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'Los Lakercitos' Basketball Clinic Brings out Lakers, Fans and Scotti



The Hawthorne Youth Basketball League was treated to a basketball clinic at the Hawthorne Memorial Center with special guests Lakers' player Metta World Peace, Lakers' broadcasters Stu Lantz, Adrian Garcia Marquez and Francisco Pinto as well as the crowd-favorite Hawthorne Police Department therapy dog Scotti. Seen here is Scotti surrounded by friends. Photos courtesy of Hawthorne Police Department Community Affairs Officer Lameka Bell. See article on page 12. •

Wiseburn Considers Early Education Plan

By Dylan Little

The Wiseburn School Board heard a presentation about a new early childhood education program that seeks to educate both parents and children and hopefully identify and address any special needs these toddlers might face during their formative years during the group's most recent meeting. Claudia Villigas-Avalos and Jessica Gomez from H.O.P.E. School Readiness Center gave a short presentation on what the program does and how it could create a community of strong learners and empowered parents. They have done similar programs in San Pedro and in Lennox School District. While Wiseburn hasn't committed to working with them, having an early childhood education program like this one is something in which the Board is interested.

Superintendent Tom Johnstone asked Villigas-Avalos and Gomez to talk with the Board after visiting the center in Lennox and learning about their "passion" for preschool and younger children. Johnstone would like to see more focus on young children, as their first months of life can have a profound impact on brain development. "Studies show the greatest brain development happens between zero and 18 months," said Johnstone. "And we are trying to take advantage of that period to enhance the education of our children."

The primary goal of the program is to maximize each child's potential--whether it's by helping them and their parents overcome developmental impairments (such as slowed speech development) or just giving these children a head start at an educational environment. "Our mission is to ensure that each student reaches his or her potential," said Villigas-Avalos. "It's about planting the seeds of knowledge so that each child can grow and blossom."

The program would have children between

zero and three years old and a parent meet for an hour-and-a-half to learn together. Parents in the program would learn parenting and instructional strategies to ideally make them more aware of their role in teaching. "The heart of this program is really parents and children," said Villigas-Avalos. "One of the most important things we do is to teach parents the importance of their roles as their child's first teacher."

H.O.P.E. doesn't just focus on cognitive development for areas such as math, science and reading, but instead seeks to be a comprehensive development aid with time devoted to physical, social and emotional development. Villigas-Avalos noted that

the importance of technology has made fine motor skills critical for children. "We are in awe of how refined fine motor skills have to be and at a younger age than before," said Villigas-Avalos. "There are two-year-olds who are using iPads, using apps to help them to read, learning different letters and numbers. My 20-month-old nephew is working on a tablet and playing games that require some serious refined motor skills."

Another critical area for children to learn about is ethical development. Both Villigas-Avalos and Gomez said that teaching social responsibility and values is one of the most

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds
84°/69°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
82°/68°



Sunday
Sunny
79°/66°



Pet of The Week



Pheonix

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- 5 months
- Male
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Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors

From Cable TV Administrator Tom Quintana

Norb Huber's regular column will return August 23rd

Last Call

The deadline for submitting written nominations for the 2012 Hawthorne Citizen of the Year Award is this Friday, August 10th. Use the form provided by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce or simply write a letter explaining why you are nominating a particular person or persons and hand carry it to the chamber office. Be sure to include their complete contact information as well as your own. The announcement is a complete surprise so if your nominee is selected your help will be needed to arrange the special presentation during the chamber's annual Installation of Officers and Civic Awards Breakfast, Thursday, August 30, 2012, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. For further information visit the Hawthorne Chamber at 12629 Crenshaw Boulevard, or telephone 310-676-1163.

Summer Tradition

A lot of awareness and interest in Hawthorne's colorful and unique history has been gaining momentum with the recent opening of the Hawthorne Historical Museum. If you are interested in seeing another historical perspective of the greater Centinela Valley area that includes Hawthorne, then

you should visit the Centinela Adobe, 7634 Midfield Avenue in Inglewood. And a good time to do that would be at the annual Fiesta being presented, Sunday, September 9, 2012, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Celebrate the heritage of the California Rancho days and enjoy folklorico dancers, mariachis and Pinata Party. Sample handmade tortillas, quesadillas, Pozole, Menudo and Pan Dulce. Stroll the grounds to see lace making, butter churning and wool spinning. Tour the Machado Adobe, Freeman Land Office and Haskell Heritage Center. For further information, telephone 310-649-6272.

Safe Speeds Help Keep Kids Safe

Children will be returning to public and private schools starting next week so it is time for motorists to start paying attention to those new solar powered speed signs that have recently been installed on streets bordering various school sites city-wide. Sixteen Radar Feed Back Speed Signs are now monitoring vehicular speed approaching crosswalks and intersections that soon will be teeming with youngsters and parents during the morning and in the afternoons. It is also the time of the year when the morning sun can greatly diminish a driver's vision, so be mindful of pedestrians and bicyclists and other vehicles around you as you drive around the City of Good Neighbors. •

"Everything about the Olympics was first class, and women were treated as athletes and equals."
- Elizabeth Robinson Schwartz



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A Student's Perspective

A Small Slice of Humble Pie

By Glen Abalayan, Torrance High School Student

Everyone has had a small taste of the bittersweet pastry cleverly called Humble Pie. It is made with a cup of embarrassment, a teaspoon of apologies, a pinch of coincidence and baked in an oven of contemplation. Humble Pie can only be ready when its recipient is ready and is frequently fed to those with large amounts of pride. Unlike other pastries, Humble Pie does not actually have any nutritional benefits, but has long-lasting effects in places where no other baked good can affect--the soul.

As children, most people were humbled for the first time when they decided to defy their parents only to find out their parents were right the entire time. It might have been trying to stay up late on a weekday or sneaking away to a friend's house on the weekends, but most defiant acts in people's childhoods usually ended up to the rebel's own detriment and serves the perpetrator with an appropriate serving of Humble Pie. When the presence of parental supervision diminishes as people grow older, the urges to rebel against the rules their parents enforced increase and causes some individuals to give in and perform quite regrettable deeds. Unfortunately, some individuals refuse to change their arrogant ways and are humbled only when a traumatic event has occurred, such as incarceration or a family death.

Arrogant individuals are the main recipients of this humble soul dish. For centuries, the media exposed haughty individuals such as arrogant CEOs, celebrities and world leaders who fell from grace and were forced to pick up the pieces. Their humbling moment might have been an economic downturn, a scandal, or a rebel uprising. But although their Humble Pies might have been served through different types of personal catastrophes, most chose to change their dastardly ways to avoid another mishap.

A few days ago, I received my serving of this dish when I coincidentally ran into my best friends, whom I have not spoken to this whole summer. This unlikely reunion occurred when I went inside KFC to take a

simple drink of water and was greeted by my friends. As I came inside, my friends asked me why I didn't play basketball with them that day. I told them that I couldn't make it because I had a "family dinner" to attend. I lied. In fact, I actually hung out with another friend and ate at a local buffet. My longtime friends caught my fib as soon as they saw me enter KFC and told me that it was one in the group's last day before moving to Lake Elsinore. I felt a rush of embarrassment and regretted disregarding my friends for the whole summer. Suddenly facing the fact that I may not meet one of my best friends for an extended period of time really made me reconsider my priorities and humbled me in front of the other.

When time came for my best friend to leave the restaurant, I humbly said my farewells, apologized and thanked him for accepting me back into the group. As I shook his hand for the last time he told me, "We always accepted you--you just didn't always accept us." Knowing that it might be the last words I may hear from my best friend for a very long time, I let the words sink in and further humble my once-haughty soul. But in a bizarre turn of events, and in my classic best friend's style, he shuffled back inside the fast food joint to say that he forgot his gym bag. At that moment, I received two servings of Humble Pie when my circle of friends chuckled at me, told me that my best friend wasn't going to move and showed how it feels like to be deceived. The feeling was bittersweet, but was quickly relieved when my circle of friends and I caught up on the three months that we haven't seen each other.

A famous teacher once said that those who exalt themselves will be humbled while those who humble themselves will be exalted. The constant media exposure of famously arrogant individuals falling from grace proves this statement. Just like the taste of the metaphorical Humble Pie, humbling oneself is bittersweet. But admitting one's shortfalls beforehand prevents even worse consequences from ever occurring. A small slice of Humble Pie is far better than a banquet of disgrace. •

Police Reports

Assault

4191 W EL SEGUNDO BL #5 Sat 07/28/12 0145

3730 W 118TH ST Sat 07/28/12 0851

14030 S LEMOLI AV #35 Sun 07/29/12 1323 ARREST

12501 S HAWTHORNE BL Tue 07/31/12 0155

Burglary - Auto

4949 W 147TH ST Sat 07/28/12 0845 Sat 07/28/12 1020 PARKING LOT, GARAGE, PAID

4536 W 118TH ST Tue 07/31/12 0311

Burglary - Not Categorized or Report not Completed

13200 S DOTY AV #209 Tue 07/31/12 1855

Burglary-Com

2831 W 120TH ST Tue 07/31/12 1400 Tue 07/31/12 1645 1AUTO/VEHICLE

Burglary-Res

14627 S LEMOLI AV Sun 07/29/12 1148 RESIDENTIAL-HOUSE

13933 S CRENSHAW BL Sun 07/29/12 1630 Sun 07/29/12 1700 MISCELLANEOUS

OFFICES

Robbery

13600 S CHADRON AV Sat 07/28/12 1404 12-9423 ARREST STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY

12000 S VAN NESS AV Sat 07/28/12 1946

12000 BLOCK OF S EUCALYPTUS AV Mon 07/30/12 1345 STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY

13439 S RAMONA AV Mon 07/30/12 1430 OTHER

12615 S CRENSHAW BL Wed 08/01/12 0459

Vehicle Theft

2401 W EL SEGUNDO BL Sat 07/28/12 1655

13245 S HAWTHORNE BL Sun 07/29/12 0745

5422 W ROSECRANS AV Sun 07/29/12 2100 Sun 07/29/12 2305 12-9493 ARREST

4184 W 120TH ST Mon 07/30/12 0800

11736 S SPINNING AV Mon 07/30/12 2030 Tue 07/31/12 0530

13750 S LEMOLI AV Tue 07/31/12 0951 •

"My only focus was the Olympics because in my sport, that is the ultimate. Everything is geared toward that, and my entire life was geared around getting there and winning gold."
- Cammi Granato

Calendar

ALL CITIES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
 • The Key to Achieving Success Brunch and Workshop, 11:30 a.m., The Church of Scientology Community Center, 8039 S. Vermont Ave. RSVP to Ryan London at (310) 419-8230 or CommunityCenter@Scientology.net.

HAWTHORNE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
 • Volcano Science and Stories, 10 a.m. Wiseburn Library, 5335 W. 135th St. For more information call (310) 643-8880. Aug. 18, Learn to Draw Superheroes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

• City Council Meeting, 6 p.m.- 10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call Monica Dircisci at (310) 349-2915.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

• Gardena & Hawthorne Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting, 5-7:00 p.m., Nakaoka Center Room D, 1670 W 162nd St. CDs with PDF copies of the plan will be available for participants to take home. If the public would like to provide input, a comment period will remain open for two weeks.

ONGOING

• Wiseburn Food Fest benefiting the Wiseburn Education Foundation, 5:30-9 p.m. on the last Friday of every month (excluding October and December) at Dana Middle School. info@wiseburneducation.org
 • Social Security Outreach available for drop-in assistance, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, with the exception of holidays, Hawthorne Library, 12700 Greville Ave. For more information call Donald Rowe at (310) 679-8193.

INGLEWOOD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

• South Bay Cities Service Council Regular Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Inglewood

City Hall, Conf. Room A, One Manchester Blvd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

• Library Program: Healthy Foods Workshop for Kids and Parents, 2 p.m., Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5645.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

• Summertime Fun Concert, 4 p.m., at the Inglewood Center for Spiritual Living, 525 N. Market St. For more information call (310) 674-9160.

ONGOING

• Free 'Housing Rights Walk In Clinics' for Inglewood residents and community members every 2nd Tuesday of the month, during the 2012 calendar year, 1-4 p.m., at the Inglewood Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call Geraldine Noguera at (800) 477-5977 extension #27.
 • Free Summer Food Program, M-F, from June 20-August 31. Free lunches offered to youth 18 and under at eight different locations in Inglewood. For more information, call (310) 412-8750.

LAWDALE

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 14717 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3200.
 • 2012 Summer Reading Program: Book Party, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 676-0177.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

• Free Summer Meals Program (ages 1-18) through Aug. 10. For more information call Alice Garcia at (310) 973-1300 ext. 4881.
 • Lawndale Certified Farmer's Market, 2-7 p.m., every Wednesday on the lawn of the Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave. •

ONGOING

• Free Summer Meals Program (ages 1-18) through Aug. 10. For more information call Alice Garcia at (310) 973-1300 ext. 4881.

Classifieds

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GARAGE SALE

O'Grady Hall, 220 Sierra St. Sat. 8/11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun. 8/12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. St. Anthony Church Rummage. Antiques, jewelry, old furniture, tools, computer, electronic, etc.

5303 Wiseburn St. Hawthorne. Sat. 8/11, From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Used baby crib, stroller, baby Bjorn, large crab sandbox, child beach rafts, baby/child clothes 0m - 5yrs., adult clothes, toys, books & more!!

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Community Briefs

Low-Cost Vaccine, Microchip Clinic, Aug. 11

Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) is hosting a low-cost Vaccine and Microchip Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Bay Pet Adoption Center, located at 12910 Yukon Ave. in Hawthorne. For more

information, interested persons may call 888-772-2521. Keeping your pet's vaccination current can prevent common illnesses and potentially avoid costly veterinarian bills. Microchipping your pet can allow for a quicker reunion if your pet goes missing.

Free Brunch, Workshop On "The Key To Achieving Success" on August 18

Free brunch and workshop on "The Key to Achieving Success" announced for August 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of Scientology Inglewood's Community Center. Since opening in November 2011, the Church of Scientology Inglewood sponsored Community Center has provided an array of activities, events and seminars empowering individuals to achieve greater happiness and success for themselves and others. A now established event in the monthly calendar is the community-wide brunch followed by a

seminar on "The Way to Happiness" hosted at the L. Ron Hubbard Community Auditorium. Keynote speaker Bishop Franklin Harris delivers powerful and uplifting messages based on 21 precepts to better living from the non-religious moral code "The Way to Happiness." Attendees are welcomed to great food, entertainment and knowledge to achieve greater happiness and success. All are welcome, admission is free - RSVP Ryan London (310) 419 8230 to reserve your seat.

Gardena, Hawthorne Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting

The cities of Gardena and Hawthorne have been working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the past year. This process was made possible by a joint grant awarded to the cities. A steering committee was formed by reaching out to citizens and community stakeholders from both cities. After a year long process, Risk Management Professionals (RMP), our consultants who helped put together the plan, will present the plan to the public.

The public meeting is set for August 22, 2012 in the City of Gardena. RMP associates

will do a presentation covering the planning effort and the results of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. CDs with PDF copies of the plan will be available for participants to take home.

After the presentation, if the public would like to provide input, a comment period will remain open for two weeks. Comments will be forwarded to RMP.

The meeting will be held at the Nakaoka Senior Center, located at 1670 West 162 nd Street, Gardena, 90247. The meeting time is 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Room D. •

"I still can't believe I won the Olympics. That's what I feel right now - completely alive as a human being. It's a really beautiful moment."
 - Clara Hughes



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The ever entertaining neighborhood talking cat Juan Carlos sat in my living room today, beaming over the items he had dragged in from a neighbor's basement. With great excitement, he donned an ancient Walter Winchell hat and set up both a giant desk microphone and a teletype machine that still went "rat tat tat" with each pounding. And just like that, the Cat in the Hat News Hour was created!

"What the heck are you planning?" I asked, to which he replied, "I'm Walter Winchell reincarnated, but to make my show even better I'm going to add a feature, asking readers to join me in an exciting and fun contest." "Too cool," I said. "Show me." With that he tugged down his hat like a baseball pitcher with men on base, wiggled his tail and pitched:

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, New York Times, July 28. The Association of Medical Colleges announced that we have a 69,000-doctor shortage today, but by 2025 it will nearly double to 130,000 under Obamacare.

RAT TAT TAT: Washington, D.C., July 30: Today coal produces 40 percent of U.S. electricity, but EPA regulations will force the shutdown of 8.5 percent of current capacity and prohibit construction of new plants.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Investors Business Daily, July 27. Over the last 10 years, the private sector employment grew by one percent, but government employment grew by 15 percent. President Obama said, "The private sector is doing just fine." The economy needs to grow by three percent just to absorb the population growth...without reducing the number of currently unemployed. Too bad we're only growing at 1.5 percent.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, U.S. Census, July 26: Reports show 224,000 small businesses that had employed 3.1 million people were closed between 2008-2010.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Ernst & Young, July 27: By a 51-48 vote, the Senate approved Barack Obama's plan to raise taxes on small business owners earning over \$200,000 per year. That tax increase will hit 1.2 million employers and cost an additional 700,000 jobs.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, International Monetary Fund, July 30: The world's economy will grow by 3.5 percent in 2012, but the U.S. at less than half that rate. Fifty percent of new jobs created in the U.S. are part-time jobs. For full-time workers, the average workweek is only 34.5 hours. The average family net worth is down 40 percent in the last five years.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Associated Press, July 31: Barack Obama announced that by September 30, the national debt will reach

an astounding \$16.2 trillion. He projects that under his programs, the nation's debt will reach \$25.4 trillion by 2022. ("We tried our plan, and it worked. That's why I'm running for a second term." -- Barack Obama, July 25)

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA), July 27: The Federal Register where federal regulations are published has run 41,662 pages so far this year. These regulations will cost the economy \$56.6 billion and will take 114.4 million man-hours to complete. The Small Business Administration (SBA) says red tape costs employers \$10,000 per employee per year.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Heritage Foundation, July 20: George Bush initiated 28 regulations costing \$8.1 billion in compliance. Barack Obama has initiated 106 regulations costing \$46 billion in compliance.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, CBS/NY Times Poll, July 18: Only 24 percent believe the economy is getting better. Two-thirds believe Obama's policies contributed to the downturn. Incredibly, 52 percent believe the economy "will NEVER improve under Obama."

"So, cat lovers, this is the first edition of the Cat in the Hat News Hour. We hope you'll stay with us and participate in the contest that follows--and in the meantime, sleep well, America. Government drones are watching you."

Juan Carlos continued, "Without further ado, here's the contest: Since the Obama campaign has already selected its slogan, 'Forward,' it is now searching for a campaign song for the Democratic Convention. The nominated songs are:

Happy Days are Here Again: This is the traditional Democratic song, but in light of the economy, it must be sung with tongue in cheek. TV networks would have to ready the sound suppression button when the guffawing and giggling erupts.

Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow or The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow: Since 52 percent believe the economy will NEVER recover under Obama, neither song with the 'tomorrow' theme will work.

Yesterday: The Beatles' nostalgic look at life before Obama may be just the ticket.

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away; Now it looks as though they're here to stay, Oh, I believe in yesterday.

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be There's a shadow hanging over me Oh, yesterday came suddenly.

The talking cat pulled off his earphones, clicked off the mike, cradled his head in his paws and wept. •



Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So have you wasted, or spent, much of your days or nights watching what used to be the most political event of all--the Olympics? Some of the prepackaged, tape-delayed garbage that the corporate greed mongers at NBC have shoved down our throats? All the while lying to us out here on the Left Coast that some of this taped stuff was live.

As the old huckster and promoter P.T. Barnum was given credit for saying, "There's a sucker born every minute." And we, on the Left Coast, are the suckers, again having to put up with tape-delayed, plausibly live coverage of the XXX Olympiad. Pathetic. And yet we have to accept it, I guess. Bent over again by the corporate greed mongers.

As old, veteran human beings will remember, back in the day the Olympics were supposed to be a sporting contest between our fresh, young, penny-poor amateur athletes, trying to compete with the Commie cheaters from the Evil Soviet empire, or the men posing as women from whichever Germany that was beating us in swimming and whatever other sport we normally care little about but become slave to for a couple of weeks every four years. Think that back then, there was an East and West Germany, and think that the East Germans men and men's teams' (posing as women), were the ones that would royally kick our poor little American butts.

As would the Soviets. But remember the Miracle on Ice, when our actual amateur hockey-playing college kids did beat the Commie Ruskie pros? Back in the Lake Placid Winter Olys back in 1980? Course that game, probably the most famous game ever played in the Olympics, was sent to us tape-delayed by the TV rights' holders at the time. Think it was ABC.

Back then, we were kind of captive. That's right. Back in 1980, we had no access to cell-phones, the Internet or any of the myriad ways that we can now get results instantaneously. Which makes the tape-delaying of stuff pretty frustrating. At least for me.

Not so much in the Summer Olympics, but seemed like there was a nasty beat-down every year in the Winter Olys. And we lost, we whined, because their athletes were trained professionals who did nothing but train for the Olys, and our kids were working at Big 5, or the local Jet Strip establishment, making money so that they could train for the 100-yard dash or to cavort on the pommel horse.

Which may or may not have been true back in the day. Americans can also disseminate disinformation and cheat, BTW. And just cuz I am astute enough to have figured that out a

long time ago doesn't make me anti-American. Just someone who pays attention.

But that day ain't today, is it? We no longer fear the Commies pointing their cannons at our shores. Who even knows if what is left of the Evil Russian Empire has the wherewithal to send a nuclear missile our way? Rumor has it that one of the first spots the Evil Commies would have targeted, were they to hoist a nuke, was at the Aviation Boulevard, which has housed a lot of top-secret and top-notch military stuff for the past many, many years.

And which is pretty darn close to where we all live, right?

So we got tired of not winning and decided to start paying our "amateur" athletes as much or more than the other countries. Won't you be so proud when Kobe Bryant and the other gazillionaires who are begrudgingly taking to the basketball courts in jolly old England pull down the gold medal? I gotta say that I won't be all that upset if the LeBrons and Carmelos of the world are actually challenged a bit. Lose a game? Don't win it all?

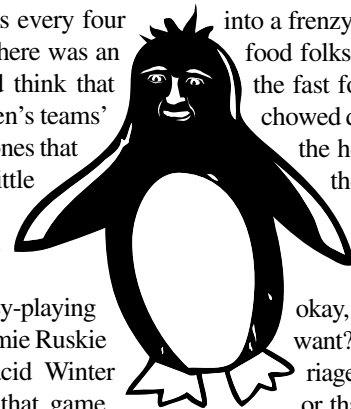
So did you see notice last week the political brouhaha that sent the social media-ites into a frenzy, involving the Chick fil-A fast food folks? Seems that the leadership of the fast food chain, which I have never chowded down at cuz I don't know where the heck there is one out here, took the stand that they don't cotton to same-sex marriage. Which, if I remember what the First Amendment is all about, is okay, right? You can say what you want? Unless you pick on gay marriage and then you are labeled a this or that by the not-so-tolerant lefties,

who then decide to try and organize a boycott of your little fast food chain? Seems the lefties are all for freedom of speech, unless the free speech that you espouse doesn't jibe with their agenda.

And, promised a Sarah "Princess" Palin update last week, but failed woefully. Must have been left on the cutting room floor. Anyway, the Princess was tossed under the bus this week by old man Dick Cheney, who served as the VEEP for the last President Bush. Raise your hand if you can remember all of the wonderful accomplishments from the VEEP Chaney?

Anyway, Chaney said that he didn't think that the plucked-from-the-wasteland-of-Alaska Palin was prepared to become President if, somehow, John McCain had triumphed over Mr. Obama and McCain didn't finish his term.

Duh. Good thing that has all been cleared up for us, Mr. Chaney. McCain picked the Princess because she was a nice-looking, if somewhat befuddled woman. First time that has ever happened, right? •





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League Leader Has No I.D.

Joseph Banks of the Lakers scores on a lay-up at last Saturday's Hawthorne and Parks Department basketball action against the Rise. The Lakers defeated the Rise 41-30.



Scott Lee of the Hawthorne-based South Bay Swim Team won the 50-54 male age group in last Sunday's Hermosa Beach to Manhattan Beach Pier-to-Pier Two-Mile Ocean Swim at the International Surf Festival.



Mark Tripp of the Hawthorne-based South Bay Swim Team finished third for the 30-34 male age group in last Sunday's Hermosa Beach to Manhattan Beach Pier-to-Pier Swim at the International Surf Festival.



David Neilan finished 97th overall and 10th for the 45-49 male age group in Sunday's Hermosa Beach to Manhattan Beach Pier-to-Pier Two-Mile Swim at the International Surf Festival.

Photos by Joe Snyder.

By Joe Snyder

There is no identification for the leader of the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Youth Division IV Basketball League as No I.D. remained in first place with a 54-36 victory over the Heat last Saturday at the Betty Ainsworth Gymnasium. No I.D. used a stingy defense to surge out to a 31-15 halftime lead and then extended it to 19 at 40-21 after three quarters. The Heat got as close as 10 points in the fourth period but No I.D. was able to pull away.

No I.D. (6-1) had three players score in double figures, led by Richard Karres with a game-high 18 points. Brandon Lopez and Davion Crouter added 14 and 11 points respectively for No I.D. Gerardo Cook led the Heat (4-3) with 12 points.

Division IV: Lakers 41, Rise 30

The Lakers used a big third quarter to down the Rise 41-30 in Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division IV basketball play last Saturday. Leading 14-13 at halftime, the Lakers (5-2) outscored the Rise 17-7 in the third quarter for an 11-point lead (31-20). Both teams played evenly in the fourth period.

Joseph Banks led all scorers with 10 points for the Lakers. Ryan Aquinde chipped in nine points and Nick Hart contributed five. Forley Ansinification led the Rise with eight points.

Division III: Hoosiers 25, Young Ballers 21 (OT)

In a thrilling Division III basketball game, the Hoosiers topped the Young Ballers 25-21 in overtime last Saturday. The game was tied at 21 at regulation before the Hoosiers outscored the Young Ballers 4-0 in the extra

three-minute period. The Hoosiers were led by Cameron Hadnot with nine points. Terrence Smith had a game-high 14 points for the Young Ballers.

South Bay Swimmers Have Good Showing

The Hawthorne-based South Bay Swim Team was looking forward to its favorite ocean swim, the Hermosa Beach to Manhattan Beach Pier-to-Pier Two-Mile Ocean Swim last Sunday morning. The squad was led by 51-year-old Scott Lee, who captured the 50-54-year-old male age group at 43 minutes and 51 seconds. Lee finished 37th overall out of an estimated 1,500 competitors in one of the International Surf Festival's most popular events.

Thirty-one-year-old Mark Tripp finished third for the 30-34-year-old male category clocking 44:16. Steve Hyde was eighth for the men's 60-64 division in 1:05:53. David Neilan, 46, finished 97th overall and 10th for male 45-49 timing 47:23. Kathy Gore finished 11th for the female 45-49 division in 1:00:53. Hawthorne resident Michal Carlson, who won this event a few years ago, settled for 15th place overall and second for the male 25-29 age group clocking 42 minutes.

The overall race was a thriller with a woman nearly winning overall. Thirty-five-old Dawn Heckman, who competed in the Olympic trials in Omaha last month, was leading getting out of the water before 36-year-old David Schlesinger passed her up in winning the tight race at 39:38. Heckman was also clocked in 39:38. Both were swimmers at the University of Florida. Eighteen-year-old Sarp Elaziz placed third in 39:54. •

Grading the Dodgers

By Adam Serrao

The baseball season is now more than half-way over and as the final stretch approaches, the Dodgers not only find themselves in contention for one of the two wild card positions, but also in contention for the National League West division title. The team has certainly come a long way since last year and the nightmarish season that took place under Frank McCourt. This year the Dodgers have the same team (for the most part), but a different image under Stan Kasten, Magic Johnson and the rest of the ownership group that has taken over and turned Dodger fans' fears into fantasies. The moves that the Dodgers have made at this year's trade deadline have shaken up the roster a bit, but even so does the team have what it takes to finish in first place and make a deep run into the playoffs?

The Dodgers have been given one of the best grades in the league for their efforts to improve their team in the time leading up to last Tuesday's trade deadline. The move that got everything started was the trade they made with the Miami Marlins to acquire Hanley Ramirez and Randy Choate. Though the Dodgers gave up a talented young pitcher in Nathan Eovaldi to attain the services of Ramirez and Choate, it should prove to be worth it in the long run. Eovaldi may turn into an above average pitcher at some point in his career, but the Dodgers are trying to win now. His time on the mound in the spot starts that he was given didn't impress the Dodgers' front office enough to keep him around, so they did what they should have done and traded him while he still had value. Certainly, Ramirez gives the Dodgers an excellent chance to win in the playoffs this year and winning now is of the utmost importance to the Dodgers' front office. They must prove to the fans that the team is different than it had been under McCourt and that they will do whatever it takes to put a winning product out there on the field.

So far, so good. Choate will slide in nicely to a bullpen that was in desperate need of another quality left arm to go up against talented right-handed bats in the latter innings of games. Ramirez and his resume speak for themselves. With a 2006 NL Rookie of the Year and a 2009 NL batting title already under his belt, Ramirez is a three-time All-Star starter. The 28-year-old shortstop/third baseman has a lifetime batting average of .300 with 482 RBIs, 148 home runs and 230 stolen bases. The perfect addition for the Dodgers, Ramirez can hit for average and power and is a menace on the base paths with his speed. While only batting around the .250 range for the first half of the season, the change of scenery should help get Ramirez's bat back on track. It won't be long before he sparks the Dodgers' offense and leads the team to some key victories down the stretch of the season. He is playing third base now, but ideally Ramirez would like to take over Dee Gordon's position at shortstop. He would certainly be a defensive upgrade over Gordon and bring a better on-base percentage to the lineup. Currently, however, the Dodgers have a black hole at third base due to the disappearance of Juan Uribe (another ex-Giant who never played well with the Dodgers), so the

acquisition of Ramirez should help there and assist in the team's chase of an NL West title.

The other key pickup before the trade deadline was ex-Philadelphia Phillies' centerfielder Shane Victorino. The Dodgers gave up more young talent to get him, shipping off Josh Lindblom and pitching prospect Ethan Martin to the Phillies in the process. Victorino is a great pick-up defensively, filling the void in left field for the Dodgers and adding even more speed to the outfield trio that includes Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier. Victorino will fill in for Gordon at the top of the lineup and give the Dodgers a player who can actually get on base and use his speed once he gets there. His batting average is lower than usual, however, at only .261 for the season. Lindblom had posted a 3.02 ERA in 48 relief appearances for the Dodgers this season with a lifetime ERA of 2.91 in 75 career games. It hurts to see a promising young arm like that leave an already struggling bullpen, but Dodger fans can only hope that Victorino will assist the team in scoring enough runs to make the lack of production out of the bullpen a non-issue. The Dodgers also acquired Brandon League from the Seattle Mariners for the bullpen. The reliever has nine saves on the season with a 3.63 ERA in 46 games.

Though the moves the Dodgers have made have certainly bolstered their lineup, much is left to be wondered about the pitching staff. After Clayton Kershaw, the Dodgers don't have a dependable enough arm in the rotation to make a deep run into the playoffs. The trade deadline is over, but the Dodgers are still able to acquire players off of waivers until August 31. Recently, they added Joe Blanton to the rotation, but even he has a 4.59 ERA and the tendency to consistently give up home runs. What the Dodgers needed to do was acquire pitching. They had a deal in place for Ryan Dempster of the Chicago Cubs, but the Cubs wanted too many talented prospects in return. Better the Dodgers didn't make that move because Dempster can leave the team at the end of this season, leaving the Dodgers empty-handed in the process. Chad Billingsley is inconsistent, Chris Capuano has fallen off in the second half of the season, Ted Lilly has been injured all year and Aaron Harang has more bad days than good ones. The Dodgers originally claimed Cliff Lee off of waivers from the Phillies, but instead settled for Blanton because the Phillies revoked the waivers.

At least the Dodgers are trying--something that they never did under McCourt's reign. The additions that the Dodgers have made thus far have been extremely good ones for the offense, but with little to no pitching in the rotation, a World Series appearance is still more than a long shot. Maybe the Dodgers have another trick up their sleeves before the waiver deadline comes and goes, but at this point their roster seems to be maxed out. They may have the offensive firepower necessary to outgun the Giants and the Diamondbacks in the race for the NL West title, but should they make it to the playoffs, they will leave soon after with an early exit. The Dodgers get an A plus for the moves made at the deadline, but Kershaw won't be enough to keep the team afloat come October. •



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Noble

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Rocco was found down at the Port of LA where all the truck drivers pick up cargo from the ships. We believe he was a trucker’s dog who either got lost out of the truck or was dumped. His nails were so long, they were curling under. When he was put on the grass, you would have thought he was walking across hot coals—he had never been on grass...How sad. Rocco is an angel. He is so loving and sweet, is fine with all other dogs and does not make a sound. Rocco would make a great apartment or townhome dog as he is very quiet. He is around one to two years old and weighs 10 pounds fully grown. Rocco is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and would be best children over 10 for safety reasons.

Noble is a sweet Shih Tzu/Lhasa mix who was abandoned in an empty house when the family moved. Noble is a great little guy. As you can see in his photo, he loves to fetch his tennis balls. He has a good eye and will catch them in the air or midflight. Noble is great on leash and loves car rides. This precious boy is ready to be somebody’s constant companion. He is around three to four years old and is full grown at 19.5 pounds. Noble has a very go-with-the-flow personality, is great with other dogs, loves to play and is sweet, kind and gentle with humans. Noble is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with kids.

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Scout is the secret snuggler of the pair, sneaking up to snuggle when you least expect it. She will cuddle up to your legs and even start to knead and suckle on the blankets. This is when her purr becomes evident as well as her love for people. Most of the time, Scout loves to climb and explore everything around her. Her fur is insanely soft, feeling more like silk than fur, and she loves to be stroked for hours on end. Scout will come running to beg for treats with little meows of excitement. She also will chatter to you while you are getting food ready.

If your home has a tall cat tree, Harper and Scout will love it—as they are avid climbers and like to watch the world go by from the top in between catching some Z’s. When it comes to nap time, these two girls always choose each other as snuggle buddies over the other cats in their foster home. They both



Harper Lee



Scout

need a feline companion, so please consider the two girls together if your home doesn’t already have a kitty friend. Both are dog-friendly to well-behaved dogs. Their foster home has three dogs and these girls are fearless and will parade right up to sniff them.

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Cooper Reaches Another Milestone

Cooper was rescued from the Downey shelter in December of 2010. He was trembling in the corner of his kennel, trying to disappear. Frightened and scared, he would not come to the front for a pet. He had no self-esteem. He was shut down, awaiting his fate. But there was something special about him, so we took him anyway. Then he was adopted by Judy! What a difference it makes when you take time out of your life and put it into your dog. Anything is possible. Cooper’s life has since done a 180...

“Well, well, well—our Cooper is now a Therapy Dog, with Therapy Dogs International! He got his Canine Good Citizen certificate in April as well. The TDI evaluators

heard our story and were very complimentary of the job you did in picking him from the shelter. His temperament is so good—they were very excited to have him in the fold. Also, the official evaluators said over and over again that he should be in competitions because his performance was so good—with sits, stays, comes, returns, etc. Thanks again for what you’ve given me. I always think of you first when we reach another milestone. The AKC has officially renamed him “Cooper of Middlebrook” when I register him for upcoming competitions. It sounds very uppity, don’t you think?

I took him to his first match in June—it was a practice match in Downey. He medaled,

taking third place in Rally Novice. What a dog! I think he was the only mixed breed there out of about 300 dogs. (Cooper was DNA tested and he is Husky and Poodle.) As we walked by a woman, I heard her say to her friend about Cooper, “Oh, I’ve never seen one of those before.” I didn’t comment, but I was thinking, “Honey, there is only one of these.” Or, “This is a very rare breed and unavailable to the average person.” Thanks for sharing my pride in him. Warm regards.” – Judy.

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FOOD & DINING

Pork Chops with Peach Barbecue Sauce

The tangy peach barbecue sauce that glazes these pork chops is incredible on grilled chicken or salmon as well. Bone-in pork chops (as opposed to boneless) are less likely to dry out. Just make sure to trim away as much fat as possible for healthier results.

Servings: 4 servings
 Total Time: 1 1/4 hours (including 30 minutes brining time)
 Ease of Preparation: Easy
 Health: Healthy Weight, High Potassium, Low Sat Fat, Low Calorie, Heart Healthy, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:
 1/4 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 2 cups boiling water
 3 cups ice cubes
 4 bone-in, center-cut pork chops, 1/2-3/4 inch thick (1 3/4-2 pounds), trimmed
 2 ripe but firm peaches, pitted and quartered, or
 3 cups frozen sliced peaches
 1 medium tomato, quartered and seeded
 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 1 tablespoon canola oil

1/2 cup chopped onion, preferably Vidalia
 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger
 2 tablespoons honey
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus more to taste

Steps:
 1: Place 1/4 cup salt and brown sugar in a medium heatproof bowl. Pour in boiling water and stir to dissolve. Add ice cubes and stir to cool. Add pork chops, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

2: Puree peaches, tomato and vinegar in a food processor until smooth.

3: About 30 minutes before you're ready to cook the pork chops, heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Add ginger and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the peach puree, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, honey and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until reduced by about half, 20 to 25 minutes. Reserve 1/4

cup of the sauce for basting the chops; keep the remaining sauce warm in the saucepan until ready to serve.

4: Preheat grill to medium.
 5: Remove the pork chops from the brine (discard brine), rinse well, and thoroughly dry with paper towels. Season the chops with 1/4 teaspoon pepper and brush both sides with some of the reserved sauce.

6: Grill the pork chops, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 145°F, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, tent with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Serve with the warm peach barbecue sauce on the side.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 291 Carbohydrates - 21 Fat - 11 Saturated Fat - 2 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 27 Cholesterol - 83 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 584 Sodium - 506 Nutrition Bonus - Potassium & Vitamin C (17% daily value).

Brine the pork chops (Step 1) for up to 4 hours. Refrigerate the peach barbecue sauce (Step 3) for up to 5 days.

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By George Valverde –
Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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Q: There have been several vehicles vandalized in my area that were parked outside overnight. I leave my documentation in my glove compartment and my friend suggested that I black out the names and addresses on my vehicle registration and insurance ID cards. That way, if the garage door opener is stolen, the address would not be accessible for a future home break-in. Is this legal?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot alter the DMV documents. If they are altered in any way, they will not be considered as valid documentation. If you are worried about your information being stolen, you can keep your documents in a different location, less accessible to a thief. Keeping them in a hidden space in your car or keeping them with you at all times are a few suggestions.

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The Wheel Deal

With Americans Traveling More this Summer, Tips for Safe Travel

(ARA) - An enduring love of road trips and stable gas prices are combining to increase the miles Americans expect to log during this summer's travel season.

The longer trips defy early season predictions of fewer and shorter road vacations.

Gas prices rose toward \$4 a gallon during the winter and early spring of 2012. Travel industry observers expected the traditional summer price spike would scare consumers away from long driving tips.

But the gas price spike didn't materialize, and it appears that Americans aren't too worried about what happens in July and August. Only 17 percent are holding off on travel plans, waiting to see whether gas prices come down. The rest have made their plans and they're hitting the road.

Americans plan to drive an average of 212 miles farther in 2012 than they did in 2011 according to the Hankook Summer Gauge Index, which surveyed 1,012 randomly selected Americans. The mean distance of the miles survey respondents are planning to travel jumped from 725 miles in 2011 to 937 miles this year.

Tips for breakdown-safe travel

With more people on the road driving further, vehicle maintenance is even more important for preventing breakdowns. Summer heat is hard on engines and tires. A few simple precautions can help reduce the chances of getting stranded on a back road, in a parking lot or, worse, on the highway:

- * Check fluid levels. Make sure the check includes topping off antifreeze, window washer, brake and transmission fluids.

- * Check brakes and brake pads, especially if you can't remember how long since they were last checked.

- * Park your car in the shade when possible, and keep a pressure gauge handy to check tire pressure often. Heat is your tires' enemy. Air in your vehicle's tires expands as temperatures rise - In fact for every 10-degree increase in ambient air temperature, your tire's inflation pressure can go up by about 1 pound per square inch.

- * Check your trunk to make sure you have the tools you need to change a flat: a spare tire, a lug wrench and a jack.

- * Check the tread depth on your tires at least once a month to avoid hydroplaning on wet roads. If you're in search of an excellent tire for summer and year-round traction, look at Hankook's Optimo H426 luxury performance touring all-season tire. The Optimo H426 is designed with an advanced silica tread compound which offers improved tread wear and lower rolling resistance for better fuel economy.

On the road, what now?

In addition to asking how far

Americans will drive this summer, the index also asked drivers what they like to do while they're logging miles, and with whom.

Traveling with a spouse or partner was by far the most popular choice for a road trip at 48 percent. Younger Americans are more likely to travel in packs; 22 percent of drivers 35 and under are road tripping with groups of friends this summer.

The lone-wolf appeal of a solo trip is pretty limited. Only 7.3 percent are

traveling alone this summer.

Playing music was the runaway favorite pastime, with 60 percent of drivers saying they need their tunes. Men favor music more than women - women are more likely to turn off the radio and talk to other passengers to pass the time.

While talking with other passengers came in at 23 percent, singing and playing games were way down the list at 4 and 3 percent respectively.



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4	Replace spark plugs, replace timing belt (if equipped), inspect water pump, and inspect valve clearance.
5	Replace engine coolant
6	Replace rear differential fluid (if equipped).

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Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League Receives Surprise Visit

By Cristian Vasquez

An estimated 100 kids and members of the Hawthorne Youth Basketball League were treated to a basketball clinic at the Hawthorne Memorial Center with several Lakers personalities. The July 28 event is part of a series of community clinics that are scheduled to take place throughout Southern California during the upcoming months. The visit included special guests Lakers' player Metta World Peace, Lakers' broadcasters Stu Lantz, Adrian Garcia Marquez and Francisco Pinto as well as Hawthorne Police Department therapy dog Scotti.

"It was a nice turnout," Community Affairs Officer Lameka Bell said. "With parents and everything, it had to be 100-plus. Metta World Peace was there as well as an announcer."

For the Hawthorne Police Department's Community Affairs Division, these events are a great opportunity to engage the community with positive and entertaining activities. With 10 police explorers, Sgt. Chris Cognac, Bell, Scotti the therapy dog and two other police officers present, the department has an opportunity to continue building relationships with residents in the city. "We are able to show them that when we have big events like this, that an officer presence is important," Bell said. "They were helping us with crowd control, they were helping the L.A. Lakers' team with different activities as well--like handing out snacks or other different things. They were definitely there to help."

The basketball clinic, dubbed "Los Lakercitos Basketball Clinic," included instruction from players, prizes and free promotional items for pre-selected participants. It was put together by Time Warner Cable SportsNet and Time Warner Cable Deportes, which partnered with the Lakers to reach out to the already big fan base in an effort to provide better access to the team.

The regional sports network, which is based in El Segundo, decided to host the first of the Los Lakercitos Clinics in Hawthorne because of the proximity to both organizations' offices. In addition, the network, which is launching Time Warner SportsNet and Time Warner Cable Deportes for the region's Spanish-speaking community on October 1, will be the first to provide Lakers' fans with the opportunity to watch a Spanish broadcast of games on television.

"Because Southern California is home to some of the most intensely loyal fans in the country, we're developing these networks



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Photos courtesy of Hawthorne Police Department Community Affairs Officer Lameka Bell.

Community Affairs K9 Scotti roots for the Lakers.



from the fans' perspective and investing in the technology and talent needed to respect that passion," Senior Vice President and General Manager for Time Warner Mark Shuken said through a written statement. "Whether in their living rooms or on the go, fans will always be able to follow their local teams with our multiplatform coverage."

Time Warner and the Lakers have been working very closely to put together such weekend events. Both organizations expressed their conviction that it is important that cities surrounding the Los Angeles area receive as much interaction with the fans as possible. "The clinic was a great idea. Not only did it give the kids the chance to interact with the Lakers, but they were also able to learn the game," Hawthorne resident and lifelong Lakers' fan Crystal Perez said. "I wish I could

have done something like that growing up. Who wouldn't want to say that they were taught the game by a Laker?"

Information provided by Amy Summers, Manager of Communications with Time Warner sports, the clinics were more than an opportunity to educate the community about the new Time Warner venture. The idea was described as the response to constant requests the organization received for the desire to watch games in Spanish. In addition, fans will receive better coverage of the Los Angeles Galaxy and the Los Angeles Sparks and will include more of the behind-the-scenes aspect of sports.

For the kids and members of the Hawthorne Youth League, playing basketball with Lakers' stars and other personalities



The Lakers' Metta World Peace joins Hawthorne's own celebrity Scotti the service dog in a photo with police explorers who also helped make the clinic possible.



Community Affairs K9 Scotti and Community Affairs Officer Lameka Bell.

was all that mattered. The day's events included activities on and off the court, which organizers and participants walked away from with a smile and feeling better connected to the City. "It's good that the police department goes out and engages with the community," Perez said. "Especially when they come out with the dog--it just makes things that much more fun."

Bell added, "We had the police explorers there because that's what the police explorer program is all about. We use these events to expose kids to different things. These are kids that want to become police officers and so we were just showing them the different aspects of police work." •

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important duties they have. "We want to teach children--and parents--to be empathetic," said Villigas-Avalos. "Everything is all tied into to ethical and moral development."

The two speakers stressed that their program goes beyond just parent and child bonding and instead hopes to be a resource for parents looking for new ways to bring education into their homes. To that end, the program would be guided by assessment just like K-12 education.

"This isn't just a mommy and me program--it is a parent/child education program," said Gomez. "It is going to be assessment-driven. Any program should. As a teacher your instruction is guided by assessment, so why shouldn't this be the case for this program? The actual instruction between parent and child is individualized. Therefore we are using surveys and questionnaires to track our progress. All these statistics will be taken into account, tracked and monitored to make sure the center is functioning to our standards."

One of the major challenges facing programs

like H.O.P.E. is reaching a broad audience--not just parents who would already go out of their way for their children. Also crucial is reaching parents who could benefit from learning new ways to teach their children, or who need support with special needs children. Board member Israel Mora asked about plans to publicize the program, especially to those less active parents. "It's a huge process of outreach," replied Villigas-Avalos. "We are planning on going to community meetings, PTAs, talking with schools and even the police departments."

While the Board made no decision on the program during the meeting, the reception was positive. One deciding factor would be funding. Because the Wiseburn School District's budget is so limited, grants would have to fund the program if the Board decides to go forward with it. Otherwise the District won't be able to afford it. Either way, Board member Susan Andriacchi expressed that the program was a great idea. "I think it's wonderful," she said. "I wish you had been here earlier." •