabata

By Aaron Acuna, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

Welcome to the magical world of Black Clover, where magic is everything and a person's status is determined by how much magical power they possess. Nearly everyone can use magic in one form or another, everyone, that is, except the series' protagonist, Asta. Born completely magicless, Asta is dismissed and looked down upon, yet his spirit remains unshaken as he chases his seemingly impossible dream of becoming the Wizard King, the most powerful mage in the kingdom, and surpassing his gifted rival and childhood friend, Yuno. When the two set out on their journeys, Yuno is chosen by a legendary four-leaf grimoire, a rare magical book said to grant extraordinary potential. Asta, meanwhile, is not granted one until his resolve in battle earns him a mysterious five-leaf grimoire, one that contains a devil and grants him the unique ability to counter

magic itself. Armed with this unexpected power, Asta joins the Magic Knights and charges headfirst toward his dream. Along the way, he faces rogue mages, ancient curses, and countless enemies who underestimate him, often to their regret.

This is, without a doubt, one of my favorite manga reads of all time. The fights are consistently impressive: fast, easy to follow, and drawn with bold artwork and dramatic paneling that make every magic clash feel powerful and exciting. But what really kept me invested was Asta himself. No matter how badly the odds are stacked against him, he never quits, and watching that kind of determination go up against raw talent is absolutely satisfying. The series also has a great sense of humor, especially within Asta's squad, the Black Bulls, whose constant bickering, and chaotic energy give the story room to breathe. Those lighthearted scenes, mixed with genuinely warm character moments, make the world feel alive and the victories all the more satisfying. It's the kind of series that can make you laugh one page and cheer out loud the next, which, speaking from experience, may or may not happen more often than you'd expect. Make sure to check out this series, along with many other manga titles, at the El Segundo Public Library! •



Black Clover by Yuki Tabata.



Aaron Acuna.

Film Review

Atropia Review: This Sundance-Winning Satirical War Comedy is a Blast

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy.com

Sundance 2026 may be over, but the best of the 2025 festival is finally making its theatrical debut. Now playing in theaters nationwide is *Atropia*, a satirical indie comedy from director Hailey Benton Gates. Winner of Sundance's U.S. Grand Jury Prize: Drama [2025], *Atropia* is a kooky comedy that infuses humor that is as dry as the titular fake Middle Eastern desert.

Imagine *The Truman Show* set in fake Iraqi and Afghan villages, and you'll have a sense of the world of *Atropia*. This town, situated in the middle of the desert in Barstow, California, is home to the most sophisticated urban warfare simulation: Fort Irwin. Built by Hollywood set designers, *Atropia* is the closest one can get to the feeling of being in the Middle East without leaving the United States. To adequately prepare soldiers for deployment overseas, troops enter a 3-week immersion training program that can also be described as a 24/7 military role-play scenario. Complete with realistic battlefield situations and hired professionals acting as villagers, *Atropia* sets out to, and successfully creates, an uncanny sense of "authenticity."

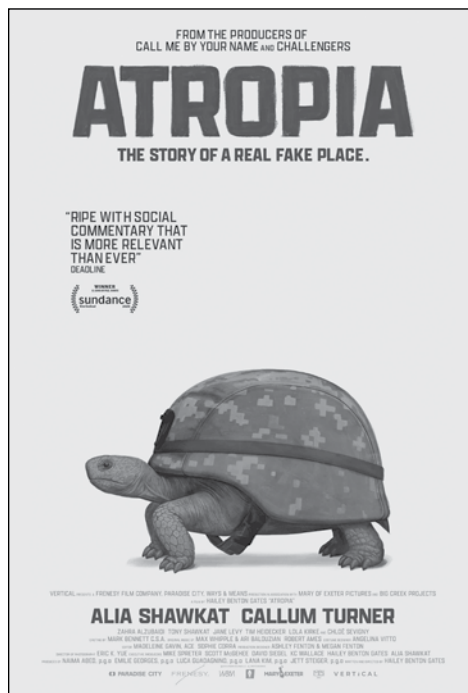
Fayruz (Alia Shawkat) is an aspiring actress who takes her job as a villager very seriously. Despite being miles away from

Hollywood, she dreams of catching her big break on the set of *Atropia*. It doesn't matter if she's drowning in a hijab or screaming in the streets; she gives every performance her all. As dedicated as she is to her profession, she risks derailing her performance when she falls in love with Abu Dice (Callum Turner), a fellow actor cast as an insurgent. Fayruz learns quickly that love is a battlefield, and if she's not careful, her heart could wind up in pieces.

Filmmaker Hailey Benton Gates does a phenomenal job creating the bizarre world of *Atropia*. While we can laugh at some of the ridiculous elements of this make-believe town, the film itself never feels like a joke or that it lacks the serious nature of its content. Alia Shawkat and Callum Turner perfectly embody their roles, both bringing a grounded sense of humor and emotional grit to their characters. The supporting cast further aids this performance-focused film, with special appearances by Tim Heidecker, Chloë Sevigny, Lola Kirke, and Channing Tatum.

"*Atropia* is the story of a real fake place," says Gates. "After 9/11, the U.S. government lured Hollywood with lucrative contracts to construct fake Iraqi and Afghan village sets on military bases across America. These hyper-realistic villages, designed to train soldiers before deployment, are populated by civilian role players hired to live and act in the towns for weeks at a time. Initially, I set out to make a documentary about the mock villages—how this dystopian community

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Atropia, courtesy of Vertical.



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The City of Hawthorne's Housing Department Helps Mi California Restaurant and Bar



The City awarded a \$135,600 Community Development Block Grant for new renovations which include new painting, new signage, new awning and new lighting. The project will start in early February and is expected to finish by late March. Photo courtesy of City of Hawthorne Facebook page.

Seniors

Suffering In Silence: Older Adults Need to Speak Up About Their Mental Health

(BPT) - Connie Thomas, a 77-year-old woman from Altamont, Illinois, has navigated a long journey with her mental health. Decades ago, Thomas was diagnosed with breast cancer. Living with her diagnosis and its results was not only physically challenging but it also brought mental struggles, including depression. She managed her mental health with medication for many years. But after retirement and feeling a loss of purpose, Thomas once again experienced symptoms of depression.

It's not unusual for older adults like Thomas to struggle with mental health issues. In fact, according to the National Council on Aging, 20% of people aged 55 and older suffer from some kind of mental health concern. After a lifetime of caring for families, raising children and serving their communities, many seniors put their own needs last, including their mental health. This can mean suffering in silence, sometimes for years.

Thomas knew better. She knew from her experience how important it is to talk about mental health, whether it's with friends, family or your doctor. That conversation can open the door to new options. In Connie's case, her primary care clinician offered her the GeneSight® test, a genetic test that provides additional insights into how her genes may affect medication outcomes with certain mental health medications. These results gave her clinician more information to consider when developing her treatment plan.

Finding a Mental Health Medication that Works: A Frustrating Process

It's fairly common for medications that once worked to manage mental health issues like depression to stop working. According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, "symptoms return for up to 33% of people using antidepressants."

Finding a medication for depression or anxiety that works can be a frustrating game of trial

and error. Medications work differently for everyone, and there are many reasons why one may be effective for some but not for others. Your genes may hold a clue, as they can play a role in affecting medication outcomes. A simple cheek swab can help clinicians understand which medications may require dose adjustments, be less likely to work, or have an increased risk of side effects based on your genetics.

Informed Choices

That's why resources like the GeneSight® test are so important. The GeneSight test is a genetic test that shows health care providers how your genes may affect your outcomes with certain mental health medications, including medications that treat depression and anxiety. This information may help clinicians make more informed decisions about medication selection or dosing.

Thomas' GeneSight test results helped her doctor decide that a lower dose of her medication may be helpful. With that adjustment, she says she is feeling better than she has in many years.

Feel Empowered to Take Care of Your Mental Health

Thomas shares that in her older adult community, she sees many people struggling with depression and yet unable to talk about their mental health.

"I see how unhappy they are, inwardly and outwardly," she says. "I try to reach out, to acknowledge that they are suffering and to encourage them to talk to someone."

She hopes telling her story will encourage others like her to talk about their mental health and then take the next step in reaching out to a health care provider. As Thomas learned, any prescribing clinician treating mental health, like her primary care clinician, can order the GeneSight test.

To learn more about the test, talk with your clinician or visit GeneSight.com. •

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Ring in the Year of The Horse with Artist Flora Kao



Join artist Flora Kao for a free, hands-on Lunar New Year workshop where participants will create decorative firecrackers, powerful symbols of energy and good fortune. Flora is featured in ESMoA's exhibition GRIEF. The workshop takes place on February 7, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 PM. All ages are welcome, no experience is needed and materials will be provided. RSVP at www.esmoa.org. Photo courtesy of ESMoA Facebook page.

City Council

from front page

Ms. Manning had a discussion Item listed next on the Agenda about requirements for City-Sponsored and Council-Hosted Events, but she decided to drop it. She indicated real discomfort with how this prior Agenda item was addressed.

The unhappy part of things was paused for a little bit. Mayor Vargas and Council Member Reyes English raised the issue of leafletting and business cards on cars, which often end up as trash. The City Attorney's office discussed legal cases that have sought to deal with this kind of litter problem. Hawthorne has only four enforcement officers, and clearly, their time is limited. Von Norris indicated he will talk with Planning Director Gregg McClain, and have the matter studied with a report scheduled in thirty days.

Council member Faye Johnson was next and asked for a study session to address a Code of Conduct for elected officials. She emphasized that Hawthorne deserves a Council that leads with integrity, including respect for each other and staff. She referenced the rule, unanimously adopted in May 2025, on City Events, and the requirement for Council approval, versus what she feels happened last Thanksgiving. The latter is a sore point, as is some of the behavior

during the last Council meeting.

Council member Reyes English responded that her name was mentioned, she took offense, and said it was personal. She stated that others, including the Mayor, are stirring things up and ganging up on her. She spoke about her absence from the December 9th meeting, during which the Thanksgiving issue was addressed, because her daughter had lost her baby. She then referred to others several times as "the turkey police".

Council member Johnson would speak up further in rebuttal. In sum, there was, and there is palpable tension. The Mayor asked the City Attorney for guidance. He made clear that the Council should focus on debate and avoid indecorous language.

There was discussion of possibly having a third person come in to address the Council on civility and related topics, in the form of a "retreat".

Then, to compound matters, the Council presently is subject to "investigation", but as the City Attorney explained, this is because of statements made by the prior City Attorney on a property acquisition approved by the Council several months ago. The investigation does not mean anyone has done anything wrong; it is simply a requirement to be carried out. Still,

it adds to the troubled atmosphere.

During the elected officials' reports, Council member Manning expressed that she is tired of the back-and-forth at the Council, and feels she is a victim and abused. She encourages everyone to "figure it out and get along."

The Mayor went into detail about the dis-sension among the Council. His voice sounded sad at times, and clearly, he is disappointed. Mr. Vargas indicated he is receiving calls from a variety of people asking what is going on.

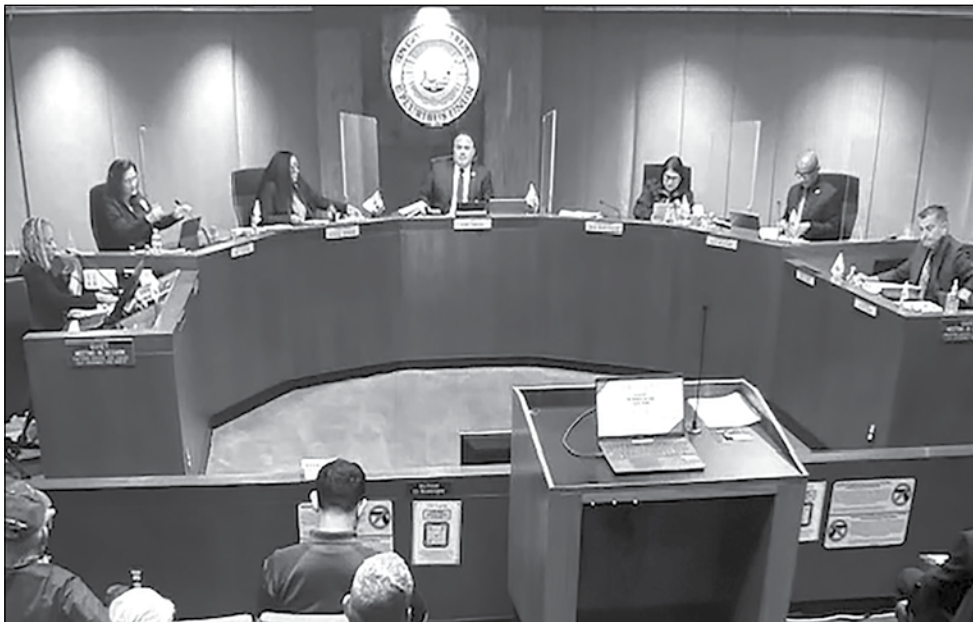
Lest this column end on a sour note, a number of constructive matters were discussed before

the meeting concluded. These included Black History Month, the upcoming annual Autism Walk in April, and getting Southern California Edison to inform people when they will be coming to their residences. In one instance, Council member Johnson realized someone from SCE was on her roof, but no one had bothered to tell her they would be there!

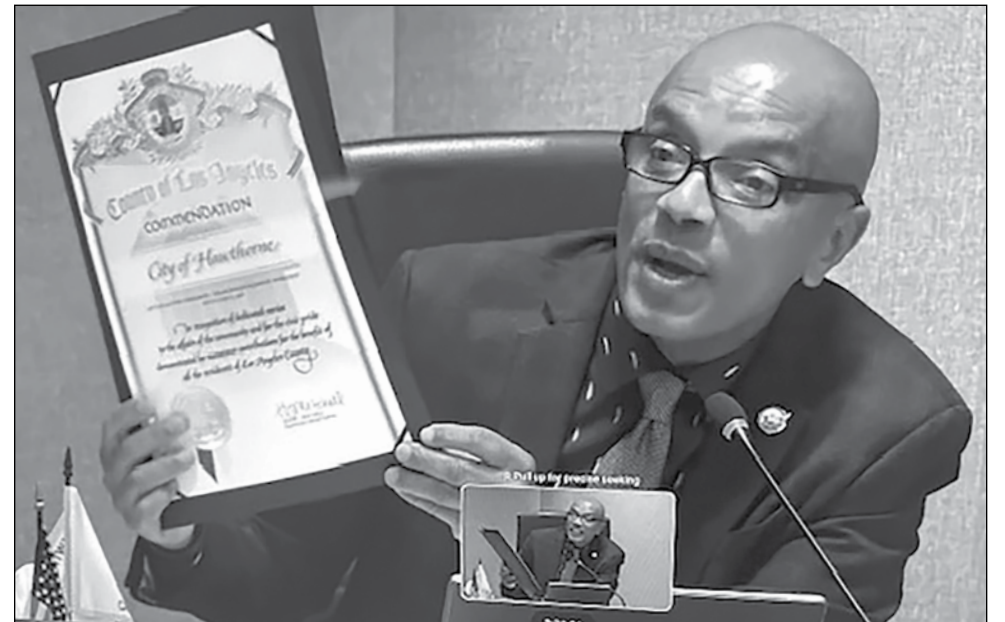
A little after 11 p.m., the meeting wrapped up. Clearly, the Hawthorne City Council is going through some real commotion. Let's hope they are growing pains, from which will come a positive outcome, and soon. •

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Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro.

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Celebrating the Opening of the Torrance Zen Meditation Center



Buddhaland on Earth, a nonprofit that teaches Zen meditation, opens its headquarters in Torrance. The Torrance Zen Meditation Center offers Zen meditation teachings for beginning and experienced practitioners alike. They are currently offering ongoing Introductory and Advanced meditation. Their events are Non-Denominational and everyone is welcome. Welcome to the neighborhood. Photo courtesy of City of Torrance Facebook page.

Finance

Preparing for The Future of Work: Tips to Help Teens Choose a Career Path

(Family Features) - American teens are preparing for a workforce shaped by AI, new approaches to education and economic uncertainty. While challenges are real, optimism remains high.

In fact, 94% of teens said they are optimistic about their future careers, reflecting a strong sense of hope and ambition, according to research from Junior Achievement and Citizens. The two organizations have partnered for more than 18 years to advance financial empowerment nationwide, with the bank allocating funding and volunteer support, including more than \$630,000 in 2025 to support financial empowerment programs that give people the confidence and tools they need to budget, save, invest and pursue their goals.

However, 57% of teens surveyed believe AI has negatively impacted their career outlook, raising concerns about job replacement and the need for new skills.

"Today's teens face a rapidly changing world, from the rise of AI to shifts in education and careers," said Susan LaMonica, chief human resources officer at Citizens. "The survey shows they know the importance of adaptability and continuous learning."

To help teens build skills for emerging roles and navigate their futures, consider these tips

from the experts at Junior Achievement, the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures and make smart academic and economic choices.

Explore Internships

Success depends on more than credentials alone. Survey respondents believe networking (50%) and internships (41%) are keys to future success. What's more, 56% believe real-world experience is more valuable than a four-year degree. Internships can provide that experience and allow students to test their interest in a field while building their professional networks, developing skills that can be applied to a range of career paths, identifying strengths and weaknesses and clarifying future goals.

Consider Post-High School Education

Teens' perspectives on education reflect their uneasiness. Only 40% of teens surveyed believe a four-year degree is always a good investment. At the same time, about 6 in 10 believe a bachelor's or graduate degree is still necessary for their chosen profession, which shows how complicated these decisions can be. While many careers require a college

diploma, that isn't the only path to career success. In addition to traditional four-year universities, consider alternate education paths such as trade schools or technical programs, apprenticeships, two-year degree programs or professional certifications if applicable to your career path.

Weigh Passion Against Pay

While most teens surveyed (63%) said they would prefer a good-paying job even if it comes with stress, many are weighing passion against pay as they explore career opportunities. In fact, some top industries in which teens plan to pursue a job include health care and life sciences (30%), arts and music (27%) and content creation and digital media (25%), further showcasing that

willingness. Many students are also exploring less traditional routes to build security and opportunity, with 87% expecting to earn extra income through side hustles, gig work or social media content creation.

"The data illustrates how the stressors on young people are compounding year after year," said Tim Greinert, president of Junior Achievement USA. "It also shows how resilient and savvy students are these days in terms of understanding the world around them and deciphering the best path to the future that's best for them."

To learn more about preparing for future success and find full survey results, visit JA.org/FutureOfWork.

- Source provided by Junior Achievement •

Film Review

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theater was blurring lines between training and performance, reality and artifice. I spent years interviewing role players and military personnel, but eventually, the Department of Defense would not grant access to the parts of the training I was interested in documenting. So I decided to write a satire instead! A comedy in the tradition of Robert Altman's *M*A*S*H* and Ernst Lubitsch's *To Be or Not To Be*."

A unique blend of comedy and social commentary, it's no surprise that this indie darling won over crowds at Sundance. *Atropia* is a fresh take on an obscure but very real government program that, at times, seems too silly to be true. The energy in front of the camera and behind the scenes is palpable, keeping the audience engaged and making for a very fun watch. •

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City Leaders Join Community Partners for Ribbon Cutting at New Plymouth Heights Development



Mayor James T. Butts, Jr. and Councilmember Alex Padilla joined community partners to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Plymouth Heights, a new 20-home development that transforms a once-blighted site into thoughtfully designed, high-quality housing for our city. City leadership were on hand to recognize the collaboration between the City, Plymouth Townhomes LLC, and dedicated City staff who helped bring this project to life. Photo courtesy of City of Inglewood Facebook page.



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Ingredients

- 8 ounces uncooked low FODMAP gluten free spaghetti or your favorite gluten-free pasta shape (made with corn and rice flour) (228g)
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast (3 large, cut in half horizontally) (678g)
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning (2g)
- 1/2 cup Low FODMAP gluten free baking flour (75g)
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (22g)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten (51g)
- 1 tablespoon water (12g)
- 4 tablespoons olive oil (50g)
- 1 jar (23.75 ounces) Prego® Traditional Sensitive Recipe Italian Sauce (673g)
- 1 cup shredded part skim mozzarella cheese (about 4 ounces) (113g)
- 1/4 cup whole or thinly sliced fresh basil leaves (optional) (13g)

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- **Step 1:** Cook and drain the spaghetti according to the package directions. While the spaghetti is cooking, season the chicken as desired. Sprinkle with the Italian seasoning. Stir the flour and Parmesan cheese in a shallow dish. Beat the egg and water in another shallow dish.
- **Step 2:** Coat the chicken with the flour mixture, then the egg mixture, then the flour mixture again. Shake off any excess flour mixture.
- **Step 3:** Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook for 4 minutes (making sure that the skillet and pan are hot before adding the chicken to prevent sticking). Turn the chicken over and cook another 4 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. Top each piece of chicken with 3 tablespoons sauce and 1/4 cup cheese. Cover and cook for 3 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Toss the hot spaghetti with the remaining sauce and serve with the chicken. Sprinkle with the basil, if desired, before serving.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID RAUL ZAMORA CASE NO. 26STPB00230

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID RAUL ZAMORA. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RUSSELL ZAMORA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RUSSELL ZAMORA 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: 02/23/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 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 DANIELLE A. GEYE - SBN 239304 WIEZOREK & GEYE, APC 3450 E. SPRING, SUITE #212 LONG BEACH CA 90806 Telephone (562) 396-5529 1/22, 1/29, 2/5/26 CNS-4003116# LAWYER TRIBUNE Lawndale Tribune Pub. 1/22, 1/29, 2/5/26

HL-29114

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) CITY OF HAWTHORNE PY26-27 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs

Program Description: The City of Hawthorne is pleased to announce the availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds for the 2026-2027 Program Year. These programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are administered locally by the City of Hawthorne to support the development of affordable housing, provision of public services, and other activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods. This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) covers a one-year period for CDBG and HOME activities that will begin July 1, 2026.

Eligible Applicants: The City of Hawthorne invites eligible applicants, including nonprofit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), for-profit developers, and other entities, to submit applications for projects that meet the requirements of the CDBG and/or HOME programs. Priority for funding will be given to those applicants that address one of the Strategic Plan goals included in the City's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

How to Apply: As of the date of this publication, applications may be completed online at <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/MDG-HAWTHORNECA/Participant>. Applications must be submitted through the City's online submission portal, Neighborly, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The City has included an instructional

guide for applicant registration and the submission process through the Neighborly system on the City's website <https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing/cdbg>. Applicants are advised to review the application carefully and contact the City's staff with any questions or technical issues before submitting their applications. The City reserves the right to modify the amount and allocation of funds, to reject any or all applications, to waive any minor irregularities or deficiencies in the applications, and to request additional information or clarification from the applicants.

NOFA Workshop: The City will be conducting a NOFA Technical Assistance Workshop on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, to provide information and guidance on the application process within the Neighborly system, eligibility criteria, evaluation factors, and reporting requirements. Attendance at the workshop is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory, for interested applicants. Please email rbidges@mdg-ldm.com to RSVP for the workshop and to ensure you receive the invitation to the meeting.

City Contact: Should you have any questions regarding this NOFA, please contact Kimberly Mack, Housing Director, via email at kmack@cityofhawthorne.org.

Language Access: Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este NOFA, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kimberly Mack, Directora de Programas de Vivienda, por correo electrónico en kmack@cityofhawthorne.org.

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HH-29106

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 26TRCP00028

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: JENNIFER EVANS FOR MINORS SAMANTHA ANDI AND KAITLYN ANDI for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER EVANS FOR MINORS SAMANTHA ANDI AND KAITLYN ANDI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. SAMANTHA ANN ANDI TO SAMANTHA ANN EVANS

b. KAITLYN MAY ANDI TO KAITLYN MAY EVANS

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing:

Date: March 13, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: E, Room: 500

The address of the court is: 825 MAPLE AVE TORRANCE, CA 90503

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Torrance Tribune

Date: January 22, 2026
Alan B. Honeycutt
Judge of the Superior Court
Torrance Tribune 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19/26

HT-29115

SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 25TRCV01172

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFFS TITLE THERETO AND DOES 1 THROUGH 25 INCLUSIVE.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CLAUDIA JONES, AN INDIVIDUAL

NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The real property that is the subject of this action is situated in the County of Los Angeles, California, and is described as follows:
Common Designation: 923 Holly Street, Inglewood, California

Legal Description: THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 50 OF TRACT NO. 7560, IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 79 PAGES 68 AND 69 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. (assessor's parcel number 4023-05-019)

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

This is an action to quiet title to the above-described property. Plaintiff seeks a judgment determining that Plaintiff is the fee simple owner of the property and that defendants have no interest therein.

COURT INFORMATION:

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

1 Regent Way Inglewood, California 90301

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

Inglewood Daily News Pub 2/5, 2/12, 2/29, 2/26/26

HI-29118

Notice is hereby given, StorQuest Self Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of:

Yacin Muleba
Chantel Facer
Travonna Byers
Kenya Ellis
Shantasha Chism
Patricia Byrd
Shawndale Grice
Roel Briones

Property to be sold: misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, toys, electronics, sporting goods, and personal content. Auction Company: www.StorageTreasures.com. The sale ends at 11:00 a.m., February 20, 2026, at the property where said property has been stored and which is located at StorQuest Self Storage 4959 W 147th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Goods must be paid in cash and removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
2/5, 2/12/26
CNS-4008425#
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HH-29119



NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARTA VILLA CASE NO. 26STPB00692

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARTA VILLA. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARIA AVILA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIA GENGEBACHER 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: 02/24/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARTHA DE AGUINAGA AKA MARTHA BEATRIZ DE AGUINAGA CASE NO. 26STPB00849

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARTHA DE AGUINAGA AKA MARTHA BEATRIZ DE AGUINAGA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FERNANDO GABRIEL DE AGUINAGA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FERNANDO GABRIEL DE AGUINAGA 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: 02/27/26 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 JOSHUA L. STERNBERG - SBN 250687 STERNBERG LAW GROUP 8605 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 81823 WEST HOLLYWOOD CA 90069 Telephone (310) 270-4343 2/5, 2/12, 2/19/26 CNS-4009117# LAWYER TRIBUNE Lawndale Tribune Pub 2/5, 2/12, 2/19/26

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Featured Pets of the Week

Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

Bobo is a handsome 6-year-old Labrador mix with a sleek white coat and a big love for the outdoors. His favorite activities include splashing around in the baby pool, chasing water from the hose, and soaking up the sunshine. If you're looking for a hiking companion, beach buddy, or a dog who's always up for a sunny day at the park, Bobo is your guy. He is neutered, microchipped,

fully vaccinated, and ready to start his next adventure with a loving family. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21541>

Meet **Lucy**! Lucy is a 1-year-old Terrier mix with a petite body and a big heart. At just 10 pounds, she's a joyful little bundle of fun who loves everyone she meets and brings big personality wherever she goes. Lucy is spayed, microchipped, and fully vaccinated. She's all set and ready to meet her Friends

for Life today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21565>

Peanut is a 3-year-old tabby cat with a gentle personality. She may be shy at first, but she welcomes pets and affection as soon as she feels comfortable. With a bit of time, space, and love, Peanut blossoms into a wonderful companion. She is fully vaccinated and ready to go home today! Visit her at the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21565>

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Cypress is a 1-year-old brown and white tabby cat with a heart full of love and curiosity. He's incredibly sweet, always eager to explore, and loves to play. Whether he's chasing toys or checking out his surroundings, Cypress brings joyful energy wherever he goes. He's ready to go home with you and can't wait to start his next adventure! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-21513> •



Bobo



Peanut



Lucy



Cypress

“No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you feel rich.”

– LOUIS SABIN