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SpaceX Rocket Launch Provides Spectacular Photo Opportunities



No, it wasn't a UFO. The white plume seen streaking across Southland skies the evening of Friday, December 22 came courtesy of the Hawthorne-based SpaceX, which launched a Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base. The dazzling visuals spurred many to pull out their phones to take a photo or video. This view shows the rocket's flight trail from above the company's local headquarters. Photo Courtesy of Public Domain

Ambulance Services Get Through New Law Loophole

By Rob McCarthy

A loophole in a consumer protection law aimed at ending surprise medical bills is allowing ambulance companies to bill Medicare recipients thousands of dollars for their services. The new law that took effect in July ended the practice of surprise medical bills for out-of-network fees as long as a patient used a doctor, clinic or lab in their insurance network. However, people covered through Medicare, Medi-Cal or a self-insured health plan were excluded from the health care protection in Assembly Bill 72.

Only people with private insurance are shielded from the practice known as balance billing. A doctor or provider typically will send a bill first to an insurer, which pays a flat rate for the service. The doctor, lab or clinic can seek the balance of the charge directly from the patient. Ambulance companies are included, too.

The Kaiser Family Foundation recently looked into the continued balance billing practice of ambulance companies and says it's not illegal. Unless an ambulance service belongs to a network, it can set its own rates.

"Most complaints reviewed by Kaiser Health News did not appear to involve fraudulent charges. Instead, patients got caught in a system in which ambulance services can legally charge thousands of dollars for a single trip—even when the trip starts at an in-network hospital," the news division of Kaiser said.

Ambulance charges that Kaiser reviewed ranged from \$3,600 to \$8,400. Patients and their families who call 911 are vulnerable because it's an emergency and they don't get to choose which ambulance company responds. The Kaiser team said its review of complaints about ambulance company bills found two common scenarios.

In the first scenario, a patient is taken by ambulance to the hospital after a 911 call. The second and less common occurrence happens when an ambulance service transfers a patient between hospitals.

"In both scenarios, patients later learn the fee is much higher because the ambulance was out-of-network, and after their insurer pays what it deems fair, they get a surprise bill for the balance," Kaiser's team said.

City fire departments also provide emergency

ambulance service, including El Segundo that bills \$1,850 to respond to a 911 call and transport to the hospital. El Segundo residents have complained in letters to the Herald about the paramedic-ambulance charge being too high, especially to older residents who live on fixed incomes.

The transport fee issue in El Segundo was raised by several residents who wrote letters ahead of the 2016 City Council election. The City has three emergency ambulances in service, including two new vehicles that cost \$406,000. They replaced two older emergency vehicles because of rising maintenance and repair costs.

The gap in "balance billing" protection for consumers is sizable, the Kaiser Foundation found. Sixty-one percent of privately insured employees are covered by self-funded employer-sponsored plans, it reported. Unless the Legislature expands the consumer protection for all health plans, ambulance company complaints will continue. Kaiser's team reported that ambulance companies can charge by the mile and add on costs for oxygen and other services during the ride to the hospital. If paramedics staff the ambulance rather than emergency medical technicians, then that will hike up the bill charge. Kaiser added, "Even if the patient didn't need paramedic-level services..."

The 26 ambulance companies found online that serve the South Bay don't discuss fees on their websites, making it difficult to view local pricing even for the most basic emergency call.

The California Department of Managed Health Care welcomed the patient protection measure in July. The department said AB 72 took the consumer out of the middle of billing disputes between a health care facility and insurance plans for out-of-network charges. Consumer groups had complained the billing practice was unfair.

Ambulances and diagnostic labs are both covered under the consumer protection law, yet they're so different, said the Kaiser foundation that studied 350 billing complaints from 32 states. The patient and families have little control over who provides the emergency service, unless it's in a city like El Segundo.

"Patients usually choose to go to the doctor, but they are vulnerable when they call 911, or

get into an ambulance," Kaiser's team found. "The dispatcher picks the ambulance crew, which, in turn, often picks the hospital."

Patients who show up at an out-of-network hospital might be facing expensive medical bills, even if they are later transferred to their health plan's hospital of choice. Some of the patients who asked the Kaiser foundation to intervene in their billing disputes wanted the charges lowered. Others thought they should be charged nothing.

An expectation of free medical emergency transportation isn't realistic either, an industry expert told Kaiser. The private ambulance companies are entitled to expect reimbursement that covers their costs of keeping crews ready to respond "even if no calls comes in," said Jay Fitch, who runs an emergency services consulting firm.

Fitch said that private ambulance companies receive no payment unless a person isn't transported, and that one-third of all calls are freebies. An adult who is mentally capable can refuse to be taken by ambulance.

Many ambulance companies reportedly refuse to join health insurer networks because the compensation rate is too low. The California Department of Managed Health Care anticipated some balance billing disputes last July, when it welcomed the health consumer protection law. It offered this advice if a surprise bill from an out-of-network healthcare professional is sent: Dispute it first with your health plan and include a copy of the bill.

"Your health plan will review the grievance and should tell the provider to stop billing you," the health care department said. If the health plan takes more than 30 days to respond or a consumer isn't satisfied with the response, then file a complaint with the department.

The department accepts complaints by phone at 888-466-2219 or online at its web site, www.HealthHelp.ca.gov. The California Association of Health Underwriters supported passage of AB 72, saying that billing disputes that its members handled would start to decline by midyear. The trade association of 2,000 health insurance agents and brokers says they respond to tens of thousands of phone calls per year about out-of-network billings. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
70°/52°



Saturday
Sunny
66°/53°



Sunday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
64°/52°



Obituary

Ruth Lucille Hiersemann

Ruth Lucille Hiersemann went to be with her Lord Jesus on October 30, 2017 after a long illness. Ruth was born on March 4, 1931 to Lucy and Kenneth Sears and raised in Elburn, Illinois. In 1958 she relocated to Inglewood, California, teaching in the Inglewood and Los Angeles County schools.

Ruth was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood and was very active in the church. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her brothers James and Stanley

Sears. She is survived by her nephew, James Sears and sister-in-law Betty Sears of Ventura, CA, cousin John Hardtla of Mercer Island, WA and the Rainey Family of Wichita Falls, TX.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood on Saturday January 13 at 1:00 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Caring House, 2842 El Dorado Street, Torrance, CA 90503 or any charity of your choice that benefits the causes Ruth held dear. •

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Seniors

Clinical Trials and the Vital Role they Play in Furthering Cancer Research

(BPT) - The world of health care is one of constant innovation and discovery. New drugs, treatments and ideas are needed to combat the various health problems Americans face every single day. It is an ever-evolving challenge, and as health concerns are conquered, one constant threat remains: Cancer.

According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), cancer will be the leading cause of death by 2030. Even as advances in radiation, chemotherapy and surgical procedures have improved outcomes immensely, now more than ever, additional research is needed. This research comes from many sources, but the most effective way to obtain such valuable information is through clinical trials.

What is a Cancer Clinical Trial?

Cancer clinical trials help researchers determine if a treatment option or drug is safe and effective against certain cancers. Today's drug development strategies typically incorporate precision medicine approaches into their research platform. Clinical trials are traditionally conducted in four phases.

In phase I trials, a small group of participants are tested to determine the safety of a drug as well as the appropriate dosage and side effects. Phase II trials are similar but involve more participants and test how well a treatment works. Phase III trials enroll even more people—typically in the hundreds or thousands—and usually compare a trial drug to the current standard of care treatment. In many cases, this is the last step before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves the drug as a treatment option.

Finally, phase IV trials are undertaken after the FDA has approved a drug. This final stage continues to research the long-term side effects or benefits of drug use.

The latest trials spur the latest advancements. While many trials research specific drugs targeting specific cancers, the possibility exists

to conduct such research in a broader format.

"The Targeted Agent and Profiling Utilization Registry (TAPUR) Study is the first-ever clinical trial by ASCO," says Eugene Ahn, MD, medical director of clinical research at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Midwestern Regional Medical Center (Midwestern) in Zion, Ill. "This trial aims to improve our understanding of how commercially available anti-cancer drugs perform on a broader range of cancers by matching drugs to tumors with specific genomic mutations that the drugs are designed to target regardless of their location in the body."

Each of the targeted therapies included in the study has already been approved by the FDA to treat specific cancers. This trial will collect data on how these anti-cancer drugs perform on patients with advanced cancer types when used outside of their FDA-approved indications. The hope is that by studying these drugs—which are provided at no cost to the study participants—researchers will gain new insights on the drugs' potential uses.

Taking an Active Role in a Clinical Trial

Clinical trials like TAPUR are important for the advancement of cancer care and treatment. If you are considering enrolling in TAPUR or any other clinical trial, it's important you know that enrollment is voluntary and a decision between you and your medical oncologist. Ask questions to find out if enrolling in a trial is right for you.

CTCA at Midwestern is one of five CTCA sites and the first location in Illinois enrolling patients in the ASCO TAPUR trial. You can learn more about the TAPUR study by visiting clinicaltrials.gov. The study is registered on the site (NCT 02693535), which includes a list of inclusion/exclusion criteria and other information. You can also learn more by contacting the clinical trials team at clinicaltrials@ctca-hope.com or by calling 888-841-9129. •

Film

Three Films to See This Season



The Florida Project (A24), *Call Me By Your Name* (Sony Pictures Classics), and *Lady Bird* (A24).

By Morgan & Ryan Rojas for www.cinemacy.com

Are you planning on seeing a movie this holiday season and looking for a suggestion that isn't the latest *Star Wars*? We here at Cinemacy are happy to recommend a few films we saw this year that also happen to be some of our favorites. On a side note, we also want to quickly express our thanks to Herald Publications who, going on our fourth year, continue to allow us to share our thoughts on indie films with you. We sincerely hope that through Cinemacy, you have learned of a new movie or checked out a film that you might not have otherwise considered, which is what inspires us year after year. Happy holidays!

The Florida Project (111 min. Rated R) by Ryan Rojas

Imagine if *The Little Rascals* took place within a string of budget motels located outside Disney World and you have *The Florida Project*, the most triumphant statement on childhood since 2014's *Boyhood*. Following a group of youngsters over one unsupervised summer as they run, play and altogether cause mischief around the extended-stay motels where they live, writer and director Sean Baker's second feature film is a masterful exercise in dichotomy. Juxtaposing beautiful moments of kids running towards rainbows and celebrating fireworks in the low-income environment where vices and dangers loom large, Baker reveals the fantasy against the harsh reality of their lives. Willem Dafoe, as maintenance worker Bobby, is subtle and stunning. But it's the spunky six year-old Brooklyn Prince who steals the show as spirited youngster Moonee, whose boundless energy reminds us that the make-believe and innocence of childhood inevitably ends, but should be cherished while it's here.

Call Me By Your Name (132 min. Rated R) by Morgan Rojas

Call Me By Your Name is the rare kind of big-screen adaptation that not only stays true to the details that made the novel so special, but improves upon them. Timothée Chalamet and Armie Hammer star as two acquaintances/turned friends/turned lovers who navigate the confused feelings of desire for each other over one sunshine-soaked summer in a 1980s Italian countryside. With a screenplay by James Ivory and directed by Luca Guadagnino, the story is beautifully sensual and lyrical, making for a romantic film that offers enough intimacy and devastation to capsize anyone. Newcomer Chalamet commands the film as teen Elio, whose journey of self-discovery and coming-of-age is one that bridges worlds in its emotional resonance and is already gathering awards and early Best Actor buzz.

Lady Bird (94 min. Rated R) by Morgan Rojas

The mother-daughter relationship can be a delicate dance, especially during those teenage years when it feels like the world and everyone in it is *literally* against you, and if you could only move to New York, that would solve everything! For those of us who have lived through that phase (*raises hand), Greta Gerwig's directorial debut, *Lady Bird*, is sure to strike a personal chord. Saoirse Ronan leads a cast of equally talented actors as she struggles to see eye to eye with her mother and vice versa—with neither realizing their frustrations stem from the fact that they are exactly alike. This is a must-see for anyone who likes their humor darkly realistic and cunning. •

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Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

Nobody Should Be Shocked by Trump's, Ambassador's U.N. Antics

By Cristian Vasquez

When United States Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, on behalf of President Trump, warned that Washington would take action against the countries that voted to reject the President's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the criticism came from all angles. From anger to indignation, the United States was condemned for not only moving the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, but for Haley's vindictive tone against the nations that voted against the move. Here's the thing: Since when is a UN vote binding? Does it really matter, for the purposes of what the United States wants, that the UN opposed our position?

Yes, this makes for horrible diplomacy and it is a direct contradiction to the spirit and purpose for being a member of the UN. However, for the people kicking and screaming about this bully tactic, why all the noise? It's not the first time our leaders imposed their will on the world regardless of UN sentiment. Let's not forget about the decision by President George Bush to invade Iraq despite opposition from the UN and from some of our nation's strongest allies. Years before President Bush's debacle, President Bill Clinton and his administration--despite knowing about the massacre occurring in Rwanda in 1994--dragged their feet to act and prevent this atrocity despite the willingness of the UN to intervene. More recently President Obama decided to bomb Syria despite a UN Charter that military force should not be used unless

in self-defense, or if the Security Council approves the attack.

I accept it's rude, unacceptable and childish to go around threatening people, or countries, that disagree with you. But to my friends on the left looking for any reason to attack Number 45, remember that the actions of this administration mirror those of his predecessors. The UN has been treated like a yellow traffic light by every president. Each administration will for the most part respect its symbolism--but when in a rush, they'll bypass rules in order to obtain the end goal. So what's the outcry really about? Are people mad that our country picks and chooses when to cooperate with the UN--or because it's done by a president they don't like?

Democrats are making the same mistake they committed back 2004 when they were so busy bashing President Bush at every opportunity that they never developed a solid platform--nor nominate a great candidate--and we were stuck with John Kerry and Bush in the general election. Democrats need to end that fixation to bash President Trump and get to work finding an ideal candidate for the White House and developing an agenda that will fix the damage caused by 45 at home and abroad. The way that Haley behaved in the UN is unacceptable, but sadly it is not exclusive to just this administration. Furthermore, it would be tragic if the Democrats gave President Trump another four years simply because all they did was spend their time pointing fingers and complaining. •

Another Man's Opinion

We've Reached Armageddon Yet Again, According to Resistance

By Duane Plank

"Armageddon!" screamed southpaw Nancy Pelosi, the Cali Senator and Minority Leader of the House when she got wind of the details of the recently passed tax cut Mr. Trump adroitly guided through Congress.

The world, she ranted, is sure to end because there will be tax breaks for most Americans, including...yup, the wealthy donor class. The very wealthy Pelosi pontificated that the little guy got hosed again, and the lefties all opened their resist Trump playbook, parroting DNC talking points, fanning out to saturate lib-friendly media outposts like CNN and MSNBC with their lock-step blatherings. A practiced master of understatement, the sardonic Pelosi thundered that "the tax bill that the Republicans put forth is probably one of the worst bills in the history of the United States of America!"

Truth be told, the American tax system has been considered a sadistic joke for a very long time. A killer corporate tax on business entities strangling those trying to run a successful business and create jobs for legal American workers. Burdensome taxes forced many companies to move assets, profits and jobs out of the good old U.S. of A.

Trump's tax plan shaves the corporate tax rate from the astronomical rate of 35 percent to a more manageable 21. Middle-class families, as well as those hovering on the lower end of the money-making spectrum, will also catch a break. Yes, the wealthy types should also benefit. A win, win, win, right?

Unless you're an entrenched lefty on the tax

and spend side. Those who think they are more adept at spending your money than you are are howling about the trillions, they surmise, the tax cut will add to the already unconscionable national debt. How have the entrenched bureaucrats been doing with your money? Frittering it away on idiotic boondoggles, bullet trains going nowhere, taking your money and gleefully flushing it as they graze at the bureaucratic trough.

Yeah, bureaucrats are always the smartest folks in the room, right?

As he celebrated his first major legislative victory, Trump crowed that "we are bringing the entrepreneur back into this country. Ultimately, what does it mean? It means jobs, jobs, jobs." After the final passing of the plan last week, bucks-up corporations like AT&T, Boeing and the scallywag cheaters at Wells Fargo floated the notion that they would reward employees with bonuses, with the AT&T folks claiming they would gift 200,000 employees with \$1,000 bonuses.

As 2017 fades into the gloaming, the capstone is put on one of the most vitriolic years in American politics. Starting with the coronation of Trump, who stunned nearly everyone with his stomping of the somnambulant Queen Hillary. That event forced the leftists to search for an answer to why the chosen one tanked.

Within hours, Dems and their bosom buddies in the mainstream media started concocting a yarn that it was the Russians, and mastermind "Rasputin Putin," who delivered the Trump electoral victory.

More than a year later, after wasting millions our tax dollars, they still have a "nothing burger" on collusion. Happy New Year! •

Finance

NASA Selects Concept Finalists for Comet, Saturn Moon Missions



Solar system image courtesy of NASA.gov

Based on a Press Release from NASA, Provided by Bob Eklund

NASA has selected two finalist concepts for a robotic mission planned to launch in the mid-2020s: a comet sample return mission and a drone-like rotorcraft that would explore potential landing sites on Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

The agency announced the concepts December 20, following an extensive and competitive peer review process. The concepts were chosen from 12 proposals submitted in April under a New Frontiers program announcement of opportunity.

"This is a giant leap forward in developing our next bold mission of science discovery," said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. "These are tantalizing investigations that seek to answer some of the biggest questions in our solar system today."

THE FINALISTS

Comet Astrobiology Exploration Sample Return (CAESAR)

The CAESAR mission seeks to return a sample from 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, a comet that was successfully explored by the European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft, to determine its origin and history. Led by Steve Squyres of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, CAESAR would be managed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Dragonfly

Dragonfly is a drone-like rotorcraft that would explore the prebiotic chemistry and habitability of dozens of sites on Saturn's moon Titan, an ocean world in our solar system. Elizabeth Turtle from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland, is the lead investigator, with APL providing project management.

The CAESAR and Dragonfly missions will receive funding through the end of 2018 to further develop and mature their concepts. NASA plans to select one of these investigations in the spring of 2019 to continue on to subsequent mission phases.

The selected mission will be the fourth in NASA's New Frontiers portfolio, a series of principal investigator-led planetary science investigations that fall under a development cost cap of approximately \$850 million. Its predecessors are the New Horizons mission to Pluto and a Kuiper Belt object known as 2014 MU69, the Juno mission to Jupiter, and OSIRIS-REx, which will rendezvous with and return a sample of the asteroid Bennu.

NASA also announced the selection of two mission concepts that will receive technology development funds to prepare them for future mission competitions.

The Concepts Selected for Technology

Development

Enceladus Life Signatures and Habitability (ELSAH). The ELSAH mission concept will receive funds to develop cost-effective techniques that limit spacecraft contamination and thereby enable life detection measurements on cost-capped missions. The principal investigator is Chris McKay of NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley, and the managing NASA center is Goddard.

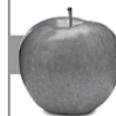
Venus In situ Composition Investigations (VICI). Led by Lori Glaze at Goddard, the VICI mission concept will further develop the Venus Element and Mineralogy Camera to operate under the harsh conditions on Venus. The instrument uses lasers on a lander to measure the mineralogy and elemental composition of

rocks on the surface of Venus.

The call for concepts was limited to six mission themes: comet surface sample return, lunar south pole-Aitken Basin sample return, ocean worlds (Titan and/or Enceladus), Saturn probe, Trojan asteroid tour and rendezvous, and Venus in situ explorer.

New Frontiers Program investigations address NASA's planetary science objectives as described in the 2014 NASA Strategic Plan and the 2014 NASA Science Plan. The program is managed by the Planetary Missions Program Office (<https://planetarymissions.nasa.gov>) at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, for the agency's Planetary Science Division in Washington. •

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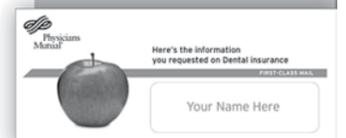


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Sports

Moments That Mattered in Sports in 2017: A Recap of the Past Year

By Adam Serrao

Say what you may about the year of 2017, but it certainly did its job in providing us all with a great deal of memorable moments across the sports world. Some of those moments may bring you warm feelings of joy. Others may induce unpleasant memories that you'd rather forget. All in all, however, the athletic events that took place in the year of 2017 did their part in providing us all with countless hours of entertainment. So, without further ado, let's take a look back at some of the most memorable sporting events that took place throughout the course of the past year that will now soon come to an end.

What would a discussion about sports--and more specifically football--be if the names of Tom Brady and the New England Patriots were not mentioned? Naturally, New England is in the running for a Super Bowl spot once again this season, but who could forget about their stunning comeback over the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI. Atlanta held a 28-3 lead while most of America took joy in Brady's pain and frustration. It wasn't long, however, before the quarterback would lead his team on a stunning second-half comeback to eventually take a 34-28 come-from-behind Super Bowl victory.

Just as the Patriots have dominated football lately, the Warriors have dominated the game of basketball. The epitome of a "super team," Golden State went out and acquired Kevin Durant to become even stronger than before. That strength in numbers led to a 4-1 NBA

Finals victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Those two teams weren't the only ones making news in the NBA, though. The Los Angeles Lakers acquired Lonzo Ball with the second pick in the NBA draft. While his father has still failed to stop talking, Lonzo looks to be finally coming in to his own. The rookie currently averages close to 10 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists per game. At only age 20, Lonzo (and the rest of his family) has garnered a great majority of publicity around the NBA and more specifically, around Los Angeles.

Who could forget the publicity stunt that was the fight between 40-year-old boxing star Floyd Mayweather and 28-year-old UFC star Conor McGregor? After weeks of grandstanding on stages across the world and badmouthing each other, the two fighters actually made their bout look somewhat respectable. In the end, though, Mayweather took the victory, as expected, and walked away with well over \$100 million. McGregor received over \$30 million.

In college sports, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels maneuvered their way through their share of March Madness and found themselves up against a Gonzaga Bulldogs team that had only lost two games all season long. A 71-65 victory brought North Carolina its seventh men's college basketball national championship. Another underdog, upset victory took place in the College Football Playoff National Championship last year. The Clemson Tigers marched into

Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida and behind star quarterback and MVP of the game Deshaun Watson, handed the Alabama Crimson Tide a 35-31 loss. In college football's first ever rematch in national championship game history (Alabama had beaten Clemson in the 2016 championship game), the Tigers won on a go-ahead touchdown with one second remaining in the game. With 420 yards, Watson set the record for most passing yards in championship game history.

The Pittsburgh Penguins continued their dominance of the NHL in 2017 as they became the first team in nearly two decades to win a second consecutive Stanley Cup championship. The Penguins defeated the Nashville Predators by a final score of 2-0 in Game 6 of a series that saw Nashville make its first-ever appearance in the Stanley Cup finals. With the victory, Pittsburgh has now won five championships, all of which have come since 1991. It was the third Stanley Cup appearance for Penguins star Sydney Crosby, who also won his second Conn Smythe Trophy for most valuable player of the postseason. At just age 29, Crosby has likely cemented his reputation as most recognizable player in the NHL.

Just when everyone had perhaps forgotten about Roger Federer, the tennis superstar had a late-career revival in 2017. Federer not only won the Australian Open, but also captured a record eighth Wimbledon title in 2017 while in the process becoming the tournament's oldest champion ever. With his amazing year, the

Swiss superstar took home his 19th career Grand Slam title and at the age of 35, is showing a late-career resurgence that still ranks him amongst the game's elite.

Last, but certainly not least, who could forget the epic World Series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Houston Astros? After their city had been devastated by Hurricane Harvey, Jose Altuve, Justin Verlander and the rest of the Astros rallied to defeat the Dodgers in seven games to bring a World Series title back to Houston. As good as the Astros were, however, the series might more notably be remembered--especially by Dodger fans--for their players' inability to execute in the clutch. Clayton Kershaw once again showed that he is absolutely beatable in the postseason with yet another series of meltdowns occurring when the team needed him the most. Even Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen threw up a dud or two to contribute to his team's loss. In the end, however, Houston proved it was the better team in winning franchise's first World Series title ever.

Those memories and many, many more complete a 2017 year that was full of a countless amount of moments that made us cheer, cringe, jump for joy and even shriek in disbelief. As 2018 gets off to a start, more memories begin to write themselves into the record books and into our hearts. There truly is nothing in this world like sports and the year of 2017 certainly had its own unique way of proving that point to us all once again. •

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Finance

Why IRAs Are An Important Part Of The Retirement Planning Mix



(BPT) - There are so many questions people have - no matter their age or stage in life - about saving for retirement: When is the right time to start saving? How much should I be putting aside? What are the savings vehicles I should be using?

While the answers vary for everyone, depending on their individual situation and goals, there is one way to save for retirement that truly works for everyone.

An IRA is an investment option available to anyone who wants to start saving, and is a great way to either supplement an employer-sponsored retirement plan - such as a 401K - or for people who may not have access to such a plan. IRAs are a "bucket" that holds different assets for investment growth and can include stocks, bonds, CDs and more.

They are easy to open at your credit union or bank, and are often available in plans that

range from high to low risk, with as much or as little hands-on management as you'd prefer.

There are several different types of IRAs to choose from, but it might be worth getting help when it comes to deciding which is your best option.

"It's important to work with a financial adviser to determine the best IRA plan for you based on your age, retirement goals, current income and employment status," said Ryan Blankenship, associate director of deposit products at Bellco Credit Union. "For those who may not have a financial planner, credit unions typically offer investment planning services through partner organizations as part of the credit union membership."

The three main types of IRAs are Traditional, Roth and SEP:

Traditional IRA: This investment helps

you save on taxes, since all of your contributions are tax deductible. When you withdraw funds for retirement, they are taxed at your current income tax rate, but there are penalties for drawing money before age 70 1/2.

Roth IRA: A Roth IRA provides a bit more flexibility. Contributions are made with your post-tax income, which means you can't deduct them on your annual income tax. A benefit, however, is that you are able to draw money earlier without paying a penalty, so long as you don't withdraw more than you've personally contributed. Any interest that you earn on your Roth IRA is not accessible until age 70 1/2 without penalty.

Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA:

SEP IRAs are available to business owners and are a great option for people who are self-employed to save for retirement. Contributions are tax deductible, and money can be withdrawn at any time. Any withdrawn funds are subject to income tax as well as an additional 10 percent tax if drawn before age 59 1/2.

One important note is that each of these IRA types has eligibility requirements and contribution limits. For example, if you have a 401K through your employer, there are limits to how much you can contribute to an IRA.

No matter which you choose, IRAs can be a powerful way to save for retirement, no matter how far off that may be. •

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Herald Publications Holiday Schedule

Our offices will be closed the following days for the holidays.
Thursday, December 28 | Friday, December 29 | Monday, January 1

Chocolate Peppermint Truffle Tart

Recipe provided by BPT

Ingredients

COOKIE CRUST

- 9 ounces chocolate wafer cookies
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon Sugar In The Raw
- 1 tablespoon Stevia In The Raw

CHOCOLATE-PEPPERMINT FILLING

- 12 ounces unsweetened chocolate, roughly chopped
- 5 tablespoons cold butter, cut into cubes

- 1 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 cup Sugar In The Raw
- 3/4 cup Stevia In The Raw
- 1 1/2 teaspoons peppermint extract

WHIPPED CREAM

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons Sugar In The Raw
- 1 teaspoon Stevia In The Raw



Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a 9-inch round springform pan with removable bottom and sides. In the bowl of a food processor, pulse chocolate cookies until fine. Transfer to a bowl and stir in melted butter, Sugar In The Raw and Stevia In The Raw until well combined. Press mixture into bottom and up the sides of pan. Bake crust until firm, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

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2. In a medium bowl, add chocolate and butter. In a small saucepan bring cream, Sugar In The Raw and Stevia In The Raw to a boil, whisking constantly until completely dissolved. Pour cream over the chocolate and butter and whisk until chocolate has melted. Stir in peppermint and pour into crust. Chill at least one hour.
3. In a large bowl beat cream, Sugar In The Raw and Stevia In The Raw on high speed until stiff peaks form, about 1 minute. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve tart. Slice tart, top with whipped cream and dust with cocoa powder. •

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Billboard Agreement 2017BA04**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter: **BILLBOARD AGREEMENT 2017BA04**: A request to approve an agreement to allow for the construction and operation of a new digital billboard within the Freeway Overlay Zone. **PROJECT LOCATION**: 5100 Rosecrans Avenue (APN: 4149-001-122) on the east side of the San Diego 405 Freeway, City of Hawthorne, California. **MEETING DETAILS**:
Day: Tuesday
Date: January 9, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:30 PM January 8, 2017, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to cpalmer@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Christopher Palmer at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Billboard

Agreement 2017BA04 is consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15332. The proposed project is exempt from the requirements of preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration because the project meets the criteria for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15332, (In-Fill Development Projects) of CEQA. This provision exempts projects that are consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. In addition, the proposed billboard project is covered by the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Freeway Overlay Zone (Billboard Overlay) and adopted by the City Council on September 13, 2016, through Ordinance 2122, in that the proposed project meets design guidelines and restrictions created by the Freeway Overlay Zone.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
ELIZABETH COACH
CASE NO. 17STPB10949**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ELIZABETH COACH. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAMELABREWER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAMELA BREWER 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: 01/10/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
CARROLL STATEN
CASE NO. 17STPB10203**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CARROLL STATEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NADYNE HICKS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NADYNE HICKS 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: 01/18/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 57 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
CLINT DRAPER
CASE NO. 17STPB11915**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CLINT DRAPER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LATRINA DRAPER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LATRINA DRAPER 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 with limited authority. (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

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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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2017ZA08
PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter: **ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2017ZA08**: A proposed Ordinance amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) to add parameters and standards to Chapter 17.22, Specific Plans. **PROJECT LOCATION**: Citywide - City of Hawthorne Los Angeles County, State of California **MEETING DETAILS**:
Day: Tuesday
Date: January 9, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

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Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to bjamess@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Brian James at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Zone Text Amendment 2017ZA08 is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3), which exempts actions that will not result in a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Ordinance would provide parameters and standards that future specific plan applications would be required to meet and would not directly result in physical development.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
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CASE NO. 17STPB11200**

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**NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS**
DISTRICT: HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Cell Phone Services
PROJECT NO: S17-18-5
DEADLINE FOR RFPs: January 5, 2018 at 4:00 PM.
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SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO (if delivered in person): Hawthorne School District Purchasing Department, 13021 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO (if submitting electronic copy): msoriano@hawthorne.k12.ca.us
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Hawthorne School District, Hawthorne, California, here after referred to as "OWNER", acting by and through its governing board and representatives, in accordance with Public Contract Code 20118.2, is requesting

proposals, for services under Request for Proposal (RFP) No. S17-18-5 Cell Phone Services. The proposals may be delivered to the Hawthorne School District's Purchasing Department, 13021 S. Yukon Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250, or electronic copy of the Bidder's proposal sent via email to msoriano@hawthorne.k12.ca.us, by January 17, 2018, up to, but no later than, 2:00 PM. Proposals received after the specified due date, time or other than at the location shown will be considered non-responsive. Please allocate enough time due to the parking restrictions in the area. Do not park in front of the water tower. Each proposal must conform to the RFP documents. Copies of the RFP documents are available and must be obtained from the websites listed above. The services requested depend on partial funding from the School and Libraries Division's E-rate Program and California Public Utility Commission's California Teleconnect Fund (CTF). All contracts entered into as a result of this advertisement shall be contingent upon the approval of discounts from the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) and CTF and the OWNER's acceptance

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**Notice of Service and Hearing**

Notice of Service to: Joseph N. Jackson
Renewed Motion For Order to Enforce Terms of Settlement Agreement has been filed against you.
Court Case #BC364346
Court Date: January 11, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. in Dept. 72 at the Superior Court of the City of Los Angeles, 111 N Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA.
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
DUANE FREDERICK MILLER
CASE NO. 17STPB10984**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DUANE FREDERICK MILLER. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KENNY R. KLEFER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KENNY R. KLEFER 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: 01/09/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days

from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2017ZA09
PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter: **ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2017ZA09**: A proposed Ordinance amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) to require City Council approval for any mixed use (residential and non-residential) project located in the Mixed Commercial (CM) Zone to ensure a quality project that meets the requirements of the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan, General Plan, and design guidelines. **PROJECT LOCATION**: CM Zone - City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, State of California **MEETING DETAILS**:
Day: Tuesday
Date: January 9, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:30 PM January 8, 2018, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed

to bjamess@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact Brian James at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Zone Text Amendment 2017ZA09 is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3), which exempts actions that will not result in a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Ordinance would require City Council review of mixed use projects and would not alter the allowable density/intensity or standards of the CM Zone or directly result in physical development. In addition, development within the CM Zone was evaluated within the scope of the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report, adopted on February 17, 2016 (SCH #2015021074) and no additional evaluation of the impacts of this Ordinance is required.

PLEASE NOTE that pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the City Council or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.
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HH-25852

Home is the nicest word there is. - Laura Ingalls Wilder

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017336551

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) YELLOW BRICK ROAD 2) MUNCHKINLAND DOGGIE DAY CARE AND GYM, 1501 E EL SEGUNDO BLVD, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90254 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DOWN DOG LODGE, LLC, 1501 E EL SEGUNDO, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, 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: N/A. Signed: DOWN DOG LODGE, LLC, MANAGER, RYAN SIEGELMAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 28, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on NOVEMBER 28, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to NOVEMBER 28, 2022. 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. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2017 **H-1725**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017333670

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARVELISH ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, 9818 SOUTH 8TH AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90305, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) ISHMUN LEROY BROWN II, 9818 SOUTH 8TH AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90305. 2) MARVIN CASTRO, 4380 W 132ND STREET, APT 11, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250. 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: 11/2017. Signed: ISHMUN LEROY BROWN II, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 22, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on NOVEMBER 22, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to NOVEMBER 22, 2022. 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. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2017 **HI-1727**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017336605

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NATURAL HEALTH PARTNERS, 1403 W LOMITA BLVD, STE 303-B, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ROLAND TAY, N.D. NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 1403 W LOMITA BLVD, STE 303-B, HARBOR CITY, CA, 90710. 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: ROLAND TAY, N.D. NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. PRESIDENT, ROLAND TAY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 28, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on NOVEMBER 28, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to NOVEMBER 28, 2022. 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. 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2017 **H-1728**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017339570

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WESTCO SIGNS, 2413 AMSLER ST, TORRANCE, CA 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SKYWAY SIGNS, LLC, 2413 AMSLER ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, 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: 11/2017. Signed: SKYWAY SIGNS, LLC, MANAGING MANAGER, ABDULLAH A. ISSA. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 30, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on NOVEMBER 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to NOVEMBER 30, 2022. 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. 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4/2018 **HT-1729**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017349337

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MY CARPENTER SOLUTIONS, 11955 MANOR DR APT 1, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 3000 CONSTRUCTION INC., 3732 105TH STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90303, 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: 3000 CONSTRUCTION INC., CEO, ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ ESCARENO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 13, 2022. 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **HH-1731**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017349564

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4WAVES CONSULTING, 5124 CAROL DRIVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MANOLY GUSTAVSON, 5124 CAROL DRIVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. 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: MANOLY GUSTAVSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 13, 2022. 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **HT-1732**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017350895

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MA'AT MINDFUL MOVEMENT, 1886 W. 94TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RENISHA JENKINS, 1886 W. 94TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90047, 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: 12/2017. Signed: RENISHA JENKINS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 14, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 14, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 14, 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **H-1733**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017345726

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VARIEL AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN, 12825 CITY DRIVE, UNIT 105, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ANDREW KWON, 12825 CITY DRIVE, UNIT 105, 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: 12/2017. Signed: ANDREW KWON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 7, 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **HH-1734**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017344315

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CAPIZON PUBLISHING, 2442 ANDREO AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) SOUTH BAY BOOKS, PO BOX 3272, TORRANCE, CA, 90510-327 3) STAN MORRIS ASSOCIATES 4) STAN MORRIS MUSIC Registered Owner(s): STANLEY MORRIS, 2442 ANDREO AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2017. Signed: STANLEY MORRIS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 6, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 6, 2022. 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **HT-1735**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017351631

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOOD SHAPE RESEARCH, 2408 PALM AVE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MARGARET JEAN PROFET, 2408 PALM AVE, 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: MARGARET JEAN PROFET, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 15, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 15, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 15, 2022. 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. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 **H-1736**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353043

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) COURTESY INN, 901 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) COURTESY HOTEL, 640 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301. 3) COURTESY HOSPITALITY 4) COURTESY HOTELS 5) COURTESY INNS 6) COURTESY INNS OF AMERICA. Registered Owner(s): SMITRAY, INC., 901 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/1998. Signed: SMITRAY, INC., SECRETARY, N. DAHYABHAI. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 18, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 18, 2022. 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. 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2018 **HI-1737**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353035

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) BEST WESTERN SUITES HOTEL, 5005 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304-1228, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) LOS ANGELES SUITE INN, 640 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 3) AIRPORT SUITES HOTEL 4) BEST WESTERN PLUS SUITES HOTEL 5) BEST WESTERN PLUS SUITES HOTEL-LAX 6) LOS ANGELES SUITES HOTEL 7) SUITES HOTEL-LAX. Registered Owner(s): CENTURY ASSOCIATES INC, 5005 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304-1228, 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: 05/1992. Signed: CENTURY ASSOCIATES INC, SECRETARY, N. DAHYABHAI. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 18, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 18, 2022. 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. 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2018 **HI-1738**

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"For a five-year old female Shih-Tzu/Terrier mix, I've had quite the busy life. My name is **Mamacita** and please don't ask me how I ended up out on the street and very pregnant. It's a good thing that animal control found me and took me to the shelter when they did or I don't know what would have happened. The day after I arrived at the shelter, I gave birth to my four puppies...but sadly, only two survived. Sigh. Obviously, I wasn't getting adopted any time soon and I am so thankful that the MSFR angels took all three of us into their homes. They helped me with my babies and made sure that their veterinarian checked us out. Once I quit feeding my pups, I made a quick trip back to the vet for a dental and a procedure to make certain that I won't be having any more litters. Now I can relax and

return to being the loving, affectionate little gal that I am. I'm back to my regular weight of nine pounds--just the perfect size for cuddling. I get along great with other dogs, but I'm just as happy to be your one and only."

If you're interested in Mamacita, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"My new name is **Flora**, which is of Latin origin and means flower. It's absolutely the perfect name for a tiny, 10-pound gal, as I continue to bloom under the care of my foster folks. I have to tell you that when I was found by animal control and taken to an LA County shelter, I was nothing short of a mess. I had to be placed in the medical building because of a



Flora



Sully

disgusting and painful skin condition. I won't get too graphic, but the sores and inflammation were so bad I didn't even want to be touched. I certainly was not adoptable in that condition and that's when the big-hearted MSFR folks rescued me. They took me straight to their veterinarian where several different skin tests were performed and the final diagnosis was that my condition was called demodectic mange--and I also had an ear infection. Thankfully it's not contagious, so I just spent a few days at the animal hospital receiving treatment. Amazingly, I responded so well that I was looking and feeling much better after only one treatment and a medicated bath. I should be all healed

and ready for my new home mid-January. It's been a bit of a rough road for this four-year old, female, purebred Miniature Schnauzer, but I know the best is yet to come! If you're looking for a petite youngster to share your life, I'm definitely the sweet gal for you. I even get along with other dogs, but do just fine by myself."

If you're interested in Flora, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"Hi, my name is **Sully**, just like the pilot that landed the plane on the Hudson River back in 2009. Well, I'm no pilot...but for a nine-month old, male Miniature Schnauzer mix, I did my best to steer my sister in the right direction while we were on the streets. There was a very kind person who saw us scrounging for food in the alley and fed us for about week. We realized that being on our own was not only unsafe, but that youngsters like us needed real homes to thrive. That's how we ended up at an LA County shelter as strays. Luckily, the nice folks at MSFR rescued us and are helping me find my forever home. My sisters have already been adopted and now I can focus on doing the same. I'm pretty much a work in progress--don't know what a leash is for--but I'm a quick learner and respond well to affection, kindness and chicken! I really need a home with another dog because I love to play and need a pal to show me the ropes. I'm only 14 pounds, so I don't take up much space; I'm very eager to please and could be your best friend."

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Happy Tails



Congratulations to Beanie and his new family.

Beanie is the little Shih-Tzu mix that required four surgeries over the course of two months to totally remove all of the foxtails he had. His folks had previously adopted MSFR's Timmy, a tiny poodle mix, in 2006 but sadly he passed away a couple of months ago from kidney cancer. Their little five-year old female Malti-Poo (Maltese/Poodle mix) named Pixie missed Timmy and everyone was so lonely and

sad. Well, it was love at first sight when Pixie and Beanie met and Mom and Dad jumped right in and joined the love fest! His new mom held him and cuddled him while tears of joy streamed down her face. Definitely sealed the deal. Since his folks are retired and have lots of time for their furry kids, let the fun and adventures begin! Beanie now lives in Azusa and we wish all of them much happiness. •

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