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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**
Mostly Cloudy
62°/71°

**Saturday**
PM Showers
63°/70°

**Sunday**
AM Showers
59°/71°

# Celebrating Día De Los Muertos



Inglewood Park Cemetery and Inglewood Mortuary Cemetery held their Annual Dia De Los Muertos Cultural Festival on Sunday, October 25, 2026, 12:00pm-4:00pm. The festive event brought people together to joyfully honor the deceased with music, food, and traditional altars. Photo courtesy of Catrina Christina Instagram page.

# George Freeth, Not Afraid of the Water

**By Ron Sokol**

It may be hard to believe at first blush, but there was a time, not all that long ago, when most people didn't look at the ocean here in the South Bay as a place to play, surf, splash, jog, or swim. Perhaps fishing was in order, but swimming in the ocean wasn't commonplace. And if there was any so-called lifeguarding, it was no-frills, that's for sure. As for standing up on some kind of board to ride a wave, people had heard about it, but hadn't seen it. Not around here, not then.

In sum, about 120 years ago, the South Bay had no surf shops, no fiberglass boards, no wetsuits, no surf music, and no stores selling what we now consider basics like swimwear, fins, goggles, wax, boogie boards, and surf leashes.

Then in 1907, a young Hawaiian fellow named George Freeth arrived in Southern California. He was 24 at the time. His mother was Native Hawaiian, but his dad was English. George grew up around the ocean and became quite a good swimmer, diver, and, another thing, an accomplished surfer.

Fate may play a role here. It just so happened that well-known writer Jack London was in Hawaii. Mr. London authored classic and popular books, including The Call of the Wild. London had a tenacity for vivid description, bringing to life the awesome nature of the vast outdoors, including what is referred to as "the wild. "He also observed George Freeth surfing and could not suppress his amazement.

So it is that Jack London wrote about George, and described him in a larger-than-life manner. Those writings played a role in letting others know about this young kid from Hawaii, who stands upright on a concave board of some kind, and then rides it standing up into the shore.

Here are a few samples of what Jack London told whoever he could, in writing:

"I saw him tearing in on the back of it, standing upright on his board, carelessly poised, a young god bronzed with sunburn."

He also wrote: "He is a Mercury – a brown Mercury. His heels are winged, and in them is the swiftness of the sea."

George Freeth liked to surf, and excelled at it. You could say surfing was his thing, which included surfing off of Venice Beach. Newspapers ran articles about this unique phenomenon. A young man from Hawaii was standing on a fairly large, seemingly wooden board and riding the waves. It stirred up not just curiosity, but quite a bit of interest and excitement.

Timing often is everything, or a big part of it. While news about George was taking root, Redondo Beach and Venice were in the process of seeking to become seaside resorts. The hope was to attract people who would come by streetcar, stay a night, two or three in a local hotel, and have fun, which often meant parting with some money, of course.

Someone, somebody must have said, "Ah ha! You know what? This George Freeth could draw 'em in!" After all, he gave surfing exhibits. He taught swimming. He was even promoted as "The Hawaiian Wonder". George became associated with both the Hotel Redondo and the Henry Huntington Pacific Electric Railway. I don't think this means that, from an advertising perspective, he was quite the same as Shaq O'Neal today, but George was truly an attraction. His image, his face, his lure helped to persuade people to come on down. Find out what this is all about.

One aspect of George Freeth's history may not get as much attention as his surfing or his overall waterman lifestyle. This gentleman also was quite involved in lifesaving. After

***See George Freeth, page 4***



At the Beach Back Then. Images provided by Ron Sokol.

# Check It Out

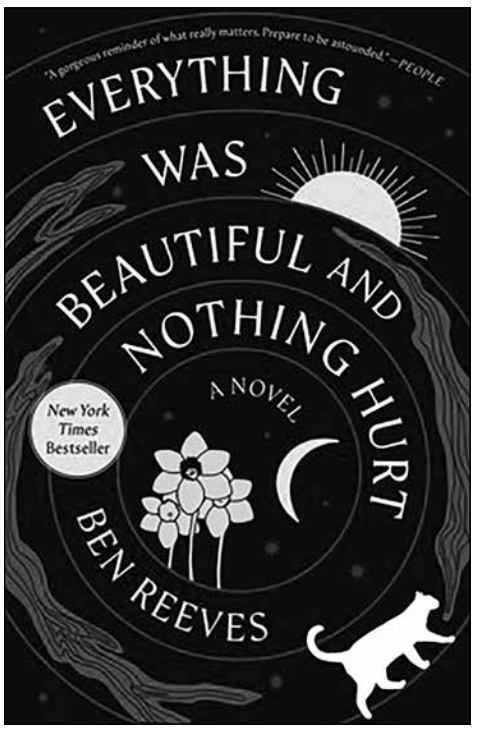
## *Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt* by Ben Reeves

**By Mary Martes, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library**

This astoundingly beautiful novel explores humanity's splendor, fragility, and capacity for love. Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt is Ben Reeves debut novel, winning the International Bath Novel Award in 2024 under the title Dance of the Mayflies. The cycle of life and death is shown here to be a gift, a chance to savor the small moments, treasure those we love, appreciate the beauty that surrounds our every day, to realize the transience of life and its unpredictable but inevitable end. With lyrical prose and tender examination of complex, flawed, deeply human characters, this novel will linger with you long after its conclusion.

Travis Smith is a young man; handsome, quiet, and thoughtful. He is also Death personified. With an empathetic, nonjudgmental demeanor, he stands witness to the last moments of life, helping the transition to death and beyond. Existing in a nondescript apartment, he unobtrusively goes about his days visiting the dying, communing with nature, waiting for the next passenger. He has a code designed to keep him detached and emotionally distant, never questioning the necessity of death, despite grief and loss. He sees his neighbor Dalia, a single mother and midwife, across the hall doing her best to raise seven-year-old Layla and infant Neda. Layla, an energetic, curious child, notices that Travis is always alone. Layla bursts into Travis's muted world, painting it with her colorful vivacity. As Travis becomes closer to Dalia and Layla, he begins to understand more fully the beauty of life and loss.

Throughout the book, tender and emotionally resonant vignettes of the lives and deaths of strangers that Travis encounters are described in separate chapters. These chapters explore what makes a life well lived, what we realize is truly important when it comes to an end. Though the book deals with grief and mortality, it focuses more on the thread of quiet luminosity that comprises a life. Quietly devastating, but life affirming and real, it is a profound look at life and death. •




*Everything Was Beautiful and Nothing Hurt* by Ben Reeves



Mary Martes

# Finance

## How to Choose a College With the Highest Long-Term Value

(StatePoint) - Every parent wants to help their child choose a college that will be worth the investment. The challenge is knowing which schools are most likely to deliver.

Citizens is helping families answer that question through College Raptor, its college planning platform, with its 12th annual Best Colleges rankings and a new list identifying the Top 25 colleges that improve students' economic futures.

"Planning for college is one of the biggest financial decisions families make, and they deserve a clearer picture of the return on that investment," says Bill Staib, co-founder and president of College Raptor. "Looking beyond tuition and name recognition helps families find schools that support academic goals and build a foundation for life after graduation."

College Raptor's data science team evaluated factors including accessibility for lower-income households, post-graduation earnings, degree completion and student loan repayment to identify the schools with the strongest economic impact.

Topping the list are CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College, Southern California Institute of Technology and Brigham Young University. Across the full list of 25, public university systems also make a strong showing, including schools within the University of California, California State University and CUNY systems. The results may introduce families to schools they had not previously considered—and offer a new lens for thinking about college value.

While economic trajectory is an important consideration, it's just one perspective within the broader College Rankings. Families can also explore College Raptor's full rankings to compare schools across a variety of factors that contribute to overall fit and value, to help them make more informed decisions as they navigate the college search process.

Rankings are only one part of the decision. Families should also consider whether a school offers the right academic programs, advising, career support and campus culture. And when comparing costs, focus on net price after grants, scholarships and financial aid rather than published tuition alone.

"A ranking can point families toward strong options, but the real decision comes down to what a school costs and how they plan to pay for it," says Fred Good, head of Student Lending at Citizens, one of the country's largest private student lenders. "Families deserve trusted human guidance paired with digital tools that make a complex decision feel simpler. Paying for college is one of the biggest moments in a family's financial life, and our goal is to help them understand their options early and move forward with clarity."

Citizens' College Raptor platform brings information about schools, costs and outcomes together in one place, making it easier to compare options and narrow the field.

Families can explore the full Top 25 Colleges That Improve Students' Economic Futures ranking at: https://www.collegeraptor.com/college-rankings/details/CollegesThatImproveStudentsEconomicFutures.

"Choosing a college comes down to a mix of priorities that will look different for everyone," Staib adds. "Looking at academic fit, cost and long-term outcomes together can help families make that decision with greater confidence."

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# Hawthorne Press Tribune

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# Standing Together Against Domestic Violence




Representative Maxine Waters was proud to bestow the Hawthorne Police Department with the "Hope Lives Here" award. Their commitment reminds us that together, we can support providers and continue the fight against domestic violence. Photo courtesy of Hawthorne Police Department Facebook page.

## Seniors

### What You Need to Know About COPD

(StatePoint) - There are over 16 million people in the United States living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and an estimated millions more living with the disease undiagnosed. COPD is a progressive, chronic lung disease that limits air flow, and results in 925,000 emergency room visits and 335,000 hospitalizations each year.

This November, which is COPD Awareness Month, the American Lung Association is sharing essential facts and insights about COPD that you need to know.

**Early Detection**

COPD can worsen over time, particularly if it's left untreated. That's why it's important not to ignore warning signs. Common signs and symptoms of COPD include shortness of breath, a cough that may bring up sputum or mucus, wheezing, chest tightness, fatigue, or reoccurring lung infections like acute bronchitis or pneumonia. If you're experiencing symptoms, don't wait to see your healthcare provider. The earlier you are diagnosed, the sooner treatment can begin, which can help slow progression of the disease and ease symptoms. Find out your risk with a five-question survey at Lung.org/COPD.

**Living With COPD**

There is no cure for COPD; however, there are treatments and lifestyle changes that can help improve symptoms, quality of life and reduce your risk of hospitalization. If you are diagnosed with COPD, the Lung Association recommends the following:

• Learn about COPD. Find trusted information to help you understand your diagnosis, how to manage your symptoms and available treatment options.

• Attend your medical appointments and talk to your provider about a COPD Action Plan. Ask questions and discuss your concerns with your healthcare provider.

• Follow your treatment plan. Take your medications and use supplemental oxygen as prescribed. Attend pulmonary rehabilitation if recommended by your provider.

• Take steps to live better with COPD. Steps can include quitting smoking or vaping, staying active, and getting recommended vaccines that protect against infectious respiratory diseases like the flu.

• Learn ways to prevent or reduce your risk of a COPD flareup or exacerbation. Recognize what makes your COPD symptoms worse, including COPD triggers such as exposure to secondhand smoke, strong odors or fumes, changes in weather or temperature, and illness.

• Follow your COPD Action Plan and watch for warning signs of a COPD exacerbation

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From All of Us at Herald Publications

# Lawndale Tribune

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# ECC Foundation Celebrates Back-to-Back Million-Dollar Scholarship Years



The ECC Foundation has awarded more than $1 million in scholarships to more than six-hundred and seventy-five El Camino College students. This marks the second consecutive year ECC surpassed the $1 million milestone in scholarship support made possible by our generous campus community. Read more at bit.ly/1MillionECC. Photo courtesy of El Camino College Facebook page.

## Seniors

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like worsening shortness of breath and cough, more mucus, lower oxygen levels, more fatigue and difficulty sleeping.

• Take time to recover from a COPD exacerbation, especially if you are coming home from the hospital. Follow your discharge plan, schedule a follow-up appointment with your healthcare provider and know when to seek emergency care again.

### Getting Support

You do not have to navigate COPD alone. Build a support team of family, friends and healthcare providers, and do not hesitate to ask for help when you need it. Whether you are newly diagnosed, living with COPD, or caring for someone with the disease, support is available to help you prepare for medical appointments and advocate for your health.

A Lung Health Navigator can meet with you for free over the phone or through online video calls and help you understand your diagnosis, provide strategies to reduce your risk of a COPD flare up and discuss treatment options. Learn more at Lung.org/navigator.

For additional support, join the Patient & Caregiver Network, attend a Better Breathers Club support group, and register for an online support community through the Lung Association. Learn more at Lung.org/navigator.

While there is no cure for COPD, you can take steps to live better with the disease. It starts with early detection and continues with education and a commitment to proper disease management.

***– Source Provided by StatePoint Media, Inc.*** •

## George Freeth

*from front page*

all, you were getting more people coming to the beach, so invariably you have more who find themselves struggling in the waves. Rip currents were a mystery.

George both developed and taught techniques for rescuing people in the surf. One of his most famous rescues occurred in 1908. A nasty storm arrived, and several Japanese fishermen were in serious peril. George went into the water time and again, no matter how choppy, no matter how churning, and rescued seven men. Seven! This heroism added to his legend.

Did you know he was given the Congressional Gold Medal for his lifesaving efforts? Upon reflection, George Freeth could be deemed one of the early "influencers". Today, a South Bay icon.

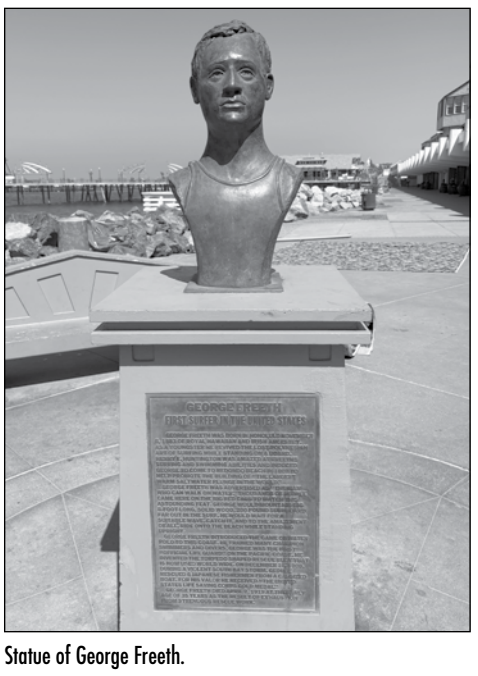
The surf industry is international. Current market research places U.S. surf tourism at roughly $15.3 billion. Our South Bay is embedded in surf history, surf lore, the surf culture. Hawthorne's revered Beach Boys sang all about it. We have surf schools, board shops, board shapers, rentals, camps, clothing, competitions, photography, statues, and names, one of whom stands out as a pioneer, as a trailblazer – George Freeth.

I wonder what George was thinking when he traveled here. Did he have any idea what he would help to bring forth? Was he an unassuming young man, having fun, or was he actually on a mission?

Given what George did, what he accomplished, and how he conducted himself, it is safe to say he was truly determined to make a difference. He was not just trying to get by, have a little fun, and enjoy the beach. He was creating part of a world-to-be, and in the midst of it, saving lives as well.

The photograph of the George Freeth statue which accompanies this column is prominently displayed at the entrance of the Redondo Beach pier. Stop by when you get a chance, maybe whisper "thank you". Maybe salute him as well. Yes, indeed, an historic figure who, some will tell you, "Got it all started here in the South Bay."

My one cent: Thank goodness he was not afraid of the water. •




Statue of George Freeth.




Surfboards Today. Image provided by Ron Sokol.



Old School Life Guard Tower.

# Torrance Tribune

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# Nagasaki Survivor's Daughter Shares Powerful Message of Peace with Torrance High Students



Torrance High School students experienced a powerful lesson in history, resilience, and peace during a special visit from Kumi Ishida, a second-generation Nagasaki atomic bomb survivor. Ishida traveled from Japan to share her family's experiences through personal stories, historical photos, and videos, helping students better understand the lasting impact of the atomic bombing and the importance of advocating for peace. Ishida left students with a powerful message: Nagasaki must remain the last city to experience an atomic bombing. Her story encouraged students to reflect on history, think critically, and recognize their role in shaping a more peaceful future. Thank you to Kumi Ishida and everyone who helped bring this important learning experience to our students. Photo courtesy of Torrance Unified School District Facebook page.

## GUNDOGRAM
SUBMIT YOUR YUM DISH!!

## Spooky Boo Brownies

**Provided by Betty Crocker Kitchens**

Trick or treating just got even more fun thanks to these Halloween ghost brownies. Whether you're baking for a school party or just getting festive, our spooky brownies are as delightful as they are delicious. Between the ooey, gooey brownies, creamy frosting and marshmallow surprise, this is a Halloween brownie idea you have to make. Add these to any dessert tray or table for a head-turning dessert. You'll be legendary for these ghost brownies.



**Prep Time: 15 mins | Total Time: 3 hrs 5 mins | Servings: 16**

### Ingredients

- 1 box Betty Crocker Supreme Original Brownie Mix
- Water, vegetable oil, and egg indicated on brownie mix box
- 1 cup from 1 tub (16 oz) Betty Crocker Rich & Creamy Creamy White Frosting
- 16 large marshmallows
- Betty Crocker™ black decorating gel (from 0.68-oz tube)

### Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat oven to 325°F (350°F for glass pan). Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with foil, allowing some to hang over edges of pan. Grease bottom and sides of foil with shortening or cooking spray. Make and bake brownies as directed on box for 8- or 9-inch square pan. Cool completely on cooling rack, about 1 1/2 hours. Freeze in pan 15 minutes. Using foil to lift, remove brownies from pan, and peel foil away. Cut into 4 rows by 4 rows.
- **Step 2:** Heat frosting in microwavable bowl uncovered on High 20 to 30 seconds, stirring every 10 seconds, until frosting can be stirred smooth and fluid. If frosting becomes too firm while decorating, microwave 5 seconds; stir.
- **Step 3:** Top each brownie with 1 large marshmallow. Spoon 1 tablespoon frosting over each marshmallow to coat. Let stand until frosting is set, about 30 minutes. Use black gel to make eyes and mouths.

### Tips

**Tip 1:** Line the pan with foil for easier cutting and quick cleanup.

**Tip 2:** When cutting brownies, use a plastic knife for nice, even cuts.

Send us a photo and recipe of your favorite dish.
We'd love to share it with the community. Send to: web@heraldpublications.com

# Inglewood Daily News

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# Celebrating the Groundbreaking of Sankofa Place at Centinela




In partnership with the Social Justice Learning Institute, Venice Community Housing, and Linc Housing, this exciting development will bring one-hundred and twenty affordable homes, community space, and a new SJLI Headquarters to Inglewood. We look forward to seeing it come to life in fall 2028. Photo courtesy of City of Inglewood Facebook page.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**
***(A Cash Contract)***

Pursuant to statute and to the authorization by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, and on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California in the City Clerk's office in City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250, until **4:00 P.M**. on **TUESDAY, January 26th, 2027.**

Proposals will be publicly opened and recorded on a Bid List at **4:15 P.M**. of the same day in the City Clerk's office. Bidders, as well as the general public, are invited to view the proceedings.

Proposals will be read at a meeting of the City Council at **6:00 P.M**. on **TUESDAY, January 26th, 2027** for the following:

**CITY HALL EXPANSION AND CIVIC PARK PROJECT**
***(Project #24-01)***

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The Work generally consists of the construction of two primary components: (1) an underground parking structure and (2) a three-story City Hall Expansion Building connecting to the existing City Hall building at 4455 West 126th St.

The underground parking structure will provide approximately 170 parking spaces to accommodate City employees and Bank of America employees and customers. The parking structure will also include elevators providing access to the Civic Park and City Hall.

The three-story City Hall Expansion Building will include the following improvements:

- **First Floor:** Public-facing entrance and lobby, public conference room, elevator, offices, and restrooms.
- **Second Floor:** City offices, conference room, break room, staff restrooms, and a pedestrian bridge connecting the expansion building to the existing City Hall.
- **Third Floor:** City offices and City Council Chambers.
- **Roof:** Event terrace.

The Work shall include all labor, materials, equipment, permits, coordination, site preparation, construction, installation, testing, and other incidental work necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

**PREVAILING WAGE STATEMENT**

This contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal and state funds. The Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts will be enforced. A copy of the Federal Wage Decision applicable to this project is included in the Bid Document.

This is project is a public work in the State of California, funded in whole or in part with public funds. Therefore, the higher of the two applicable prevailing wage rates, federal or state, will be enforced. The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages and to employ apprentices, including forfeitures and debarment. The State Wage Decision is available online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/ or by contacting the Awarding Body for this contract.

**CLASSIFICATION / EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTORS**

Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California **Class A or B** Contractors' License. The Contractor shall possess, or subcontract with appropriately licensed contractors possessing, all specialty classifications required to perform the Work. The Contractor must be able to document five (5) years of satisfactory experience on projects of similar complexity and dollar value.

**PRE-BID JOB WALK**

**A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting/ job walk will be conducted at HAWTHORNE CITY HALL, 4455 WEST 126TH ST. Hawthorne CA 90250, on TUESDAY, DECember 8th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m**. All Bidders shall sign a Sign-In sheet at the job walk. All Bidders' questions will be answered at this time or by addenda. In addition, Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the proposed improvement and have an opportunity to talk to the City's Consultant and City's staff concerning any aspect of the job or the site. **BIDS WILL BE NULL AND VOID IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ATTEND THIS PRE-BID JOB WALK.**

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

Proposals must be submitted on the blank forms, specifications and plans prepared and furnished for that purpose, which may be obtained through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen self-service: http://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#home

No bid will be considered unless it conforms to the Proposal Requirements and Conditions. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, also referred to as the City, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any irregularity, to accept any bid or portion thereof, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the bid opening date. Bids must be returned in the special envelopes provided, marked "SEALED BIDS", and addressed to the City Clerk.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, cashier's check, certified check, or bidder's bond, equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid price.

A list of subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid on the form provided by the City.

****NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: THE COST OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IS $150.00 (non-refundable).**

**DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION OF OFFERER/ BIDDER REGARDING DEBARMENT**

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

**CERTIFICATION OF LOWER TIER CONTRACTORS REGARDING DEBARMENT**

The successful bidder, by administering each lower tier subcontract that exceeds $25,000 as a "covered transaction", must verify each lower tier participant of a "covered transaction" under the project is not presently debarred or otherwise disqualified from participation in this assisted project. The bidder is to provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The bidder will accomplish this by:

1.Checking the system for Award Management at website: http://www.sam.gov

2.Collecting a certification statement similar to the Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, above.

3.Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract

If the City of Hawthorne later determines that a lower tier participation failed to disclose to a higher tier participant that it was excluded or disqualified at the time it entered the covered transaction, the City of Hawthorne may pursue any available remedies, including suspension and debarments of the non-compliant participant.

**NONDISCRIMINATION**

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Labor Code Section 1735 requires that no discrimination be made in the employment of persons upon public works because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons, except as provided in Government Code Section 12940. Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

**PERFORMANCE RETENTIONS**

The successful bidder will be required to provide for performance security as provided by law. Requirements for performance retentions may be satisfied by deposit or securities specified in Section 16430 of the Government Code, and in accordance with Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

**CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION**

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. An unregistered contractor may only submit a bid if authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

**WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

This proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications and Bid documents and are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Hawthorne.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has obtained the general federal prevailing rate of per diem wages in accordance with the law to be paid for the construction of the above entitled Works and Improvements and General Prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in this locality for each craft. The schedule has been obtained from the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development for Community Block Grant Programs of the type and nature proposed by the City, and reference is hereby made to copies thereof on file in the Office of the City Engineer, which said copies are available to any interested party upon request. Further, a copy shall be posted at the job site during the course of construction. All Contractors submitting bids must conform to current federal minimum prevailing wages.

In addition to the Contractor's obligations as to minimum wages rates, the Contractor shall abide by all other provisions and requirements stipulated in Sections 1770-1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, including, but not limited to, those dealing with the employment of registered apprentices. The responsibility of compliance with Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code shall be with the prime contractor.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Plans and Specifications are available digitally through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen Self Service portal: http://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#home

All contractors will need to create a free account. Once they have created an account then they will need to apply for the **Public Works Bid Plans and Specifications.** Fill in all necessary information and once the application is submitted the Contractor will receive an invoice (see project information section above for price). Once all fees have been paid the Contractor will then receive the following PDFs: 1) general information/provisions, 2) bid proposal forms (see SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS section below for instructions on how to submit all proposals) and 3) specifications/plans.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Project Engineer, Dweejal (DJ) Torado, at dtorado@cityofhawthorne.org. Any questions should be in writing and must be received by **Tuesday, January 5th, 2027 at 4:00 P.M**

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**H-29308.**

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KEVIN O'MALLEY CASE NO. 26STPB11798**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of
KEVIN O'MALLEY
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ALLISON KATHERINE O'MALLEY & SAN PASQUAL FIDUCIARY TRUST CO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALLISON KATHERINE O'MALLEY & SAN PASQUAL FIDUCIARY TRUST CO 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: November 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. 600 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
Leah M. Bishop (SBN 097427) Lilian Walden Givens (SBN: 311590)
LOEB & LOEB LLP
10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 2200
Los Angeles, CA 90067
310-282-2000
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**HT-29306**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT L. SHIRLEY CASE NO. 26STPB11797**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT L. SHIRLEY.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT WHITNEY LATIMER II in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT WHITNEY LATIMER II 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: 11/20/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 615B 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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**HL-29303**

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 26CMCP00186**

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: BEAVELEY JOE SMITH for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner BEAVELEY JOE SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
BEAVELEY JOE SMITH
to
BEVERLY JO SMITH
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: December 18, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: P
The address of the court is:
COMPTON COURTHOUSE
200 W COMPTON BLVD., ROOM #902-9TH FLOOR
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Inglewood Daily News
Date: October 9, 2026
Ryan D. White
Judge of the Superior Court
Inglewood Daily News: 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19/26

**HI-29307-**

**NOTICE INVITING INTERESTED CONTRACTORS**

California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
Informal Bid List
In accordance with the State of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission, the Hawthorne School District ("District") is inviting interested licensed contractors to submit their company for inclusion on the District's Informal Bidding Contractors list for the calendar year 2027.
Per California Public Contract Code 22032, any Public Works Project that is estimated to be below $220,000 is subject to the Information Bidding Procedures set forth by the State of California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. All trade categories are subject to the Information Bidding Procedures.
As of January 14, 2014, to comply with the California Assembly Bill AB 2031, Hawthorne School District requires General Contractors and Subcontractors to be prequalified for construction projects.
If your company is interested in being placed on the District's Informal Bidding Contractors List or becoming prequalified, applications must be submitted to PQBids.com. PQBids is an easy-to-use web-based application that streamlines the new Department of Industrial Relations prequalification process. Please follow the simple instructions below:
1. Click here to sign up online as an AB2031 contractor, https://go.pqbids.com/contractor/apply-agency, or
2. Click here to sign up as a CUPCCAA contractor, https://go.pqbids.com/contractor/apply-agency.
3. Enter the required information
4. Submit your pre-qualification application
5. PQBids will contact you if more information is necessary to complete the process.
6. You will be notified of your approval via email.
The following license classification must prequalify for AB2031:
- A (General Engineering Contractor)
- C-34 (Pipeline)
- B (General Building Contractor)
- C-36 (Plumbing)
- C-4 (Boiler, hot water, and steam fitting)
- C-38 (Refrigeration)
- C-7 (Low-voltage systems)
- C-42 (Sanitation systems)
- C-10 (Electrical)
- C-43 (Sheet metal)
- C-16 (Fire protection)
- C-46 (Solar)
- C-20 (HVAC)

The prequalification approval remains valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of approval.
If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Hawthorne School District at purchasing@hawthorne.k12.ca.us. You may also contact PQBids with technical support questions at info@PQBids.com or 888-218-4173.
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**HH-29304**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN FOSTER CASE NO. 26STPB11121**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Betty Jean Foster.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lethell Barnes in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
The PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Lethell Barnes 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 on November 3, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 418 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 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 is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner: Lethell Barnes Lethell Barnes 1323 W. 92nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90044 (310) 259-9940
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**HI-29298**

**Summary of Ordinance U-2271 of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, extending a temporary moratorium under Government Code Section 65858, prohibiting the establishment or expansion of data center uses in the City of Hawthorne, declaring the urgency thereof and the immediate effectiveness of this ordinance pursuant to Government Code Sections 65858, 36934 and 36937 and approving staff's determination of exemption from California Environmental Quality review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations**

Pursuant to Government Code section 36933(c), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. U-2271, adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting on October 13, 2026.
Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2271 extended the 45-day moratorium adopted on September 8, 2026 (Ord. No. U-2270) by 10 months and 15 days. The moratorium is a ban on the establishment or expansion of data centers within the City of Hawthorne.
The ordinance was adopted 5-0 on October 13, 2026, as follows:
ROLL CALL
AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Monteiro, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas
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**HH-20305**

**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 26LBCP00331**

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: CRUZ FLORES FUERTES for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner : CRUZ FLORES FUERTES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
: CRUZ FLORES FUERTES
to
MICHAEL TALAMANTES FUENTES
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: November 23, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: 528, Room: 5300
The address of the court is:
GEORGE DUUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE
LONG BEACH SUPERIOR COURT
275 MAGNOLIA AVE.
LONG BEACH, CA, 90813
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: OCTOBER 7, 2026
GARY TOKUMORI
Judge of the Superior Court
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**HT-29295**

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# Pets

## Featured Pets of the Week



Calliope

**Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA**

**Calliope** is an adorable female calico kitten who loves cuddles and snuggling up close for naps, making her the perfect little companion. When she's not soaking up affection, she enjoys chasing toys and exploring the world around her. Full of love and kitten mischief, Calliope is sure to fill your home with endless purrs! https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24756.

**Vienna** is a sweet female calico cat who loves curling up in a cozy spot for a peaceful nap. She's a cuddly companion who enjoys relaxing in warm blankets and soaking up all the comfort and love she can get! https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24668.



Jax

**Jax** is a handsome Great Dane mix with a striking black and white coat that makes him stand out. He knows sit, down, and walks well on leash. He is friendly when greeting new people and has had good experiences meeting other dogs. With his charming looks and lovable personality, he's sure to make a wonderful companion and bring plenty of love to his new home! https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24537.

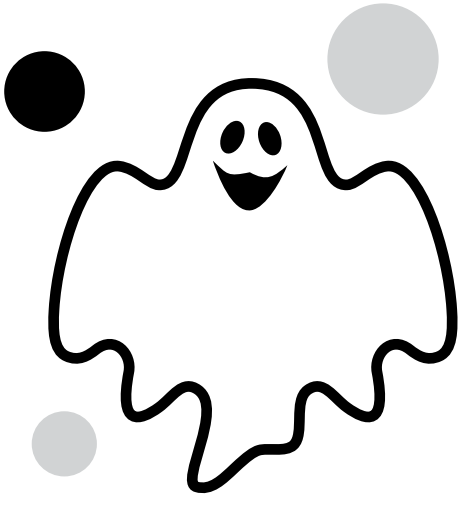
**Bane** is a dashing Boxer mix with a beautiful coat and a lovable personality. At times can be timid, but he quickly warms up to new people. With his charming looks, sweet nature, and love of walks, he'll be a great companion. https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24694. •



Vienna



Bane






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