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Centinela Hospital Unveils New Emergency Room



A ribbon-cutting ceremony and community open house took place on March 8 to celebrate the newly expanded emergency room at nearby Centinela Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) as part of a \$100 million campus-wide expansion and renovation effort. Pictured left to right, front row only, are CHMC executives Diane Freeman, Director of Emergency Services; Dr. Lee Weiss, Medical Director; Dr. Robert Chesne, Chief of Staff; Mohammad Naser, Chief Nursing Officer; and Linda Bradley, Chief Executive Officer. (Photo by Craig T. Mathew/Mathew Imaging)

Drug Maker Doesn't Have to Explain Price Hikes to Shareholders

By Rob McCarthy

Call this a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing. A federal government lawyer told one of the country's largest pharmaceutical companies last month it can remain silent about why it raised prices on life-saving therapies. The irony here is that the people asking for that information are concerned shareholders of the biotech company Amgen whose CEO was called recently to the White House for a meeting with the President.

Amgen is based in Thousand Oaks, yet it is a darling with fund managers and South Bay investors because of the company's sustained growth and annual profits that will return \$11 or \$12 per share to investors this year. The company earned \$6 billion in profit last year, and made \$16.6 billion in sales on its 10 top-selling therapies. A faith-based shareholder group that includes the Catholic healthcare system Dignity Health filed a proposal last fall asking Amgen's management to explain to the stockholders why it raised prices on some drugs dating back to 2010.

Specifically, the Mercy Investment Services group asked for details about the company's rates of price increases and the reasoning behind them. The request included any assessment of risks to Amgen from price hikes on its 10 best-selling drugs. An attorney for the group argued to the SEC that the healthcare debate in Washington and public opinion over patient-drug costs put Amgen and its investors on shakier ground in 2017. Stockholders could be affected if the federal government caps reimbursement for prescription drugs covered through Medicare and Medicaid, attorney and former law school professor Paul Neuhauser wrote to the SEC in January.

That letter was a follow-up to another one sent last fall to Amgen CEO Robert Bradway and his management team. The Mercy Investment members were worried about public outrage over pharmaceutical prices and by comments made by President Trump during his campaign.

Trump said that drug makers were "getting away with murder" and vowed the federal government would negotiate lower prices on his watch.

The group is largely comprised of religious groups, including the Dignity Health system that operates clinics in Inglewood and Torrance. Their attorney reminded the SEC staff that in the past they had sided with shareholders wanting drug makers to explain to them how prices were set on FDA-approved medicines. Amgen, in its own letter to the SEC, said that it already provides drug information on its website. However, the faith-based group says the drug maker is being secretive and that the information it wants is more detailed than what the company has divulged publicly.

Drug pricing represents a moral issue for the religious community, Neuhauser said, noting that CEOs of major drug companies have appeared before Congress and been roundly criticized over increases to drug costs, including a 400 percent hike for EpiPen, used by children with severe food allergies. Turing Pharmaceuticals caught flak from Congress and the public after it hiked the price by 5,000 percent on an anti-parasite therapy called pyrimethamine.

President Trump in January met at the White House with pharmaceutical executives, including Amgen CEO Robert Bradway. One topic of discussion reportedly was the need to make drugs cheaper for U.S. patients. The President promised U.S. corporate tax cuts from his administration and gave the CEOs a tour of the White House, but he didn't ask for any specific commitments from the pharmaceutical executives on capping their pricing. The interfaith shareholder group is keenly aware that the President, Congress, insurers and patients are closely watching how Amgen and the industry, known as Big Pharma, respond to the palpable dissatisfaction with high drug costs.

Amgen's business plan "can be upset if there's enough public pressure," Neuhauser said. The company's revenues grew by eight percent annually over a five-year period, according to

Amgen figures.

Amgen attorney Andrea Robinson successfully argued that drug pricing falls into ordinary business operations, which needn't be discussed with shareholders under SEC rules. In a letter dated January 10 to the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance, Robinson reminded the commission staff that the exemption exists so that stockholders of a publicly owned company don't micromanage how it conducts business. That includes how it sets prices and prepares for any backlash, she wrote.

"The supporting statement further requests that the Company provide 'detailed justification for price increases.' These mandates demonstrate that the Proposal is seeking to probe deeply into matters of a complex nature upon which stockholders, as a group, are not in a position to make an informed judgment," Robinson wrote.

SEC staff issued its legal opinion in the Amgen matter on February 10 in favor of the drug maker. Though the opinion is non-binding, the Mercy Investments group will not pursue the issue with Amgen at this year's shareholder meeting, the group's attorney said.

Identically worded proposals were submitted to at least eight U.S. drug makers, and SEC staff gave a thumbs down to each shareholder plan for more transparency about drug pricing. Mercy Investment members were involved in some, but not all, of the calls for more transparency from the pharmaceutical industry, Neuhauser confirmed. It's possible his client will pursue this issue next year with Amgen management, he said.

Other drug makers being pushed by stockholders for more transparency about their pricing decisions include some of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the country. SEC staff in February blocked proposals filed with Biogen, Bristol-Myers, Eli Lilly, Gilead Sciences, Merck & Co., Pfizer and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, according to SEC records. The campaign by

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
70°/57°



Saturday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
65°/56°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
66°/55°



Police Reports

Finance Brief

Tuesday, February 28 to Sunday, March 5

Robberies

4800 W. 145TH ST. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Tue. 02/28 08:40 Property Taken: T-Mobile rose gold, Deathwish dark wood w/indi trks, orange spitfire whl, low-top boots.

W 144TH ST. /S. KORNBLUM AV. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Date/Time Reported Wed. 3/1 13:43 Crime Occurred: Wed. 03/01 13:43.

14600 S. FONTHILL AV. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Fri. 03/03 13:30. Property Taken: Space gray iPhone 6S plus, set of house keys.

W. 136TH ST. /S. INGLEWOOD AV. DEALER, AUTOMOBILE. Crime Occurred: Sat. 03/04 11:19. Property Taken: Burgundy wallet with victim's commercial driver's license, misc. bills U.S. currency.

Burglaries

12800 S. HAWTHORNE BL. UNKNOWN. Crime Occurred: Sat. 02/25 18:00 to Mon. 02/27 06:00. Property Taken: Five boxes of human hair (bundles). Method of Entry: Cut hole. POE: Single swing door.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. STORAGE SHED, PUBL.IC. Crime Occurred: Wed. 02/01 12:00 to Mon. 02/06 12:00. Property Taken: Several bags full of electric tools (drills/saws). Method of Entry: Pried.

13700 S. CORDARY AV. APARTMENT/ CONDO. Crime Occurred: Mon. 02/20 16:00 to Sun. 02/26 14:00. Property Taken: One box of dishes, one box wall painting, glass mirror. Method of Entry: Pried.

13700 S. CORDARY AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Mon. 02/27 16:34--No RMS Ent.

15000 S. CORDARY AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Tue. 02/28 11:54.. Property Taken: Gold with V sharp diamond attached charm, diamond/emerald gold ring, gold w/charm Chinese symbol on one side, bamboo le, Black band leather, silver face with blue background, Breda black watch, tan strap, Rose gold watch

face gold accents with brown strap. Method of Entry: Smashed.

13600 S. CORDARY AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Tue. 02/28 14:58. Property Taken: One gold Apple iPhone 6, \$200 dollars in cash. Method of Entry: Body force.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. STORAGE SHED, PUBL.IC. Crime Occurred: Tue. 02/28 15:49. Property Taken: Alcohol Method of Entry: Cut padlock.

BURGLARY 11500 S. TRURO AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Thu. 03/02 02:14--No RMS Ent.

12800 S. ROSELLE AV. MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANY. Crime Occurred: Sat. 02/18 14:00 to Mon. 02/27 13:00. Property Taken: Clothes and shoes, jewelry, two 32-inch television sets Method of Entry: Cut padlock.

11800 S. GALE AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Thu. 03/02 03:00 to Thu. 03/02 08:30. Property Taken: Misc. coin in plastic fish bowl. Method of Entry: Opened.

12100 S. GREVILLEA AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Wed. 03/01 22:00 to Thu. 03/02 01:30. Property Taken: Cell phone, computer equipment--One black Samsung Galaxy w/ white case, black Samsung 7 Edge cell phone, one HP black laptop 13" screen. Method of Entry: Unlocked. POE: Single swing door. Entry Loc: Front.

2700 W. 120TH ST. Crime Occurred: CAD: Thu. 03/02 21:30--No RMS Ent. Property Taken: Black leather medium purse, black leather wallet, Visa Bank of America EDD card, Dominguez Hills College ID, king comforter set, DD's misc, bag of house items, towels, soap, etc.

4900 W. 118TH PL. APARTMENT/ CONDO. Crime Occurred: Fri. 03/03 11:26 Method of Entry: Pried.

4200 W. 139TH ST. Date/Time Reported Fri. 3/3 17:58 Crime Occurred: CAD: Fri. 03/03 17:58--No RMS Ent.

3800 W. 118TH ST. Crime Occurred: CAD: Sun. 03/05 03:47--No RMS Ent. •

Check Your Bank Statements!

Herald Publications had two bank transactions within two months that contained surprising errors. In January, a \$300 check was paid out as \$900.00. Last month, a \$480.00 check was paid out as \$408.00. These errors were not caught by our bank, but by our bookkeeping service. According to our bank, the errors were due to the fact that electronic transfer images, which are sent to the Federal Reserve Bank were misread. Our checks were printed

checks and easily read. I've been advised that written checks would have more of a problem. Mistakes can happen. Businesses should be advised that according to our bank, and confirmed by another bank, any transactions under \$5000.00 are not looked at manually.

Suggestions: Make sure the font on your checks is large and clear. Review your bank statements to ensure all transactions match up. •

Street Closure on Centinela Avenue Between Beach and Florence for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project

Centinela Avenue will be closed to traffic until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17 between Beach and Florence Avenues in Inglewood to build a rail crossing at Centinela and Florence Avenues as part of the Crenshaw/ LAX Transit Project construction. The work consists of demolition, excavation, installation of duct banks, back filling with ballast, installation of rail and components, and minor street improvements.

Right and left turns will be restricted onto Centinela Avenue from Florence Avenue. Local access to La Colina Drive will be

maintained. Drivers will be guided by flaggers at the corners of La Colina Drive and Beach Avenue. One southbound lane on Centinela Avenue will be closed between Beach Avenue and Hyde Park Boulevard. There will be eastbound lane reduction on Centinela Avenue when approaching La Brea Avenue.

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- Inglewood Certified Market, 3-7:00 p.m. located at Manchester Blvd. and Nutwood St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- Rotary Club meeting 11:30 - 12:30, at The Salvation Army, 324 E. Queen St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

- Inglewood School District invites you to come to their Communications Task Force Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- Inglewood Unified School District invites you to Early Enrollment and Community Engagement Fair. 11:00-2:00 p.m. at Morningside High School, 10500 S. Yukon Ave.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- Rotary Club meeting 11:30 - 12:30, at The Salvation Army, 324 E. Queen St.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- Rotary Club meeting 11:30 - 12:30, at The Salvation Army, 324 E. Queen St.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- Rotary Club meeting 11:30 - 12:30, at The Salvation Army, 324 E. Queen St.
- Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, Golf Committee, 1-2:00 p.m., at Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, 330 E. Queen St. •

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors from City Clerk Huber

STUCK WITH ME

I'm sorry to report that you will have me for another year to kick around as City Clerk. At last night's city council meeting, the council voted to extend everyone's term by one year. So, instead of bowing out of my position this November, I will be sharing my Hawthorne Happenings with you until November of 2018. My plans are to retire from teaching in June of next year. I'm looking forward to spending a little more time out on the golf course, watching my grandkids grow up, and of course relaxing with a cold one beginning next summer. I'm too busy to have cold ones now. To be honest, I just write a lot about cold ones, I really don't partake that much. At the conclusion of my City Clerk term, I will have sat up there and read the agenda for nine years, or over 250 city council meetings. It will also mean that I have tried to amuse you with over 450 Hawthorne Happenings. Just thinking about it all makes me thirsty. Hang with me my friends; I think we can make it through this together.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

BUSINESS EXPO

The City of Hawthorne's Business Expo 2017 is for you. It will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd from 3-7 p.m. at the Memorial Center. If you are a business owner, starting a new business, customer or just want to check out what is happening in our City, here you can connect with area businesses, community members, and service providers. Events include two dynamic keynote speakers and a wide variety of exhibitions and seminars throughout the day. There will be food and beverage samples and plenty of chances to win prizes! For more information, please call (310) 676-1163.

Golf Tournament The Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation Gold Tournament is on



Monday, April 10th at 12 noon at Coyote Hills Golf Club. For more information, please contact Mr. Dick Huhn at 310-643-9157.

TENNIS

Instruction and fun are to be had at the Holly Park tennis courts every Saturday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. (Beginners are welcomed.) You may even see the City Clerk there.

STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON

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

HAIRSPRAY

Dana Middle School will be performing Hairspray, Jr. on Weds 3/29 (3:15 matinee), Thurs 3/30 (6:00 evening show) and Fri 3/31 (both a 3:15 matinee and a 6:00 evening show). The 1950s are out, and change is in the air! Hairspray, winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical, piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance, social commentary and tuneful songs. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Dana Middle School, 5504 W 135th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

SERVICE PROVIDER FAIR

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

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

The Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association will be hosting a National Day of Prayer event at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 4 starting at 7 p.m. •

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

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Herald Publications

Rotary Awards Four Teachers Mini Grants at School Board Meeting

By Cristian Vasquez

At last Wednesday’s Hawthorne School Board meeting, members of the Hawthorne/LAX/Lennox Rotary Club presented four Bud Carson Middle School teachers with mini-grants created to help teachers fund special educational projects in their classrooms. “This particular one [mini-grants] we have been doing for about 13 years, and are always looking for things that are in the community and are helping people out,” Rotary Club Co-President Doug Krauss said. “Rotary as an organization has certain topics that they focus on—education is one of them—so when we are helping teachers, that falls in line with our mission. We certainly look for things that are local and that help, and teachers can certainly use the help...so that works great with us.”

Each mini-grant is worth \$200, with the awards going to eighth grade teacher Anakonia Matsumoto for her “Take Charge in Your Learning” initiative; and to sixth grade teacher Erika Chavez, seventh grade teacher Nancy Arambula and eighth grade teacher Janet Andrade for their STEAM Girl t-shirts.

“The program is to encourage females to pursue careers in the field of engineering,” Arambula said. “They [team] were in need of t-shirts and we heard about the Rotary Club—so we figured we should apply and we were able to obtain the grant.”

Through the mini-grant program, the Hawthorne/LAX/Lennox Rotary Club is able to encourage teachers to apply for these funds. The grant requires applicants that demonstrate innovative and collaborative projects among teachers that work to improve student achievement. Each project is required to be accomplished within a specific period of time.

Councilwoman Olivia Valentine presented winner Anakonia Matsumoto for “demonstrating initiative, innovation and inspiration in shaping the future of our nation through the education of our children.” On behalf of Matsumoto, who was unable to be present, Bud Carson Principal Mark Silva received her grant. Bud Carson Middle School has been seeing positive results from implementation of Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Brought to the school via a partnership with El Camino College, PLTW is the basis of the STEAM (Sciences, Technology,

Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) team being led by Andrade, Chavez and Arambula.

“We are just starting this—it’s 20 of them and they already entered a competition and it seems like their confidence has definitely increased,” Arambula said. “We are building and going with it and now we can say things are going smoothly.”

Bud Carson’s teams recently excelled at a MESA competition hosted at USC where each team finished in first or second place and earned the opportunity to compete at regionals. “This is an afterschool class and one of the things that we noticed during that time was that when we we’re teaching an engineering concept, a lot of the girls would shut down and then the boys would take over,” Arambula said. “So it is great to see the really quiet girls in an environment where they are free to express themselves.”

For the grants, each district reviewed its own applications and was asked to select no more than 10 applications, which would then be sent to the Mini-Grant Selection Committee. The STEAM Team at Bud Carson was started by Andrade after the lead teachers attended several conferences where they were encouraged to promote the engineering aspect of the program. The introduction to math and engineering careers is intense, but Chavez shared that the students have risen to the challenge and continue to thrive.

“They engage in design and modeling and computer applications in one class, and in another class they’ll engage in medical detective work where they have to carry out a murder investigation and present DNA,” Chavez said. “It is intense, but the kids are exposed to all these fields. They are now doing energy and environment to learn about solar panels and global warming. Toward the end of the year, they will be involved with green architecture and will be building houses. It will be pretty neat.”

Krauss added, “It is always good to give out and help. Money doesn’t always come, but we are always helping whether we have it or not. This year, we were lucky enough to have enough funding to fund all of our applicants through all of the Hawthorne and Lennox school districts.” •

Community Briefs

Summer Vacation Planning from Auto Club at Inglewood Public Library

The Inglewood Public Library will host a free Summer Travel presentation from the Inglewood branch of the Automobile Club of Southern California, in the Gladys Waddingham Lecture Hall of the Main Library on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., to assist local residents with trip planning. According to a new AAA survey, 35 percent of US residents will take at least one vacation of 50 miles or more away from home with at least two immediate family members in 2017.

Auto Club branch manager Pamela Epting will make a brief general presentation about the most popular family destinations and trips at the event. Travel agents and specialists from select travel providers will be available to answer questions and assist with trip planning.

According to the AAA Family Travel Survey,

family road trips (79 percent) and visits to national parks (51 percent) and theme parks (40 percent) remain the most popular types of vacations for families planning to travel this year. Trips to international destinations (33 percent), going on guided or escorted tours (22 percent) and ocean cruises (20 percent) are also popular with family travelers. The survey also revealed that the number of American families planning to take a guided or escorted tour is expected to increase seven percent over last year.

These programs are free and open to all. Library parking is free after 4 p.m. For more information about this program call (310) 412-5380 or visit library.cityofinglewood.org. To contact the South Bay Small Business Development Center, please call (310) 973-3177.

City of Lawndale Clean Up Week March 18-26

For Clean Up Week set for March 18-16, Lawndale residents may use their regular trash collection day to place small and large appliances, yard waste in bags, unwanted furniture, bundled branches no longer than four feet, and e-waste (e.g. TVs, computers and cellphones) on their curbside. The City will also have a drop-off location at the Public Works Yard at 4722 Manhattan Beach Boulevard on Sunday, March 19 and on Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items accepted include lumber, unwanted furniture, small and large items, and yard waste. Construction waste (concrete, dirt, rocks and

bricks) and hazardous waste (tires, ammunition, medication, and flammable liquids). Will not be accepted. For hazardous waste disposal, call 1-800-238-0172. Those wishing to volunteer for City Clean Up Day on March 25 can meet at Wienerschnitzel (14900 Hawthorne Boulevard) at 9 a.m. All participants will receive free hot dogs. Those having garage or yard sales will not need a permit during this week, though sale signs will not be permitted on any public property. For information on the Lawndale Residential Clean Up Contest going on that week, call Public Works at 310-973-3260.

Hawthorne First Time Home Buyer Program

The City of Hawthorne is now accepting applications for persons and households interested in participating in its First Time Home Buyer Program, which makes available a limited number of deferred payment (no monthly payment of principal or interest, and with no interest) second mortgage loans. Program assistance can provide the lower of up to 30 percent of the purchase price, or the amount required to maintain a 33 percent front-end ratio, or the program maximum of \$125,000. The loan can potentially provide funding for a portion of reasonable closing costs for applicant without sufficient resources. Actual amounts funded depend on individual applicant conditions. Eligibility requirements include household income not exceeding 80 percent of area median income adjusted for household size as determined by the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development; non-ownership of a home during the last three years, or “displaced homemaker” or “single parent” status with custody or joint custody of minor children; persons who have not in the previous two years worked full-time during a consecutive 12-month period, been unemployed, experienced difficulty in upgrading employment, or worked primarily without remuneration to care for their home and family. Acquired property must be applicant’s primary residence for the term of the loan. Applicants must provide a minimum three percent downpayment with sufficient creditworthiness to obtain a primary loan for the purchase at market interest rates. Properties acquired must also meet City, federal and other occupancy requirements. For applications, call Mari Guerrero at 310-349-2976 or email mguerrero@cityofhawthorne.org

“Art of Science/Science of Art” Returns to El Camino Planetarium and Observatory

The next installation of the “Art of Science/ Science of Art” series is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. March 18 in the El Camino College Planetarium and Observatory. Attendees are invited to lounge, listen and learn as science and art converge in the second of a special three-part series that explores the theme of the cosmos and space exploration – past, present and future.

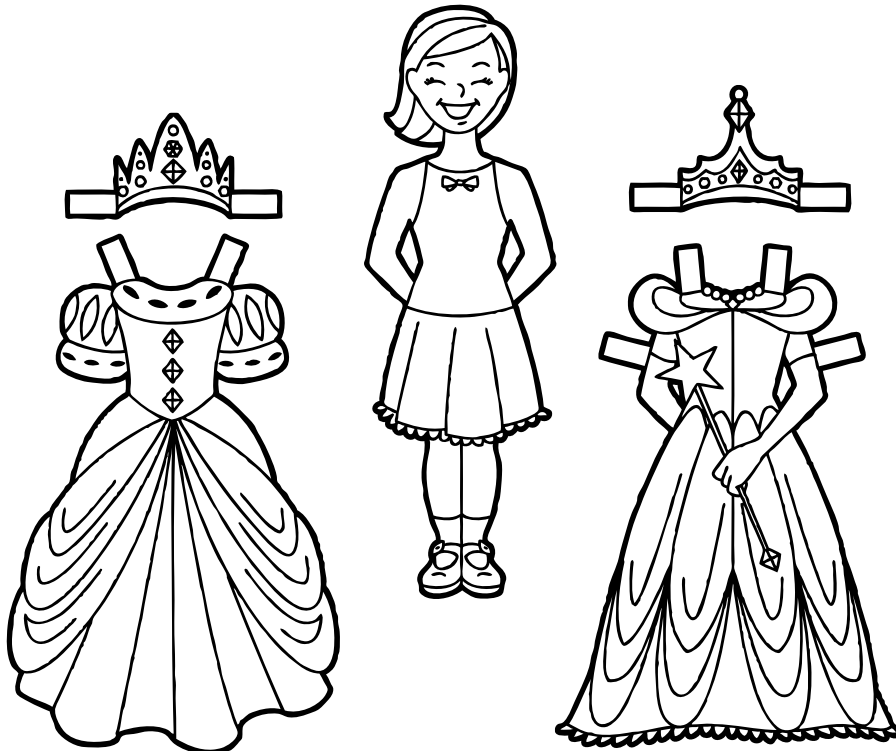
Beanbag chairs will be set up in the Planetarium, where participants will view selected digital representations of Connie Samaras’ still photography and video works, followed by a full-dome planetarium show directly connected to Samaras’ works as presented by ECC physics instructor Kyle Strohmaier. The presentation will be on repeat rotation starting at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

ECC’s Rooftop Observatory Deck will

be open from 7-10 p.m., featuring music, conversation, telescopes and Nitro Coffee available for purchase. Weather permitting, telescopes will be available for viewing the night sky, presented by ECC assistant professor Shimonee Kadakia and astronomy students.

Participants can also join a discussion/Q&A from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on the Observatory rooftop, led by Vanda Vitali, former director and CEO of the Auckland Museum in New Zealand and former vice president and director of content development at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Vitali will lead a discussion about “Visual Story Telling in Art and Science” with Samaras and Strohmaier.


All members of the community ages six and older are invited to attend. The event has limited capacity. For advance ticket information, go to <http://bit.ly/2mGzhZU> or call 310-660-6460. •



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Sports

Hawthorne Baseball Begins Regular Season

By Adam Serrao

Baseball has finally begun and the Hawthorne High Cougars have taken the diamond to try to improve on a season that went horribly wrong in the latter stages of last year. With head coach JC Randolph at the helm, Hawthorne will be returning a team that only managed to lose four seniors from one season ago. With youth and experience now laden throughout the roster, Randolph and the rest of the Cougars hope that this is finally the season that will push the team out of depths of the Ocean League standings and into contention for a playoff spot.

Last season left a lot to be desired for Randolph and his squad. At the beginning of the year, the Cougars felt that they could have been among the best teams in the area. With results like the ones that the team was receiving, why wouldn't they feel that way? At the very beginning of the baseball year, Hawthorne was on fire. The Cougars started the season by racing out to a seven-game winning streak during which they defeated the likes of Dominguez, Leuzinger and Gardena. Senior Andy Monarrez was the spark, providing most of the offensive firepower for Hawthorne, but junior Kealoha Noguchi and sophomore Danny Villareal added efficiency and depth to a lineup that was producing runs on a daily basis.

Once league play began for Hawthorne in the middle of April last year, something happened to the team. A group of guys who seemingly couldn't lose ran into Ocean League competition and got completely battered and bruised. Two losses in a row to Santa Monica were shortly followed by a two-game sweep at the hands of El Segundo and two more consecutive sweeps at the hands of both Culver City and Lawndale. The Cougars, who began the season on fire, suddenly had gone 1-9 inside of league play and eventually saw themselves in the last place position in the final Ocean League standings.

The 2017 Hawthorne team is trying to forget all about last year. The loss of Monarrez is certainly not a good thing for the team's offense, but there are enough talented young players on the roster to replace his production. Noguchi has already picked up from where he left off last season. A senior this year, Noguchi recorded three RBIs and two runs scored in the opening game of the season, which was an 11-8 win for the Cougars over the St. Bernard Vikings. Hawthorne has also gotten great production out of junior Johnny Pacheco and senior Andres Cordova in the early going. The Cougars will be looking to those two and Noguchi to lead their team through a traditionally tough Ocean League schedule.

It's not where you start, but where you finish in the Ocean League standings. The Hawthorne Cougars have until the latter stages of March to figure themselves out as a team before they jump right into a league play doubleheader

against the Santa Monica Vikings. It doesn't get any easier after that either. In an Ocean League that is truly full of talent, the Cougars are up against the wall. With tons of young talent returning to the team this year, though, and plenty of offensive firepower stepping to the plate, Randolph and company should have no problem improving upon last year's last place finish.

LAWNDALE HIGH

The Lawndale Cardinals are coming off of a season that was very similar in nature to the one that the Hawthorne Cougars experienced last year. After a non-league schedule that saw the Cardinals go 8-4 and included a five-game winning streak, Lawndale simply fell apart. The Cardinals had a similar problem to one that Hawthorne faced in the latter stages of the season. That problem was going up against the likes of Culver City, El Segundo, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica throughout an entire Ocean League schedule. Elite teams like the ones that face Lawndale in league play don't tend to let up very often. That fact resulted in the Cardinals going 2-8 in league play, with the team's only two inter-division victories coming in the final two games of the season against Hawthorne.

Lawndale is back this season and looking to get better under new head coach Jeff Prihode. So far, the team is off to a shaky start, to say the least. An Opening Day 27-1 victory over Hawthorne Math and Science Academy gave the Cardinals a certain sense of optimism. Freshman Wayne Sales had three hits, scored three runs and recorded six RBIs while hitting a double and a home run in the game. Senior Jesus Sanchez also had a home run that led to a five-RBI day and five runs scored. However, the Cardinals followed their massive victory with five straight losses. The season is young and there is certainly a lot of baseball left to be played. With Sales sparking the Lawndale offense, there is still optimism surrounding the Cardinals this season. Lawndale's true colors will surely begin to show once league play begins near the end of March.

INGLEWOOD HIGH

Coming into this season, the Inglewood baseball team had played two entire years of baseball action and only managed to win one singular game. This year's head coach, Kewatta Wade, is hoping to turn the school's luck around. So far, he has done a great job. In the Sentinels' first game of the regular season, the team recorded a 26-10 win over Hawthorne Math and Science Academy. The Sentinels had nine runs in the first inning and 22 runs through three innings. Something seems a bit fishy about that kind of offensive production, but Inglewood has already won as many games as it had over the last two seasons combined and will look to add even more production and success in this year's regular season. •

Los Angeles Rams Begin Building for Future

By Adam Serrao

After a crazy day in NFL free agency last Thursday afternoon that saw many big names from around the league on the move, the Los Angeles Rams failed to make a huge splash, though they were busy. Last Thursday was the first day of the new NFL year and also marked the first day that free agents could sign contracts with other teams. It's no question that the Rams certainly have a lot of needs to address if they will look to improve on their 4-12 record from one season ago. The moves that the team has made thus far should improve the roster a bit, but Los Angeles has a long way to go if it wishes to compete in a perennially tough NFC West.

Perhaps the most important thing that the Rams could have done this offseason is beef up their offensive line. Doing so would not only help the prospects of last season's rookie quarterback Jared Goff, but it should also open up a few more holes for running back Todd Gurley. Neither Goff nor Gurley looked particularly effective last year. New veteran left tackle Andrew Whitworth will hope to change that. Whitworth, now age 35, has spent his entire 11-year career in Cincinnati clearing lanes for the likes of Jeremy Hill, Giovanni Bernard and others. The first-team All-Pro in 2015 finished second among tackles in the league last season according to Pro Football Focus. Whitworth will now be tasked with protecting Goff's blindside while also leading the way for Gurley, who will be looking to rediscover the dominance that he displayed in his rookie season once again.

While the Rams lost their leading receiver from one season ago, Kenny Britt, they will be giving a familiar face the chance to say hello to the Coliseum again. Britt went to the Browns, but former Serra High School star and USC Trojans standout Robert Woods has left the Buffalo Bills to play on the grass of the Coliseum once again. Woods is still young, at age 24, and should serve as a nice complement to Tavon Austin—but in all honesty, he's not the kind of player that is going to turn next season around for the Rams. As a second-round pick by the Bills in 2013, Woods has compiled career stats of 203 catches, 2,451 yards and 12 touchdowns. There is hope that Woods may be hitting his prime and could be poised for a breakout year, but the Rams receiving core certainly doesn't strike fear into any defense in the league just yet.

The most important thing that Los Angeles did this offseason was free up some much-needed cap space. The Rams traded starting defensive end William Hayes to the Miami

Dolphins and released veteran center Tim Barnes, tight end Lance Kendricks, and defensive lineman Eugene Sims. None of those were necessarily impact players for the Rams last season and creating more cap room will go a long way toward giving Los Angeles flexibility in the future. The departures of the players freed up nearly \$16 million in cap space, which will likely go toward the acquisition of other key free agents this offseason before the 2017-'18 campaign gets it start.

The Rams can still use some help on the offensive line, particularly at the center position. As of last Thursday, the only center on the roster was a seventh-round pick from 2014, Demetrius Rhaney. Pahroh Cooper and Tyler Higbee round out the semi-recognizable names on the wide receiver and tight end depth chart, so L.A. could certainly use some more talent there as well. Help on defense at the linebacker spot and defensive line wouldn't hurt a group that is now led by defensive guru Wade Phillips. Robert Quinn has continued to be the most impressive player on that side of the ball. Phillips will certainly be looking to add more impact players, especially with the possible departure of cornerback Trumaine Johnson looming. Johnson signed the franchise tag this offseason, meaning that the Rams will owe the five-year veteran \$17 million next season. That number may just be too rich for a team that has a plan in place to work toward the future. As of last Thursday, Los Angeles had already been rumored to be shopping Johnson on the trade market.

The Rams were certainly active at the beginning of this year's free agency period with more moves likely to come in the near future. What fans need to keep in mind is the plan that owner Stan Kroenke originally had in place when he decided to move the team to Los Angeles. The new stadium in Inglewood is planned to open for the 2019 season. That's when Kroenke and the rest of the Rams front office hope to field a legitimate team and compete for the NFC West title and perhaps even the Super Bowl. That means, in the meantime, Los Angeles is destined to rebuild. Creating cap space and making the necessary room for young players like Goff, for instance, to get some real NFL experience is currently the priority in Los Angeles. So far, this offseason has accomplished the immediate needs of the Rams. Don't expect to see next year's team win a Super Bowl, but hopefully they can finish with more than just the four wins that they ended with one season ago. •

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawthorne School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District", will receive prior to the above stated time and date sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following: **BID #S16-17-7 CUSTODIAL SUPPLY BID**
All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. Bids shall be received in the Office of the **Hawthorne School District, Purchasing Department, at**

13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, California 90250 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above state time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.
Minimum contract term is one (1) year. Quoted prices must stay in effect for one (1) year after award of bid and may be extended upon mutual consent of District and Contractor for an additional four (4) years in accordance with provisions contained in Education Code

Section 17596 and the bid documents.
There will be a mandatory **Pre-Bid Conference on March 21st, 2017, 10:00 AM**. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its bid returned unopened. *Allocate extra time due to parking restrictions in the area.*
Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions.
It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.
Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS** Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.
No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. No Bidder shall withdraw its Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Education. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.
Substitute Security. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following action by the District's Board of Education to award the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the

substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under California Public Contract Code §22300. Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid Proposal or in the bidding.
Award of Contract. The Contract for the supplies, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsible Bidder or Bidders submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal. The district fully reserves the right to award to one, make multiple awards, to make no award at all, or to award based upon any combination of base bid and/or individual line items.
If the Bid Proposal requires Bidders to propose prices for Alternate Bid Items, the District's selection of Alternate Bid Items, if any, for determination of the lowest priced Bid Proposal and for inclusion in the scope of the Contract to be awarded shall be in accordance with this Notice and the Instructions for Bidders.
Inquiries and Clarifications. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the Bid Documents, Drawings, Specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the bid opening date. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Eliscia Essex at eessex@hawthorne.k12.ca.us or (310) 675-9464 by March 28, 2017, at 4:00 PM Eliscia Essex
Purchasing Clerk
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Los Angeles County, State of California
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NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DISTRICT:
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
RFP No. T16-17-6 BUNDLED INTERNET ACCESS
DATE/TIME FOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:
Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 4:00 PM
DATE/TIME FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL:
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 AT 10:00 AM SHARP!
ADDRESS FOR SBUMITTAL OF PROPOSALS:
Hawthorne School District
Purchasing Department
13021 S. Yukon Ave.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE AT; USAC Website (Form 470) & details on HSD WEBSITE-<http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/bids>
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hawthorne School District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "District" will receive up to, but no later than the above stated date and time, sealed Proposals for the Contract generally described as: **RFP No. T16-17-6 – Bundled Internet Access. No Withdrawal of Proposals.** No Bidder shall withdraw its Proposal for a period of **ninety (90) days** after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Trustees. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Proposals, and as it relates to E-Rate parameters.
Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Proposal or in the bidding.
E-rate Requirements. The project is 100%

contingent upon the approval of funding from the Universal Service Fund's Schools and Libraries Program, otherwise known as E-rate. The District may or may not proceed with the project, in whole or in part, even in the event E-rate funding is approved. Execution of the project, in part or in whole, is solely at the discretion of the District. Bidders wishing to bid may do so solely at their own risk. The District is not liable or responsible for any costs, loss, fees, or expenses, of any kind, associated with bid and/or a decision not to proceed with the project, even after award of the contracts. By submitting a proposal, each bidder agrees to bear all of its own costs, fees, expenses, and losses, of any and all kind, should the District cancel the project.
Inquiries and Clarifications. This document is for informational purposes and shall not relieve the Bidder of the requirements to fully become familiarized with all the factors affecting the Project and Proposal. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the RFP documents, specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing no later than **Tuesday, March 23, 2017, 4:00 PM**. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be made in writing to: Aneska I. Kekula, Purchasing Director, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250; or via Email at: ikekula@hawthorne.k12.ca.us; or via facsimile at 310.675.9464.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN KEYES CASE NO. 17STPB01797

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HELEN KEYES.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MAXEL BATISTE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MAXEL BATISTE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/04/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LIDA JOSEPHINE HAFNER AKA JOSEPHINE HAFNER CASE NO. 17STPB01754

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LIDA JOSEPHINE HAFNER AKA JOSEPHINE HAFNER.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT SASLOW in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT SASLOW be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/12/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition,

you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice is hereby given that The City of Hawthorne Planning Department has completed an Initial Study of the General Plan Amendment 2016GP03 and Change of Zone 2016CZ05 project in accordance with the guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project consists of a General Plan Amendment and a Change of Zone for a 0.94 acre property located at 14115 Cordary Avenue (APN 4051-030-016). The General Plan Amendment would result in a change in the General Plan map from the High Density Residential (HDR) designation to the General Commercial (GC) designation and the Change of Zone would result in a change in the Zoning Map from the Maximum Density Residential (R-4) zone to the General Commercial-Mixed Use Overlay [CG (MU)] zone. The purpose of these proposed amendments are to allow greater flexibility in development types, provide for a development that is consistent with the character of the surrounding uses, and provide a suitable transitional use between the commercial and residential uses in the vicinity. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the City's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the City. The Project is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. At the public hearing held on Wednesday, April

5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will consider the project and make recommendations on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration in City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250. If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the project, the project will be advanced to the Decision-making Authority (the City Council). If the Council finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Planning Commission and City Council may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.
Copies of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for the public's review and comment on the City's website (www.cityofhawthorne.org) and at the Hawthorne Library, 12700 Grevillea Avenue, Hawthorne, CA 90250 and inside the City Clerk's office, 4455 W 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250 beginning March 16, 2014. All comments must be received by April 5, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit comments, in writing, to the City prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested. Comments to be delivered to the following address:
Attn: John P. Ramirez, AICP
City of Hawthorne
Planning Department
4455 W 126th Street
Hawthorne, California, 90250
310-349-2970
Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 3/16/17
HH-25505



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016072475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) STRIKERS FC SOUTH BAY, 861 PARKVIEW DR NORTH #200, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. 2.) 531 MAIN STREET #993, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. AI #ON: 3671579 Registered Owner(s): EL SEGUNDO SOCCER CLUB, 861 PARKVIEW DRIVE NORTH #200, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: EL SEGUNDO SOCCER CLUB, SHERRY SANBORN, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 26, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 26, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 26, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1588**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017030244

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) GAYLE'S TAILS, 1421 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD UNIT C, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, LA COUNTY. 2.) RIGHT BOWER PRODUCTIONS. Registered Owner(s): GAYLE LYNNE STOVER, 1421 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD UNIT C, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: GAYLE LYNNE STOVER, OWNER/OPERATOR. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 6, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 6, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1590**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017042571

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANGEL CAKES BAKING COMPANY, 1725 E PINE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LELANDIA FLOWERS, 1725 E PINE AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LELANDIA FLOWERS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 21, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 21, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 21, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16/2017 **H-1591**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017044543

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERITAGE GARAGE DOORS SALE, 4833 TELEGRAPH RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1.) YANIRA Y. COVARRUBIAS, 704 VICENT PARK B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. 2.) GINA M. CACERES PAYAN, 1108 W. 101 ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This business is being conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2016. Signed: YANIRA Y. COVARRUBIAS, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 22, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **H-1592**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017045861

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCANLON CONSULTING SERVICES, 21022 ANZA AVE, #102, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LENIA SCANLON, 21022 ANZA AVE. #102, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LENIA SCANLON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 23, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 23, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 23, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **HT-1593**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017044555

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) MAXCALVIN REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS, 11614 CHRISTOPHER AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2.) P.O. BOX 1490, INGLEWOOD, CA 90308. Registered Owner(s): CHARLES BINGHAM, 11614 CHRISTOPHER AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CHARLES BINGHAM, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 22, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: Pub. 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23/2017 **HI-1594**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017049964

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CRUISE PLANNERS, 1590 ROSECRANS SUITE D252, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, LA COUNTY. AI #ON: 3990922 Registered Owner(s): AMAZING TRAVEL MEMORIES INC., 1590 ROSECRANS, SUITE D252, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, CALIFORNIA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: AMAZING TRAVEL MEMORIES, INC., MELANIE FRANKO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 28, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 28, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 28, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **H-1595**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017053036

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as U.S. FRONTLINE, 385 VAN NESS AVENUE #110, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): STS INNOVATION INC., 5201 GREAT AMERICA PKWY SUITE 320, SANTA CLARA, CA 95054, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: STS INNOVATION INC., HIYOSHI KISHIDA, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 2, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 2, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 2, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1596**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017033822

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) CITIZEN WATCH AMERICA, 1000 WEST 190TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90502, LA COUNTY. 2.) BULOVA, 1120 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 10TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10036. Registered Owner(s): CITIZEN WATCH COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., 1120 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 10TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10036, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CITIZEN WATCH COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC., DAVID B. PERLMAN, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 9, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 9, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 9, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1597**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017036683

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ON THE KNEE, 3505 W 139TH ST APT 7, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CANDICE EMBREY, 3505 W 139TH ST APT 7, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CANDICE EMBREY, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 13, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HH-1598**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017051633

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BARE BEAUTY, 19800 HAWTHORNE BLVD BLDG 208 STUDIO 136, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MEGAN KARSON, 19800 HAWTHORNE BLVD BLDG 208 STUDIO 136, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: MEGAN KARSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 1, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 1, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 1, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1599**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017035821

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) LOYALTYEJUICE, 4675 BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LA COUNTY. 2.) 4675 BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): CARLOS CASTANON JR, 4675 BROADWAY HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CARLOS CASTANON JR, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 10, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 10, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 10, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HH-1600**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017052608

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) SOOHOO DESIGNERS, 1424 MARCELINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LA COUNTY. 2.) SOOHOO. 3.) SOOHOO/HIRATA. AI #ON: 0997470 Registered Owner(s): PATRICK SOO HOO INC, 1424 MARCELINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/1980. Signed: PATRICK SOO HOO INC, PATRICK SOOHOO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 2, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 2, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 2, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30/2017 **HT-1601**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017046158

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PHINA'S PLACE, 4739 W 136TH STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PHINA CABICO, 4736 W 136TH STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, CA. 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: PHINA CABICO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 23, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 23, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 23, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE PRESS TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2017 **HH-1602**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017051670

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIRECT PAYMENT SOLUTION US LLC, 8939 S SEPULVEDA BLVD SUITE 520, LOS ANGELES, LA 90045, LA COUNTY. AI #ON: 3904066 Registered Owner(s): PAYMENT EXPRESS INC, 8939 S SEPULVEDA BLVD SUITE 520, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2016. Signed: PAYMENT EXPRESS INC, JINSOO PARK, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 1, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 1, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 1, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2017 **H-1603**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017055399

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RTL, LLC, 2020 E. TAM O SHANTER STREET, ONTARIO CA, 91761, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RTL, LLC, 2020 E. TAM O SHANTER STEET, ONTARIO CA, 91761, CA. 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: 03/2017. Signed: RTL, LLC, HECTOR EDUARDO RUIZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 6, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 6, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2017 **H-1604**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017053935

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHAKEY'S PIZZA, 5105 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GLB INVESTMENTS, LLC, 5114 BRYNHURST AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043, CA. 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: 12/2016. Signed: GLB INVESTMENTS, LLC, GARY LEWIS, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 3, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2017 **HT-1605**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017060113

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FARADAYRF, 12621 MATTESON AVENUE UNIT 4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1.) BRYCE TYLER SALMI, 2908 VIA LA SELVA, PALOS VERDES, CA 90274. 2.) BRENTON JOHN SALMI, 12621 MATTESON AVENUE UNIT 4, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is being conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2017. Signed: BRYCE TYLER SALMI, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MARCH 9, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on MARCH 9, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to MARCH 9, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2017 **H-1606**

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Lilo

Take a look at this week's featured kitties (with many more waiting for you on our website). All of these cats and kittens are waiting to share their love with their purr-fect someone who will give them a new forever home.

Lilo is a gorgeous, playful lady with a striking white heart on her jet-black chest. She's loving as can be and is especially dedicated to her brother Stitch, with whom she would love to find a home. When she can't find him or a human companion, she runs around the house calling for someone until she finds her brother or a lap on which to sit. She is litter-trained and ready to go home with you!

For you admirers of handsome, gray boy kitties, you've found your man. **Stitch** is an absolute purr machine who is curious, gentle, loves cuddles and is just an all-around sweetheart. He's a vocal guy--not in the yowling sense--but he loves to talk to you about what he's doing! He is especially fond of his sister Lilo and would love to find a home with her. He has spent some time around small children and is so great with them! He is also litter-trained and is waiting for a home with you.

Gypsy is a fun, playful, adventurous girl with an unusual, adorable meow. She spends her days playing with her cat toys, climbing her cat tree and roaming around her foster home looking for her next adventure. She is a very sweet kitty that loves cuddle sessions. Gypsy is very social and doesn't like to be left home alone, so ideally she would be adopted into a home with another cat or adopted together with another Kitten Rescue kitten. She is young enough to adapt to a household with dogs, but needs a kitty companion too.



Gypsy



Stitch

Ginger is a beautiful girl. She is very affectionate and loving once she warms up and gets to know her people. She is good with dogs that don't chase and she warms up to other cats. Ginger loves to be petted and brushed, and will crawl on a person to whom she can give kisses (light licks). She has been completely vetted (including recent blood work and a full dental). She is easygoing, well-behaved and flexible. Ginger would do well in almost any safe and loving home, but could especially be good as a wonderful lap buddy to an older person.

Ragnar is pure joy. It must be good to be Ragnar because everything is just so much fun for him. He is a super sweet, cuddly, affectionate goofball with just a hint of cerebellar hypoplasia (his reward for surviving pan leukopenia). It's not enough to cause any real impairment, but just enough that he has a slight head bobble and is clumsy in a very endearing way. It certainly doesn't slow him down, as he gets the zooms just like any other kitty his age. Ragnar has been brought up in a home with several cats and kittens as well as dogs. He's more a fan of his feline compadres and would be a great companion for anyone who likes to cuddle and play. Ragnar will let you pick him up and carry him around like a baby, and will bring a smile to your face with his sweet and clumsy shenanigans.

Mable was discovered in a very pregnant state on a cold, rainy night in December. She was looking for a warm, dry place to deliver her kittens. We brought her inside, and the next morning she delivered two beautiful babies. Mable has been a wonderful mommy, and successfully weaned and raised two adorable kittens. She is a gorgeous, sweet and affectionate kitty who loves to sleep and cuddle with people. Still a young kitty herself, she can be very curious and playful. She was temporarily named “Mable” because she looks like she is wearing Maybelline eyeliner!.

Phoenix was found living on the street as a kitten and was so happy to be rescued. He is a very friendly boy who loves affection. He is the perfect companion to cuddle up with while



Ragnar



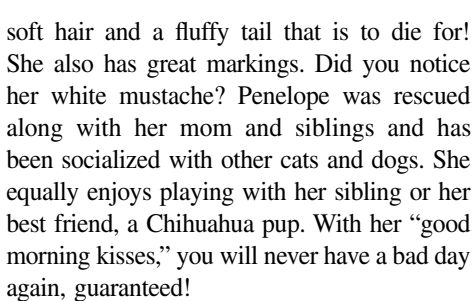
Ginger

binge-watching Netflix. Phoenix likes to spend his days wrestling with his foster siblings and playing with his cat toys. On his breaks, he loves to bask in the sun atop the cat tree or stretch out on the bed. Phoenix is gentle and loving and gets along with the other kitties in his foster home. This handsome young guy has a long, beautiful, fluffy tail like a squirrel and big, soulful, puppy dog eyes.

Penelope is a sweet, delicate and elegant kitty with a huge personality. She has long,



Phoenix



These kitties 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.

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Mable

Price Hikes

faith-based investors, many of them members of an interfaith push for corporate responsibility, doesn't appear to be finished. The SEC staff's decision not to recommend any enforcement action against drug makers for ignoring these shareholder requests only covers this year, so they could be back.

“The first shareholder proposal on drug pricing that I’m aware of was successful in the 1990s,” Neuhauser said. “There have been successful ones since. I think the problem this year was more the way it worded than the basic notion.”

Shareholders in three 2015 cases overcame a drug maker's resistance to producing its pricing data, according to Neuhauser. In each case, the companies argued like Amgen that investors were trying to micromanage the business operations, yet SEC staff rejected the argument Neuhauser presented in January in writing. The former law school professor pointed to other SEC's staff opinions regarding drug companies and price-setting.

“This is not too intricate a matter for shareholders to understand. Note that it is the rate of increase that is being requested, not the actual prices charged. Indeed, the proposal ‘micromanages’ significantly less than the proposals that were deemed not to micromanage in Celgene Corp. (March 9, 2015), Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. (February 25, 2015) and Gilead Sciences, Inc. (February 23, 2015),” he wrote.

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Calls to Amgen representatives for comment about the pricing of its leading drug therapies went unreturned as of late last week. The company's website did not mention the SEC lawyer's favorable ruling.

Amgen had product sales of \$21.9 billion last year, and total revenues increased six percent, according to 2016 financials. Drug sales grew six percent in 2016 over the previous year, led by a 49 percent increase in sales of Blincyto for leukemia patients. The company's other big gainers for the year included Kyprolis for treatment of myeloma—up 35 percent—and bone-density-building Prolia, which was up 25 percent in annual sales.

The top-10 sellers for Amgen, which the shareholder group targeted in its proposal, generated \$16.6 billion for the biotech firm last year. Only a dozen or so drug companies outsell this Southern California success story.

The company can choose to address at its annual shareholder meeting the drug-pricing issue and the risks from the current political debate over healthcare costs in the nation's and state capitals, but for now the federal government watchdog over publicly traded companies won't force pharmaceutical makers to say anything. This ruling is corporate America's version of the Miranda rule. The SEC decided a drug maker has the right to remain silent, even when it's the investor-owners of the company asking the questions. •