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“Operation Gobble” Delivers Thanksgiving Day Turkeys



The office of Assembly Member Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) hosted its third annual Operation Gobble turkey giveaway on Monday, Nov. 20. Organizations are sent vouchers in advance for turkeys, with the time and place for pickup. Groups serving communities from Westchester to Gardena received five to ten turkeys. Seen here is the 51st Assembly District staff with Golden State Water Company Staff unloading turkeys. Photo courtesy of the Office of Assembly Member Steven Bradford.

City Council Approves Events Use of City Seal, Hears About Good Investments

By Nancy Peters

Two resolutions and a second reading of an ordinance would seem to be a reason for a City Council meeting to last maybe an hour with public communications, yet the Hawthorne elected officials managed to prolong the Tuesday evening gathering to more than three hours. An agenda item to approve a revised list of organizations and events that may use the seal of the City of Hawthorne in advertising posed some questions as to the actual naming of some events, such as “St. Joseph Fiesta” because it is affiliated with a religion. Removals from the list include “Teen Challenge Car Show” because Teen Challenge is no longer in Hawthorne and the “90th Anniversary of the City of Hawthorne,” as that was a one-time event. For clarification, the final list will only indicate the “Hawthorne President’s Council K-9 BBQ Dinner” one time, thus removing “Hawthorne President’s Council Canine Dinner.”

Also, the “Holly Glen HOA Rock Around the Block” is now correctly listed as “Wiseburn Education Foundation Rock Around the Block” and the additions of the “Holly Park HOA Math Maze Workshop” and “Taste of Hawthorne” complete the list. The list can be amended at any time for new events that request use of the City seal and this current list will remain in effect through June 30, 2013. The resolution very specifically delineates that there will be no financial support from the general fund for any of these non-City-sponsored events.

James Watts, a representative from First Empire Investments and Securities, gave a brief overview of services provided by the brokerage firm in previous investment of the City reserves. Investing by purchasing bonds and negotiable CDs to yield a better return of monies than a savings account can provide through a banking institution were explained as two recommendations. This type of investing allows for funds to be insured by the FDIC. Yielding an occasional 1.1 percent return with little to no risk of the principal and a simpler way to invest is recommended for most City

investments. Bonds are easier to evaluate and are also easier to turn in for the investment to be realized in a shorter turnaround time. The Council requested that the City Treasurer provide a report in January 2013 of past investments and the yields realized so that an evaluation may be determined to once again authorize investing reserves.

Planning Director Gregg McClain is now approved to be the authorized designee to administer the grant from the Strategic Growth Council for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. Mayor Danny Juarez appointed Don Harris and Glenn Guerrero to the ad hoc committee formed at the last Council meeting to oversee the grant program.

The Council also approved an ordinance for a new franchise agreement with Exxon-Mobil Oil Corporation for 15 years until 2027, with a flat fee of \$10,000 as a first payment and subsequent annual payments adjusted for inflation and the Consumer Price Index, based on a \$1.68 per cubic foot of pipeline. Exxon-Mobil has paid franchise fees to the City on the pipeline for the last 20 years. The vendor pays franchise fees for the privilege of using the underground of Hawthorne, or any municipality, for the transport of any gas or oil products through the pipeline. Exxon-Mobil has built-in monitoring and methodical pressure checks, leakage checks, and metering for the length of the pipeline, as regulated and required by State mandates. No new construction on the pipeline is expected during the term of this new 15-year agreement.

The City Manager’s Consent Calendar items included a request to approve a three-year contract for \$137,166.45 for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Software Licensing for all critical systems licenses for City computers, servers and client access licensing. The City can purchase the software, and the supporting equipment to upgrade the computer services, through participation in the volume pricing between CompuCom Systems and California County Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, initiated by the County of Riverside through a competitive

request for proposal (RFP). Participating public agencies benefit from volume pricing discounts to purchase all-new software, automatic upgrades/updates, server client access licenses, and various bundled software. The new licensing for the servers, tech support, training and required server hardware, as well as new computers for the Hawthorne Police Department, is the first step in a complete replacement of outdated computer systems, servers and software for City departments.

Also on Tuesday, City Manager Michael Goodson introduced David Roberts, the new Manager of Human Resources who began his tenure on Monday, November 26. During oral communications, several upcoming events were announced. The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will distribute 500 turkeys and 500 bags of groceries, along with toys, on December 22 at noon at the former RFK Hospital on 116th Street and Greville Avenue. The Hawthorne President’s Council will distribute toys on December 20 and 21 at noon at the Playa Vista Middle School. The Kiwanis Club will sponsor the annual Senior Citizen Pasta Luncheon at the Hawthorne Memorial Center on Friday, December 7 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wanting to volunteer for the 2013 Hawthorne Relay for Life should attend the next planning meeting on Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 132nd Street and Inglewood Avenue. The public is invited to attend the Holiday Celebration at the Hawthorne Historical Museum on Saturday, December 1 from 4-7 p.m. for the lighting of holiday lights, a music program and welcoming ceremonies for the annual visit from Santa Claus.

Reports included a directive from Councilmember Alex Vargas for the City Manager to prepare a report on a six-year history of the City’s reserves and budget-to-expenditures by quarter, including the current budget year up to the end of December 2012 in time for the second Council meeting in January 2013. Also requested was a status report of fees

See Council page 12

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Cloudy
61°/56°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
62°/59°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
62°/56°



Calendar

ALL CITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

• South Bay Children's Choir's Songs of Snow and Caroling, 4 p.m., El Camino College, Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. For ticket information call (310) 329-5345.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

• The National Rifle Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall Post 184, 412 S. Camino Real. For more information email nrasbmc@yahoo.com.

• Job's Daughters Installation of Officers, 7 p.m. El Segundo Masonic Center, 520 Main St. For more information call (310) 322-8672.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

• Black Women's Network Free Annual Holiday Celebration, 10 a.m., at Rogers Park, 400 W. Beach Ave., Inglewood. For more information call (323) 964-4003.

HAWTHORNE

ONGOING

• 2012 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Deadline for entry is December 18. Return entry to the Recreation Department, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 349-1640.

• Donations to "Jimenez / Lamas Donation Fund", established by the Hawthorne PD, can be made at any local Wells Fargo Bank

branch, or by calling the Hawthorne Wells Fargo branch at (310) 973-6279, reference the "Jimenez / Lamas Donation Fund / Account #4122412588.

INGLEWOOD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

• 2012 Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., at Inglewood City Hall, South Mall, at One Manchester Blvd.

• Gift Wrapping Workshop, 3:30 p.m., Inglewood Main Library, Lecture Hall, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5380.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

• Holiday Stories, Songs and Craft, 4 p.m., Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5645.

LAWNDALE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 14717 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3200.

ONGOING

• The City of Lawndale Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission is searching for local bands, primarily blues and jazz, for its first Annual Blues and Music Festival (fall of 2013). For more information contact Mike Estes at (310) 973-3272 or mestes@lawndalecity.org.

Classifieds

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

Errors: Please check your advertisements immediately. Any corrections and/or changes in an ad must be requested prior to the following Tuesday deadline in order to receive a credit. A credit will be issued for only the first time the error appears. Multiple runs will only be credited for the first time the error appears. No credit will be issued for an amount greater than the cost of the advertisement.

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1BD. 302 Maryland. ES, Enclosed carport, available early Jan. Totally Refurbished. \$1350/mo. Call Kellie (310) 460-6300.

1BD. Lower unit. ES. Deluxe w/ hwd floors, SS stove, DW, Micro, fridge, granite counters, stack W/D, A/C, 1-car garage. \$1550/mo. Avail 12/1. 766 Main St. (310) 963-7653.

BOUTIQUE

Holiday Boutique: Fri., 11/30, 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (in the cafeteria). Center Street 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique. Come join the fun, vendors, entertainment, food, massage, and sell your gold!

CONDO FOR LEASE

2BD/1 3/4 BA. Condo for lease El Segundo. Wood floors, Updated 1,400 sq. \$2,400/mo. Ft. Agt. (310) 702-8961.

CONDO FOR RENT

2BD/2BA. Unfurnished Condo, El Segundo. Like new, 2 car parking, granite, stainless appliance, fireplace, wood floors, first level. \$2200/mo.

900 Cedar St. RPM, Inc. Call (310) 545-8272.

EMPLOYMENT

Display Ad Sales Position. We need an experienced Display Ad Salesperson for Herald Publications. Territories include Torrance, El Segundo and Hawthorne. Full or part-time positions are available. 20% commission on all sales. If interested please email your resume to management@heraldpublications.com. No phone calls please.

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and cover letter telling us why you would like to join our team. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting you. Kreme de la Kreme Nail Lounge (562) 434-4004 delakreme@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE

In ally behind 506 E Grand, ES. Sat., 12/01, 8 a.m. Good Stuff, cheap prices.

Yard Sale! 678 West Palm Ave, ES. Sat., 12/01, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Big Sale! Clothing, books, games, electronics, & more.

In Alley Behind, 358 Loma Vista St. Sat., 12/01, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, clothes, household, tools, TV, Misc.

Alley Sale! Rear 122 Lomita St. ES. Sat., 12/01, 8 a.m. Warehouse sale! Personal and Office items, Furniture. In case of rain, items will be inside of warehouse.

House for Rent

2BD/1BA. ES. Home with large backyard & 2-car garage, Next to Rec. Park \$2,395/mo. Available Dec. 5th. Call (310) 647-1635 for more details.

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People

CONGRATULATIONS

Annette Martin, of Hawthorne, was named to the Dean's List, compiled each summer and drawn from the top ten percent of the previous year's first-year, sophomore, and junior classes, at Carleton College. •



Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

For Stress-Free Holidays, Go Metro

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New Metro Bus Schedules December 16

Starting December 16, Metro is making changes in its bus service to improve efficiency and effectiveness through better use of resources. For complete details, look for revised timetables on metro.net or on buses during December.

Get Your Senior Passes On Tap

Metro has converted all Senior and Disabled passes and stamps to TAP cards. To purchase passes at the reduced rate, riders need to have a special reusable TAP card. To find application forms with complete instructions, visit metro.net.



If you'd like to know more, visit metro.net.

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Play it Safe Around Holiday Lights

As you begin preparing for the holiday season, we remind you to follow these important safety tips:

- Do not use decorative lighting with frayed cords and wires, broken fuses or broken light bulbs.
- Do not use staples, nails or tacks to hang electrical cords. These can pierce the protective insulation.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lighting and extension cords.
- Plug no more than three strands of lights into each electrical cord/outlet.
- Ensure live trees are well watered, and keep electric cords away from tree stands with water pans.
- Never use lighted candles on or near holiday trees or decorations.
- Remember to unplug decorative lights when you leave home and before going to bed.

We wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. For more safety tips, please visit www.sce.com/holidaysafety



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CITY OF INGLEWOOD ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, Inglewood residents, their families and friends are encouraged to join Inglewood's Mayor and Council Members for the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will take place at Inglewood City Hall - South Hall at 5:30 p.m. City Hall is located at One Manchester Blvd. The event will include entertainment, arts & crafts, refreshments for all and a special holiday visit by Santa. The entire community is encouraged to attend this festive holiday event. For more information, call the Inglewood Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department at 310-412-8750 or visit the City's webpage at www.cityofinglewood.org.

SOUTH BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL SEEKS BLUES, JAZZ BANDS

The City of Lawndale Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission is searching for bands based in the South Bay area that are interested in participating in its first Annual Blues and Music Festival in the fall of 2013. The commission is searching primarily for blues and jazz bands. Local bands interested in potentially performing at the event should contact Mike Estes, Lawndale Community Services Department at 310-973-3272, or via email at mestes@lawndalecity.org. Please provide band name, contact name, telephone number and preferred email address when responding.

GIFT WRAPPING CHAMPION TO APPEAR AT INGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The community is invited to the Inglewood Public Library for a free gift wrapping demonstration by Scotch Brand Gift Wrapping Champion Rosie Sato. The event will take place on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in the Gladys Waddingham Lecture Hall, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. in Inglewood. Sato is the reigning grand prize winner of the "Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper Contest." Last December, amid crowds of holiday revelers at Rockefeller Center in New York, Sato went bow-to-bow against seven other gift-wrapping gurus to win the ultimate holiday present - a \$10,000 cash prize. Sato's appearance at the Inglewood Public Library will include a 30-minute demonstration and tips on how to wrap odd-shaped and out-of-the box gifts. The demonstration will be followed by thirty minutes of a hands-on ribbon rose project. All materials will be supplied for participants courtesy of Ms. Sato. "This is a great opportunity to learn how to add a special personalized touch to your gift wrapping this holiday season," said Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr.

This program precedes Inglewood's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony that will take place in front of Inglewood City Hall, which is adjacent to the Library, later at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the Inglewood Public Library information desk at 310-412-5380 or visit the Library's web page at <http://library.cityofinglewood.org>.

HRC HOSTS FREE HOUSING RIGHTS WALK-IN CLINICS IN INGLEWOOD

The Housing Rights Center (HRC), and the City of Inglewood, host free 'Housing Rights Walk In Clinics' for Inglewood residents and community members every Second Tuesday of the month, during the 2012 calendar year. The clinics takes place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Inglewood Library (Lecture Hall) located at 101 W. Manchester Blvd. HRC will be present to provide information regarding housing discrimination and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities. HRC is contracted with the City of Inglewood to provide free landlord-tenant counseling, discrimination complaint investigation, outreach and education and legal advocacy. Individuals who believe they are victims of housing discrimination or have questions about their rights should visit HRC's monthly Inglewood Walk In Clinic. For more information, please call Geraldine Noguera at (800) 477-5977 extension #27. TTY users please call (213) 201-0867. This location is handicap accessible. No reservations needed.

51ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT OFFICE HANDS OUT TURKEYS DURING "OPERATION GOBBLE"

The office of Assembly Member Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) held its third annual Operation Gobble turkey giveaway yesterday at Rowley Park in Gardena. The office distributed more than 250 turkeys to community organizations, senior centers, and non-profits, which will then distribute the turkeys to families in need ahead of Thursday's holiday. "It is always important to lend a helping hand," Bradford said. "Thanksgiving is a time for being grateful for what we have, and remembering those who have less." Organizations are sent vouchers in advance for turkeys, with the time and place for pickup. Groups serving communities from Westchester to Gardena received five to ten turkeys. "I am always grateful to the organizations in my district who are eager to work with us in making Thanksgiving a little brighter for some needy families," Bradford concluded. "Special thanks go to Golden State Water Company and California Water Service Company for their generous donation of turkeys, which are going to brighten hundreds of families' holidays." •

ROBBERY

Robbery 4100 blk 116th St street, highway, alley
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/16/12 02:01
Crime Occurred: Fri 11/16/12 02:01
Arrest

Robbery S Doty Av/W El Segundo Bl street, highway, alley
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/16/12 18:19
Crime Occurred: Fri 11/16/12 18:19
Attempt Robbery 12500 S Inglewood Av street, highway, alley

Date/Time Reported Sat 11/17/12 21:01
Crime Occurred: Sat 11/17/12 20:45 to: Sat 11/17/12 20:45

Robbery 14400 S Inglewood Av department store
Date/Time Reported Sun 11/18/12 15:04
Crime Occurred: Sun 11/18/12 15:00
Poperty taken: blue hooded sweatshirt, pair of black polo socks
Vehicle: sus - CA 2002 BMW 745 4d sil

BURGLARY

Comm Burglary - Commercial 14600 S Cerise Av school
Date/Time Reported Mon 11/12/12 14:41
Crime Occurred: Mon 11/12/12 14:41
Method of Entry: smashed

Burglary 13700 S Cordary Av
Date/Time Reported Tue 11/13/12 13:57
Crime Occurred: CAD: Tue 11/13 13:57--no r ms ent

Res Attempt Residential Burglary 14700 S Doty Av house
Date/Time Reported Wed 11/14/12 10:23
Crime Occurred: Wed 11/14/12 10:23
Method of Entry: attempt only POE: single swing door Entry Loc: front

Burglary 11600 S Acacia Av
Date/Time Reported Thu 11/15/12 14:30
Crime Occurred: CAD: Thu 11/15 14:30--no r ms ent

Burglary Res Burglary - Residential 13800 S Lemoli Av apartment/condo
Date/Time Reported Thu 11/15/12 16:05
Crime Occurred: Thu 11/15/12 02:00 to: Thu 11/15/12 05:15

Property Taken: black safe 12x15x12, \$400.00 cash located inside safe, 2-Apple iPod 32gb, misc jewelry inside of safe, wallet, \$80.00 in cash located in wallet, AT&T Emerson cell phone 310-978-5714
Method of Entry: unlocked POE: sliding window

Res Burglary - Residential 4300 W 133rd St duplex/fourplex
Date/Time Reported Thu 11/15/12 20:38
Crime Occurred: Thu 11/15/12 18:00 to: Thu 11/15/12 20:30
Property Taken: Sony PS3, with controller, iPhone, white, pit bull

Method of Entry: unknown

Res Attempt Residential Burglary 4500 W 133rd St house
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/16/12 17:03
Crime Occurred: Fri 11/16/12 07:00 to: Fri 11/16/12 17:00
Method of Entry: opened POE: sliding window

Res Burglary - Residential 5500 Strand apartment/condo
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/16/12 21:44
Crime Occurred: Fri 11/16/12 12:00 to: Fri 11/16/12 21:44

Property Taken: Lenovo Ideapad P500, wooden jewelry box, miscellaneous jewelry
Method of Entry: kick door POE: single swing door Entry Loc: front

Res Burglary - Residential 13600 S Lemoli Av duplex/fourplex
Date/Time Reported Sat 11/17/12 19:51
Crime occurred: Sat 11/17/12 19:51

Property Taken: (2) wireless Wii controllers, gold engagement ring with 11 diamonds, gold band wedding ring, gold promise ring with fake diamond inlay, gold chain with gold fish pendant, gold necklace with blue diamond, black with red designs
Method of Entry: opened POE: sliding window

Res Burglary - Residential 13800 S Lemoli Av apartment/condo
Date/Time Reported Sun 11/18/12 08:21
Crime Occurred: Sat 11/17/12 23:00 to: Sun 11/18/12 08:00

Property Taken: gray/blk Air Jordan shoes (mens size 6 1/2), black Sanyo mp3 player in box, (2) pink Hello Kitty walkie talkies in box, "supersonic" boom box in box
Method of Entry: opened

Burglary 14000 S Yukon Av
Date/Time Reported Sun 11/18/12 10:06
Crime occurred: CAD: Sun 11/18 10:06--no r ms ent

Property Taken: Pioneer tv/dvd/cd/stereo system w/ navigation, silver iPod touch 16G

Burglary 12500 S Cranbrook Av
Date/Time Reported Sun 11/18/12 12:06
Crime occurred: CAD: Sun 11/18 12:06--no r ms ent

Property Taken: Garmin navigation device, 2 large leather jackets (size l) bro/blk, unknown brand portable dvd player/tv, misc documents w/ father's information

Res Burglary - Residential 5500 Strand apartment/condo
Date/Time Reported Sun 11/18/12 21:29
Crime Occurred: Sun 11/18/12 21:29

Property Taken: 1-cherrywood case containing approx 20 watches
Method of Entry: kick door POE: door (heading only entry loc: front)

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Hawthorne's Holiday Celebration
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Sports

Rivalry Renewed

By Adam Serrao

For as long as anyone can remember, there has been no such thing as a rivalry between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Los Angeles Lakers. While they have shared the same building over the past 13 years, the Clippers have failed to even enter the conversation when the topic of sharing championships has been discussed. Quite frankly, the Lakers have consistently been so good over the years that they have not only dominated the headlines when it comes to their play on the court, but have also been equally adept at gathering headlines from around the NBA and Los Angeles when it comes to off-the-court issues as well. All of a sudden, however, a team that has consistently been composed of stars similar to Pooh Richardson and Eric Piatkowski in the past has changed almost overnight into a team comprised of assets like Chris Paul and Blake Griffin. The turning away of Clipper Darrell says it all. These "new-look" Clippers have a new identity. They are ready to stop fooling around and start taking some of the shine off of the city's perennial favorites, but will they attract enough attention to take all of the shine away from the Lakers?

No matter what their record says about how the team has been playing to start the season, the Lakers' roster is one that is not only formidable but also scary to many other teams around the league. One of the reasons why the roster has taken the shape that it currently has is because of the nixed trade by David Stern that will forever live in infamy in the hearts and minds of Los Angeles basketball fans everywhere. Chris Paul could have, and probably should have, become a Laker to team up with Kobe for a few championships before the latter aging all-star retired. Instead, Paul went to a different locker room in the same building and Kobe has now been forced to (if you can call it that) team up with Dwight Howard. Now that Paul must look at this new Lakers' team from an outsider's perspective, however, he is certainly not one to panic at the sight of their roster. "Why should I be nervous," he said on the Dan Patrick Show. "When we got to the Olympics, if you looked at our roster, you could've just given us the medal--but you have to play the games and that's what makes it so exciting." Excitement is exactly what we can expect from both of these teams all season long, but so far the Clippers hold the upper hand with a 105-95 beat-down of their counterparts in the third game of the year.

Beating the Lakers isn't the only thing that the Clippers have going for them so far this

season. After all, the win did come before the coaching change and the Lakers have had a lot to get used to at the beginning of this season so far, to say the least. What the Clippers also have going for them, though, is that they have taken on and beaten other powerhouse teams across the league on a consistent basis. Wins against the aforementioned Lakers, the Denver Nuggets, Memphis Grizzlies, Chicago Bulls, San Antonio Spurs (twice) and the reigning champion Miami Heat have added up to be victories over playoff-caliber teams that in turn set the Clippers up for an extremely successful season. The Lakers, on the other hand, have only beaten one fairly good team--the Brooklyn Nets.

If there's anyone in this league who knows about a rivalry, it's Kobe Bryant. Throughout his years in the NBA, he has battled it out with the Spurs, Phoenix Suns and of course the Boston Celtics, just to name a few. When you ask him of his team's rivalry with the Clippers, though, he becomes very candid, to say the least. "Please," Bryant sighed. "We've got five championships. Rivals come from the playoffs." The Clippers have made the playoffs only two times in the last 15 years while the Lakers have been there seemingly every single year, so Kobe does have a point. "It isn't a rivalry--it never has been a rivalry," he continued. Again, true. All time, head to head, the Lakers have played 193 games against the Clippers. The Lakers have won 143 of those games.

The Clippers have been a historically horrible team throughout their history. With key additions like Jamal Crawford, Matt Barnes, Lamar Odom and (once he returns from injury) Grant Hill to add to the flourishing talent of Griffin and Paul, that all might change. It certainly looks as if it is already on its way to doing so this year in particular. The problem with speaking of a rivalry, though, is that you have to change the entire pedigree of a team. The Lakers have a traditionally winning pedigree that has done its part to entrench its team's brand deeply into the roots of Los Angeles tradition. While Paul and the rest of his Clipper teammates would love to change that culture, it would not only take defeating the Lakers in this year's season series and winning the NBA championship, but it would take multiple NBA championships and banners to be hung in the rafters of the Staples Center. Sure, the Clippers are getting better as a team and are ready to take the next step as championship contenders. Until they start winning those titles, however, the Lakers will forever be L.A.'s team and a rivalry between the two squads will be, like Kobe says, nonexistent. •

Joe's Sports

Inglewood Looks to State Title

By Joe Snyder

Last season, Inglewood High's boys' basketball team captured its fourth ever CIF-Southern Section and first since 1994 when it topped Simi Valley Royal High for the Division IIAA title at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena. That squad was made up of virtually all juniors.

Not only do the Sentinels return all five starters, but also picked up a key transfer from Playa del Rey St. Bernard High in all-CIF Southern Section Division VAA Player of the Year, all-California State and this year's preseason all-American six-foot senior guard Brandon Randolph. Randolph is one of several Major Division I college prospects on its extremely talented squad.

The Sents will have very good height that includes six-foot-10 senior center Charlie Lockwood and a pair of six-foot-seven forwards in Nicolas Smiley and James Lackey. Six-foot-three guard/small forward Randy Onsauser is also being highly recruited by several Division I universities.

Inglewood is currently playing in the Centennial Tournament in Corona where it opened against Great Oak High from Temecula on Tuesday. The classic runs through Saturday.

The Sentinels are also expected to have two home non-league games against powers Bellflower St. John Bosco (December 14) and Gardena Serra (January 5) before beginning the Ocean League in what could be already be a league showdown at home against another outstanding squad from Santa Monica on January 9.

MORNINGSIDE BEGINS IN MICO PAC SHORES

Morningside High's boys' basketball team is currently playing in the Mira Costa Pacific Shores Tournament where it started last Monday against Rolling Hills Prep High from San Pedro. The Monarchs begin the Ocean League at home against Culver City.

LAWNDALE SEEKS IMPROVEMENT

Lawndale High's boys' basketball team appears to be mostly young and inexperienced. The Cardinals, though, have a few talented players in six-foot senior guard Chris Nikhed, six-foot-one junior guard R'lando Beckles and six-foot-three sophomore guard Chris White.

Lawndale is playing in the Mira Costa Pacific Shores Tournament where it began Monday against Carson. The Cardinals will face Morningside today at 6 p.m. Lawndale starts Pioneer League play at El Segundo on January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL-- HAWTHORNE OPENS THIS WEEK

After going seven consecutive seasons without winning an Ocean League game, Hawthorne High's girls' basketball team made progress by going 5-5 in league and making the CIF-Southern Section Division IIA playoffs, losing in the first round. The Lady Cougars hope to improve and at least

finish in the top three in league.

Hawthorne is currently playing in the Inglewood City of Champions Tournament where it opened at St. Mary's Academy on Monday and played Redondo at the same place on Tuesday. The Cougars are at Leuzinger for a 6:30 p.m. non-league rivalry next Tuesday.

Hawthorne also plays in the Nike Tournament of Champions from December 20-22 and the West Coast Holiday Classic at St. Bernard in Playa del Rey from December 26-31. The Cougars begin the Ocean League at Beverly Hills on January 9.

LEUZINGER

Leuzinger High's girls' basketball team is under first-year head coach John Anderson and the Olympians are looking to get a few wins in the highly competitive Bay League. Leuzinger is also competing in the Inglewood Classic where it began last Monday against small schools power Rolling Hills Prep at Inglewood.

The Olympians host Hawthorne next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Leuzinger will also be at Lawndale for a 5:15 p.m. non-league cross-town rivalry game on December 7. The Olympians begin Bay action at Mira Costa in Manhattan Beach on January 15.

MORNINGSIDE

Last season, Morningside High's girls' basketball team experienced its worst season in the program's history at 1-22, but the once-proud program hopes to get back on track. It began the season in the Inglewood Tournament by hosting the Archer School for Girls on Monday.

The Monarchs will also be in the Fairfax Tournament from January 2-5 before opening the Ocean League at cross-town rival Inglewood on January 9.

INGLEWOOD

After a few successful seasons that included a 2010 CIF-Southern Section Division IIIA title, Inglewood High's girls' basketball team was faced with rebuilding last year. The Lady Sentinels are still mostly young.

Inglewood has its own tournament where it hosted Centennial High from Compton last Monday night. The Lady Sents will also be in the Redondo Battle of the Beach Classic from December 3-8. Inglewood begins on Monday against Long Beach Wilson at 5 p.m.

After Christmas from December 26-31, Inglewood plays in the West Coast Holiday Classic at St. Bernard where it starts on December 26 against Ventura St. Bonaventure.

LAWNDALE

Lawndale High's girls' basketball team is also in the Inglewood Tournament where it started at Inglewood last Tuesday. The Cardinals have their first non-league game next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. against CIF-Los Angeles City School Locke and will visit St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood next Thursday at 6 p.m.

Lawndale begins the Pioneer League at El Segundo on January 9 at 6 p.m. •

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Ingredients

White Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist white cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs

Red Velvet Cake-

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist German chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
- 1 bottle (1 ounce) red liquid food color (about 2 tablespoons)

Frosting

- 2 1/2 cups marshmallow creme (from two 7-ounce jars)
- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 4 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 3 (8-inch) round cake pans with cooking spray. Line bottom of each pan with cooking parchment paper. Spray parchment paper with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, beat White Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Loosely cover and refrigerate.
3. In another large bowl, beat Red Velvet Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally.
4. Spread 1/2 cup red velvet batter in bottom of each pan. Loosely cover and refrigerate remaining batter. Place all 3 pans on oven rack positioned in center of oven. Bake about 8 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
5. For next cake layer, spread 1/2 cup white batter evenly over each baked red velvet layer. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5, twice, baking 9 to 12 minutes per layer or until top of cake layer is set when lightly touched in center.
7. Cool 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans; remove parchment paper from bottoms of cakes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
8. Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat marshmallow creme, butter, vanilla and 1 tablespoon milk with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in powdered sugar until fluffy. If necessary, beat in more milk, a few drops at a time until spreading consistency.
9. To assemble, stack cake layers, spreading 1/2 cup frosting between each layer. Spread remaining frosting on side and top of cake.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THIRD AMENDMENT TO
PACIFIC GLEN SPECIFIC
PLAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing on the proposed third amendment to the Pacific Glen Specific Plan as follows:

Day: Tuesday
Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Pacific Glen Specific Plan Third Amendment

Project Location: Three Sixty at South Bay, situated on El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard. The site is better known as 360° at South Bay. The property encompasses approximately 39.24 acres.

Project Description: Third Amendment to Pacific Glen Specific Plan, Section 4.4.4 (Setbacks/Encroachments) and Section 4.4.8 (Parking)

PURSUANT TO the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the application is 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 Pacific Glen Specific Plan Second Amendment or submit oral or written information relevant thereto to the Planning Department, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 prior to the date of this hearing.

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Christopher Palmer, AICP
Planning & Community Development
Hawthorne Press: 11/29/2012

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING CODE AMENDMENT
NO. 2012ZA08**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance as follows:

Day: Tuesday
Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Zoning Text Amendment No. 2012ZA08

Project Location: City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County

Project Description: the City of Hawthorne initiated an application to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) Chapters 17.10 [Use Classification], 17.30 [M-P Industrial Park Classification], 17.32 [M-1 Limited Industrial Classification], 17.34 [M-2 Heavy Industrial Classification], and 17.58 [Off-Street Parking]. The amendment proposes to eliminate the M-P zone classification, and to reclassify the uses within the M-P zone. The proposed amendment will not add any new uses to the Municipal Code.

PURSUANT TO the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the application is 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, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 prior to the date of this hearing.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING CODE AMENDMENT
2012ZA10**

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Day: Tuesday
Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Zoning Code Amendment No. 2012ZA10

Project Location: Commercial and industrial zones

Project Description: These are two City-initiated applications to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) Sections 17.04 (Definitions), 17.25 (C-1 Freeway Commercial/Mixed Use Classification) and 17.26 (C-2 Local Commercial Classification). The amendments propose to define, classify and develop standards for trade schools and steam carwashes.

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, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 prior to the date of this hearing.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING CODE AMENDMENT
2012ZA11**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance as follows:

Day: Tuesday
Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Zoning Code Amendment No. 2012ZA11

Project Location: Commercial and industrial zones

Project Description: These are two City-initiated applications to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) Sections 17.04 (Definitions), 17.25 (C-1 Freeway Commercial/Mixed Use Classification) and 17.26 (C-2 Local Commercial Classification). The amendments propose to define, classify and develop standards for trade schools and steam carwashes.

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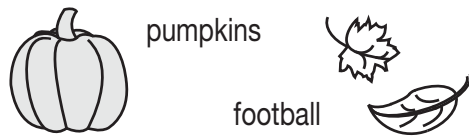
We are deep into the autumn now. Winter is around the corner and everyone is preparing for the long, colder months. Mother Nature has been busy coloring the forests and fields and giving a plentiful harvest. Jack Frost has started to coat the grass and leaves with beautiful patterns of frost. Father Time has given us shorter periods of daylight.

Animals are on the move, gathering food into nests or flying south. People are preparing their homes, cars and wardrobes for the coldest months of the year!

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- _____ hours growing shorter
- _____ painted on grass, leaves
- machines gathering kernels of corn and blowing the _____, cobs and leaves into a wagon trailing it (2 words)
- _____ and hats to warm you
- horses being unhitched from the wagons for _____ that will soon be hitched to sleighs for sleigh rides
- _____ flying south to avoid harsh winter skies
- _____ gather acorns to save for a chilly day
- _____ baked into delicious pies
- cold, crisp _____ making your breath steamy
- _____ crinkling while being raked off the lawn

Time to Fly South

These little birds want to fly south, but are not sure which way to go. Help them choose the right path.

Get it Done!

What do people do in late fall to get ready for winter? What does your family do?

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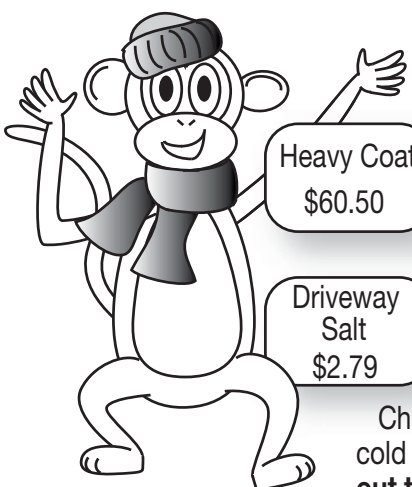
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| 2. shutting | B. leaves |
| 3. harvesting | C. bushes |
| 4. picking | D. gardens |
| 5. trimming | E. apples |
| 6. canning | F. air conditioners, fans |
| 7. stacking | G. spring flower bulbs |
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| 9. tuning | I. and cleaning furnaces |
| 10. storing | J. fruits, vegetables in jars |

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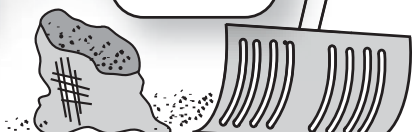
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Brighten your holiday and theirs when you adopt a “pet without a partner.”

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Honey

hold him, his head melts into your shoulder as he snuggles in for love... something he has obviously been neglected of for quite a while. If you like this breed, you will adore Mr. Kinkade! He needs a warm home for the holidays. Mr. Kinkade is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it’s available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending

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Mr. Kinkade was a hot matted mess when he was found. Although he was microchipped, we called his phone number only to find out



Mr. Kinkade

it was disconnected. He’s ours now and wow is he a sweet boy! He was born on May 1, 2008 and weighs 17 pounds. He is a gorgeous, tri-colored Shih Tzu with black ears that are a perfect offset to his white coat and tan cow patches. He is wonderful on leash and loves to ride in the car. Kinkade has good play manners with other dogs. When you

Purrrfect Companions

Start off the holidays with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Bonnie is a character of a kitty with a lot of personality! She is a mega-affectionate lap kitty who will dance her way into your arms at any chance she can get. She is very playful and loves to wrestle with other kitties. Bonnie is definitely more of an “alpha” kitty, as she wants to be in charge of everything that is going on. Her looks are very striking and her coat is so *very* soft. Her meow is perhaps the cutest thing you will ever hear! Bonnie needs a kitty companion in her forever home. She gets along great with everyone and is good with dogs as well. This teenage beauty is ready to share her love with you.



Andy

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.

Andy is a handsome orange Tabby with an adorable face. He is a complete sweetheart who loves to sleep on the bed or be a “lap hog” when he’s not simply sitting next to you. Andy will follow you from room to room, always wanting to be with you. As is stereotypical of orange kitties, Andy is very personable and easygoing. He is outgoing and loves people, which is obvious in how much time he spends with people. When it comes to toys, Andy is easy to please and loves to lay with all sorts of things. He has great energy and is still super-active and playful. His cute little meow and wonderful purr will steal your heart. Andy can be adopted as a single kitty, but he gets along with other kitties as well and would be perfectly happy with buddies.



Bonnie

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

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

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •

Bunny Companions

Are you thinking of inviting a hip-hoppity friend for home for the holidays? Before you buy a bunny from a pet store, think about this: On the list, rabbits are the number three most often abandoned pet and third most often “put to sleep” in animal shelters in the U.S.

Rabbits are not toys—they are delicate, exotic pets who can live up to 15 years. At the same time, they can also be wonderful companion animals. They’re clean and sociable, and once neutered they can easily be litterbox-trained. There is a wide selection of rabbits waiting for homes, so please don’t shop—*adopt* one of these beautiful bunnies or one of their friends.

Beatrice is a fantastic house bunny and people oriented—she even gives kisses! This snuggly girl would be a wonderful companion for humans, cats or a compatible boy rabbit. Beautiful Beatrice is about four years old as of June 2012.



Beatrice

Chico is a small Dwarf/Spot blend with a great disposition. This engaging little fellow is looking for a permanent home with some lucky humans and perhaps a rabbit friend too. Let us know if you’d like to meet him!

These are just two of the many orphaned bunnies available for adoption through Los Angeles Rabbit Foundation. To see more of their rabbits, please visit www.larabbits.org. The group holds weekly adoption venues on Saturdays from 12:30 to 3:30 at 3860 S. Centinela Avenue, Los Angeles 90066 (two blocks south of Venice Boulevard). All the rabbits are neutered and box-trained prior to adoption. Adopters receive a care packet, a bag of oat blend hay, and advice for the life of the rabbit. If you can’t adopt, the organization always needs foster homes, volunteers and of course donations. Make this year a positive one for a rabbit in need. •



Chico

Teen Center Celebrates Fourth Anniversary

By Cristian Vasquez

Food, music and a table tennis tournament were just some of the activities hosted at the Hawthorne Teen Center in honor of its 4th Annual Celebration.

The day's event included an award ceremony, a speech from a returning student and a current student, followed by a table tennis tournament and lunch.

"The Teen Center is really the best vehicle for impacting youth and if you get them in those formidable youth years, that is when some key decisions can be made," Hawthorne Police Chief Robert Fager said. "So if you can partner with great entities like Mr. [Jan] Vogel's entity, the city and all the other partnerships that work here, you can actually catch a lot of kids and give them a firm foundation. That way when they hit those life-challenging decisions, they can make decisions that allow betterment for them and vicariously for our community."

The Teen Center, located at 3901 El Segundo Blvd., is open every day from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and provides the city's teens with homework assistance. When the kids at the center do not have homework, staff engages them in academic activities such as a word of the day activity or board games that are mentally stimulating. With the exception of Friday, which is fun day, the staff at the Teen Center is focused on helping teens succeed academically.

"We have tutoring, SAT Prep and after that it is all games. We have enrichment programs such as cooking class, leadership club, and sports such as volleyball, basketball and dodge ball," Teen Center Manager Gabriela Goetz said. "We also have our scholarship club for students who are juniors or seniors that are looking for scholarships. We give them a way at finding scholarships and help them to write out applications."

The center also hosts the Job Club on Wednesdays between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. where teens are assisted with finding employment, as well as with resume writing. They also assist teens with interviewing skills while training them to maintain employment once they have been hired. For Noella Bih, the Teen Center has influence her life in ways that she did not expect.

"Being part of the Teen Center for four years has changed my life in many aspects and it has also helped shape who I am," Bih said. "I joined the program at age 14 and with the assistance of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board I was able to work with the department of public services during their summer job program. I helped to organize their office and do clerical work. I learned things that will prepare me for future jobs such as being on time, which is very important if you want to work. Working for the first time made me realize that it is not easy to make money and I also learned to appreciate my parents more."

The day's activities recognized several students for their outstanding performance in different areas. The Academic Achievement Award went to Bih, the Best Attendance Award went to Moshaid Mohammed, the Outstanding Leadership Award went to Angie Barba while Peter Godslaw earned the Sports Award.

"During my ninth and tenth grade I was struggling with my math and English but the teen center helped me with my homework," Bih said. "Now I find myself helping others who are in the same shoes that I was years ago."

In the four years that the Teen Center has

been open, its popularity has grown among students, volunteers and donors. Seeing the center grow along with the teens that attend it has been a unique experience for Teen Center's staff.

"The first years were kind of difficult because it was a challenge to merge the schools together. There was a lot of school spirit so kids from one school only wanted to hang out with kids from their school and it was slow to merge them. It was slow to come but now you can't tell which school is which now," Goetz said. "They have all become friends and it is a good thing because some of the kids came in here from the beginning and didn't have friends. Or their social life was not really there so the parents brought them here for that reason. Seeing those kids evolve has been really cool. We have had a couple of kids that we have seen grow up."

Still, the work done by the Teen Center relies heavily on donations and volunteers. The televisions, pool tables, table tennis tables and board games available were all donated. Recently the Parks and Rec Foundation donated \$13,000 to teen center and they even created a golf tournament with all proceeds going to the center.

"We can't do it without the community. We have been able to manage and we know that the community and city leaders come through," Goetz said. "We have a great staff of five plus a lot of volunteers. We cannot move on without volunteers and at the beginning that was hard because we couldn't get many volunteers so we had to get the word out. At that time we had a staff of three but we didn't have many kids either. As we grew, we realized we needed more of each other."

While resources are scarce the commitment to the Teen Center has been unwavering and continues to have a positive effect on the community.

"As you know the one thing that I always try to emphasize for people's awareness is funding. Money is the bottom line and a lot of times community members recognize that," Fager said. "They say 'This is so great, why don't we do more of it?' and it is because it takes money to do more and as you know right now, the fiscal economics of the state, cities and everywhere is very lean. As great as this is and as much as we look for avenues to capitalize on it, it takes dollars and cents to turn the lights on here and to get people to work here and that is a challenge."

All kids receive a free snack and all services are free. Students interested only need to show up, fill out an application and present a student identification to verify who they are. People interested in volunteering must go to teen center, fill out an application, get a background check and TB tested or they can call 310 970-7001.

"Sometimes necessity drives things more often than sometimes common sense. Maybe at times in the past when there was more money and that might have been a better time," Fager said. "But a lot of times you have to go back to those periods and ask yourself what the issues were and if they were the focus. Now with scrutiny being much more common place by the public, government and everybody, you really look for a way to make a bigger difference through a bigger bang for your buck. The Teen Center is huge and I will be honest, it is sometimes about having the right people at the right time. People like Mr. Vogel and his crew and staff that really have the right heart that drive these efforts." •

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charged by the City for licenses and permits as compared to the surrounding nine South Bay cities in order to assess the feasibility of those current fees in Hawthorne. Vargas also asked that a discussion be held as part of the agenda for the next Council meeting on the possibility of not holding a separate election for Mayor of Hawthorne—but instead elect five Council members and then select one sitting member as the Mayor on a rotating basis for a predetermined period of time.

Councilmember Olivia Valentine announced that the City website now includes a page with information to assist veterans with relevant information on jobs, benefits and other concerns. There is also a database of Hawthorne residents who are veterans and anyone wishing to be included in the database should contact Tom Quintana at City Hall. The recently submitted HUD report has been approved by the

governmental agency, with a "Good" rating for the City of Hawthorne, thus assuring CDBG funds will continue based on the consolidated plan from the Planning Department.

Mayor Juarez announced that a grant to complete the reconfiguration of the Marine Avenue and Aviation Boulevard intersection has been received using Measure J/Measure R funding. Juarez requested that the Director of Public Works explore how the City can benefit from the recently approved State Senate Bill 535 that includes \$54 million in funds for improvements to disadvantaged cities. Hawthorne could qualify due to the intersecting freeways that split the community and surround neighborhoods. The Mayor requested the Food Truck ordinance be put on the next agenda for review and possible reworking of the code.

The next meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. •

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