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State of the City is Upbeat



Mayor Juarez, at left, along with Mayor Pro Tem Angie Reyes English, center, welcome Nathan Buck, Store Manager for the new Walmart Supermarket that is opening soon in Hawthorne, during the State of the City Luncheon. Photo by Tom Quintana.

Returned City Attorney Miyahira Modified One-Year Contract Approved on Third Attempt

By Nancy Peters

At the end of March, the Hawthorne City Council dismissed the then-City Attorney, whose contract had only been signed in December and contained a generous severance package, and brought back Russell Miyahira as Acting City Attorney less than one year from his dramatic escorting out of City Hall. However, for two Council meetings, an employment contract to name him as City Attorney was on the agenda and lacked a second to the motion, so no contract was approved.

Finally this past Tuesday, the Council approved the contract. Mayor Pro Tem Angie Reyes-English presided over that portion of the meeting as Mayor Danny Juarez recused himself for personal reasons due to a pending case against Juarez in which Miyahira was a prosecution witness before the grand jury that indicted Juarez. Questions asked of Miyahira only dealt with the revised terms of the contract.

The contract shall automatically expire on March 30, 2014, and there is no severance if Miyahira, who serves at the behest of the Council, were to be dismissed for cause before the year is up, and there shall be no step increases in the monthly salary during the term of the contract. The contract terms say the service as City Attorney begins on April 29, 2013, after one month as "Acting" City Attorney. After the Council did not approve the contract for all dates to be effective as stated, the contract term is actually only for 11 months. The vote was called and the motion passed to hire Miyahira, with Council members Alex Vargas, Olivia Valentine, and Nilo Michelin in favor," but Reyes-English dissenting.

Several resolutions were passed supporting various bills in the California Legislature; street lighting maintenance for the next fiscal year 2013-2014; and a Hawthorne Boulevard Improvement Project that will use \$148,000 in funding from the Los Angeles County Highways-Through-Cities Program. The Hawthorne Boulevard Improvement Project will add bike lanes, replace and upgrade traffic signals, add dedicated left-turn pockets at each

intersection and reconfigure median islands from El Segundo Boulevard to Rosecrans Avenue. The contribution from the County program is only a portion of the \$8.5 million project.

Following a public hearing, a resolution approved the zone change from Freeway Commercial/Mixed Use to General Industrial for an area bounded by the 105 Freeway to the north, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, Hawthorne Airport to the south, and the Dominguez Channel to the west. This approval resulted in the first reading of an ordinance to change the Municipal Code for the City Zoning Map to M-2 for those parcel numbers identified within the boundaries stated.

A Substantial Amendment to the Five-Year Consolidation Plan (2010 to 2014) for the CDBG and HOME Funds Annual Action Plan (2013-2014) was approved and funds will be for five percent lower than the previous allocation due to the reduction in funding from HUD and dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency by the State of California.

Presentations were made at the beginning of the evening to congratulate students from several high schools in Hawthorne for their academic achievements resulting in an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point; and three Millennium Scholarships granted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for two students who will attend Stanford University and one who will attend Brown University. Three additional Millennium Scholarships, all of which include full tuition for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees, were awarded as well--but those students were not in attendance to share where they will be using their scholarships. The six female students present attend Hawthorne High School, DaVinci High School, or Leuzinger High School.

The Mayor's Business and Economic Council Round Table, chaired by Hamid Haque, presented an overview of their recommendations from the 20 business owner stakeholders on ways to bring more business

to Hawthorne and revitalize the city's business landscape. Some recommendations include continuing beautification of the major arteries; branding the city's image as the pioneer in the aerospace industry and the future in the space age due to the founding of Northrop in 1939 in Hawthorne and SpaceX building rockets here today; changing how the City policies effect development projects to be accomplished; reinstating cohesive standards for storefronts signage, design, and color schemes; and improving parking for businesses in a designated downtown area. Other suggestions include an aerospace museum, adding theatres and restaurants and building development with condos atop storefronts to improve tax revenues. The Round Table will share recommendations with the consultant currently working on the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan, which includes Hawthorne Boulevard from Rosecrans Avenue to Imperial Avenue, Imperial Avenue from Hawthorne Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard, and Inglewood Avenue and Prairie Avenue within the city boundaries.

Sunday, May 19, the Taste of Hawthorne event will begin at 10 a.m. preceded by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free, but all vendors will be charging for the food at their individual booths. Parking will be available along Jack Northrop Avenue, with valet bicycle parking available, as well as a shuttle from the parking structure of the Hawthorne Mall where free parking will be available from the entry on Birch Avenue, north of El Segundo Boulevard. The committee is expecting more than 20,000 people to attend the event, which will be held at the Hawthorne Airport until 6 p.m. that evening.

A discussion item included allowing the producers of the next Beach Boys' album to use the Hawthorne City Seal. Another discussion was held for the City Attorney to draft a disclosure statement that all current City employees would complete every time they have any contact with a former City employee and/or former City official, reporting this to the City Manager, who will compile the information for distribution to the Council. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
68°/60°



Saturday

Sunny
67°/60°



Sunday

Sunny
69°/62°



Police Report

**MON 4/29/13 TO SUN 5/5/13
ROBBERY**

Robbery 4800 W El Segundo Bl School
Date/Time Reported Tue 4/30/13 10:52
Crime Occurred: Mon 04/29/13 10:00
Property Taken: Otter Box iPhone case
Arrest

Robbery W 111th St/S Hawthorne Bl
Street, Highway, Alley
Date/Time Reported Thu 5/2/13 21:24
Crime Occurred: Thu 05/02/13 21:00

Property Taken: black iPhone 5 16 GB in
black Otterbox case, blue Samsung galaxy
s-3, yellow gold necklace

Robbery 12500 S Hawthorne Bl Street,
Highway, Alley
Date/Time Reported Fri 5/3/13 01:00 Crime
Occurred: Fri 05/03/13 00:55

Weapon: Other type of weapon
Robbery 12600 S Hawthorne Bl Parking
Lot

Date/Time Reported Sun 5/5/13 16:59
Crime Occurred: Sun 05/05/13 16:20

BURGLARY

Res Burglary – Residential 3600 W
132nd Pl House

Date/Time Reported Mon 4/29/13 00:49
Crime Occurred: Sun 04/28/13 22:00 To:
Mon 04/29/13 00:45

Property Taken: Gold wedding ring with
diamond stud, gold wedding band, gold
pinky ring, Ohio state class ring 1977, LA
Olympic 1984 coins, blk band w/stainless
steel face dive watch

Method of Entry: Pried body fo POE:
Other door

Res Burglary – Residential 3700 W 144th
Pl House

Date/Time Reported Mon 4/29/13 15:42
Crime Occurred: Mon 04/29/13 07:00 To:
Mon 04/29/13 15:30

Property Taken: Firearms cameras computer
equip

Property Taken: Glock Model 19 9-mm
handgun, 750 9MM reloaded bullets, box
of Remington 9MM hollow-point ammo,
3 magazines for gun (2-15 round & 1-10
round), Cannon Elf110 digital camera, Apple
I-Pad 2 w/ red protective case (vinyl), Asus
EEE1000 laptop w/ 9 1/2” screen

Method of Entry: Cut screen POE: Sliding
window Entry Loc: Front

Res Burglary – Residential 13521-1/2 S
Kornblum Av Duplex/Fourplex

Date/Time Reported Tue 4/30/13 11:27
Crime Occurred: Wed 04/24/13 09:00 To:
Wed 04/24/13 11:00

Property Taken: 1 42” Samsung flat screen
TV, one am/fm radio alarm clock, 1 blue
track bike, “unknown” brand

Method of Entry: Opened POE: Sliding
window Entry Loc: Front

Comm Burglary – Commercial 5000 W
El Segundo Bl Public Building

Date/Time Reported Thu 5/2/13 12:06
Crime Occurred: Thu 05/02/13 12:06

Property Taken: 11 Star Trac spinner bike
Method of Entry: Opened

Attempt Commercial Burglary 11600 S
Prairie Av Auto Repair Company

Date/Time Reported Fri 5/3/13 00:06
Crime Occurred: Fri 05/03/13 00:06

Method of Entry: Attempt only

Res Burglary – Residential 4000 W 137th
St Duplex/Fourplex

Date/Time Reported Sat 5/4/13 13:47
Crime Occurred: Sat 05/04/13 13:47

Property Taken: Lawnmower, red, (3)
weed wackers, (2) lawn edgers, power tool
grinder, (2) electric chain saws, tool box,
brown / white, misc. hand tools, TV monitor
Method of Entry: Cut hole •

Mayor Honors Community Partners at State of the City Luncheon



Mayor Daniel Juarez addresses a crowd of 260 business and civic leaders and residents about the State of City last Friday at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Photo by Tom Quintana.

By Tom Quintana

Hawthorne Mayor Daniel Juarez presented his annual State of the City message last Friday, before 260 attendees at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

Video highlights at the beginning and middle of his address featured civic and cultural events as well as business accomplishments and milestones. The Mayor thanked city employees for helping the city balance the budget by negotiating furlough days off that prevented layoffs and cutbacks in services to the people. And acknowledged the many contributions provided by the service clubs in the community throughout the year. He also commended the business

community for the new jobs that have opened up with the expansion of SpaceX which now has over 3,000 employees and the addition of, some smaller firms such as Hawthorne’s second Ross Dress for Less, Goodwill Industries and the new Walmart Supermarket.

Mayor Juarez also unveiled a proposal that would bring SpaceX and The Charles Company together that could convert the long vacant Hawthorne Mall site into a mixed use village setting for SpaceX employees, including the corporate office, retail and high end housing units. The Mayor’s entire address will be broadcast on Hawthorne Cable Television Channel 22 beginning May 20th. •

Environmental Awareness Tip



“Even if you can do one little thing a day to help the Earth, it will make such a big difference. Some ideas are recycling, using reusable bags adn water bottles, and even picking up one piece of trash.” Sammy Miller, 5th grade, shared her environmentally friendly tip at Peter Burnett Elementary School’s ongoing Earth Day tree.

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Calendar

- ALL CITIES**
SATURDAY, MAY 18
- Quilt Exhibit, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., AC Bilbrew Library, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 538-3350.
- HAWTHORNE**
SUNDAY, MAY 19
- First Annual "TASTE of Hawthorne", 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Hawthorne Airport, 12101 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Free admission.
- THURSDAY, MAY 23**
- Annual K-9 Community BBQ Dinner, 5-8 p.m., Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call Norm (310) 973-1270 or Alex (310) 978-4357.
- UPCOMING**
- City Council Meeting Council, Tues., May 28, 6- 10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2915.
 - City of Hawthorne Earth Day Festival & Service Provider Resource Fair, June 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Memorial Park. For more information call (310) 349-2987 or (310) 349-2904.

- Rabies Clinic, June 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hawthorne City Hall, 4455 W. 126th St.
- INGLEWOOD**
SUNDAY, MAY 19
- Inglewood Cultural Arts, Inc. Hub Event: presentation regarding grassroots organization to revitalize a section of Manchester Blvd, 2 p.m., Inglewood Center for Spiritual Living 525 N. Market St. Free and open to the public.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**
- LEGO and Board Game Mania, 4 p.m., Children's Room, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5645.
- LAWDALE**
MONDAY, MAY 20
- City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 14717 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3212.
- UPCOMING**
- The Lawndale Ed Foundation First Annual Golf Tournament on Tues., June 18. For more information visit www.LESDEF.org.

Wisburn Unification Passes State Board of Education

By Dylan Little

During its meeting last Thursday, the Wisburn School Board announced that both its Environmental Impact Report and narrow area vote plan were approved by the State Board of Education. These approvals are a major victory for the Wisburn School District as it continues to attempt to unify.

Superintendent Tom Johnstone was present at the State Board of Education meeting and said both items were easily accepted. Both were approved 10 to 0. "We got through both issues in about 15 minutes," said Johnstone. "The [State] Board was very, very complementary."

The District previously had approval to build a high school, but a lawsuit sent the board back to the drawing board. "We were out there in the exact same situation back in 2004--the situation was even better, but it wasn't one that had the infrastructure in place or the foundation in place necessary to prevent it from being undone," said Johnstone. "We were happy for a week or two. Then we had a big lawsuit and everything kind of unraveled."

However, Johnstone expects this decision to be a more permanent resolution. Part of the reason is that Wisburn has worked to secure the support of the other districts that feed into Centinela Valley Union High School District. "I think the foundation that we built this time prevented it from unraveling," said Johnstone. "The relationship between the five districts is better now than it's been in decades. This is a win-win for everyone."

According to Johnstone, the approval of the other elementary feeder districts was a key part of getting the State Board of Education's approval. "We've been working hard with the other districts over the last two years and that was the key," said Johnstone. "[It's been] obviously a critical factor. If it continued on an adversarial track, we wouldn't have been [before of the Board of Education]."

Another factor in Wisburn's legislative victory was the patience and support of the community surrounding the schools. The Wisburn community has been working towards its own unified school district for 30 years, which Board president Nelson Martinez recognized is a very long time to stick with any kind of movement. "This community has waited a long time for this. It's fantastic [to see us come this far]," said Martinez. "When you talk about perseverance, when you talk about sticking with it, this is what it's about.

This has been a movement that has gone on for 30 years."

Both the School Board and Superintendent recognized that without the dedication and support of the community, the unification process wouldn't have made it this far. "It's a testament to the preparation that we did and all steps that we went through to make this happen," said Johnstone. "It's been a 12-year process and it's a testimony to the perseverance of the community and the perseverance of the people involved in making this happen."

Board member Roger Banuelos acknowledged the unification supporters that have come before him and the rest of the currently sitting School Board members. "I would like to publicly thank everyone working on unification," said Banuelos. "It obviously didn't start with us. There's been a lot of people--prior boards, administration, community members... They're part of the whole effort. They've never given up and having seen this stage, it's fantastic."

For Banuelos, the question of whether Wisburn would unify arose as soon as he moved to the community. He said he is proud to be part of laying those questions to rest. "When I moved into the community, it was one of the big questions, 'Would we have our own high school?'" said Banuelos. "Here we are 13 years later seeing the unification vote will happen in November. We have a bond to build the new school. Talk about a momentous place to be in Wisburn. I'm very proud to be part of it."

With these approvals, one of the last hurdles facing Wisburn's unification bid is an election in November. While the District succeeded in keeping the election narrow in scope, it has the additional challenge of making sure voters understand the issue. Johnstone explained that the ballot will have voters select members for the Wisburn Elementary School Board (in case unification does not pass) as well as decide on whether to allow unification and who will be on the Wisburn Unified School Board. He said that while informing the voters will take effort, it is something the District has been successful with in the past. "We're going to have to run an effective campaign of information to make that whole thing very clear to people because it could be very confusing," said Johnstone. "The Wisburn School District has had a very good run these last few years, so we should be in very good shape." •

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors

From City Clerk Norb Huber Taste of Hawthorne this Sunday – May 19

What is planned to be one of the biggest events in Hawthorne all year is coming up this Sunday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. as the Hawthorne Economic Development Board sponsors the first annual TASTE of Hawthorne at the Hawthorne Airport.



Food, food and more food will be offered by the many vendors who are planning on tempting you to indulge. There will be both a beer garden and a wine garden to partake of. Great music and family friendly activities are all planned for this fun-filled event. Parking will be available at various locations around the site and at the light-rail parking lot with free shuttle service provided. You can get more information concerning the TASTE at tasteofhawthorne.com. Hope to see you there.

Police and Fireman of the Year Awards Luncheon – May 22

A limited number of seats are still available for the annual Police Officer & Firefighter of the Years Awards Luncheon, May 22nd, at noon at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Jointly presented annually by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Hawthorne. Admission is just \$25 per person. Contact Rotary President Tom Quintana for reservations at 310-666-2394. Deadline is Monday, May 20th.

Community K9 Dinner – May 23

The 32nd annual Community BBQ Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 23 with dinners being served from 5 to 6:45 p.m. There is always a raffle held and the Hawthorne Police dogs put on a show for all

in attendance. The \$5 price for a good meal has not changed in the 33 years of the event. Children under 12 years of age eat for \$2.50. Bring your family and help support your city.

Service Provider Resource Fair and Earth Day Festival – June 1

This annual event is free to the public and will be held at the Memorial Park on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature various service provider booths, emergency preparedness information and promotional giveaways as well as a special focus on environmental sustainability. There will be food and refreshments.

Historical Society Meeting – Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

There will be an open meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society on Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Hawthorne Museum. The public is welcome.

Contact

If you have any questions or comments concerning this column or the Hawthorne Historical Society then please contact me at: norbhuber@gmail.com or 310-292-6714.

Upcoming Events

Historical Society Open Meeting – Thursday, May 16 – 7 p.m. • Taste of Hawthorne – Sunday, May 19 – Hawthorne Airport • Rotary/Kiwanis Club Luncheon honoring Police and Firemen of the Year – Wed. May 22 • 33rd Annual Community HPD K9 Dinner – Thurs. May 23 5-7 p.m. • Service Providers Fair – Saturday, June 1 @ Memorial Park • Good Neighbors Day – Saturday, July 20 @ Civic Center •

Classifieds

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~ Buddha

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Sports

Joe's Sports

Hawthorne Softballers Finish Second in Ocean; Begin Playoffs

By Joe Snyder

Hawthorne High's softball team ended up in a solid second place, behind champion Santa Monica, in the Ocean League after wins over Inglewood and Beverly Hills last week. At Hawthorne on May 7, the Cougars recorded a five-inning mercy rule 13-0 win over Inglewood on a perfect game thrown by freshman pitcher Alyssa Casillas. At Beverly Hills in their Ocean finale last Thursday, Hawthorne downed the Normans, 9-5.

In the Cougars' win over the Sentinels, Casillas struck out eight batters over five innings. Offensively, Miranda Aguilar went three for three with two runs and two doubles. Toi Ramirez was two for four with two runs batted in, one run and a home run. Samantha Donnelly was two for two with one RBI and one run. She had a run-scoring triple.

Hawthorne started fast with four runs apiece in the bottom of the first and second innings, thus enabling the five-inning, 10-run-plus mercy rule with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. At Beverly Hills, the Cougars spotted the Normans a 4-1 first inning cushion and then grabbed the lead for good with four runs in the top of the third. They added three in the fifth and one in the sixth to pull away.

The Cougars had a balanced offensive attack, led by Aguilar who went three for four and drove in four runs. It included a double. Fine Prescott, a standout on Hawthorne's Ocean League runner-up girls' basketball team, also went three for four with one RBI. Senior Diane Montenegro went two for four, drove in one run and scored two. Casillas pitched five-and-one-third innings, allowing one run and two hits. She struck out five batters and walked only one.

Hawthorne improved its overall season to 14 wins, 12 losses and one tie and finished 8-2 in league. Hawthorne hopes to host a first round playoff game that begins this week. The CIF-Southern Section was expected to draw last Monday.

HAWTHORNE SWEEPS MORNINGSIDE

Hawthorne High's baseball team closed its disappointing Ocean League showing on a good note by sweeping Inglewood Morningside last week. At Hawthorne on May 7, the Cougars rolled over the Monarchs 11-1. At Morningside last Thursday, Hawthorne downed the Monarchs 9-4.

Over the past several games, the Cougars, who are 14-12-1 overall and ended league at 3-7, played the final six Ocean contests without six players--four who were ruled academically ineligible and two others who were injured.

However, according to head coach Jeff Hines, Hawthorne is over .500 overall and has a shot at advancing to the CIF-Southern Section Division III playoffs as an at-large team. Playoffs pairings were expected to be announced last Monday and the playoffs were expected to begin on Tuesday.

Morningside, meanwhile, recorded a 20-5 home win over Rancho Dominguez Prep from Long Beach last Friday in non-league play. The Monarchs ended Ocean play at 0-10 and went 3-17 overall.

LAWNDALE ENDS PIONEER WINLESS

Lawndale High's mostly young and inexperienced baseball team ended the tough Pioneer League with an 0-10 record after losses to Centennial High from Compton last week. At Centennial on May 7, the Cardinals fell to the Apaches 10-4. At Lawndale last Thursday, the Cardinals lost to Centennial 4-1.

Senior Steven Rudolph went two for three and George Escobedo had a hit and drove in a run. Arnold Escobedo was two for four with one RBI, including a triple, on May 7.

LEUZINGER FINALLY GOES DISTANCE, BUT ENDS BAY WINLESS

After losing all of its first eight games by either 10-run-plus mercy rule or forfeit, Leuzinger High's baseball team finally went the full seven innings in a 9-1 loss to host West Torrance on May 7. The Olympians lost in six innings to the Warriors 14-3 last Thursday to end Bay action at 0-10 and were 1-24 overall.

Cesar Carpia went two for three with two runs for Leuzinger in its loss to the Warriors. The three runs were the most the Olympians scored in league this year. Sergio Hernandez drove in a run for Leuzinger on May 7.

West ended up tied for second with Peninsula and Redondo in Bay action at 6-4.

ANIMO LOSES LEAGUE FINALE

Animo Leadership High's baseball team lost its last San Joaquin League game to Lynwood Firebaugh 5-1 on May 6 at Darby Park in Inglewood. The Aztec-Eagles ended up co-champion with the Falcons.

Animo opens the CIF-Southern Section Division VII playoffs this week. As of May 6, the Aztec-Eagles were ranked second behind Nuevo Nuvew Bridge in the Southern Section Division VII. Animo won the division two years ago.

ST. MARY'S EXCELS AT DIVISION IV PRELIMS

St. Mary's Academy's girls' track and field team from Inglewood had a strong showing at last Saturday's CIF-Southern Section Division IV Prelims at Carpentaria High that could put the Belles in good position for its first CIF championship in five years. The best was in the triple jump where St. Mary's qualified five athletes in Kayla Phillips (38 feet, four inches), Rachel Toliver (36-1), Bailey Mason (35-7), Jade Shugara (35-5) and Zaynab Bebt-Makail (35-6.5). The Belles also advanced three in the 100-meter dash in Siera Peterson (12.02), Briana Shufford (12.52) and Allannah Hughes (12.37).

St. Mary's advanced both relay teams to the finals. Its 4x100 squad of Hughes, Peterson, Aliyah Hale and Toliver qualified at 48.05 seconds. Its 4x400 team of Hale, Morgan Pecantee, Toliver and Peterson made the finals clocking 4:03.48. Also making the finals were Kara Anderson (100-meter hurdles, 15.1) and Toliver (200-meter dash, 25.53).

The Divisional Finals will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. •

Hawthorne Schools Prep for New Test

By Dylan Little

During its meeting last week, the Hawthorne School Board heard an update from Brian Markarian, the Hawthorne School District's Director of Educational Services. He briefed the Board on the successor to the California Standards Test (CST)--the Smarter Balanced Assessment--and what the District needs to do to be ready for it.

The move from California State educational standards to "Common Core" standards also comes with a new type of assessment to replace the CST. The new Smarter Balanced Assessment is more than just a refocused CST, but a computerized assessment that carries with it both advantages and disadvantages for the District.

One of the biggest advantages of the new test is that it is more engaging to students. Markarian noted that students were actually eager to take the Smarter Balanced test, which is typically not the case for any exam. "Online assessment is much more engaging than standard paper and pencil," said Markarian. "I can tell you I heard three students say, 'Yes!' [when they went to take the exam]. 'I have put a lot of CST booklets on a lot of students' desks and I've never heard a student say, 'Yes!'"

Board member Luciano Aguilar said that he noticed the same reaction when he was observing students take the exam. He hopes that the increased interest in testing could lead to high scores for the District. "I did get to see the kids on the test and they seemed in their element," said Aguilar. "Hopefully this will help our scores improve even more."

As a computerized exam, there are more options not possible with pen and paper tests to adapt it for students with different needs or preferences. Markarian said students in Hawthorne took advantage of some of the options to make the test more to their liking. "You could use text to speech or display larger text and we had students take advantage of those options," said Markarian.

In addition to being more engaging and flexible, the test also adapts to a test-taker's skill level. The exam is computer-adaptive. As the student answers questions (both correctly and incorrectly), the test gains an increasingly accurate idea of what level of mastery the student has on the topic. Usually this process takes about 20 questions--although if there is a more random distribution of correct and incorrect answers, the number of questions required can more than double.

"We need to rethink our understanding of assessment," said Markarian. "It's not really about the number of questions you answered correctly. It's more about the difficulty. So a student who answered fewer questions

could score better on the exam than a student who answered more questions."

While students are more engaged by a digital test, the District still needs to provide ways for students to practice using computerized tools for educational tasks in order to make sure all of them have the skills to take the exam. "We need to make sure students have opportunities to produce things on computers and with a keyboard," said Markarian. "That's what they're going to see when they take the test."

However, in order to provide more hands-on computer time, school sites need more computers. The cost for a second computer lab can be insurmountable, which is leading schools towards creating flexible labs with inexpensive laptops to serve as a kind of floating computer lab.

"We have school sites that are trying to put a lot of students through one lab," said Markarian. "Right now, some schools are looking at how they can expand and there are lots of options. You don't have to have a lab in the traditional sense. You can have lots of flexible options."

The additional hardware will also make it easier to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in a reasonable amount of time. As the test is only in a digital form, the number of students that can concurrently take the test is capped at the number of computers the school has that can run the testing software. "The test sessions all run through whatever test environment is on campus," said Markarian. "When you have a three-hour block of testing and it's in your only lab and you need to get multiple classes through, that's a scheduling dilemma for an administrator."

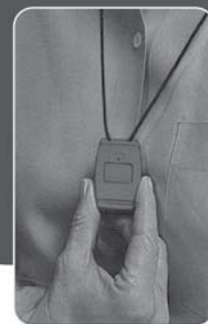
Because of this bottleneck, scheduling the next exam takes more effort than in the previous version. Markarian said that even knowing in advance the state of the District's computer hardware, he couldn't have guessed how complex making sure each student gets enough time at a computer to finish the test actually is. "It really showed us the challenges in scheduling. It really drove home what you need to do regarding testing and scheduling your tests," said Markarian. "We could've talked about it for years and I don't think it would've really sunk in how much time and scheduling is needed to fit so many kids into one lab."

While scheduling test-taking time is more arduous, the reward is test results that are more detailed and useful in building curriculum. "It is an investment of time," said Markarian. "If you want more accurate and meaningful test results, it takes time. There is no way around it. If you want data that is valuable, that is useful and will help you in instruction, it takes time to administer." •

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7 This month's cooking class at the Depot is all about One Pot Meals (O.P.M).

Everywhere in our country we have regional versions of one pot meals.

From New England's clam bake to New Orleans Gumbo to

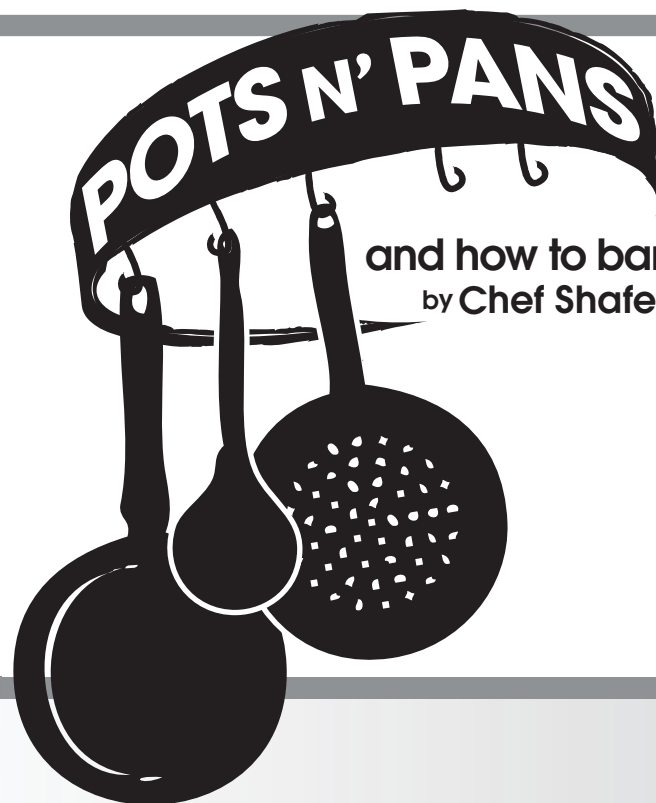
a Southwest Posole. They all tell a story of the culture and

history of the area. I have always loved one pot meals for

its easy preparation...and only one pot to clean up!

Here is one of my favorite O.P.M.

The Chef



and how to bang them
by Chef Shafer

Hungarian Paprika Chicken Goulash



Live, Love, Laugh, Eat

Chef Shafer, Owner/Chef of Depot, Buffalo Fire Dept., and the Downtown Torrance Market Place.

- 12 chicken drumsticks
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 2 cups diced onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 10 red skin potatoes cut in 4
- 3 tablespoons paprika
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 1 quart chicken stock or broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 bunch green onions chopped finely

Dredge the chicken in the flour with the salt and pepper.

In a hot sauté pan add the oil and brown the chicken on all sides about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from oil and set on a paper towel to drain.

In the same pan with the remaining oil sauté the chopped onions and carrots till golden brown, 2 to three minutes.

Add the paprika and tomato puree. Stir for 30 seconds.

Add 1/4 of the stock to deglaze the pan.

Place the chicken in a large casserole dish or roasting pan.

Pour the onion mix and remaining stock into the pan. Place the potatoes in with the chicken.

Make sure the chicken is covered with the stock mixture. Note- if too dry, add more stock.

Roast in oven for 25 to 35 minutes or till chicken is cooked.

Stir in the sour cream and garnish with the chopped green onions.

Don't forget to taste it to see if you need more salt or pepper.

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2013 Children's Book Week

Finding a good book is like discovering a treasure chest full of valuable gems! Ideas are well-thought-out and well written. The pictures are attractive and match the story or information. The facts in a book must be up-to-date and correct.

Books! We need them and treasure them! Pretend you are choosing and burying a treasure chest full of your favorite books.

What books would be in your treasure chest?

Books are everywhere! Libraries lend books. Stores and newsstands sell books. Everyone loves a story or needs information about something.

Use the letters to fill in the blanks to see why we need books.

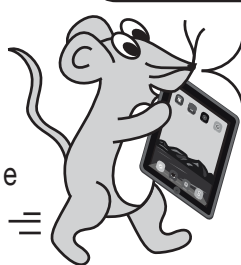
Books help us:

- learn about our w _ r _ d
- learn about other p _ o _ l _
- understand o _ r _ e _ v _ s
- solve p _ o _ l _ m _
- laugh and s _ i _ e
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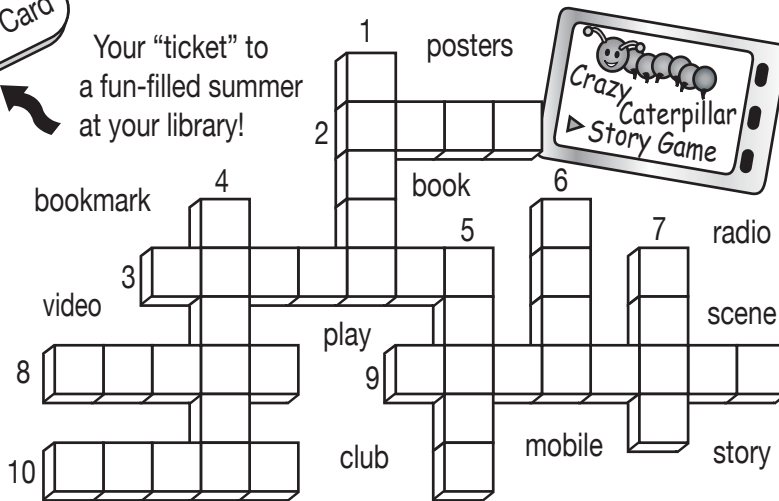
At the end of a busy day I enjoy reading the books that I download



to my family's tablet or e-reader from my favorite library!

What Can You Do With Books?

Your "ticket" to a fun-filled summer at your library!



Books can show you lots of fun and new things to do. Read the first half of each sentence and then the second half. Which word fits best in the blank? Fill in the crossword.

If You...

1. mold clay figures
2. love to talk about books
3. draw or paint pictures
4. hang cutouts from a hanger
5. dress up as a character
6. write another chapter
7. make a popsicle stick puppet
8. pretend to be story characters with a friend
9. cut out a bookworm
10. make up a song about a story

You Can...

- set up a _____ on a table.
- start a new book _____.
- make _____ to hang.
- make a _____.
- act out a _____.
- publish your own _____.
- put on a _____.
- interview each other on a _____ show.
- make a _____.
- record it on _____.

Real or Not Real?

Some characters in books are real people. Other characters are not real. They have been made up in someone's imagination. Seven of the characters below are real while three are not.

Can you mark the right boxes?

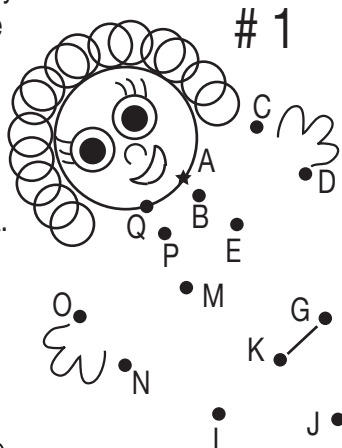
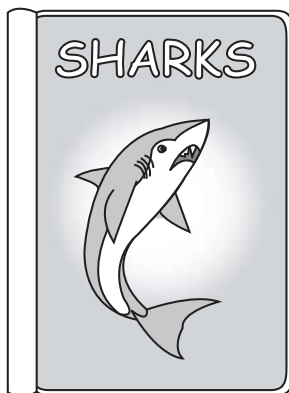
	Real	Not Real
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2. Mary Poppins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mozart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Buffalo Bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Peter Pan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Abe Lincoln	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Pocahontas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Muhammad Ali	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Johnny Appleseed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Huckleberry Finn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

You would find a story about animals or people that are not real in the **fiction** area of the library. A book about real animals or people is in the **nonfiction** area.

Where would you find this book on sharks?

Fiction

Nonfiction



Follow the dots to see what was made or fun to do after reading a book called

1. Make Cool Toys

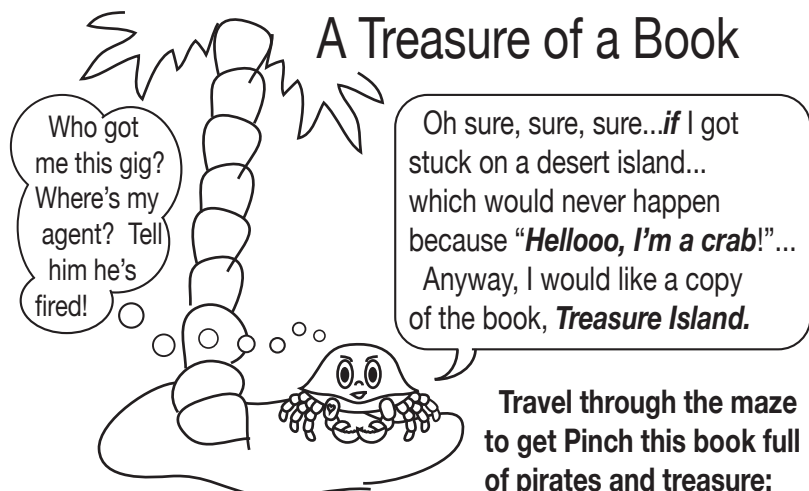
and one called

2. Paint Posters That 'POP'!

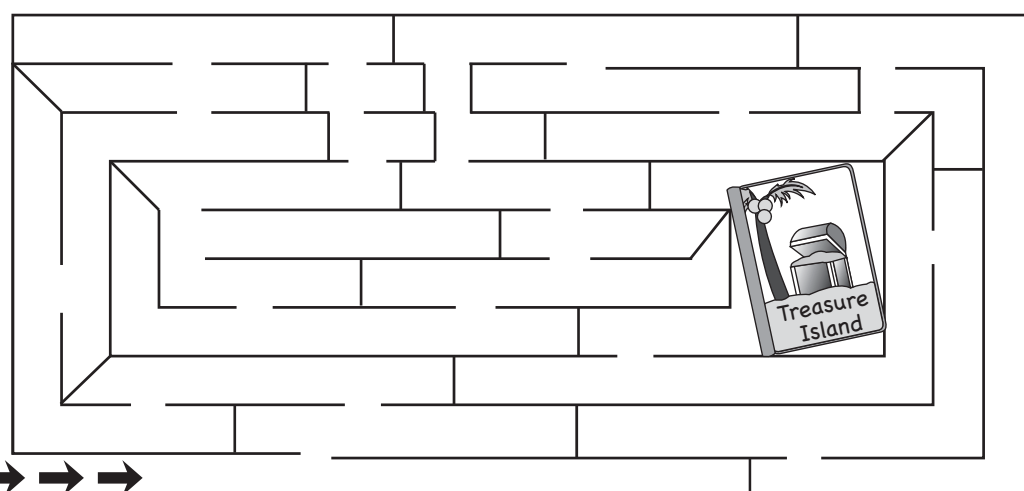
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Print new puzzles: **Read Up A Storm!**, **Animal Moms and Their Young**, **Spring Weather** and our latest reading log and certificate set @ www.readingclubfun.com

A Treasure of a Book



Travel through the maze to get Pinch this book full of pirates and treasure:



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Pets Without Partners

Adopt a “pet without a partner” and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Nikki is sweet year old Beagle/Terrier mix with a beautiful tricolored coat. Her family is moving and she needs a new place to call home. Nikki is completely housebroken, crate-trained and has attended basic obedience classes. She loves to play fetch and will chase a ball all day long. Nikki is a very active dog who is looking for an active person or family. She would make a great jogging partner, walking companion or would be great for someone interested in agility dog--as Nikki is very smart! She might be best placed in a home with older children, as little ones could be knocked over. She wants to be the only dog in your home, as she wants all the attention for herself. She is very lovable and sweet. She loves all humans and can't wait to find her new home! Nikki is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, best with older kids, and please, no cats.



Nikki

Bondi is a love of a dog. He is sweet, gentle, a little shy and very kind-spirited. Bondi has a sad story. His life has been turned upside down when his owner died unexpectedly at 45 years old. He is darling, to say the least, and would make a great addition to any family situation. He is great with all other dogs, male and

female, and completely housebroken. Bondi is two years old and weighs about 13 pounds. He's not shy about giving out kisses and has a spectacular little personality. Bondi is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, housebroken, loves everyone he meets, is great with other dogs, and is-cat safe.

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Bondi

Purrrfect Companions



Gwen

Add a little love with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Pregnant, **Gwen** was abandoned by her owner after three years along with her companion Cheetos. Gwen has been a fantastic mother and with her kittens now old enough to be placed in homes, she's more than ready to find a place all her own. She has a silken coat of fawn and white patches, set off by her crystal blue eyes. Gwen is an incredibly loving girl who will crawl under the covers on the bed to snuggle with you. She is a playful girl, always pouncing after toys. Gwen could be happy as a single kitty, or with another cat or her buddy Cheetos.

Cheetos was abandoned by his owner along with his kitty friend Gwen. Cheetos is an exceptionally handsome boy with a lithe body and a big, round face. This poor boy is very confused as to why he is no longer in his home, so it takes him a little while to feel safe and secure in a new place. He is incredibly friendly and once he is feeling comfortable, Cheetos is a total lap cat! He gets along great with other cats. Even brand new cats he has never seen before can come right up to him and snuffle him without a single hiss from Cheetos. He would be fine

as a single cat and would make an excellent companion kitty for a cat of just about any age! Cheetos needs a nice, quiet home where he can gain confidence. He deserves a loving forever home to enjoy some peace and quiet while giving all the love he wants so desperately to give.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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Cheetos

Happy Tails

It's not hard to recognize when a match is made in heaven. Raider and his forever family got the once-in-a-lifetime second chance with each other...

“Not a day passes without our family realizing how lucky we are to have Raider. It is also difficult to put into just one email how he has transformed our family. We are a pretty normal loving family. We never thought there was anything missing from our family life until we met Raider! Raider has been a true blessing to our family! He has changed our family in so many ways. He relieves stress from a busy work day, licks tears from a sad face and is there to greet everyone as they return from school and work. We are constantly thinking about him, relaying funny stories from the day, or discussing our plans that always include a dog park or a nature walk with Raider. Raider has found his way into each and every one of our hearts. He enjoys rough play with our oldest son, likes

walks, training, treats and ball tossing with our younger son. He likes his naps on the couch with my husband, and Raider and I have bonded over morning walks, late nights on the couch and all the other puppy mama stuff like grooming and vet visits.

I am very proud to tell everyone we meet that our sweetie pie Raider is a rescue dog, and I encourage everyone that inquires (and some that don't) that adoption is the way to go! Raider has brought so much happiness to our lives. I honestly feel that he was God sent! We love him soooooo much! Thanks again for everything you do, and for taking part in finding our newest family member! Sincerely, Christina—Raider's Puppy Mama.”

When you adopt a “pet without a partner,” you will forever make a difference in their life and they are

sure to make a difference in yours. •



Raider, the best dog ever!

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