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Mentors Step Up for Environmental Charter High School



Students from Environmental Charter High School in Lawndale received a visit on Friday June 7 from author Porter Gale and other business mentors. The event was hosted by and in support of the In True Fashion entrepreneurial program for underprivileged youth run out of ECHS. Students learned the importance of networking as featured in Gale's new book "Your Network is Your Net Worth." ECHS is part of a free public charter school network that prepares students for four-year colleges through experiential learning and by exploring the environment as a learning tool. (Photo) Porter Gale with group shot of mentors and ECHS students at networking event. •

Lawndale Participates in Special Olympics Torch Relay

By Nancy Peters

On Friday, June 7, as sirens sounded and patrol cars led the procession, Lawndale Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney and several members of his family participated, along with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Lawndale Service Center Sheriffs, in the 2013 Special Olympics Torch Relay. The surrounding cities of Hawthorne, Gardena and El Segundo, in particular, also participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Kearney was accompanied by three Lawndale Special Olympic participants who were rewarded with pins from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Lawndale Mayor Harold E. Hofmann, Sheriff's Captain Eli Vera, and many community members lined the route cheering on the runners as they ran on Hawthorne Boulevard from 147th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard. Horns honked, sirens were blaring, and many gave "thumbs up" to the runners. Hawthorne handed the torch off to Lawndale, and Gardena was the next community to participate with its police and Special Olympic participant runners.

The Special Olympics Torch Run began in 1981 in Kansas with only six officers participating and no money raised that first time, although raising funds was a goal. In the last 33 years, the Torch Run has raised \$414 million with more than 142,000 law enforcement participants in 48 nations. The Torch Run is the largest grassroots fundraiser for the Special Olympics.

More than 125 law enforcement agencies from Southern California participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run and covered more than 500 miles through 150 communities in the Southland. The annual event is the final event for the participating law enforcement agencies who raise funds all year with raffles, 5K/10K runs, bike rides, golf tournaments, car shows, and other programs where family and friends can sponsor the officers for each tournament.

Participating athletes pay nothing for their coaching or participation in the Special

Olympics. All adults who train the athletes are volunteers. Funds raised in each community are donated for program support, development, training workshops and expenses for the athletes during the Special Olympics preliminary local and regional competitions.

The Southern California 2013 Special Olympics Summer Games were held on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9 at California State University at Long Beach. Athletes compete in six sports competitions, including basketball, bocce, golf, gymnastics, track and field, and aquatics. Athletes who participate in the Special Olympics train all year for their competitions with coaches in each sport. Winners in every event were rewarded with gold, silver and bronze medals.

The Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" started its 2013 run on May 28 in San Diego. The lighted torch entered the stadium at Cal State Long Beach with the Long Beach Mounted Police. The single torch that had traveled throughout Southern California for two weeks was used to light the cauldron on Saturday, June 8 as the Opening Ceremony started the 2013 Special Olympics.

The 1,100 athletes and 350 coaches began the competitions with basketball. Track and

field athletes took to the stadium track; golf participants played nine-hole golf; aquatics took place in the outdoor pool; bocce proceeded on the softball field; and gymnastics, including rhythmic gymnastics, commenced in the East Gym of the campus. All participants received a ribbon for participating in the Special Olympics.

The 2015 Special Olympics World Games will be held in Los Angeles across the city and county at various venues. The events will draw half a million people to the Greater Los Angeles area, with 7,000 athletes participating from more than 160 countries. The dates of the 2015 World Games are July 24 to August 2, 2015. The Special Olympic World Games actually include 24 events from aquatics to volleyball, a full marathon, cycling, sailing and equestrian events.

The Special Olympics gives the opportunity for those with intellectual disabilities to participate in sports activities that showcase their abilities in swimming, track and field, softball, powerlifting, kayaking, tennis, bowling, football, judo and rollerskating. The Special Olympics were founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the widow of Robert F. Kennedy, to create a world not dominated by those who are excluded but by those who are included. •



Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/62°



Saturday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
70°/61°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
70°/63°



Calendar

ALL CITIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

• Juneteenth Celebration, 1 p.m. (art activities begin at noon), AC Bilbrew Library, 150 E. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 538-3350.

ONGOING

• Recovery International Meetings are Fridays at 10 a.m., at the South Bay Mental Health Center, 2311 El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 512-8112.

• AYSO Region 92-El Segundo Youth Registration Now Open. Register at eAYSO.org. For more information visit www.ayso92.org.

HAWTHORNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

• City of Hawthorne 2013-2014 Budget Workshop, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W. 126th St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

• Rabies Clinic, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hawthorne City Hall, 4455 W. 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2948.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

INGLEWOOD

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

• Father's Day Craft, 4 p.m., Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5645.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

• 2013 Golden Future 50+ Senior Expo... An Event For Baby Boomers and Seniors, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hollywood Park Casino, Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor, 3883 W. Century Blvd.

LAWDALE

MONDAY, JUNE 17

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 14717 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3212.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

• The Lawndale Ed Foundation First Annual Golf Tournament. For more information visit www.LESDEF.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

• Lawndale State of the City Lunch, 11:30 a.m., City Council, 14717 Burin Ave. •

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).

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2BD/1BA. Westchester Duplex, Front Unit. Appliances, W/D, immaculate, hardwood floors. \$1650/mo. 8401 Barnsley, Avail. 6/15. Plus 3BD/2BA. \$2900/mo. (310) 365-1481 or (310) 641-2148.

2BD/1BA. Birdhouse View Beauty, ES. Completely remodeled rear unit, sitting high over garages with great view! New kitchen, bath, carpet, paint, amenities galore! Private laundry room, single

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GARAGE SALE

303 Center St. ES. Sat. 6/15, 8 a.m. Moving Sale! Large variety, household items, collectibles, depression glass, books, furniture, kitchen items.

GARAGE WANTED

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To appear in next week's paper, submit your Classified Ad by Noon on Tuesday.

Environmental Awareness Tips



"We can clean up trash everywhere we go." "Plant a tree, walk or carpool". Emely Pineda (L), and Alyssa Hubler (R), 4th graders, shared their environmentally friendly tips at Peter Burnett Elementary School's ongoing Earth Day tree.



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Police Report

MON 5/27/13 TO SAT 6/1/13

ROBBERY

Robbery 3100 W 120th St Parking Lot, Garage, Paid

Date/Time Reported Wed 5/29/13 18:34

Crime Occurred: Wed 05/29/13 18:30

Property Taken: Cell phone

Property Taken: white iPhone 4S, #310-897-2225

Robbery 142nd St And Jefferson Av Street, Highway, Alley

Date/Time Reported Thu 5/30/13 19:31

Crime Occurred: Thu 05/30/13 18:45

Property Taken: white iPhone w/black Otterbox case

Robbery 12400 S Oxford Av Other

Date/Time Reported Thu 5/30/13 20:10

Crime Occurred: Thu 05/30/13 15:00

Property Taken: \$40 US Currency

Robbery W 119th St/S Cedar Av Street, Highway, Alley

Date/Time Reported Fri 5/31/13 22:11

Crime Occurred: Fri 05/31/13 22:11

Property Taken: Blk purse with beige buckle, vics social Security Card

Attempt Robbery W 119th St/S Cedar Av Street, Highway, Alley

Date/Time Reported Fri 5/31/13 22:11

Crime Occurred: Fri 05/31/13 22:11

Robbery 135th St And Chadron Av Street, Highway, Alley

Date/Time Reported Sat 6/1/13 01:25

Crime Occurred: Sat 06/01/13 01:00

Property Taken: White cell phone

Robbery 12400 S Inglewood Av Other

Date/Time Reported Sat 6/1/13 11:47

Crime Occurred: Sat 06/01/13 11:30

Property Taken: Laptop computer/charger

BURGLARY

Res Burglary – Residential 12600 S Ramona Av House

Date/Time Reported Mon 5/27/13 10:17

Crime Occurred: Mon 05/27/13 09:00 To: Mon 05/27/13 10:15

Property Taken: Currency

Property Taken: \$200 US currency in

multiples of \$20, \$1500 US currency

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

Res Burglary – Residential 4800 W 123rd St House

Date/Time Reported Tue 5/28/13 08:11

Crime Occurred: Tue 05/28/13 08:00

Method of Entry: Unlocked

Comm Burglary – Commercial 13600 S Hawthorne Bl Other

Date/Time Reported Wed 5/29/13 10:36

Crime Occurred: Wed 05/29/13 10:36

Property Taken: Gelish nail polish, blue shopping basket

Method of Entry: Opened

Comm Burglary – Commercial 2800 W 120th St Miscellaneous Offices

Date/Time Reported Wed 5/29/13 13:29

Crime Occurred: Sat 05/25/13 12:00 To: Sat 05/25/13 13:00

Property Taken: Bill fold, \$50, misc debit, credit cards and ID's in vic's name, men's watch, unk make or model

Method of Entry: Cut padlock

Res Burglary – Residential 14900 S Florwood Av House

Date/Time Reported Fri 5/31/13 15:01

Crime Occurred: Fri 05/31/13 11:40 To: Fri 05/31/13 15:01

Property Taken: Large amount of misc jewelry, heart shaped jewelry box, black Lenovo laptop, silver iPod mini in black case

Method of Entry: Opened

Arrests

Res Burglary - Residential 14900 S Florwood Av House

Date/Time Reported Fri 5/31/13 15:01

Crime Occurred: Tue 05/28/13 16:00 To: Fri 05/31/13 14:45

Method of Entry: Opened •

Res Burglary – Residential 11800 S Acacia Av Parking Lot, Garage, Paid

Date/Time Reported Sat 6/1/13 00:35

Crime Occurred: Sat 06/01/13 00:01

Property Taken: Blu road bike

Method of Entry: Other •

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors

Dad's Day

Father's day is this Sunday. Dads get a bad rap a lot of the time. The women in our lives want us to stay home and enjoy the family and all we want to do is go golfing or fishing on "our" day. Mother's Day is easy. Buy mom some flowers, candy and take her out for a nice meal or make something special at home. Dad's would rather just have some peace and quiet and be left alone for an afternoon nap. Just don't bug us. No "honey do items" today. Yes, it's nice to be recognized for our work to make our families better. It's nice to be loved. But, it sure is nice to just relax and not "have to" do anything. Dads are special. It is a blessing to have two parents at home raising the kids. Tell your dad how much he has done for you and then let him dose off and snore all he wants.



City Budget Public Hearing to be held this Friday at 6 p.m.

In an effort to get public input for the next fiscal year budget, the Hawthorne City Council has set a public hearing for this Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. in the council chambers as the time and place to receive your comments. A copy of the proposed 2013-2014 Hawthorne City Budget will be available to those in attendance, or you may pick up a copy in the City Clerk's Office. City Hall will be closed during the day on Friday, but the chambers will open at 5:45 p.m. for the public hearing.

Holly Park Homeowner's 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast

The 4th Annual Juneteenth Holly Park Pancake Breakfast will be held this Saturday, June 15th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Pacifica House, located at 2501 W. El Segundo Blvd. in Hawthorne. The breakfast is only \$5. All proceeds are used by the Homeowners Association to grant a college scholarship to a deserving youth of the area. The food is good and your helping to raise money for a good cause. See you there.

*By the way, in case you are wondering, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day

or Emancipation Day, is a holiday in the United States that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the U.S. state of Texas in 1865. It is celebrated on June 19th each year.

Hawthorne Mural Project Announced

The Hawthorne Historical Society is now accepting proposals for a large mural to be constructed on a wall by the Hawthorne Museum. If you have artistic talents and would like to submit a rendering of a mural celebrating Hawthorne's heritage or depicting our community pride, then please go to our website at hawthornehistorical.com for more information.

Good Neighbors Day Saturday - JULY 20

A fun day is in store for all who attend the 3rd Annual Good Neighbors Day to be held this summer on Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the civic center. A "Good Old Fashion Main Street Picnic Fair" is the theme for the day. The Hawthorne service organizations and homeowner groups are being invited to send a "team" to compete for supremacy in the "Hawthorne Olympics". Eating contest, sack races, singing contests and many other "competitions" will be held with a representative from a service group. For the general public, there will be bingo going on for most of the day. There will be plenty of activities for the kids to be part of also. If we don't contact your organization and your group wants to be involved, please contact me at the phone number listed below.

Contact

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

Upcoming Events

City Council Budget Public Hearing – Friday, June 14 – 6 p.m. • Flag Day – Friday, June 14 • Holly Park Pancake Breakfast – Sat. June 15 • Fathers' Day – Sunday, June 16 • City Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 25 – 6 p.m. • Good Neighbors Day – Saturday, July 20 @ Civic Center •

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 2044

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CHANGE OF ZONE RELATING TO TEN PROPERTIES LOCATED BOUNDED BY THE 105 FREEWAY TO THE NORTH, CRENSHAW BLVD. TO THE EAST, 120TH STREET TO THE SOUTH, AND THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL TO THE WEST AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard McCrumbly, on behalf of 3521 120th Street LLC, ("applicant") submitted an application to amend the City's 1989 General Plan, as amended, and Zoning Map, related to the properties bounded by the 105 freeway to the north, Crenshaw Blvd. to the east, 120th Street to the south, and the Dominguez Channel to the west;

WHEREAS, the applicant's request pertained to three properties only, which are owned by the applicant. The City of Hawthorne included an additional seven properties to the application for a total of ten properties within the aforementioned area ("project");

WHEREAS, the application for Zone Change 2012ZC01 is a request to amend Chapter 17 of the City of Hawthorne's Zoning Code, related to the land use designations of the properties listed and depicted in Appendix A to this Ordinance and is being undertaken in accordance with Chapter 17.06, Title 17 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the proposed development project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). After examining the proposed project, staff prepared an Initial Study. There is no substantial evidence which determined the project would have a significant effect on the environment. If there are substantial changes to the proposed project which alters its character or its impacts, the necessary environmental impact determination will be prepared;

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne provided a twenty (20) day public review period, from February 21, 2013 to March 13, 2013, for members of the public to submit comments and of the date of the public hearing for the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. A duly noted public hearing on the Change of Zone and accompanying General Plan Amendment was held before the Planning Commission on March 20, 2013 and evidence was heard and presented from all persons in favor of the application, from all persons opposed to the application and from members of the City staff. Following the close of the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council adoption of a Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment 2012GP03 and Change of Zone 2012ZC01;

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public

hearing on the Change of Zone and accompanying General Plan Amendment was held before the City Council on May 14, 2013 and evidence was heard and presented from all persons in favor of the application, from all persons opposed to the application and from members of the City staff. Following the close of the public hearing, the City Council adopted the Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment 2012GP03 and Change of Zone 2012ZC01

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds that the recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council is the decision-making body, on the project. For purposes of making its recommendation on the project, the City Council affirms that it has received and reviewed the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Based on that review, along with a review of all the evidence in the record, and for purposes of considering the project, the City Council hereby approves Change of Zone 2012ZC01 and approves adoption of the Negative Declaration, under Article 6, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Section 3. The City Council makes the following additional findings in connection with the Change of Zone (2012ZC01): Government Code Section 65860(c) states that in the event that a Zoning Ordinance becomes inconsistent with a General Plan by reason of amendment to the plan, or to any element of the plan, the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended within a reasonable time so that it is consistent with the General Plan as amended. Change of Zone application 2012ZC01 shall ensure that the zoning will be consistent with the General Plan. Change of Zone 2012ZC01 is compatible with surrounding uses and will not adversely affect the public welfare, and comply with the Hawthorne Municipal Code, the General Plan, and all applicable state and federal laws.

Change of Zone 2012ZC01 and General Plan Amendment 2012GP03 are consistent with Goal 2.0 of the Land Use Element of the 1989 General Plan, as amended, stating that the City shall make every effort to ensure that both existing and future development will be and will remain compatible with surrounding uses. The properties are located between the 105 Freeway and the Hawthorne Municipal Airport and therefore the Change of Zone and General Plan amendment would permit more flexibility in the development of the properties in the future.

The Project will not have an adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends, and on

the basis of substantial evidence, the presumption of adverse effect is rebutted.

Section 4. Approval of this ordinance shall change the current zoning from C-1 (Freeway Commercial Mixed-Use) to M-2 (General Industrial). Government Code Section 65860 (c) states that in the event that a Zoning Ordinance becomes inconsistent with the General Plan by reason of amendment to the plan, or to any element of the plan, the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended within a reasonable time so that it is consistent with the General Plan as amended. A concurrent resolution (Resolution No. 7534) shall change the General Plan Land Use designation from FCMU (Freeway Commercial Mixed-Use) to GI (General Industrial). Therefore, the change of zone shall ensure consistency with the General Plan.

Section 5. The documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the City Council makes its recommendation, which includes, but are not limited to, the staff reports for the Project, as well as all of the materials that comprise and support the Negative Declaration and all of the materials that support the staff report for the Project, are located in the office of the Planning Director of the City of Hawthorne, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250. The custodian of these documents is the Director of Planning of the City of Hawthorne.


Section 6. Government Code Section 65860(a) states that county or city zoning ordinances shall be consistent with the General Plan of the county or City by January 1, 1974. A Zoning Ordinance shall be consistent with a city or County General Plan only if both of the following conditions are met: (1) The City or County has officially adopted such a plan, (2) The various land uses authorized by the ordinance are compatible with the objectives, policies, general land uses, and programs specified in the plan. The City of Hawthorne adopted its General Plan in 1989 and General Plan Amendment 2012GP03 and Change of Zone 2012ZC01 are inconsistent with the overall policies outlined in the adopted General Plan

Section 7. A copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the City and with the Change of Zone 2012ZC01 file in the office of the Planning Department.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 2013.

ATTEST: DANIEL D. JUAREZ, MAYOR
City of Hawthorne, California
NORBERT HUBER
CITY CLERK
City of Hawthorne, CA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RUSSELL MIYAHIRA
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Dog Found



Dog found on Saturday, June 1, 2013 about 10pm, corner of El Segundo Blvd and Kornblum, Hawthorne. Healthy but a little thin, the dog is safe and being cared for. Please call and give a detailed description and we will happily reunite you with your dog. 310-308-4015. •

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com


If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space.** Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:
**HEALTH ISSUES
IN TRAINING
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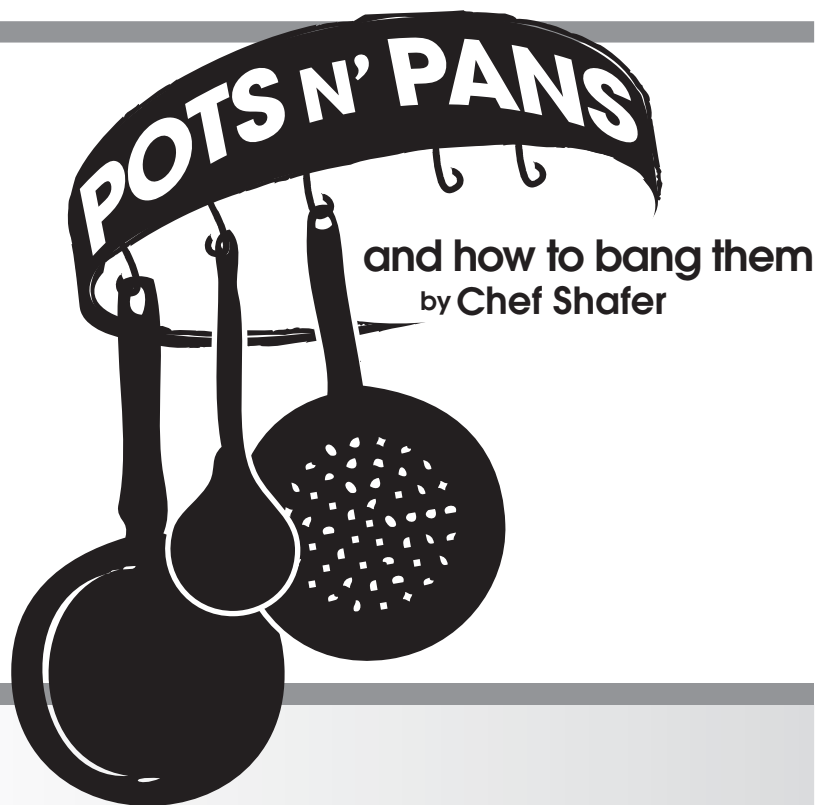
Happy Father's Day to all. This is our day guys, and our time to have some down time!

I know what I'm going to do. I will play 18 holes of golf in the morning. Eat something really greasy for breakfast, then watch the final round of the U.S. Open with a series of cold beverages and some of my favorite snacks. Oh, and if my eyes should close for a moment, I am still watching golf, so don't dare touch the remote!

Later on in the day I'll get the old Weber going and char some meat for me and the family. Not to forget some snacks off the grill for my four dogs. They are the only ones who will rest their eyes with me while watching golf. That's a good day!

Here is a great new salad (yes, I said salad) that you can make to go with whatever you are burning. LOL

The Chef



and how to bang them
by Chef Shafer



B.L.T. Potato Salad

1 pound thick cut 1/4 inch good bacon (try to get it from Alpine Village in Torrance. Theirs rock!)

2 large tomatoes cut and large diced

1 head lettuce: I like iceberg because it has a good crunch

6 to 8 potatoes: Yukon gold would be nice

1 cup sour cream

1 bunch chopped green onions

1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar

pinch of salt and black pepper to taste

4 or 5 roasted jalapenos on the side for me to munch on

Step 1: Roast the potatoes in a 375 degree oven with a little salt, pepper, and olive oil for about 25 to 30 minutes or till they are tender and fully cooked. Let them cool on the counter, then smash them up and hold for later.

Step 2: In a mixing bowl, make your dressing by adding together the sour cream, green onions, rice vinegar.

Step 3: Put the lettuce and tomatoes in a large salad bowl.

Step 4: Grill the bacon on the old Weber till it is nice and grilled but not burnt. Chop the bacon up.

Step 5: Mix together the lettuce, tomatoes, dressing, potatoes, and bacon and serve warm.

Have a great Father's Day...and the kids need to do the dishes! •

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Sports

Joe's Sports

Angels Open Magee Tournament With Win Over Dodgers

By Joe Snyder

The Aviation Angels defeated the Wiseburn Dodgers 5-2 in the first round of the District 37 Junior Little League (ages 13-14) Carl Magee Memorial Tournament of Champions last Saturday at Jim Thorpe Park in Hawthorne. The start of the game was two teams trading runs, but Aviation broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. After one out, Izaak Hernandez singled. One out



Wiseburn Dodgers catcher Andres Rosme tags out the Aviation Angels baserunner Orlando Alvarez at home plate in Saturday's Carl Magee Memorial District 37 Tournament of Champions first round action. The Angels defeated the Dodgers 5-2. Photo by Joe Snyder

later, Joseph Macias doubled, as Hernandez went to third base. Walks to Gerardo Alvarez and Ed Macias brought home Guinn for the go-ahead run and then Macias scored on a wild pitch as the Angels grabbed a 4-2 lead.

Aviation's final run came on a base hit by Hernandez. It started when Richard Marquez reached on an error and then went to second base on a wild pitch. That was followed by a walk to Adrian Martinez. The game ended in the bottom of the fifth inning due to a one-hour and 45-minute time limit.

The Dodgers scored in the top of the first



Lawndale High's Bryan Gomez awaits for a pitch during last Friday's South Bay All-Star Baseball Classic. Gomez played for the Red team that defeated the Blue stars 9-3. Photo by Joe Snyder

inning when Gio Caseo walked, stole second base, went to third on a grounder to Angel starting pitcher Adrian Martinez and then scored on a passed ball. The Angels tied the game at one in the bottom of the first. After one out, Parker Diaz was hit by a pitch, went to second and third on wild pitches and then scored on an error. Wiseburn came back for a 2-1 lead in the top of third as Caseo led off with a base hit and went to second on a throwing error. One out later, Thomas Nocha drove him home with a base hit. Aviation tied the game when Emerson Serrano was hit by a pitch and then stole second and third bases. He came home on an error.

Despite allowing the first two runs, losing pitcher Chacon had a no-hitter through three innings before Hernandez's hit in the fourth. Hernandez went two for three. Caseo scored two runs for the Dodgers. Each team won their league. The tournament resumes through this week.

TRI PARK ROLLS OVER LENNOX

The Tri Park Junior Little League champion Tigers began the Magee Classic with a 9-4 win over the Lennox Diablos Saturday at

Thorpe Park. The Tigers broke the game open with five runs in the top of the fourth inning, which included a three-run home run by Daniel Herrera.

Herrera proved dominant with two hits and five runs batted in and was the winning pitcher. He held Lennox scoreless through four innings.

LOCALS PLAY IN SOUTH BAY ALL-STAR CLASSICS

Hawthorne's Chris Robles and Lawndale's Bryan Gomez played in last Friday's 44th Annual South Bay All-Star Baseball Classic at El Segundo Recreation Park's Stevenson Field. Gomez played for the Blue team, which defeated the Red All-Stars 9-3. Robles was with the Reds.

"I had a great time," Robles said. "I made some new friends." Robles struck out and walked. He plans to resume his baseball, along with his academics, at either El Camino or Long Beach City College in the fall. Gomez went hitless in two at-bats with the Blues, who scored all three of their runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Robles was first-team all-Ocean League and Lopez made first-team all-Pioneer, despite the Cardinals' last place finish at 0-10. The Cougars tied for fourth with Inglewood in Ocean play and lost in the Southern Section Division III wildcard game to host Temescal Canyon 17-1 on May 14.

The Reds scored in each of the first five innings. The Red squad had outstanding overall pitching behind Gordon Cardenas (Mira Costa) and Ryan Pordes (El Segundo). Cardenas, the winning pitcher, was also the winning pitcher in the Mustangs' CIF-Southern Section Division III semifinal against host Elsinore. Mira Costa won that game 4-2, but then lost to Gardena Serra 8-1 in the championship on May 31 at Dodger Stadium.

Offensively for the Reds, Gunner Johnson went two for two with one RBI. Eduardo Fryre hit a two-run home run. The Blues were led by Narbonne's Omar Avila with one RBI and one run, and Chris Gutierrez with a two-run double. Also for the Reds, Mira Costa's Keyon Allen stole second and third bases, but was thrown out trying to steal home in the top of the ninth.

In the South Bay All-Star softball classic, Lawndale's Danielle Bonsky pitched two strong innings for the Reds, which topped the Blues 7-4 on June 5 at El Segundo Recreation Park's Richmond Field. The Red squad also had strong pitching by Siera Gabriel (Rolling Hills Prep) and Mary Gonzales (Wilmington Banning).

Rolling Hills Prep's Casie Demers went two for two with a run-scoring triple and Crystal Monarrez broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run single in the fifth inning. Diane Montenegro of Hawthorne, who was co-Ocean League Player of the Year, played for the Blue stars. Bonsky was first-team all-Pioneer League for the Cardinals. •



Hawthorne's Chris Robles swings at a pitch for the Blue team in last Friday's South Bay All-Star Baseball Classic. Robles struck out and walked. Photo by Joe Snyder

Looking Up

Music of the Spheres: Star Songs

By Bob Eklund

Plato, the Greek philosopher and mathematician, described music and astronomy as "sister sciences" that both encompass harmonious motions, whether of instrument strings or celestial objects. This philosophy of a "Music of the Spheres" was symbolic. However, modern technology is creating a true music of the spheres by transforming astronomical data into unique musical compositions.

Gerhard Sonnert, a research associate at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, has published a new website that allows listeners to literally hear the music of the stars. He worked with Wanda Diaz-Merced, a postdoctoral student at the University of Glasgow, whose blindness led her into the field of sonification (turning astrophysical data into sound), and also with composer Volkmar Studtucker, who turned the sound into music. "I saw the musical notes on Wanda's desk and I got inspired," Sonnert says.

Diaz-Merced lost her sight in her early 20s while studying physics. When she visited an astronomy lab and heard the hiss of a signal from a radio telescope, she realized that she might be able to continue doing the science she loved. She now works with a program called xSonify, which allows users to present numerical data as sound and use pitch, volume or rhythm to distinguish between different data values.

During a visit to the Center for Astrophysics in 2011, Diaz-Merced worked with data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory. The data was from EX Hydrae—a binary system in the constellation of Hydra, consisting of a normal star and a white dwarf. Known as a "cataclysmic variable," the white dwarf fluctuates in X-ray brightness as it consumes gas from its companion star.

Diaz-Merced plugged the Chandra X-ray data into the xSonify program and converted the raw data into musical notes. The results

sounded random, but Sonnert sensed that they could become something more pleasing to the ear. He contacted Studtucker, who chose short passages from the sonified notes—perhaps 70 bars in total—and added harmonies in different musical styles. Sound files that began as atonal compositions transformed into blues jams and jazz ballads, to name just two examples of the nine songs produced.

The project shows that something as far away and otherworldly as an X-ray-emitting cataclysmic variable binary star system can be significant to humans for two distinct reasons—one scientific and one artistic.

Sonnert explains that in creating music from stellar information, "We're still extracting meaning from data, but in a very different way."

A Little Night Music

The thought of "Music of the Spheres" goes back well over 2,000 years to the time of Pythagoras. He proposed that the Sun, Moon and planets all emit their own unique "hum" (orbital resonance) based on their orbital revolution-periods, and that the quality of life on Earth reflects the tenor of celestial sounds which are physically imperceptible to the human ear. Subsequently, Plato described astronomy and music as "twinning" studies of sensual recognition: astronomy for the eyes, music for the ears, both requiring knowledge of numerical proportions to be appreciated.

You can listen to the results of Sonnert's project at the Star Songs website: http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/sed/projects/star_songs/

Image (artist's conception of binary system EX Hydrae): http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/news/2013/pr201313_images.html

More on star songs: http://spdf.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/sonification/sonification_software.htm
<http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2012/all-programs/1039-cosmic-concert-for-gam-2012.html> •

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terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JUNE 27, 2013, AT 10:30 A.M. "NEAR THE MOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA 91766." At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$822,377.98. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those who present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether

your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 480-5690 or (800) 843-0260 ext 5690 or visit this Internet Web site: <http://www.tadofclosures.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this case H528371 H. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: May 23, 2013 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee, as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary CHERYL L. GRECH, ASST SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 4000 W. Metropolitan Drive, Suite 400 Orange, CA 92868-0000 The Beneficiary may be attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or (800) 843-0260 ext 5690 or you may access sales information at <http://www.tadofclosures.com/sales> . TAC# 963735 PUB: 06/06/13, 06/13/13, 06/20/13 THIS NEW NOTICE SUPERSEDES AND REPLACES ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED UNDER T.S. # H528371 Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/13 **HH-23816**

Fictitious Business Name Statement
2013097175

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BOULANGERIE, 4841 W. 96TH ST, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed April 01, 2013. Signed: Sergio Magallanes, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 10, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 10, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 10, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: June 06, 13, 20, 27, 2013. **HI-938**.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EXPRESS DIRECT. 23205 CARLOW ROAD, TORRANCE, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed June 04, 2007. Signed: Microcomputers Line, Inc., President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 16, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 16, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 16, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013. **HI-936**.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET OF HAWTHORNE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The governing board of Hawthorne School District will hold a public hearing on the BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, prior to Final Adoption as required by Education Code Section 42103. The public hearing will be held at Hawthorne School District on June 26, 2013, at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. The proposed budget will be on file and available for public inspection should members of the public wish to review the budget prior to the public hearing, at the following location(s): Hawthorne School District Business Office from June 19, 2013 to June 26, 2013 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Arturo Delgado, Ed.D. Superintendent, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools 6/13/13 CNS-2480918# Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 6/13/23 **HH-23824**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EVERAL PHILLIPS CASE NO. BP131745

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EVERAL PHILLIPS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL PHILLIPS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL PHILLIPS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/26/13 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your

objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner ERIN E. DIXON - SBN #183013 1840 S. ELENA AVE. STE 108 REDONDO BEACH CA 90277 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/13 CNS-2493391# Inglewood News 6/6, 6/13, 6/20/13 **HI-23818**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGIE SIMPSON BROWN CASE NO. BP142010

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGIE SIMPSON BROWN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ORA L. SMALLWOOD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ORA L. SMALLWOOD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/01/13 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court

before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner LINDA M. VARGA - SBN #149988 HENRY J. MORAVEC III - SBN #149989 2233 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, #17 SAN MARINO CA 91108 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/13 CNS-2493794# Hawthorne Press Tribune Pub. 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/13 **HH-23825**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1381721-31 APN: 4035-011-023 TRA: 5237 LOAN NO: X000X7945 REF: Estrada, Maria G. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 28, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 19, 2013, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded April 05, 2007, as Inst. No. 20070809485 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Maria G. Estrada, An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: Behind the fountain located in civic center plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described in said deed of trust** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4106 Lennox Blvd Inglewood CA 90304-2414 The undersigned

Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$388,419.73. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all

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Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$380,475.59 The purported property address is: 4747 WEST 149TH STREET, LAWDALE, CA 90260 Legal Description LOT 45 OF TRACT NO. 856, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 16, PAGE(S) 96 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT THEREFROM THE NORTHERLY 74 FEET THEREOF ALSO EXCEPT THEREFROM THE EASTERLY 195 FEET THEREOF. ALSO EXCEPT THEREFROM THE EASTERLY 195 FEET THEREOF. ALSO EXCEPT THEREFROM THE WESTERLY 10 FEET AND THE PORTION OF ABOVE MENTIONED LOT 45 WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED BOUNDARIES. BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE WESTERLY 10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 14' 00" EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST HAVING A RADIUS OF 15 FEET, TANGENT TO SAID EASTERLY LINE AND TANGENT TO SAID SOUTHERLY LINE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, 23.58 FEET TO SAID SOUTHERLY LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59' 30" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AS DEEDED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BY DEED RECORDED AUGUST 10, 1958 AS INSTRUMENT NO 3280 IN BOOK 0199 PAGE 295, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, ALSO EXCEPT ALL OIL, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN OR UNDER SAID LAND LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY UPON SAID LAND TO REMOVE THE SAME. Assessors Parcel No.

4078-008-007 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 11-517310 INC Title Order No. 11082527-CA-BFI APN 4074-022-012 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/16/07. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/03/13 at 11:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Alec Sanford, a Single Man, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as a Nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., as Beneficiary, Recorded on 07/19/07 in Instrument No. 20071708505 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; OneWest Bank, FSB, as the current Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association,

or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 4016 AND 4018 WEST 162ND STREET, LAWDALE, CA 90260 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$641,842.95 (Estimated Accrued interest and advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee

disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". DATE: 6/8/13 Robbie Weaver Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary and Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 6 Ventura, Suite 305 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztectrustee.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be

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PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Pets Without Partners

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

Salty is a very sweet boy. He is more Maltese than Poodle, but was blessed with the smarts



Salty

of a Poodle. Salty is 100 percent potty-trained and uses the doggy door at this foster home. Mostly he’s a mellow little guy who knows how to sit and go to his bed—and he doesn’t mind sharing his food with other dogs when he is fed. He will follow you from room to room as your little helper, enjoys car rides and sleeps next to his foster mom’s bed at night in a little doggie bed of his own. Salty is around one to two years old and weighs 10 pounds fully grown. When he wants something, he will stand up on his hind legs and paw at the air with both front legs. Salty is great on leash and loves to sit and cuddle in your lap. Salty is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed,

microchipped, loves everyone he meets, is great with other dogs, and is cat-safe.

Mia is a happy little purebred Pug, full of personality, who was discarded by her owner at a shelter. Her tail is always wagging and she just snorts away when you talk to her. Mia is approximately seven years old and is missing her left eye, which has been surgically closed. She can see light and dark in her right eye, gets around wonderfully and finds her place easily in her surroundings. Mia is a real love of a Pug and is very well-adjusted to her visual impairment as she knows her way around this world. She is great on leash with her harness and loves to snuggle on your lap. Mia is sweet, jovial, spry and spunky and rolls onto her back and wiggles around begging you to scratch her belly. She is an amazing little Pug who will make a great addition into any home situation. Mia is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with children and other dogs, and loves everyone!

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 a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won’t change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



Mia

Happy Tails

Jiggy was a perfect little dog. Did we say perfect?! Yes, and we meant it in every way. Jiggy deserved to score a truly fantastic new home and family--and he did!

discomfort when he walks or extra weight. He is eating perfectly and we are keeping up the one-third cup two times daily. We are spending time in the garden and taking easy

“When you adopt a ‘pet without a partner,’ you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours.”

“Hi! All is wonderful! Jiggy, now ‘Harley,’ is doing amazing. He is acclimating to us and our home and doing all his business outside. Dakota our pug and Harley are getting along extremely well--it is very sweet. We spoke to our vet and he said it wouldn’t hurt to cut his hair to eliminate any

walks all throughout the day. Each night, we gently massage pure Vitamin E oil on his pads to try and get them in better shape to eliminate any discomfort when he walks. We love, love, love our little guy and feel so blessed to have him. We feel he has been ours for years...”

– Jeanell and Ric. •

Purrrfect Companions

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

Lyra was rescued when she was just five weeks old. With her huge eyes and fluffy



Lyra.

coat, Lyra has a permanent look of extreme static cling. This sweet little girl loves to cuddle. She will follow you around with a little meow to let you know that she needs some pets. Her fur is super soft, so it’s hard not to snuggle with her all day long. Lyra loves to play with all her foster buddies and gets along wonderfully with new kitties. Due to her age and energy, Lyra cannot be an only kitty. She would adore being adopted with her sister Iridessa, or into a home with any other young kitty with whom she can play.

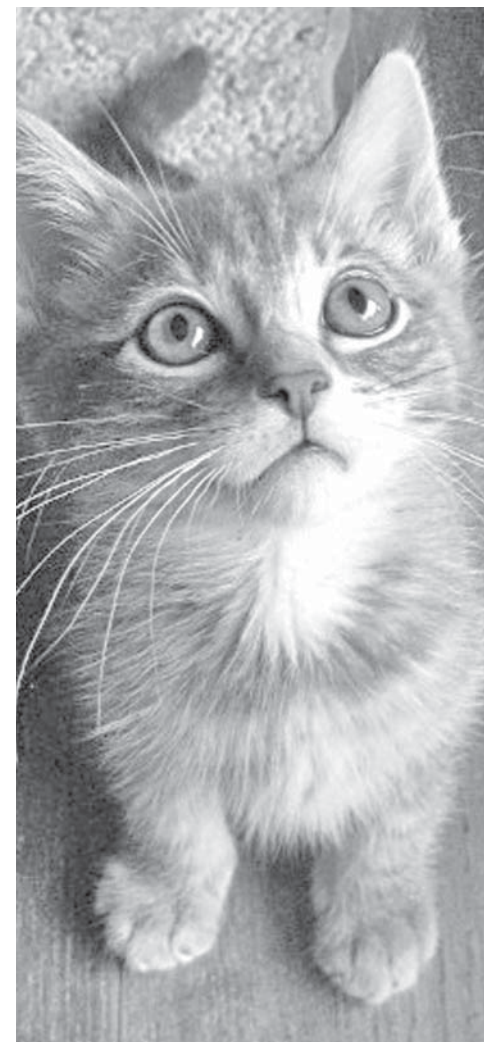
Milo is a rambunctious little cuddlebug. He’s the adventurer of his litter, always dashing through doorways to explore what’s beyond the next corner. Milo will climb right up your legs and wind his way around on your shoulders, chirping away happily. He is extremely friendly and loves everyone he meets, rubbing his cheek against theirs and kneading his little paws like crazy. Milo is happiest when in your arms, on your lap or perched on your shoulders. He will settle for being next to you if your lap isn’t available. Milo is a great little guy who is very easygoing

and loving. Due to his age and energy, Milo needs a kitty companion. He would love to be adopted with any kitty close to his age, so he has someone to wrestle and romp with around the house.

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

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. •



Milo.



Jiggy (left) scored a fantastic new family!

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

A few days ago, I received an email telling me of the passing of the father of a very dear childhood friend. My brother, my friend and I spent our pre-teen and teenage years running the neighborhood in what can only be described

"As the responsibility to 'do more' has passed from the individual to government, we have devolved from a nation of independent self-supporters to a people reliant on government largesse – a people without the drive to fend for itself."

now as an idyllic time. Frankly, I had not given much thought or consideration to his father, and viewed him in passing as "just an ordinary man."

Slight of build, wearing his hair in an unfashionable crew cut, wearing glasses, a bow tie and a short-sleeved white shirt, he was every bit the epitome of an accountant... which he was. Mr. C lived a long and happy life, having recently passed away at the age of 101. Now, as I read his obituary, I realize how extraordinary this "ordinary man" was and how we as a country have changed over his 101 years. His years spanned William Howard Taft to Barack Obama, taking him from a life of poverty and hard work to a satisfying and loving conclusion.

As a child of immigrants, he was often hungry and walked to a church to get food from his uncle and aunt who cooked at the church. He was a shoeshine boy, waiter and self-taught bookkeeper. When he was only eight years old, his father fell ill, so Mr. C took on added responsibilities to care for his mother and five siblings. An honor student, he loved music, including opera, and loved all genres of literature. Later in life, he enjoyed drinking fine

wine from a paper cup and travelling the world.

Professionally, he opened one of the few public accountancy firms in Hawaii, and when the time came to retire, he considered it for a few minutes before returning to work. He continued working five days a week until just

before his passing. Through it all, he found time for others. For 51 years, he was an honored Mason and a member of the Lion's Club.

For nearly three-quarters of a century, he passed his values of hard work, perseverance and dedication to his family of 25 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who are all doing well.

Somehow, over the last century, as the life of Mr. C illustrates, the responsibility for leading a good life was passed from the individual to the government. Mr. C accomplished all he did without Food Stamps, housing subsidies, unemployment compensation, disability insurance, Medicaid, free cell phones and the myriad benefits of "Obamabucks."

As the responsibility to "do more" has passed from the individual to government, we have devolved from a nation of independent self-supporters to a people reliant on government largesse--a people without the drive to fend for itself, as did Mr. C.

According to Hillary Clinton, "it takes a village to raise a child." But what if she's wrong? Maybe "it takes a child to raise a village."

Thanks, Mr. C., and God speed. •

Seniors

Improving Family Connections With Better Hearing

(BPT) - Does this sound familiar? You tell your spouse all about the aggravating thing that happened at work today. He or she seems to be nodding in agreement, until you ask what you should do about the situation. Your spouse's response? "Um - could you repeat that?"

Beyond the emotional impact hearing loss has on you, there is the toll it takes on others in your life. Those who care about you would probably make allowances for your hearing loss, but if they don't know it's an issue, your seeming inattention quickly becomes grating.

By trying to hide your condition, you only succeed in making family members not want to talk to you anymore. This can quickly escalate to your spouse making important decisions without your input, extended family not inviting you to events, and children not calling. Soon you may find yourself alone in an increasingly silent world.

- Ask yourself the following to learn if you should be concerned:
- Are you getting fewer invitations to go to family events?
- Do your children go to their other parent for advice?
- Does your spouse seem aggravated with you frequently for seemingly no reason?
- Are you being passed up for promotions, raises or other kudos at work?
- Does your family complain about the volume level of your TV?
- Have you stopped participating in the sports and hobbies you used to enjoy?

If so, it may be time to get your hearing checked. If you already know you aren't hearing as well as you used to, then it is probably time to buy a pair of hearing aids.

Next steps

The first step is to contact a hearing care

professional who can assess your hearing loss and make recommendations for treatment.

If you have hearing loss, you will probably be advised to purchase hearing aids. The good news is the advances in hearing aid technology will surprise you. Be sure to ask your hearing care professional about the latest options, such as:

- Virtually invisible hearing aids so that no one but you and those closest to you will know why your hearing has vastly improved.
- Robust waterproof, dustproof, shock-resistant hearing aids (like Siemens Aquaris (R)) that let you fully participate in sports and other events with family and friends.
- Remote controls and streamers for hearing aids that let you control the volume and listen to TV and audio devices without disturbing other listeners.

Once you can hear everyone, family, friends and business associates will no doubt welcome you back as an active and engaged participant in their lives. •



Another Man's Opinion

By Cristian Vasquez

On April 25, of this year Rep. Karen Bass' H.R. 1732: Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Human Trafficking act of 2013 was assigned to a congressional committee. The resolution, which seeks to "develop and publish guidelines" to help "State, Indian tribe, and tribal organization child welfare agencies" to better serve children who are victims of trafficking as well as any youth who are at-risk of becoming victims, is in the very early stages of becoming a law. In reality, many resolutions sent to committee rarely get passed that first phase. Furthermore, www.govtrack.us gives the resolution a 0 percent chance of getting past committee, let alone being enacted.

Whether Rep. Bass' resolution becomes a law or not it addresses the issue of child trafficking and what to do with these victims. Rep. Bass, from California's 37th District, is bringing to the forefront the issue of children being taken across international borders. The resolution seeks to include various federal agencies to address this problem, which in California has been an ongoing issue throughout the state's history. From the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Trafficking in Persons Office of the Department of State, Rep. Bass seeks to approach the issue in a more comprehensive manner. Traditionally our laws have dealt individuals crossing our borders through our criminal courts. For the most part, anyone entering the country illegally should be held accountable in criminal court, but when it comes to children we need to take a different approach and Rep. Bass' resolution is a step in that right direction.

When an adult decides to enter the United

States illegally, however compelling their reasons might be, it is a crime and they should be prosecuted as such. Yet, when a child is taken across international borders into America we need to do what is best for the child, rather than simply processing and deporting them. When children reach American soil it is more often than not the result of an adult's efforts to bring them here. Usually it is a parent bringing a child but in many instances children are brought here by human trafficking rings to work in sweat shops or as sex slaves. These are two extreme examples of children being brought to America through no fault of their own but they are directly linked to what Rep. Bass's resolution seeks to accomplish.

While these minors are on American soil illegally, they were also brought here to be exploited and as victims of exploitation, they should be treated differently by the authorities. I am not suggesting that any child that enters America through a human trafficking ring should receive immediate permission to stay in the country. Nor do I agree with the resolution's intent to "establish safe residential placements for foster youth who have been trafficked (as so defined)" if the intent is to make this permanent. Yet, we should do more to ensure that the victim can go home and not fall into the hands of similar human trafficking rings.

The main focus should be on prevention. Our policy makers must find a way to curb human trafficking, especially when it comes to children. Adults make conscience choices to cross a border illegally and take on low-paying jobs. Minors have no say in that decision, for the most part. They are only criminals by definition but victims through the actions of others. As victims, our laws should do more than process and deport them. •

Finance

Your Financial Life After Graduation

By Jason Alderman

To the millions of college and high school seniors who recently graduated (and to their parents, who weathered the ups and downs of reaching that summit): congratulations on a job well done. After the celebration dies down, you'll no doubt be eager to embark on life's next chapter, whether it's finding a job, preparing for college or enrolling in military or community service.

Before you jump in feet first, however, let me share a few financial lessons I learned the hard way when I was just starting out. They might save you a lot of money in the long run and help you get closer to your life goals, whether it's buying a house, starting a family or even retiring early – as far off as that may sound.

First, pretend you're still a starving student. After landing your first full-time job, the urge to go on a spending spree for new clothes, a better apartment and a car from this decade will be irresistible after surviving on ramen noodles for four years. But unless you had generous scholarships or a rich aunt, you're probably already saddled with thousands of dollars in student loan debt.

(Note to entering freshmen: Tread carefully around student loan debt. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a great guide for making informed decisions about paying for college at www.consumerfinance.gov/students.)

After you've factored in rent, car payments, renter's and car insurance, credit card charges, student loan balances and other monthly bills (not to mention payroll taxes such as Social Security tax, which went up 2 percent this year), your new salary probably won't go as far as you'd like, especially if you're trying to save for one of those life events.

That's where a budget can help. Numerous free budgeting tools, including interactive calculators,



are available at such sites as the government-sponsored MyMoney.gov (www.mymoney.gov), the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (www.nfcc.org), Mint.com (<https://www.mint.com>) and Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Next, know the score, credit-wise. Many people don't realize until it's too late that a poor credit score can trash your financial future. After you've missed a few loan payments, bounced some checks or exceeded your credit limits, you'll probably be charged higher loan and credit card interest rates and offered lower credit limits (if not denied credit altogether), unless and until you can raise your credit score. You may even have to pay higher insurance rates and harm your ability to rent an apartment or get a cell phone.

To know where you stand, review your credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to find out whether any negative actions have been reported and to look for errors or possible fraudulent activity on your accounts. You can order one free report per year from each bureau if you order them through www.AnnualCreditReport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.

To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's "Ask CFPB." Another good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa, which features a free, downloadable workbook called, "Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management," and other free tools.

You worked hard to graduate. Just make sure you don't sabotage your efforts by starting out on the wrong financial footing. •