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## SpaceX Recognized for Successful Launch of Dragon Spacecraft



The Hawthorne City Council presents a banner signed by citizens honoring SpaceX and its accomplishments with the launch of a rocket to the International Space Station. Gwynne Stowell, President of SpaceX, third from the left, accepts the banner on behalf of all her employees. Photo by Tom Quintana. Read more below.

## City Attorney Dismissed in Coup as City Council Continues to Clash

By Nancy Peters

The agenda of the Hawthorne City Council meeting for Tuesday, August 14 listed many presentations and recognitions, along with the usual resolutions for review and approval. But it was one of the closed sessions at the end of the evening's plan that gave the public cause for pause and elicited Council member comments requesting remarks "be transcribed verbatim" for the record.

As congratulations and kudos were being handed out, resolutions were being approved and public hearings were being held, directives were being given to then-City Attorney Russell Miyahira during the evening, but the tension was quite palpable. When the meeting's regular consent calendar items from the City Clerk and the City Manager were reviewed and approved, there was a noticed absence on the agenda for items from the City Attorney--an unusual occurrence, as this staff member was regularly included with items.

The wording of the closed session, item #23, made it quite clear that a new City Attorney was being proposed to replace Miyahira, despite no vote having yet been taken or results announced. With the presentations concluded, resolutions approved and public comments heard, Mayor Danny Juarez announced public comments could be heard prior to the closed session #23, taken out of order. No public comments were made. Although Councilmember Olivia Valentine had already made her comments during her report time, Councilmember Alex Vargas reserved his comments for this time period.

Vargas spoke to the lack of compliance by the Mayor to his campaign promise to bring a new transparency to the Council. Vargas admitted to once being on the "side" of the Mayor due to the promises made, implying that two factions govern Hawthorne from the

Council dais. Miyahira was then praised by Vargas for his loyalty, honesty, hard work and trustworthiness, echoing the comments made by Valentine minutes before. Vargas suggested that a personal motive by the Mayor to replace the City Attorney (the position is at the discretion of the Council and is not protected by any union affiliation) was because Miyahira had opposed the Mayor on certain issues that the latter wanted to bring forth and that Miyahira's expertise challenged Juarez's personal agenda--resulting in this evaluation of the attorney's performance, with an Interim City Attorney appointment waiting in the wings and actually sitting in the gallery.

Following the closed session, Tiffany Israel, who stated she was providing special counsel services to the City of Hawthorne, announced from the podium that during the closed session a vote of 3-2, with Valentine and Vargas dissenting, resulted in Miyahira's dismissal. The Mayor then requested that Chief of Police Robert Fager escort Miyahira out of the chambers and from the building. A two-minute recess called by Juarez allowed for Miyahira to bid farewell to City staff with whom he had worked for 26 years.

Juarez then made a motion for a recommendation on the closed session item to appoint an Interim City Attorney (Kunle Aderonmu). With a second to the motion, discussion began with a question and answer from Vargas and Valentine to Aderonmu as to his qualifications and for his verbal resume since neither a hard or soft (electronic) copy of a resume had been presented for Council review. When asked how he knew of the position and to attend the meeting on this evening, at first he was silent. But he then stated that attorney-client privilege prevented a response from him and no disclosure would

be given.

Aderonmu brings nearly 30 years of law practice, some as a public defender in the Los Angeles County system, some in private practice, and a few years as a City Attorney for Hawthorne prior to 1997. A question of a background check completed for him was answered by him that the State Bar Association conducts an annual background check and only renews an attorney's license when that check is passed, as no attorney may practice without moral turpitude being proven. Aderonmu's appointment passed with a vote of 3-2, with Valentine and Vargas casting the dissenting votes.

Agenda items approved by the Council included new speed bumps on Wilton Place, for which Interim City Manager Arnie Shadbehrr was directed by Councilmember Nilo Michelin to contact County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas for assistance to expedite County approval since the County owns half of the street. These speed bumps will bring safety to the heavily traveled street that runs through a neighborhood occupied by resident families with children for whom safety has been an issue due to speeding vehicles. Also approved was a new policy to name City facilities posthumously for citizens who have been deceased at least three years.

An addendum to extend the franchise agreement with Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC, as Hawthorne's trash hauler was authorized with a locked-in rate until 2015, a franchise fee paid in a \$4 million lump sum, and continuation of trash hauling, recycling of all types of waste and a \$170,000 contribution to repair streets damaged by the trash trucks.

A new parking policy, for the medians on Hawthorne Boulevard extending from

**See Council, page 12**

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
83°/68°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
78°/66°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
75°/65°



# A Student's Perspective **Obituary**

## Think for Yourself

By Glen Abalayan,  
Torrance High School Student

Just like in high school, most centers of assembly are socially segregated into different groups with similar philosophies. Most members prefer to stay in their own cliques and justify their membership for a sense of belonging, a feeling of safety and approval. This leads members to think collectively and become more like each other by changing their own appearance, interests, or, in more drastic situations, their own morality. But the constant pressure to think as a group and "become one" pushes people to abandon their own individuality and replace it with a crowd mentality. This brings up the issue on whether an individual's thoughts is actually his own or those of the social hive-mind.

Ever since the existence of life, animals had to constantly adapt in order to survive. Although it is less gruesome than before, the "Adapt or Die" ideology is still shown today when individuals are pushed to adapt to different social factors in order to maintain a decent social life. This form of Social Darwinism is similar to what is seen in the wild where individuals form larger groups based on similar attributes for protection. This example is shown in its most primitive form through tribes, and in its more current form as clubs and cliques. Instead of using the group for protection from physical threats, such as a charging Bull Elephant, today's groups are usually created for another form of danger: ridicule and emotional harm. This concept of having power in numbers deters would-be bullies, or charging Bull Elephants, from harming members of the group. The parallel between humanity's tribal roots and its present social state is evident in these examples, as both rely on forming larger groups for protection. But another reason why groups are formed is the human desire for approval.

People desire approval and want to know their hard work is recognized by their superiors. As children, this form of recognition would be a "good job" and a pat on the back, while as adults, recognition would take into the form of a raise or a promotion. The same can be said in groups where people are driven to do even the most mundane and embarrassing tasks just to gain the favor of their superiors. New members of a club are usually looked down upon as "newbies" and are the first choice to do mundane tasks such as documenting activities and picking up trash. But over time, the boring tasks usually are compensated with respect from other members and the individual is entitled to more benefits.

Some of these benefits include being accepted into the group as a true member and gaining the privilege to accompany members into social gatherings. Yet again, the natural need for protection is shown in this example. But not only is the person gaining protection, he is also procuring benefits from being in a bigger group. This practice dates back to our formative years when our hunter-gatherer ancestors found it much easier to hunt prey in large groups. But

with the benefits listed in the stated examples, why would any individual choose to remain independent? It is because of the potential troubles of following what others say.

Sometimes, the desperate need for belonging can lead to very life-altering mistakes. A solid example of this is in gangs. Just like in most groups, gangs are mainly made for the sake of protection and acceptance. Gangs function the same way as their more civilized counterparts, but tend to resort to more violent acts to gain respect. For example, instead of doing the mundane task of cleaning desks to gain acceptance, some gangs would instead push a recruit to do illegal acts to prove their self-worth. This includes stealing cars, robbing stores and even inflicting harm on civilians. But although gaining acceptance to the group is an accomplishment to some, the feeling is short-lived as a number of new members regrettably end up in prison cells. So with all the different personalities individuals have to be, when can one separate the thoughts of an individual from those of the social hive-mind? The answer is to single out the individual as a person and not generalize their views as those of the group.

There are many instances in people's lives when they find out that the person whom they believed to be ended up being the complete opposite of their expectations. This may have a positive or negative outcome, but usually surprises or humbles the person. There are a large number of smart and respectable people who unfortunately make the wrong decisions and join the wrong group. Likewise there are also a number of sinister "wolves in sheep's clothing" who are members of reputable organizations. The only way to truly know the thoughts of an individual is to forget about what organizations they are in and focus on the person himself. Generalizing and stereotyping prevents someone from separating the individual from the group because it sets an unfair expectation of the person's beliefs. I have had many instances in my life when I was surprised to find out that the same people who act like gangbangers with their "homies" are the same people who knock at my door with the utmost respect and credibility. The main difference between the person I meet in school and the same respectable man in my neighborhood is the absence of the group, and presence of the individual in the purest and unadulterated form.

With the increasing pressure to join groups, it is ever more difficult to maintain one's individuality. Groups provide the protection and acceptance most people long for, but also can bring forth some unexpected consequences. Blindly following the orders to climb the social ladder causes these problems to occur and produces more harm than good. Unfortunately, people tend to base someone else's beliefs solely on the views of the group and set unfair expectations on the individual. With this, the only way to differentiate the views of the individual from the group is to view him as a person—not a member. •

LLOYD TROTTER

MAY 14, 1930 – AUGUST 7, 2012

Lloyd K. Trotter, age 82, passed on peacefully at home in the company of his wife and family. He served the Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 108 for over 50 years. Lloyd was active in his community and served Little League Baseball District 37

since 1960, achieving honors from both the League and the City of Hawthorne. Lloyd is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sylvia, his four children, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Lloyd was preceded in death by his brother James and grandson Brian.

## Hawthorne Happenings

### News for the City of Good Neighbors

From Cable TV Administrator  
Tom Quintana

Norb Huber's regular column will return  
August 23rd

TIS THE SEASON

Hard to believe we are more than half way through summer this election year which means mail boxes and answering machines will soon be overflowing with election campaign messages and literature from Federal, State, County and local elected officials and committees pushing various ballot measures.

So here are some dates to keep in mind prior to the November 6th Election Day.

If you have recently moved, changed your party affiliation or failed to vote in the last two general elections, you must register by October 22, 2012, to be eligible to vote. You may apply between October 8 to October 30 for a vote by mail ballot.

Voters who wish to vote by mail must submit a written request for a ballot no later than 7 days prior to election day. If you will be unable to vote in person on election day, promptly complete and sign the application for a vote by mail ballot and return it to:

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Under state law, a voter may apply for permanent vote by mail status. As a permanent vote by mail voter, you will no longer have to apply for future elections. A ballot will automatically be mailed to you for each election in which you are eligible to vote. A spouse or other person who resides with you may also want to apply for permanent vote by mail status.

Sample ballot booklets and state ballot pamphlets will be mailed to each registered voter between September 27 to October 16. For further information go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

**Beat the Heat**

Hawthorne Municipal Swimming Pool is your best way to get relief from our summer heat. Recreational swim hours (no registration required) are Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1p.m. to 4 p.m. For a mere \$1 (youth 17 & under) and \$2 per adult it is a sensible and economic way to get relief.

The Aquatic Center is located at 12501 Inglewood Avenue. Telephone number is 310-970-7228. •

## Hawthorne P.D. Captures Home Invasion Robbery Suspect

On August 10, 2012 at approximately 4:00 am, Hawthorne Police Officers responded to the 4500 Block of 115th Street reference an in-progress armed robbery. Neighbors reported hearing loud voices next door and it appeared as though the neighbor was being robbed. When Officers arrived, they set up a containment around the victim's residence and after a few minutes they observed a subject exit the house holding grocery bags containing valuables. Officers on scene ordered the man to the ground at which point he alerted the officers that he was the victim, and that the armed suspect was still inside his residence. Within moments, officers observed a second subject exit the residence and the victim immediately identified this second subject as the perpetrator. The suspect was ordered to the ground and upon doing so the suspect tossed a replica handgun on the ground near the entrance to the home. He was taken into custody without incident. He has been identified as 19 year old Devonte Austin of Los Angeles.

Officers interviewed the victim who reported that he was going to work that morning and while getting into his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway to the home, Austin approached him from behind and struck him in the back of the head with the butt of a handgun.

The victim fell to the ground and was robbed of his belongings. The victim was ordered to get into the car and then forced to drive to a nearby gas station where he was ordered at gunpoint to retrieve money from the ATM.

The victim was then ordered to drive back to his residence where Austin ordered the victim and his wife to produce valuables and money. When the victim's wife ran into the bedroom to get her newborn child,

Austin followed her into the bedroom where he pointed the handgun at her. The victims were repeatedly threatened to cooperate or the husband would be killed, his wife raped and their baby killed. Austin also told the victims that he did not care anymore about them and that this was the 5th robbery that he had committed through-out the night. The victim was also ordered to take valuables out of the bedrooms and to place them in living room area near the front door.

As the victim was ordered to carry his own property to his car, officers on scene took Austin into custody.

Detectives following up on this investigation were able to canvass the neighborhood for evidence or witnesses to this crime and yielded evidence linking Austin to a residential burglary a few houses away that had occurred within half-hour of the robbery. Local home surveillance video captured images of Austin near both victims' homes just prior to the robbery and residential burglary.

Theses images also show Austin acting alone, and it is not believed that there was a second suspect in either crime.

Detectives believe that Austin may be responsible for other related crimes that may have occurred through-out the night. Austin is currently under arrest for kidnapping for robbery, home invasion robbery, carjacking and assault with a deadly weapon. Austin's bail is currently set at 2-million dollars. Detectives have also learned that Austin is currently out on bail for a similar burglary arrest that took place in the Lennox area in March of 2012.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Hawthorne Police Department, Detective The Vu, at (310) 349-2844. The case remains under investigation by Hawthorne Police detectives. •



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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

*Writer's note: One of the most entertaining but technically challenging schools of writing is sometimes referred to as "nonsense" writing. Often an innocent heroine is thrown from her comfort zone into one that is hallucinogenic--filled with bizarre characters expressing non sequitur opinions. Two of the most successful stories of this genre are Alice in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz.*

*Today, in his never-ending search for truth, freedom and the American way, our neighborhood talking cat, Juan Carlos, host of The Cat in the Hat News Hour, joins with Alice, Dorothy and their friends for a journey to the November election. Let's join them, shall we?*

His Walter Winchell hat snugly tugged down and his microphone in hand, Carlos travels the Yellow Brick Road. Suddenly, from the shadows of a tree, he sees a huge smile...but no body. Says Carlos, "I have often seen a cat without a smile, but I have never seen a smile without a cat!" With that, the Cheshire Cat leaps from the tree and joins Carlos on his journey. Quickly they encounter Alice and Dorothy, who exclaim that they were thrown into a Mad Tea Party and expelled from Kansas by a tornado, and now find themselves in a world gone insane.

The party is full of mind-altering mushrooms, tea cups that shrink and grow, and riddles, riddles, riddles. A sign at the party asks, "Would you please tell me which way I ought to go?", while responding signs say, "Up, Down. Go this way. Go that way." Clearly we're not in Kansas anymore...

A confused Scarecrow notes: "We wage constant war to keep the peace! Last year we gave Iraq \$200 million--a sum they did not request for a program they did not support. Nevertheless, we forced them to take the money because it had been budgeted. President Obama is again budgeting Iraqi aid for 2013 since it 'maintains our commitment.'" And they say this Scarecrow has no brain?

An outraged Queen of Hearts screams, "In our world, the successful have their wealth confiscated and are identified as society's villains, while the unsuccessful are rewarded with 'entitlements!' The government spends money we do not have to enslave our poor in programs we cannot afford." Left is right, right is wrong.

The White Rabbit muses, "Those that pay no taxes at all believe those that do pay taxes are not paying their fair share!" Ohhhh, this is delicious.

The Mad Hatter rolls on the ground laughing and points out illegal aliens pay lower college tuition than American citizens from other states! That which is illegal is now legal, and that which is wrong is made right.

Up jumps the March Hare with his newest riddle: "When is progress not progress?" Giggling, he responds, "When the economy grows 163,000 jobs, but simultaneously 150,000 people give up searching for work. Since their withdrawal reduces the number of unemployed, our economy is seen as thriving!" Down is up, up is down.

The Wicked Witch of the West says, "I'll get you, my pretty," referring to Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security, who testified to Congress that terrorists from Yemen, Iran, Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan cross into the U.S. from Mexico, but we should not be concerned because those incursions only occur "from time to time."

With head bowed, the Cowardly Lion quietly mumbles, "We invested \$82 billion in GM and are still owed \$30 billion. Taxpayers could break even when GM stock reaches \$53 per share, but sadly, today it's worth less than \$20. GM's earnings are down 52 percent from last year and more of their cars are produced in China [32 percent] than the U.S. [30 percent]. I don't have the courage to suggest Bain Capital could have handled taxpayer money more prudently." If only I had the courage to speak up.

Dorothy says, "In Kansas, we're confused by a President who sealed his history by Executive Order, but demands that his opponent be more personally transparent. The House Speaker's lie about a presidential candidate not having paid income taxes for 10 years shows Oz has become a world without values or ethics." Bad is good, good is gone.

Alice woefully says, "I'm confused too. As our economy struggles, our President's goal is to more than double the cost of gas from \$4 to \$10, thereby raising business' costs while reducing consumers' spending power. Coal produces 40 percent of our electricity, but the EPA has issued regulations taking 8.5 percent of our plants out of service and precludes the construction of new plants." Is this a sound plan for a Wonderland?

For Alice, Dorothy and all the tea partiers, the signs point in every direction. Up is down. Left is right. Right is wrong. And the Yellow Brick Road has become the Road to Perdition. •

## Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube, right? Once that minty stuff escapes the cylinder, there ain't no do-overs. So I admit to being a bit of a dinosaur when it comes to technology. And we aren't going back to my heyday, are we? Very, very satisfied to be able to use my cheapo cell phone to occasionally make a call or receive and send very important texts to column-supporters and friends. Which, most times, are one and the same.

But I am chagrined at the fact that too many of you seem to be so preoccupied with these gizmos that you ignore the folks with whom you are actually in personal contact, whether it be out at a restaurant, at a ballgame, on the job, or even in the domicile.

Why is something on that darn screen more important than sharing a convo with the person you are standing or sitting next to? Because you can? Because you bought some outrageously priced data plan that allows you to selfishly and incessantly check said gizmo? To what end? Did I say selfishly?

Gotta opine that, in this day and age, no one is really impressed with you because you can summon up the current temperature in Cupertino on your phone. Or the date of the next Barry Manilow concert in Vegas. Or the start time for an Olympic soccer game.

Case in point. Was out and about recently, diligently doing my poli sci research, when I wondered what the start date of the Republican Convention was. Just innocently trying to make pitter-patter chatter with the good fellows sitting next to me, who were typing away on their phones, ignoring me.

Which happens at times, but I deal with it and move on. But I got the attention of both of the self-absorbed sitters. One intoned, "I can find that out," and started tapping away on his never-never-to-be-put-away tele. But to one-up him, the other fellow started yelling into his phone, bellowing, "When does the Republican Convention start?"

I was amazed. Did not know that you could yell at a phone and the phone would answer back, so help me, Steve Jobs. Awesome. By the time the tapping guy could answer, after checking some website, the other guy had already replied that the convention starts on August 27 and will be taking place in Tampa. Which was also awesome, to have that knowledge imparted my way. Now I knew that important info and the start date of the coronation for Mitt "The Glove" Romney and schmooze-booze-fest that is a national political convention circa 2012. And which, to be honest, I didn't really care to

hear the answer to--just trying to make small talk with some fellow citizens, which seems to be increasingly challenging in this era of incessant, incredibly rude usage of these mobile devices.

So a couple of weeks remain before the Elephant Partiers gather in Florida, and Romney has not released his Veep selection. Last time I looked, there were three to five guys on the alleged shortlist, which could be a list derived from political media boredom and burnout. After all, a couple of days prior to the John McCain camp selection of Sarah "Princess" Palin four years ago, don't think that she was on anyone's shortlist. Or any list at all. Other than a list that might have been compiled by a political writer with a lot of column inches to fill that might have been titled "Most Anonymous American Governors."

Anyway, I will take the safe side here and predict that the furiously fundraising POTUS, Mr. Obama, will nominate the current Vice President, Joe Biden, as his running mate when the Demos meet for their convention, which begins in early September, deep in the heart of NASCAR country in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Occasionally opine about the raking over the coals that the oil companies subject us to, and guess what?--more of that has already started coming our way. The day prior to tapping out this tome, the spit hit the fan about a nasty fire at a refinery up in Richmond, Cali that apparently sent "scores of people to hospitals with complaints of breathing problems."

Now, I am sure that these "scores of people" were all devastated by the fire at the big old refinery and weren't racing to the hospital, fabricating their distress and hoping to file a lucrative claim against the humongous oil company that, if memory serves me, was first established in Richmond, wherever that is, more than a hundred years ago.

And I am hoping that the ambulance-chasing lawyers weren't behind all the folks running to the hospital. Though I will wager a nickel that the joke that is the fossil Gloria Allred has already set up a tent near Richmond and will soon be holding a presser, alleging that some man intentionally set the refinery fire to take advantage of some down-on-her-luck hooker.

But I digress. Guess my thought is: Why did the petrol station down the street from the mansion raise their prices a nanosecond after the fire occurred? Now, I know that is exactly what every other profiteering petrol company does, but this is Mayberry, right? That stuff isn't supposed to happen here, so help me, Andy Griffith. •

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# Sports

## Sports



Marquese Lee of the Heat shoots above Rise defenders during Saturday's Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division IV basketball game. The Heat defeated the Rise 32-19. Photo by Joe Snyder.

## Ex-Leuzinger Hoop Star Wins Gold for U.S.

By Joe Snyder

Former Leuzinger High and Hawthorne resident Russell Westbrook was denied with his Oklahoma City Thunder of winning the National Basketball League crown by the LeBron James-led Miami Heat in June, but he, along with James and the rest of the United States' men's basketball team, captured the gold medal as the Americans topped pesky Spain 107-100 last Sunday in the XXX Olympiad London. Westbrook's ankle injury limited him to play just nine minutes as he mustered only three points. He injured his ankle in the medal round semifinals on Friday as the American squad rolled over Argentina 119-86.

After the U.S. won all but one of its previous contests by blowout scores with margins ranging from 27 points (98-71 in its first game against France) to 83 (an Olympic record setting 156-73 thrashing of Nigeria in pool play), the Americans knew that they would be in for a challenge against Spain, led by Los Angeles Lakers' star Pau Gasol and his brother Marc, a member of the NBA Memphis Grizzlies. The only other team to play with the U.S. was Lithuania in pool play as the Americans were able to hang on for a 99-94 victory.

Against the Spanish, the U.S. led by only one (59-58) at halftime and led by as many as 13 points late in the fourth period that all but clinched the game and the gold medal for the Americans. The U.S. coasted from there.

Leading the Americans was Thunder standout Kevin Durant with a game-high 30 points and nine rebounds. Durant totaled an Olympic record 156 points during these 2012 Games.

James added 19 points and Laker sensation Kobe Bryant chipped in 17. Pau Gasol sparked the Spanish with 24 points, followed by Juan Navarro with 21. Marc

Gasol contributed 17 points. Another Thunder star, Serge Ibaka, had 12 points for Spain.

### NO I.D. PULLS AWAY FROM LAKERS

No Identification increased its lead in the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division IV (ages 14-15) Youth Basketball League by pulling away from the Lakers 50-37 in a showdown last Saturday at Betty Ainsworth Gymnasium.

The Lakers (5-3) started off well with a 13-10 first quarter lead and were tied at 21 by halftime.

No I.D., however, started pulling away late in the third period and increased its lead to eight points (36-28). No I.D. led by as many as 15 points in the fourth quarter in winning handily.

No I.D. (7-1) was led by Richard Harris with a game-high 14 points, followed by Jylier Johnson with 13 and Brandon Lopez with 11. Ryan Quinde sparked the Lakers with 13 points, while Anthony Little had five.

### DIVISION IV: HEAT 32, RISE 19

The Heat used a stingy defense to hold the Rise to only four points per quarter in the last three quarters to pull away for a 32-19 victory in Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division IV basketball play on Saturday.

The Heat was spar,ed by Gerardo Acosta, who led all scorers with 13 points. Albert Corona put in seven points and Marquese Cook tallied six. Devon McGee led the Rise with six points.

### DIVISION III: YOUNG BALLERS 25, HAWTHORNE AVENGERS 19

Terrence Smith proved dominating with a game-high 15 points as the Young Ballers topped the Hawthorne Avengers 25-19 in Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball action Saturday. Robert Prewitt led the Avengers with seven points. •

## Adam

### Pioneer League Preview

By Adam Serrao

Are you ready for some football? Sundays and Mondays aren't the only two days of the week that are about to experience the revival of America's most popular sport. Friday nights will get all of the attention that they deserve as well. On just next Friday, August 24, football teams around Torrance will take the field for the very first time this season to kick off the new football year. In a tough and always competitive Pioneer League, there is no telling which team will have the better season and finish out on top to take a first place record into the playoffs. With a closer look at the league, however, we can begin to formulate some opinions.

We can begin the debate with last year's winner of the Pioneer League, the Torrance Tartars. After a rough start to the season in which Torrance lost three of its first four games, head coach Rock Hollis was able to get his boys back on track and close the season out by winning six of the last seven games. This year, the Tartars open the season against Hawthorne, a team they lost to by a score of 20-10 in the third game last year. Though they lost last year, the Tartars are 5-1 in their last six games against the Cougars. If it can keep that above average record alive and start the season off with a victory, the team will be well on its way to another Pioneer League title. No team has repeated as league champions in over seven years, so the Tartars certainly have their work cut out for them. Add to that the fact that the team lost its number one player of a year ago, Tyrone Taylor, to graduation and it becomes easy to see how it will be a challenge, to say the least, for the Tartars to repeat as league champs once again this year.

The second best team in Torrance out of the Pioneer League last year was South High. Certainly, the Spartans will look to reclaim the title of the league's best team, which they also held two years ago when they went all the way to the CIF championship game before losing in the final seconds against Lompoc. Comparatively, last year was a disappointing one for the Spartans, as they wound up finishing in fourth place in the standings. This year, however, the team will look to get back on track when they open up the season against Carpinteria, which the Spartans have not played against in the last eight seasons.

A team that certainly has question marks, South High will once again rely on its stellar offensive and defensive lines as well as an aggressive rushing attack to get to where they want to be at the end of the season. A solid team year in and year out, the Spartans will have another strong showing this year, but are a year or two away from another Pioneer league title.

The North High Saxons had the toughest time in league play last year, finishing with only one win against the only team that finished the season with a worse record than they did--the Lawndale Cardinals. Needless to say, the Saxons and head coach Todd Croce are on a mission to get their team back on track so that they can finish at the top of the league this year--something that they haven't done since the '05-'06 season. North will open the football year against Redondo Union, a team it beat by the final score of 21-14 in the opening game of last season. Last year was a mess for the Saxons. North under-produced because of the offensive strategy coming into the season put together around star running back Ryan McDaniel. McDaniel injured himself early on and was out basically the entirety of the season, putting the Saxons' hopes of having an outstanding season in serious jeopardy. This year, that nightmare is in the past, but so is the talent of McDaniel. The start of the season might be a little slow for the Saxons, as they take on talented teams like Peninsula, Bishop Montgomery and cross-town rivals the West High Warriors, but the challenging start to the year should benefit North in the long run. Look for the Saxons to rebound from last year and run away with the division this year for the first time in six seasons.

Predictions can be made and powerhouse teams can be chosen, but it is a long, 10-game regular season--and as North High knows, fortunes can change in an instant. The only way to know who the real winner of the Pioneer League will be this year is to be there on November 2 when the teams wrap up the regular season. Until that time, it should be a fun and interesting season to watch--a season in which anything can happen and some of the brightest young football stars in Torrance will be on center stage to showcase their skills. Get ready for the ride, because this year the Pioneer League is looking to impress. •

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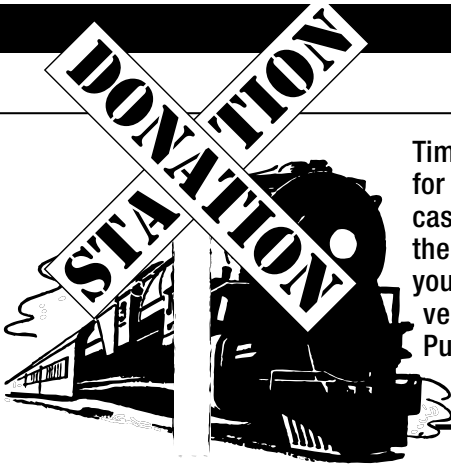
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# SMILE awhile



Chloe and Gwennie are the real Cuties! Submitted by E.S. resident Donna Cummings.



Brynn, Merrick and Delilah...summertime fun! Photo submitted by Lee Boyles.



Picture of Arielle Ramsay, looking at the boats. Taken by her cousin Kaci Tabor. Arielle is two-years-old. Submitted by Great-Grandma Norma Ramsay.

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**Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced chipotle chile in adobo, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed
- 1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
- 1 large poblano pepper or bell pepper, chopped

1/4 cup chopped scallions

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

**Steps:**

1: Whisk vinegar, oil, chipotle, cumin and salt in a large bowl. Add shrimp, beans, tomatoes, poblano (or bell pepper), scallions and cilantro; toss to coat.

Serve room temperature or cold.

Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 day.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 273 Carbohydrates - 19 Fat - 12 Saturated Fat - 2 Monounsaturated Fat - 8 Protein - 21 Cholesterol - 143 Dietary Fiber - 6 Potassium - 533 Sodium - 410 Nutrition Bonus - Vitamin C (55% daily value), Folate (20% dv), Potassium & Vitamin A (16% dv)



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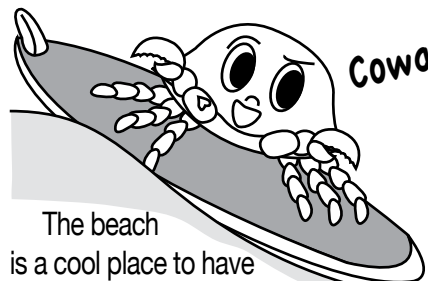
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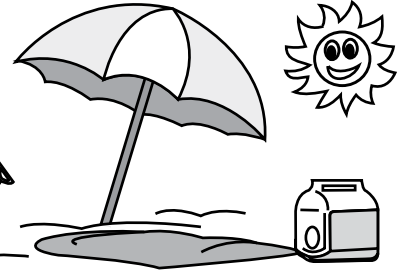
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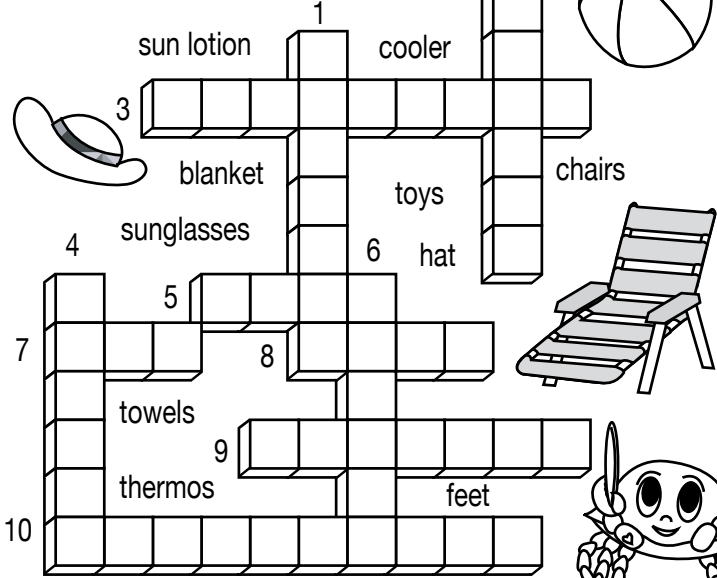


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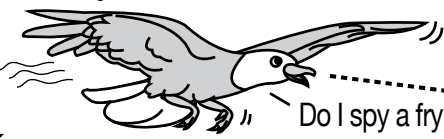
## A Day at the Beach



The beach is a cool place to have fun with your family. **Read the clues to fill in these beach puzzles!**



What will happen if I pinch this?



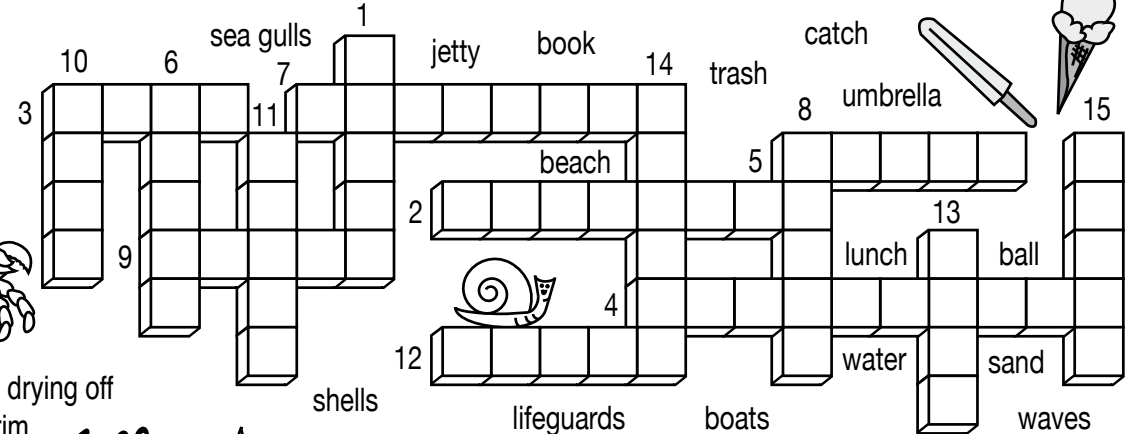
Do I spy a fry?

### Head for the beach, excited and happy!

1. carry your share of stuff to the spot you choose on the \_\_\_\_\_
2. set up blanket, chairs and \_\_\_\_\_
3. blow up the beach \_\_\_\_\_
4. check out where the \_\_\_\_\_ are stationed
5. bob in the \_\_\_\_\_ and surf on your board
6. unpack \_\_\_\_\_ from the cooler and share
7. feed bread crusts to the \_\_\_\_\_

8. put on more sun lotion and drink \_\_\_\_\_
9. throw and \_\_\_\_\_ the beach ball
10. read a chapter of your new \_\_\_\_\_
11. walk on the \_\_\_\_\_ to visit people fishing
12. watch the \_\_\_\_\_ and ships sail by
13. shovel \_\_\_\_\_; dig moat around sand castle
14. walk along shore to find cool \_\_\_\_\_
15. gather all your stuff and carry out your \_\_\_\_\_

### Head for home, exhausted and happy!



### Get ready for the beach:

1. fold the beach \_\_\_\_\_
2. pack a lunch into a \_\_\_\_\_
3. rub on \_\_\_\_\_
4. gather folding \_\_\_\_\_
5. wear flip-flops to protect \_\_\_\_\_
6. grab beach \_\_\_\_\_ for drying off
7. find a \_\_\_\_\_ with a brim
8. grab beach \_\_\_\_\_
9. pour cold water into \_\_\_\_\_
10. put on \_\_\_\_\_ to shade eyes

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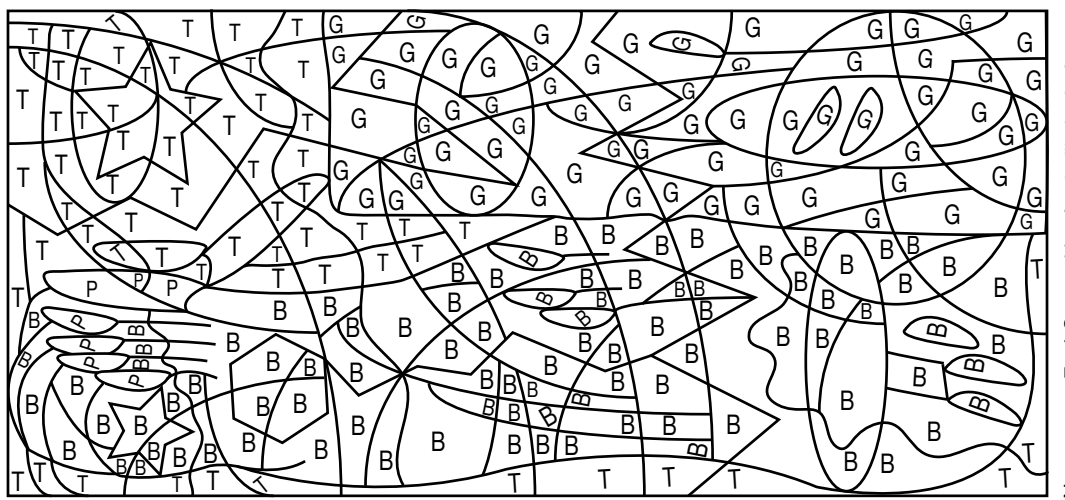
1. s \_ n d
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3. sh \_ v \_ ls
4. good w \_ \_ th \_ r
5. lots of p \_ \_ pl \_ watching
6. pr \_ z \_ s

Ugh! You'd think being a crab would make me better at this!

### The Giants are Coming

Crabby gets scared when the "giants" come to play on the beach. He hides in the rocks. Pinch gets annoyed and acts naughty. **Follow the color key to see what bit of trouble Pinch is about to get into:**

**B = Brown P = Pink T = Tan G = Green**







PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE HOUSING ELEMENT 2008-2014

Proposed Project: The City of Hawthorne has completed a Negative Declaration (ND) and Initial Study for the City of Hawthorne Housing Element.

The environmental analysis provided in the Initial Study indicates that the proposed project will not result in significant impacts.

Public Review Period: The Negative Declaration and other reference documents are available for public review from August 14, 2012 to September 12, 2012.

Where to Find the Negative Declaration: The Negative Declaration is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department.

Hawthorne Press: 8/9, 8/16/2012

HH-23441

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2012ZA07

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance related to check cashing and pay day loans as follows:

City Council Day: Tuesday Date: August 28, 2012 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: City Council Chambers 4455 West 126th Street Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Zoning Code Amendment No. 2012ZA07 Project Location: Commercial and industrial zones Project Description: This is a City-initiated application to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code Sections 17.04, 17.25, 17.26, 17.28, 17.32, and 17.34.

PURSUANT TO the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the applications are categorically exempt from the requirements for preparation of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that any interested person may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments relative to the Zoning Code Amendment or submit oral or written information relevant thereto to the Planning Department.

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 Planning Commission 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 Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

Gregg McClain Director of Planning and Community Development Hawthorne Press: 8/16/2012

HH-23443

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING SELF-CERTIFICATION OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Hawthorne City Council on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, on the City's conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program.

The Congestion Management Program (CMP) is a state-mandated program designed to address regional transportation needs in a comprehensive manner by linking transportation, land use and air quality decisions.

The City is required to adopt and submit a resolution to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority annually, which approves the completion of the mandated self-certification process as a local requirement for conformance with the CMP.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that any interested person may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments relative to the self-certification of conformance with local requirements of the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program, or submit oral or written communication relevant thereto to the Planning Department.

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Maria G. Majcherek Associate Planner Hawthorne Press: 8/16/2012

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**Council**

*from front page*

Rosecrans Avenue to El Segundo Boulevard, and for Hawthorne Boulevard both east and west sides of the street, was approved. A non-restricted parking area to accommodate business owners, employees, and customers between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. in the *median only* from 129<sup>th</sup> Street to 139<sup>th</sup> Street will be clearly marked within the medians for each specific block of streets. All-day parking is implied and the default in the designated, marked medians. Daily parking restrictions will be in effect on designated sections of the street and median between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Two- or three-hour parking restrictions will apply in specific marked areas. The parking restrictions will be posted with new signage in this main business district of the city between 129<sup>th</sup> Street and 142<sup>nd</sup> Street at an expenditure of \$2,000.

A resolution, after a no-comment public hearing, adopted a policy requiring a signed conflict of interest by all City staff. Mayor Pro Tem Angie English requested that mandatory ethics training be added to the policy.

A special proclamation was presented to Ron Jeffries, an employee of City vendor U.S. Tow, Inc., who came to the assistance of Hawthorne Police Officer Chris Hoffman while he was off-duty and being attacked by alleged gang members on El Segundo Boulevard. Jeffries used his body to shield Officer Hoffman from continual bludgeoning and kicking by the assailants until police arrived, resulting in Hoffman's life being saved. The incident occurred April 27, 2012, and Hoffmann returned to work August 1 following recovery from his sustained injuries.

Gwynne Shotwell, President of SpaceX, accepted a banner from the Council containing hundreds of well-wishes and signatures from citizens of Hawthorne who signed the banner during the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on July 21. The banner honors accomplishments of SpaceX as the first private company to launch

a rocket to the International Space Station. The banner will be hung in the company's development and construction hangar in its Hawthorne site.

Donald Rowe, the former Hawthorne Library Manager who served for four years, received a proclamation for his dedication to the citizens and for contributions as a volunteer to the Hawthorne Historical Society and other city benevolent associations. Rowe was recently promoted to the Western Region Manager position in the Los Angeles County Library system serving the Inland Empire.

Allan Patashnick, representing METRO, presented a brief overview of the ballot measure to extend Measure R, to be on the November 6 ballot as Measure "J," to allow for continued funds from a one-half-cent increase in the sales tax in Los Angeles County to pay for transit, highway and local rail projects through 2069. The current measure made possible the Rosecrans Avenue improvements from Prairie Avenue to Aviation Boulevard and is the first completed project under Measure R.

During public comments, Gordon Mego of the Hawthorne Action Committee presented a short commentary on ways to develop the site of the former Hawthorne Mall. Results of a citizen survey, currently being conducted around the community at specific events, will be compiled and presented as a recommendation at a future meeting. Mego has spearheaded development of the unsightly mall property, vacant for nearly 20 years, on his own time, but with City support.

Michelin confirmed a City services survey will be requested from all visitors to City Hall when they use the services of any department. This survey will be used to improve or change those areas that may be in need of better processes.

The next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. •



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