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# Weekend Forecast Friday Sunny 65°/52° Saturday Sunny 65°/53° Sunday Partly Cloudy 65°/53°

# **Local Student in the Jump Off**



The final TSSSA (Taranaki Secondory Schools Sports Association) event for 2018 was Show Jumping, which was held last week at the Stratford A&P showgrounds. Liam Newton represented Inglewood High School with his horse Quiz in the 85cm instant jump off, and his horse Sam in the 1.00m instant jump off. Photo: Inglewood High School.

# Hearings on Permit Parking Net Little Opposition from Residents

By Haleemon Anderson

A public hearing was opened at Tuesday's meeting of the Inglewood City Council to consider adding several streets to permit parking areas. Public Works Director Louis Atwell said the proposed streets are in a business area where parking is adequate for business owners and employees. The issue is that street parking is being impacted by outside parking.

Councilmember Eloy Morales said it's an industrial area. "The change will not affect residents, so this change is appropriate for employees and customers," he noted. There were no other comments on the matter. The public hearing was closed and the Council voted unanimously to waive further reading and move the ordinance forward.

The Council also passed an ordinance introduced last week to adopt permit parking on Long Street at 66th and 68th Streets and on 67th Street between Gay Street and West Boulevard.

City Clerk Yvonne Horton announced her office will host a voting center pop-up event at City Hall on Dec. 11. Information about the new voting system, set to roll out countywide for the 2020 election, will be available in Community Room A from 6-8 p.m.

Community Affairs Liaison Cinder Eller announced the Heroes and Helpers program (formerly Shop with a Cop) will celebrate students with perfect attendance. Three students from each Inglewood school will be rewarded with a shopping trip, hosted by local Inglewood police officers.

In public comments, business owner Cheryl McGee implored the Council to look into her lease at 205 Nutwood. McGee said she has been leasing the building for years and has done substantial repairs at the commercial property. "I received this letter," said McGee. She explained the building owner sent her a letter notifying her to pay property taxes. "He wants me to pay his property taxes," said a visibly emotional McGee. Mayor James T. Butts said the City could not give advice or legal counsel, but offered to have staff look at McGee's lease and clarify any discrepancies.

Councilmember Alex Padilla said there is

a busy week ahead, with several events in District 2. The La Brea resurfacing project will start this week, he reported. Traffic at La Brea Avenue between 64th Street and Florence will be affected. Padilla will also host the District 2 Toy and Canned Food Drive on Saturday at the District 2 Community Center, and a One-for-All fundraiser at St. Johns Church on Dec. 15. Submissions for the Home Decorating Contest will continue until Dec. 17. Padilla said first, second and third prizes will be awarded.

Councilmember Ralph Franklin announced that plans for a Norms Restaurant in District 4 at the Crenshaw-Imperial Plaza will be delayed until at least the summer of 2019. He cited permits and building codes as the reason.

Councilmember Morales invited everyone to come to the Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall tomorrow. He thanked Inglewood residents, companies and small businesses who helped with the toy drives and holiday celebrations around the city.

Councilmember George Dotson thanked Public Works for the new design elements and renovations at the District 1 Community Center. He applauded his assistant for shopping for the toy drive last week.

Mayor Butts asked if the results of the Nov. 6 election had been certified, noting the Council will need to approve those at next week's meeting. Butts noted that Inglewood broke a few records in this election cycle. "We had an amazing voter turnout," he said. "It was the highest in the history of the city." Butts said he received 19,789 votes. He applauded Brandon Miles, one of four candidates who challenged him for the mayoral seat.

Butts asked for adjournment of the meeting in honor of three longtime residents: Jeff Wilds, a retired police sergeant; Elizabeth Wells, who passed at 90 years; and Dr. Mayfield, a 56-year resident. He then motioned to have City Hall flags flown at half-mast in honor of the passing of 41st President George H.W. Bush.

The Inglewood City Council will hold its last meeting of 2018 next Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Council chambers on the 9th floor, Inglewood City Hall. •

# **Prosecutors Pivot from Election Cyberattacks to Charity Scams**

By Rob McCarthy

A team of security experts and local prosecutors fended off a massive cyberattack last month during the November election, the Los Angeles County District Attorney revealed this month. The DA's office provided details on a 10-day operation that anticipated and stopped the hackers, some of whom hijacked computer systems and used them to hide their identities from authorities.

The DA's office assigned a team of cybercrimes investigators to catch hackers in the days leading up to the Nov. 6 voting. The security team with the County Registrar-Recorder that oversees national, state and local elections halted more

than 280,000 attempts to gain access to the system on Election Day alone, according to reports. Election officials and law enforcement around the nation, including L.A. County, were on high alert and monitoring their election information systems against online attacks.

The operation reviewed more than 400,000 suspicious access attempts that were blocked by network defense measures over one week, including 281,339 attempts on Election Day. While hackers regularly try to breach the county's computer networks, the methods they used during last month's elections were more sophisticated and designed to

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# Entertainment & & &



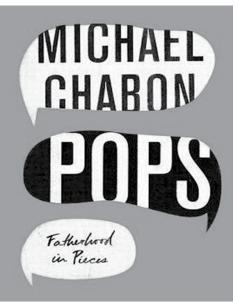


# Check It Out

# Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces by Michael Chabon

# Reviewed by Kristina Kora-Beckman, **Librarian, El Segundo Public Library**

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and father of four Michael Chabon's latest, Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces, is a collection of essays about the complexities of fatherhood. Central to the short collection is a story Chabon wrote for GQ magazine about accompanying his adolescent son Abe to Paris Men's Fashion Week in 2016. Abe is in his element, thoroughly enjoying all the shows have to offer while his "minder" (Chabon) literally and figuratively trails behind attempting to make sense of the spectacle and how best to support his young charge.



Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces by Michael Chabon.

In the collection, Chabon explores his own complicated relationship with his father and how it affects his parenting decisions. He also muses about the effect raising children has on a writing career and benefits and sacrifices he personally experienced as a result. I appreciated Chabon's humor, insights and vulnerability as he discusses the challenges of raising independent, confident, caring children who can freely explore their individual passions.

To check out *Pops*, or browse more titles by Chabon, please visit the library to apply for your free library card. For more parenting contemplations and advice, stop by our 306 non-fiction section. Not sure where that is? Come see us at the Information desk and we'd be happy to show you or help you find titles on other topics! •



Kristina Kora-Beckman.

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# <u>Film Review</u>

# **Vox Lux: Pop Goes the World**

# By Ryan Rojas for www.cinemacy.com

Listening to pop songs brings about a rush of feel-good happiness to listeners, but when thinking of it as an engineered product of an industry, it might also be seen as a highly-concentrated construction of fantasy for consumers to buy into for momentary escape.

This relationship between the artificiality of pop music and the culture that empowers it, is what director Brady Corbet explores in his new movie Vox Lux -- a fictional portrait



Courtesy of NEON.

of a pop star set in modern America. With bold and unflinching storytelling, as well as mesmerizing visuals and performances, Vox Lux is one of the most powerful films I've seen this year.

Vox Lux is a portrait of the rise of a pop star, but that's largely just the story that allows the movie to act as a mirror of this 21st century America where entertainment, image and pop culture hold all value. Vox Lux has a storybook-like quality, where meta elements such as its three chapter structure and omniscient narration by Willem Dafoe give it lyrical quality. However, that also includes its significantly darker tone (which audiences should brace themselves for as seen in the film's opening sequences). Our future pop star – young Celeste (Raffey Cassidy) – is born from darkness. After being the sole survivor of a horrific and deadly rampage, the soft-spoken New Jersey native is thrust into the national spotlight as the face of a nation's sorrow and strength. Poised and collected, we see that Celeste not only has words of

honest strength to share, but music in her heart as well. An original song co-written by her sister Eleanor (Stacy Martin) soon becomes a national anthem to a grieving and shaken country. With the guidance of a new manager (Jude Law), Celeste and her sister are introduced to a whole new world of entertainment and all that it brings.

We see young Celeste go through the ropes – recording in the studio, dealing with her publicist (Jennifer Ehle), and further entrenching herself in the debauchery of the industry, but it's when Vox Lux jumps years ahead that we find present-day Celeste (Natalie Portman). Now she is no longer a novice of the pop music machine, but its biggest superstar. And although years have passed, the film plants us back into now on the day of another horrific rampage, sending a tour-bound Celeste back into national headlines through comments to reporters (Christopher Abbott). We've seen Portman embrace against-type roles before, including her Best Actress awardwinning performance in Black Swan, but in *Vox Lux* she is a full-on diva playing every bit the self-obsessed celebrity who is manic in ego and as drug-dependent as one can imagine. It's a terrific performance that sees Portman play the full range of pop star and should be remembered this awards season.

Audiences should be warned beforehand that Vox Lux depicts horrific events in vivid detail. Rampages with firearms are shocking, but only serve to show what it is that pop music tries to do - which is what young Celeste wisely notes: "I make pop music to make people feel good."

110 min. Vox Lux is rated R for language, some strong violence, and drug content. Opening this Friday at ArcLight Hollywood and AMC Century City. •





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- Preschool Story Time, 1:00 PM., for ages 3-5 yrs. old, Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library, 11141 Crenshaw Blvd., Call: 310-412-5403.
- Sip & Read Adult Book Club, 4:00 PM., free, Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library, 11141 Crenshaw Blvd., Call: 310-412-5403.
- Adult Coloring, 4:00 PM., free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
- Family Movie, 4:00 PM., free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
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- Toddler Story Time, 11:30 AM. 12:00 PM., for ages 18 mos 3 yrs, free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
- Preschool Story Time, 1:00 PM. 1:45 PM., for ages 3-5, free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
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# SATURDAY, DEC. 8

• Family Story Time – Saturdays, 1:00 PM. – 1:45 PM., free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.

# MONDAY, DEC. 10

- Baby Story Time, 10:30 AM., for ages 0-18 mos., Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library, 11141 Crenshaw Blvd., Call: 310-412-5403.
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- Brick Building, 3:30 PM., free, Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library, 11141 Crenshaw Blvd., Call: 310-412-5403.
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# WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

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- Children's Chess Club, 5:00 PM., children 18 & below, free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
- Adult Book Club, 6:00 PM. 7:30 PM., free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
- Inglewood Visionaries Toastmasters Club #4404 Meeting, 6:00 PM., Inglewood Center for Spiritual Living, 525 No. Market St., For more info: www.ing4404. toastmastersclubs.org.

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# **Hawthorne Happenings**

News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy Named Norb Huber

# **HOW LONG, HOW MUCH?**

Most of you loyal readers know that I am the owner/operator of Outdoor Nativity Store. We sell outdoor nativity

scenes on the internet and literally send Mary, Joseph, Jesus, angels, the 3 wise guys, a shepherd, sheep, camels and asses (donkeys) around the world. This selling season has continued to show that Amazon dominates the ecommerce market. Sixty to seventy percent of our sales takes place on the Amazon marketplace. As much as I am benefiting from sales related to the Christmas holiday, I ask the question, how long should Christmas be? Do the Christmas songs on the radio and in the stores get old after a month or more? Does the jolly times really have to last that long? I'm all for having that warm and fussy feeling of giving and being cheery towards others, but with Christmas store sales beginning in October, the season seems to lose some of it's instantaneous. Would Jesus approve of all this hustle and bustle? It's his birthday that started all of this. Yes, he wants us to be happy. He wants us to be giving and generous to help those of less fortune. But, He really doesn't want us to miss the real meaning of why his birth is celebrated. He came to save each and everyone of us. His life, death and resurrection is the gift that means everything. We have eternal life because of him. We can be happy all year long, we can be happy all life long because we know the ending of the story. Because Jesus lives, we live also. No matter what life throws our way, we are victorious and it all started that star filled night in a lowly stable in the small town called Bethlehem. Go ahead and enjoy the season, the music, the movies, the shopping, the church services, the school programs, the decorating, the cookie baking and the family gatherings, but don't miss the point the of it all. A Savior came to save us and give us life, everlasting life. So, be happy and jolly all month or two months long.

# NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY CLERK TO BE SWORN IN

Alex Monteiro and Olivia Valentine will be sworn in as City Council members on Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. in the City Council chambers. Dr. Paul Jimenez and David Patterson will take their oaths to perform their duties as City Clerk and City Treasurer at that same meeting.

# WINTER WONDERLAND

Make plans to attend one of the most fun events in Hawthorne all year. The Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department of the City of Hawthorne started something really good last year at Christmas time. The Winter Wonderland had snow, games, gifts, food, fun and a real Santa and Ms. Claus. The turnout for the event was more than expected. This year it most likely will be even bigger. The Winter carnival will be held over at the Memorial Center on December 19th.

Mark your calendars now for this super event.

# KIWANIS CLUB SENIORS LUNCHEON

The Kiwanis Club of Hawthorne will host their annual Seniors luncheon for all of us older folks on Friday, December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day.

# 101 YEARS OLD THANKS TO A COLD ONE A DAY

The question is always asked of anyone who turns 100, what do you attribute your longevity to? Forget green juices and turmeric smoothies - one man credits his longevity to a different kind of beverage. Andrew E. Slavonic, who celebrated his 101st birthday on Dec. 1 with his family and friends in McMurray, Penn., has been drinking one Coors Light every day at 4 p.m. for the past 15 years. There you go, this is proof of what I have been saying every week for the past nine years, have a cold one and enjoy life! Did you see that Costco has a German Beer Advent Calendar Box? You can have 24 different cold ones during the month leading up to Christmas, one unique cold one instead of a lousy chocolate candy.

# HARDEST JOB IN THE WORLD

Forget being a teacher or a politician as being tough, a friend of mine up here in NorCal talked me in to signing up to be a basketball referee this season. I like to try new things. I always look at something new as a challenge. How good can I be? or can I really do this without messing up? I thought it would be a good way to stay in shape and get paid to exercise. Let me tell you, a referee is never right all the time. No matter how good you are, some player, coach, parent or fan is not going to like the call that you make. Blowing a whistle has to be an instanteous action based on the judgment of what you thought you saw. Every fan, no matter what the sport is, should try officiating a game some time. They may think twice about yelling at a ref or an umpire and telling them that they missed a certain call. There is no way a robot could do what refs do. The ability to see, hear, and judge what is going on out on the court is simply a human ability. I'm experienced at refereeing contests, I was City Clerk for nine years and tried my best to keep the five main players in line. I needed a whistle back then. Life is great, try something new. How about a new beer?

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# STEM Girls Club at Mitchell



Mrs. Niman led the first STEM girls club at Billy Mitchell Elementary School last week. The challenge was to build an igloo out of marshmallows. Twenty-six girls from the fourth grade attended. Photo: Lawndale ESD.

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# **Cherry-Cranberry Sauce**

The rich fruitiness of sweet cherries helps blunt the sharp edge of fresh cranberries. Cooked together, these anthocyanin powerhouses make a great holiday staple that can be used as a base ingredient for cocktails, a glaze for meats, a spread for sandwiches, a topping for yogurt and more.

# **Ingredients**

- Equal portions fresh cranberries and dried/frozen Northwest
- 3/4 cup water or pomegranate juice
- 3/4 cup maple syrup, molasses, or sugar to taste
- Optional: 4 -2" peels fresh ginger, 3 tbsp citrus zest, black pepper, fresh herbs, raspberries

# **Preparation**

- 1. In medium-sized sauce pot, add 3/4 cup water, preferred sweetener and cranberries.
- 2. Bring to simmer, stirring occasionally and more frequently as the sauce begins to form.
- **3.** Add sweet cherries, continue stirring.
- **4.** Once reduced, remove from heat, incorporate other flavorings if desired.
- 5. Cool for 30 mins 1 hour before transferring to wider, shallow pan to speed
- **6.** Once cooled, refrigerate in air-tight container for up to 2 weeks.



Recipe provided by Brandpoint

# Looking Up

# **Lunar Outpost Unveils Lunar Resource Prospecting Rover**

# Based on a Press Release from Lunar Outpost, Provided by Bob Eklund

Lunar Outpost, a space technology startup company that is developing technologies for a sustained presence on the lunar surface, has announced its Lunar Prospector designed to search for and map the Moon's natural resources. The first Prospector was demonstrated driving and drilling in simulated lunar regolith at the Colorado School of Mines.

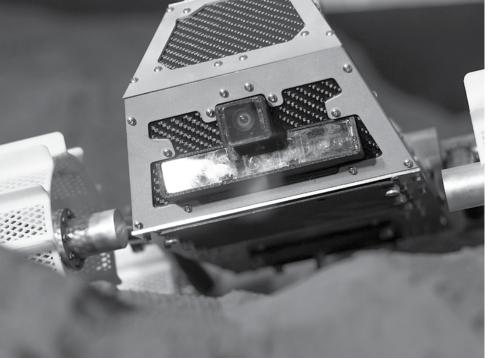
The presence of valuable resources on the lunar surface, such as water, precious metals, and helium-3, has been established by remote sensing on flyby missions around the Moon. This scientific data has been used to create general resource models of the lunar surface, which now require ground-truthing to establish optimal landing sites and plan future resource extraction operations.

Groups of Lunar Outpost Prospectors will map the surface and subsurface resources of the Moon, while autonomously navigating along waypoints and avoiding hazards such as large rocks and craters. These Prospectors can also be tele-operated if needed and can utilize NASA's Lunar Orbital Platform-Gateway concept as a center of operations.

The Lunar Outpost Prospectors are focused on providing exploration data for in-situ resource utilization, or ISRU. Much like the Earth-bound explorers of the past, future space missions will not be able to bring all of their necessary supplies with them on their voyage. Rather, they will need to learn to use the resources already available to them at their celestial destinations. The Lunar Outpost Prospectors provide early ISRU resource location, form, and distribution data to these future missions, enabling them to plan their missions more effectively and efficiently.

In the past, the paradigm of robotic rover exploration was to have a single, high-value robot operated by a large team of dedicated support staff. Lunar Outpost envisions their groups of Prospectors, dubbed Autonomous

Lunar Prospecting Swarms (ALPS), being used for workforce multiplication, allowing a single operator to direct multiple robots and performing most or all of their tasks autonomously using AI and decision-making algorithms. This changes the balance of what can be done in space—autonomous robots don't need to take breaks while their human operators eat or sleep, and ALPS will have the ability to map many times the area of a single rover.



Lunar Prospector, Courtesy of Lunar Outpost.

Each Lunar Outpost Prospector weighs about 20 pounds, with half of that mass available for additional payloads beyond what the robot requires to navigate and perform base prospecting. Instrumentation from third parties is encouraged to maximize the scientific and commercial value of every Prospector and mission. The Prospectors are designed to gather important data both by drilling and analyzing subsurface samples from depths greater than remote sensing missions can measure, as well as while driving with a forward-facing mass spectrometer to scan the lunar surface for resources and explore in the direction of highest concentration, similar to "following the vein" of ore in terrestrial mining. They use a space-rated 360 laser imaging, detection, and ranging (LIDAR) system to create maps of lunar surface features with unprecedented centimeter-scale resolution, far more detailed than maps generated from orbit.

This sensor also allows ALPS to "see in the dark" and continue navigating in deep, permanently-shadowed craters, during the lunar night, and even deep within lunar lava tubes. In addition, the Prospectors will record 4K video of their operations, providing invaluable data to the resource extraction missions that follow. The Prospectors are designed to be robust, capable platforms that can be customized and mass-produced to a variety of mission profiles.

Lunar Outpost will announce their first mission to the Moon in mid-2019. •

# <u>Seniors</u>

# **Simple Steps To Stay Healthy During Cold And Flu Season**

(BPT) - With cold and flu season just around the corner you might think there isn't much you can do to prepare for the inevitable aches and achoos. A few small changes in your routine and at home can go a long way toward keeping you and your family healthy all season long.

**Tidy Toilet Bowls** 

The toilet can be a breeding ground for bacteria, but instead of slipping on the rubber gloves and scrubbing with a grimy brush, consider ContinuousClean from Kohler. This factory-installed system housed in the toilet tank dispenses a consistent dose of cleaner during each flush. Simply place your preferred cleaning tablet in a compartment, choose a cleaning setting and let the system go to work. You don't have to lift a finger.

# **Launder Towels and Linens**

Washing linens regularly helps eliminate germs and viruses while cleaning off dirt and grime. This is especially important when someone in the house is sick because it prevents the spread to others. For frequently used and potentially shared items like bed sheets and bath towels, be sure to wash in hot water or use the sanitize setting. Follow this by drying using the high-heat setting in order to kill any microorganisms.

# **Disinfect Household Hotspots**

Doorknobs, cabinet handles and light switches are frequently touched by everyone who lives in your home. That means any dirt, bacteria or germs on their hands will get transferred to those surfaces and onto the hands of the next person who touches them.

To prevent this spreading and keep family members healthy, wipe down common surfaces with a disinfectant wipe. It takes just seconds to do but can make a big difference.

# Clean Hands

Regularly washing hands is one of the best ways to eliminate germs and prevent illness. All family members should scrub up every time they use the bathroom to keep fingers fresh and surfaces clean. For easy hand-washing, use the Kohler Touchless Foaming Soap Dispenser. Simply hold your hand under the spout to dispense soap automatically. A 20-second lighted timer lets you know how long to lather, which is not only the recommended hand-washing time from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but also a helpful guide for kids.

# **Self-Care**

Getting proper rest and nutrition is essential to maintaining a healthy immune system that fights off the germs and viruses that increase during cold and flu season. To prioritize these two essential steps, consider meal planning and creating a regular bedtime routine. By meal planning weekly you stock your fridge with healthy home-cooked foods. At night, create a routine with relaxing activities like bathing, reading or meditating. Set a daily alarm if necessary on your phone to remind you when it's time to start your bedtime routine so you don't put it off.

These four simple steps will help keep your home clean and your family healthy. That way you can enjoy the best of the season, without the runny noses and raspy voices. •

"Treat a sick man with the medicine and a sad man with the music." -E.A. Bucchianeri

# **Calendar of Events**

Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.

- Baby Story Time, 11:00 AM. 11:30 AM., for ages 0-18 mos, free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380.
- Toddler Story Time, 11:30 AM. 12:00 PM.,

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for ages 18 mos – 3 yrs, free, Inglewood

- Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380. • Preschool Story Time, 1:00 PM. - 1:45
- PM., for ages 3-5, free, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd., Call: 310-412-5380. •

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

of Inglewood. California will conduct a public comments on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. Interested ersons may address the City Council on the issue during the public hearing at the date, time and place listed below

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 Time: 2:00 p.m. Location: Inglewood City Hall City Council Chambers, 9th Floor One West Manchester Boulevard Inglewood, California 90301

The CAPER is presented annually to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the City of Inglewood in compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements for reporting program performance and accomplishments for HUD Consolidated Planning Grant Entitlement Programs. The City participates in two entitlement programs: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership

The required major components of the CAPER include assessments of the City's performance in meeting the following: Consolidated Plan Goals and Objectives, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Providing Affordable Housing Opportunities, Continuum of Care Support Services, Leveraging Resources, Citizen Comments, and Self-Evaluation. The narrative statements summarize the community development and housing goals and objectives listed in the Consolidated Plan and provide a description of the activities undertaken during fiscal year 2017-2018 to meet those goals. The financial summary indicates all program expenditures and information to identify the source and amounts of funds utilized during the fiscal year. Comments received during the public review period will be included in the fina version of the CAPER, submitted to HUD. A copy of the CAPER will be available for

review in the Office of the City Clerk on the 1st Floor of City Hall. The draft CAPER will also be available for review online in the December 11, 2018 City Council Agenda at www.cityofinglewood.org Inglewood Daily News Pub. 11/29, 12/6/18

TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC 6101 et seq. and B & P

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK

24073 and 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. 009259-JK Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets

and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: PNS INC, 801 S. PRAIRIE AVE. INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 The business is known as: FORUM LIQUOR

bers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are FAOUR & HAWARAINVESTMENTS INC. 801 S. PRAIRIE AVE. INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASE. HOLD IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 801 The kind of license to be transferred is: OFF SALE GENERAL, License # 21-538378 now issued for the premises located at 801 S. PRAIRIE AVE. INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JANUARY 15, 2019 at the office of: UNITED ESCROWCO., 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD., #913, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010.

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including estimated inventory, is the sum of \$928,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CHECKS DEPOSITED INTO ESCROW BY BUYER \$928,000.00 Ithas been agreed between the Seller/Licensee

and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 and 24074 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Dated: NOVEMBER 9, 2018 PNS INC, Seller/Licensee

FAOUR & HAWARA INVESTMENTS INC Buyer/Transferee LA2149921 INGLEWOOD NEWS 12/6/2018 Inglewood News Pub. 12/6/18

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### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018291618

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as QUENCHED BY FE, 4453 WEST 138TH ST. APT #5. HAWTHORNE CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY Registered Owner(s): THE QUEENS CORNER L.L.C, 4453 WEST  $138^{TH}$  STREET APT #5, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: THE QUEENS CORNER L.L.C, FELICIA EBO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 20, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 20, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 20, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 FT SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: 12/13, 12/20/18 Pub. 11/29, 12/6,

### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018282987

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WEST LOS ANGELES BIRD CLUB, 1) 11831 COURTLEIGH DRIVE #104, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90066, 2) 531 MAIN STREET #133, EL SEGUNDO, CA. 90245. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DOREEN JANE SEELIG, 11831 COURTLEIGH DRIVE #104. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90066. This business is being conducted by an The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: DOREEN JANE SEELIG, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County vember 8, 2018.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 8, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 8, 2023. the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 11/22, 11/29,

### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018286917

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CALINAVA, 4856 W 117<sup>TH</sup> ST APT. 4, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) MARIO NAVARRO, 4856 W 117<sup>11</sup> ST APT 4, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, 2) JESSICA RODRIGUEZ-MADRIGAL, 4856 W 117TH ST APT 4, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MARIO NAVARRO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 14, 2018.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 14, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 14, 2023 Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/18

### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018284473

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) LITTLE HORSE COLLECTIVE, 2) K. NICOLE GEHWEILER-LHC, 2035 BAY ST STE #106, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90021, LOS ANGELES COUNTY Registered Owner(s): KATHRYN NICOLE GEHWEILER, 4652 VIA MARINA 206, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292. This business is being conducted by an The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2018. Signed: KATHRYN NICOLE GEHWEILER, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los ngeles County on November 9, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 9, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 9, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 11/15, 11/22

### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018296761

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as F&G CONSULTANT, 20707 ANZA AVE 175, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FARAMARZ GHODRATI, 20707 ANZA AVE 175, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/2018. Signed: FARAMARZ GHODRATI, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 28, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 28, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 28, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 12/6, 12/13, H-1879 12/20, 12/27/18

### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018284681

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOFI'S KITCHEN, 4001 INGLEWOOD AVE BLDG 101 SUITE 700, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s) JOSE MORA, 4204 1/2 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD., LAWNDALE, CA 90260 This business is being conducted by ar Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: JOSE MORA, Owner This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County or

November 9, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 9, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 9, 2023 Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal State Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code) El Segundo Herald Pub. 11/15, 11/22 H-1875 11/29, 12/6/18

# Fictitious Business 2018298068

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HORIZON LANDSCAPING, 1215 S TRURO AVE. INGLEWOOD CA 90301, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SALVADOR MARTINEZ, 5034 W. 129<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business Signed: SALVADOR MARTINEZ, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 29, 2018.

expires on November 29, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 29, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
Inglewood Daily News: Pub. 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/18 HI-1880

### **Fictitious Business** Name Statement 2018283455

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARTINDALE-AVVO, 909 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY, EL SEGUNDO, CA. 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MH SUB I, LLC, 909 N PACIFIC COAST HWY 11TH FLOOR EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/2018. Signed: MH SUB I, LLC, B. LYNN WALSH, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 8, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 8, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 8, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code) El Segundo Herald: Pub. 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/18 H-1876

# Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018296795

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BIG WORLD ALLIANCE, 16514 KRISTIN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JERRY H COHEN, 16514 KRISTIN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: JERRY H. COHEN. Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 28, 2018.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 28, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 28, 2023. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: 12/20, 12/27/18 Pub. 12/6, 12/13, H-1881

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 310-322-1830

# FIGIRAL PROPERTY OF THE PURPLE OF THE PURPLE



Birch

Adopt one of these fun-loving felines to make your home extra merry and bright.

Chayse is as sweet as she is beautiful. She is soft, gentle and will purr as she relaxes in your arms! She may have some "rag doll" breed in her and would make a great



companion and friend. Chayse is very playful and will need to be adopted with a friend or into a home with an existing cat. But if you don't already have a kitty for her to be with, consider one of her many foster friends at our Adoption Center as her companion.

Slinky is a handsome, affectionate and very confident Chocolate Point Siamese kitty. He loves people and will fall asleep on your lap soon after meeting him. Slinky is a friend to



everyone, but gravitates towards men. He's a guy's guy and will watch sports or give you company while your get work done. He likes a calm environment, enjoys music, the sounds of home and would be best suited for a home without other pets and young



children. Slinky will be happiest hanging out with you, as he wants to be where people are spending time together.

Sophie is a beautiful young kitty with adorable white whiskers. She would flourish in a home where she can be the only pet (she is afraid of other animals). She is a little shy with new people. However, once she knows you, Sophie is an absolute doll who loves to cuddle and have her belly rubbed. It doesn't take long to fall in love with her. The little bit of patience you show Sophie will be well rewarded with a lifetime of love.

**Birch** is an extremely sweet and affectionate kitten. He's very loving toward people, and has his own set of cute quirks. His constant purring has a very unique sound and is absolutely adorable. He's a talkative kitty, especially when it's time to eat! Birch is very energetic and he needs some playtime every day. He was bottle-fed from only oneday-old and is very bonded to another kitten, Yang, living in his foster home. They do everything together -- grooming each other, playing together and sleeping together. Birch and Yang truly are best friends and must be adopted together.

**Yang** has the sweetest personality! He adores being petted and will demand to cuddle and sleep on your lap or chest while you pet him. He'll also enjoy curling up under the covers with you. Yang always chirps when something sparks his interest and he'll watch whatever



Slinky

you're doing to find a way to incorporate himself into the activity. Yang has always been a very friendly and silly kitten. These two sweet boys, Yang and Birch, are waiting to become the loves of your life.

Cory is one of a pair of super-socialized, cuddle-loving and friendly little brothers (Cory and Eric). They love humans, other kitties and dogs alike. Cory is gentle and mellow. He is very curious, but prefers to follow rather than lead. He is quite affectionate and loves chilling with humans. Cory is quite attached to his brother and would very much like to be adopted with him.

Eric, much like his brother Cory, loves humans, other kitties and dogs alike. Eric is the leader of the pack, confident and fearless. He loves being held and also enjoys the reputation of having the loudest purr in the west. Since the only thing more fun than one kitten is two, Eric would be the perfect match to his brother Cory.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from

noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.



Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

> Be kind. Save a life, Support animal rescue.



Yang and Birch

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# Featured Pets of the Week

# Provided by Meggie Hogan, Development Assistant/spcaLA

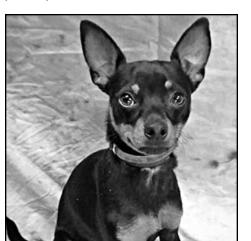
This adorable group of three dogs and one cat will give those looking to adopt their next pet some awesome options. Each of them is available at the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center at 12910 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. To learn more, call 310-676-1149.

# Batman (19-01842): A 1-year-old male Miniature Pinscher

"Woof! I'm Batman! I'm a handsome and smart guy who loves fetch and playing with toys. I'm turning on the Bat Signal so I can find my Friend for Life! Come fly by and see me. We can save the world together!" More info: https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-01842

# Ralph (18-06588): A 7-year-old male Miniature Pinscher

"I'm a sweetheart who wants to brighten your day! I love to sit for treats, but I love



Batman

to cuddle even more. I'd be great for movie nights or strolls in the park. All I want is to be with you!" More info: https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=18-06588

# Twilight (19-01037): A 4-year-old domestic shorthaired female cat

"I'm Twilight, a beautiful kitty who is looking for a Friend for Life to go home with. Come check meowt and I'm sure you'll fall for me. Who could resist my stunning green eyes and adorable pink nose?" More info: https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-01037

# Penelope (19-01131): A 5-year-old female Pit Bull mix

"I'm Penelope, a very sweet girl who loves to cuddle and play with my toys. I can't wait to find my furrever home where I can be a part of a family. Come visit me today so we can be Friends for Life!" More info: https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=19-01131 •



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# **Charity Scams**

get past normal security checks. "The county's network security personnel are very effective at defending the network and blocking malicious internet traffic," said Deputy District Attorney Donn Hoffman of the Cyber Crime Division.

Dubbed Operation Election Overwatch, prosecutors teamed with Internet security experts at the county on a 10-day effort to detect and prevent illegal attempts to access the county's computer networks. A five-member team of cybercrimes prosecutors worked alongside county security experts to identify the hackers and build cases for prosecution, according to the district attorney's office.

The threat was considered so great that federal intelligence gurus shared classified briefings with elections officers, detailing fears that Russian hackers would try to disrupt another U.S. election. Senior District Attorney Investigator Clint Dragoo said the heightened concerns nationally about the integrity of election systems prompted local authorities to put more safeguards into place. "In the past, we would respond if ISD security had something," Dragoo said. "We thought this year we would take a little more of a proactive approach."

The operation reviewed more than 400,000 suspicious access attempts that were blocked by network defense measures over one week, including 281,339 attempts on Election Day. This was an expected uptick from the usual traffic of mostly automated attacks.

The county's digital security detail vigorously monitors online traffic between county networks and outside entities by using a variety of measures to guard against hacking, denialof-service attacks and data theft, according to Deputy DA Hoffman, one of the prosecutors assigned to the operation.

The team intensified its review of suspicious network activity and was able to quickly investigate to determine the locations and identities of the cyberattackers and other suspicious activity on the network, officials said. Investigators suspect that the hackers used computer networks

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owned by unsuspecting third parties to avoid detection, Hoffman said. The DA's office contacted and alerted them to the potential compromise.

The DA's office did not reveal whom it believes was responsible for the massive cyberattack last month, or whether any of the computer systems used were located in Russia. The office said it forwarded its findings of the investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Mere days after the election, wind-driven wildfires burned close to 100,000 acres near Malibu and Ventura County. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or damaged, sending people fleeing in the middle of the night. With the flames out and the recovery effort underway for the displaced residents of Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills and Malibu, there is a new threat of bogus first responder charities.

Officials say to expect unsolicited phone calls asking for donations to help the victims of the Woolsey and Hill fires. Many of these charities will use names that sound legitimate. However, local prosecutors warn residents to ask questions to avoid getting scammed.

Charity scams claim to represent organizations that benefit police, firefighters or other public safety personnel. But the dishonest ones don't use the funds the way they promised. "Others may not be legitimate charities at all," the DA cautions and offers a few suggestions for not being duped.

Look into an organization before sending money. Charities that disclose how they spend their money have nothing to hide. A donation should be tax-deductible, so ask. Never donate in cash or gift cards. Do some research about charity using a public-search tool at rct.doj.ca.gov.

Investigate a little before writing a check or texting a donation to help first responders or displaced residents of the Woolsey or Hill fires -- or a holiday charity, officials recommend. "If you're looking for a way to help those in need, do some research to ensure that your donation will go to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised," says a charity watch message posted by the Federal Trade Commission. •



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