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Outstanding District 25 Students Recognized at Annual Luncheon



Sen. Roderick Wright recognized District 25 students for their academic efforts. Seen here is Senator Wright with Leonel Aguilar Camberos, Emily Hernandez, D'Angelo Hurtado, Joseph McCall, Olivia Bautista, Isabella Barba and sponsor representative Mike Harriel (The Gas Co.). See article on page 6

Lawndale City Council Defers Approval of 2012-13 Budget

By Nancy Peters

The Monday, June 4 regular meeting of the Lawndale City Council was held with several agenda items for consideration that appeared on face value to perhaps not require much discussion. They seemed straightforward, such as the Hawthorne Boulevard Concrete Improvement Project. Others, such as the annual budget for 2012-13 fiscal year, would require much discussion.

The Council considered Consent Calendar items, including the confirmation by Resolution No. CC-1206-042 of the denial of the business license appeal heard at the Monday, May 21 regular meeting, and the biannual Conflict of Interest Codes. The denial of the business license was upheld, with Councilmember Robert Pullen-Miles casting the dissenting vote as he did when the appeal was heard on May 21 and the Council opted to deny the appeal of the business owner of New Tax at 15113 Osage Avenue.

A public hearing was held, with no citizen input, of an amendment to the Lawndale Municipal Code that regulates the distances of businesses, one from the other, that are granted a conditional use permit to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site use only and are located along peripheral arterial streets. The current code will be amended by ordinance and then by resolution to read that the distance of 300 feet between businesses that sell off-sale alcoholic beverages will now be measured from the location of each main entrance--not from each specific property line. In the case of this municipal code, the peripheral arterial streets are Rosecrans Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Redondo Beach Boulevard, Artesia Boulevard and Inglewood Avenue.

The matter of amending the recent policy for facility use rules and regulations of the Lawndale Community Center Main Event and Meeting Room was presented for con-

sideration with the changes requested by the Council on May 21. At that time, staff made recommendations of the fees to be charged for use of the two rooms. The Council approved the amendment that changes the rules and regulations for facility use to include the mandatory hiring for security purposes any sworn member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for any event that will include beer, wine and/or champagne at the expense of the permit holder. Also amended in the rules and regulations is the minimum number of hours, reduced from five hours to three hours, and any overtime to be determined

in quarter-hour (15 minutes) intervals and charges assessed accordingly to be deducted from the initial deposit fees required for facility use of the Main Event and Meeting Room. Nonprofit permit holders are exempted from the minimum hours to include set-up and clean-up when the use fees are waived for these nonprofit organizations.

The Hawthorne Boulevard Concrete Improvements Project was presented by staff for approval of the bid process for repair, removal and replacement of any concrete that is raised three-quarter-inch or more

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
72°/61°



Saturday
Sunny
68°/60°



Sunday
Sunny
68°/60°



Lawndale's Legacy

A series of images and stories about Lawndale's past
By Councilmember James H. Osborne



This view is of the west entrance of the former Lawndale Civic Center as it appeared during the early 1970's. During the 1940's this building actually served as the home of the Lawndale Library.

Calendar

ALL CITIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

• MOMS Club of Hawthorne Meeting at 9:45 a.m. For more information email momsclubofhawthorne@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

• South Bay Begonia Plant Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Da Vinci School cafeteria, corner of 135th and Aviation, Hawthorne.

HAWTHORNE

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

• City of Hawthorne Rabies Clinic, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Hawthorne City Hall, 4455 W. 126th St.

• Free CERT Community Emergency Response Training Course, June 9, 16 and 23, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, Polaris Rm., 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. To register call Claudio Taniguchi at (310) 349-1687 or email ctaniguchi@cityofhawthorne.org

• City of Hawthorne Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Boodmobile located behind City Hall (corner of 126th & Grevillea Ave). To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code CityofHawthorne. For more information call Rosalinda Martinez at (310) 349-1646.

ONGOING

• 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 Grevillea Ave. For more information call Donald Rowe at (310) 679-8193.

INGLEWOOD

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

• City of Inglewood's Annual Citywide Yard Sale & Recycling Event, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the Hollywood Park Race Track, Parking Lot Gate 8, off of Pincay Drive. Free Admission.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

• Free Resume Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Inglewood Main Library, Gates Computer Center, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5380.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

• Community Workshop #2: Help Create A More Sustainable Inglewood, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Inglewood City Hall Community Room. For more information call the Planning Division at (310) 412-5230.

ONGOING

• Friends of Inglewood Public Library Book Sales in the lobby of the Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5280. For more information

LAWDALE

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

• "State Of The City Address" Luncheon The Lawndale Community Center 14700 Burin Ave., 11:00 a.m. For more information call (310) 679-3306 or email lawndalechamber@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• Health, Safety and Pet Fair, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 147th St. and Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3270.

ONGOING

• Lawndale Certified Farmer's Market, 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., every Wednesday on the lawn of the Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave.



This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.

Do I have to go to church/temple to be a good Christian/of your faith?

While home or individual prayer and meditation is an integral and ancient part of Jewish daily life, there are some prayers and services which require a quorum of 10 Jews, called a 'minyan'. The kaddish memorial prayer for the deceased, call to worship, and numerous other pieces of liturgy require a minyan. This gets its basis from the biblical story of Abraham arguing with G-d to save the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. G-d promised Abraham that if there were ten righteous people to be found in the town, the entire town would be spared from destruction for the sake of the ten. I find that praying with a group elevates the spiritual experience to a much higher level than I can achieve on my own. We help lift each other up in prayer. On the most sacred day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, the confessional prayers are written in the plural. Even if most of the sins we recite don't apply to us personally, we make it easier for the penitent to confess his or her mistakes by saying the entire list along with everyone else.

—Rabbi Gary Spero, Torrance,
www.rabbigaryspero.com

Hebrews 10:25b

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

What are "the promises" and "his word"?

When we go to church we hear God's Word through preaching. We learn what the promises are. We hear "his word" read and explained. Imagine if you heard an announcement on the radio, or you received an email, text or twitter on your mobile device saying, "God will be speaking at Dodger Stadium this Sunday!" Wouldn't you go? In church you will hear God speak through His word, the Bible.

I urge you to find a Bible believing, preaching church to attend. There you will find the greatest promise ever told – Jesus died for all the wrongs you've ever committed so that instead of you being punished, He was punished in your place. You will hear of God's great love for you.

Romans 10:14-15, 17

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?... Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

—Lisa Lait,

First Baptist Church, El Segundo

Any person interested in responding to or submitting a question may email us at management@heraldpublications.com. Please note that the intent of the column is to enjoy the exchange of ideas and different viewpoints. We are not interested in and will not publish any negativity, condemnation or prejudice.

People

Happy Birthday

Noe, I know it has been hard to wait...but you are finally eight! Eight words that describe you: joyful, smart, huggable, loveable, silly, artistic, curious, and sporty. We love you! Mommy, Daddy, Paola. •



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

It's June and that means graduations and celebrations—Congratulate your graduates! Send your special photographs (JPEG) and announcements by noon on the Friday prior to publication (by fax at (310) 322-2787 or email at marketing@heraldpublications.com). The first 30 words are free and every 20 words thereafter are \$12. Photographs are an additional \$20. For assistance in preparing your People Item please contact (310) 322-1830.

"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something."

~ Mother Teresa

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PEOPLE ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.

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CLASSIFIEDS: Tuesday at noon.

LEGAL NOTICES: Monday at noon.

NEW DISPLAY ADS: Prior Thursday at noon.

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Ralphie was discovered hunkered down in a rain-drenched and mud-soaked drainage culvert with his mama and five littermates. In spite of his rough start in this world, Ralphie is a sweet and loving fellow. He's very playful and loves people, cuddling, tummy rubs and lots of attention. This adorable boy likes children, having been raised with his foster mom's four-year-old granddaughter. He's a perfectly delightful fellow in every way. Now his quest begins for the loving family that will overlook his slightly imperfect eye (due to his prolonged exposure to the cold and damp as a baby) and love him for the sweet and wonderful little guy he is! Ralphie love other cats so much and wants a home with another kitty so he can be as happy as possible!

Yin and **Yang** were rescued as babies from a backyard. Yin is the adventurous half of his brother Yang. He loves to play with strings and feathers, but his favorite game is playing chase and wrestling with Yang. His beautiful smoke-black fur has the markings of a Tabby showing through and he is especially endearing when he looks up at you with his emerald green eyes. Yin enjoys playing with children and is warming up to



Ralphie

his foster mom's little Maltese.

Yang is the sweet and mischievous half of his brother Yin. Yang is very bold and loves to explore new places. His cuddly personality makes him so easy to fall in love with, especially when he crawls up on your lap to take a nap. With his white fur and mesmerizing smoky green eyes, he has an elegant look. Yang loves to play with children and is fine with his foster's Maltese. Adopt Yin and Yang together and create the perfect balance in your life!

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. •



Yin and Yang

Happy Tails

Cyber Savvy Brutus Now Online

Bruiser, now Brutus, got a great home and he will soon have his own personal

Website. Watch for him at www.JustBrutus.com. Our little man wrote his own update that he wanted to share with you:

"My new daddy was going to write to you, but I decided to do this myself. I was adopted with the name Bruiser, but my new daddy and mommy were having problems with the name so I chose an easier name for them. Well, the name I finally settled on is Brutus. My mommy and daddy seem to be able to pronounce this better. Now, I live in a big house with a big backyard and I have four



You'll have a "fur-ever" friend when you adopt a "pet without a partner."

Hayden was born around March 13, 2012 and he is growing like a weed! He is silly, playful, sweet and very loving. This handsome little boy has really long legs and a gorgeous tri-colored coat. He is a sweet little wirehaired hound of some sort. We believe Hayden is your typical no-issue puppy. He is currently in foster care where he has learned to use the pet door and is doing his business outside most of the time. Hayden will be neutered when of age, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and *loves* kids.

Flapper was found by our vet Dr. Caylor--he was unable to locate his owners. His son named this sweet boy Flapper because his big ears flap when the wind blows. This is a *really sweet* little dog. His tan coat with white accents makes him a strikingly handsome little fellow. Flapper is about two years old and he is full-grown at 11 pounds. Flapper loves all other dogs and is currently kenneled with his new girlfriend, a sweet little Pomeranian named Reba. Flapper is a little



Hayden

shy when you first meet him, but in about two minutes he is all over you. Flapper has good play manners with the other dogs, but his most favorite place to be is on your lap. Flapper will lay or sit with you for hours--he just loves people and children. He is a love of a little dog and will be the best friend to any child looking for a dog of their own. Flapper is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and *loves* kids.

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. •



Flapper

they call it an O'Possum. After the walks, we get to go home and rest. It's a long way to walk, but it's fun. So to conclude this update to my life so far, I'm doing good and I'm happy. Look for me on Facebook. They wouldn't let me use my chosen name, but look for me as "JustBrutus Brutus." Find me and be my friend. My daddy will be getting me my own website very soon. We're hoping that we will get the domain name www.JUSTBRUTUS.com, so come and visit me and we'll have some fun! Again, I want to thank my foster mom Jen. I miss you and Thanks to Animals Rule. I couldn't have done it without you. You helped me at a difficult time in my life..." -- Brutus a.k.a. Bruiser.

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. •

Sports

And the Winner is...

By Adam Serrao

The road to the NBA Finals is well underway and the competing pool of four teams that remains could turn into two with the snap of one's fingers. Now that the lockout-shortened season is in its final stretch, the real stars with both experience and skill have come out to play. From LeBron James and Kevin Durant, to Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, players from the young and athletic to the old, cagey veterans are attempting to do whatever it takes to chase down the much coveted championship jewel for their fingers. Even though there are only four teams left, however, does it still seem too troublesome to predict a title winner? Well, you're in luck. With the help of my precious intuition and the crystal ball that sits near my keyboard, I will tell you (and the odds makers in Vegas) who will, in fact, win the 2012 NBA championship trophy.

Let's start with the Boston Celtics. Their victory over the Miami Heat last Friday night gave Irishmen and Boston fans alike a sense of rejuvenation and hope that the Celtics may just have what it takes to overcome the two-headed beast that is the Heat. When they beat them again last Sunday to tie the series at 2-2, most everyone began to furrow their collective brows and join together in the thought that Boston might just pull off a shocker. With Rajon Rondo blowing up in this year's Eastern Conference Finals and Kevin Garnett's enduring athleticism outcompeting the void left by an injured Chris Bosh, the Celtics do seemingly have a chance. What will ultimately lose them the series and a shot at this year's championship, however, is the trade they made in the offseason shipping out Kendrick Perkins. Perkins isn't producing much now with the Oklahoma City Thunder, but keep in mind that the big, bulky center dropped approximately 32 pounds to fit in with the younger, more athletic team headed by Durant and Russell Westbrook. If Perkins was still on the team (instead of an inactive Jeff Green) and was still as intimidating, the Celtics would beat the Heat. Combine Perkins' absence with the diminished skills of Paul Pierce and his propensity to foul out of every important game and you have the reason why the Celtics will be this year's first team of the final four to drop out of contention.

Over in the Western Conference, there is an epic battle going on between the young and the old for the last spot in this year's finals. The youth and athleticism of Durant and Westbrook matched up against the astute and fundamentally sound San Antonio Spurs led by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. It's easy to figure out the Thunder. They're young, they're talented and they have the ability to run you off of the court. The Spurs, on the other hand, have been at it since the year they drafted Tim Duncan in 1997. The team has made the playoffs 21 of the last 22 seasons, including all 15 years that Duncan has been a part of the squad. "Elite" is the only word that comes to mind. But then you get the Spurs of a year ago that like this year, entered the playoffs as a number one seed but lost their first playoff series to the eighth seeded Memphis Grizzlies, four games to two. Confusing how a team that good could have a letdown that big. Victorious, at one point, in 20 of their last 21 games, the Spurs have now dropped three games in a row including a key game five last Monday in San Antonio. Another letdown of epic proportions, right before our very eyes. At the beginning of the series, the Spurs looked powerful,

skilled and basically unbeatable. As the series wore on however, the Spurs from a year ago resurfaced and lived up to their characterization as an old team that just can't keep their intensity for the entirety of a six-to-seven game series. In order to lose the series to the Thunder, the Spurs had to lose three out of four games and it looks like they are going to do exactly that. The younger, swifter, fresher Thunder take the series in six games against the Spurs.

The Oklahoma City Thunder against the Miami Heat in this year's NBA Finals. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade versus Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. It seems to be a battle of good versus evil. The consensus of basketball fans across the nation absolutely hates LeBron James. If they don't hate him, then they just don't want to see a team that has constructed itself go all the way and win the NBA title. That being said, there is one reason why basketball fans everywhere will be happy with this year's winning team. That reason's name is Erik Spoelstra.

Spoelstra has never been a high quality head coach in the NBA. Given the talent on his team, anyone could step in and draw up X's and O's to get two of the best players in the league to the Finals. Even with the two best players, however, the Heat is losing games that the team just shouldn't be losing. A lack of structure and organization (stemming from the head coach) deep into games and during key moments in the fourth quarter is evident. The only set plays that Spoelstra calls are either 1.) give the ball to Wade and let him drive it to the basket or 2.) give the ball to LeBron and let him drive it to the basket. Because of this, Durant, Westbrook and the rest of the Oklahoma City team that goes beyond just its two main stars will have a field day against Miami and expose them as the weaker team. My crystal ball tells me that the series will go six games, but in the end the up-and-coming Thunder will rumble their way to the rim, roar past an undisciplined Heat team and keep the trophy away from LeBron James for at least one more year. David Stern will get the ratings that he wants, but good always triumphs over evil. Oklahoma City is your 2012 NBA champion. •

Joe's Sports St. Mary's Places Fifth at State Meet

By Joe Snyder

The St. Mary's Academy girls' track and field team from Inglewood had some strong showings in placing fifth in last Saturday's California State Championships at Buchanan High in Clovis. The Belles were sparked by Rachel Toliver, who had a second place finish in the triple jump at 40 feet, one inch and a keyed their 4x100-meter relay team to a third place finish.

St. Mary's prime track and field rival, Gardena Serra, won the state title accumulating 60 points to 36 for runner-up Oceanside El Camino. The Belles had 22 points.

Toliver teamed with Summer Buckley, Alijah Hale and Sierra Peterson to lift the Belles to third place in the 400 relay, which was timed at 46.21 seconds in the 95-degree heat to start the meet. St. Mary's also had a third place finish by its 4x400 squad of Buckley, Hale, Peterson and Zuri Henderson clocking 3:50.1.

Serra won both relays, winning the 4x100 in 45.92 and the 1,600 timing 3:46.45. The Cavaliers have several key athletes living in Hawthorne and Inglewood involved and their track and field program produced their first ever State girls crown for any sport since the previously all boys school first admitted girls in the 1991-92 school year.

South Bay Swimmers Begin Summer

The Hawthorne-based South Bay Youth and Adult Swim Teams start their summer schedule with a Huntington Beach Pier Ocean Swim on Saturday. Hawthorne also has some age group dual meets at Mira Costa High in Manhattan Beach. It will have a tri-meet against Surfside and the Manhattan Beach Surf on June 29, versus Manhattan Beach Dolphins and Surf on July 6 and against Dolphins and Surf on July 21. It will also have the Southern California Athletic Association (SCAA) Championship Meet at Mira Costa on August 11.

The club's most popular Ocean swim meet is the International Surf Festival's Two-Mile Hermosa Beach to Manhattan Beach Pier Swim on August 5, but it plans to compete in Seal Beach on June 30, Balboa to Newport Beach Pier on July 14, the San Clemente Ocean Festival on July 21 and 22 and the Naples Island Swims in Long Beach on

August 18.

For further information on the South Bay Swim Club, including the youth Stingrays, please call the Hawthorne Community Pool at (310) 643-6523 or log on at www.SouthBaySwimTeam.org.

District 37 Tournaments Start

With the regular local Little League Baseball season over, the District 37 Little League Tournament of Champions begin on Saturday at various sites. For the first time, the tournament will be only single elimination since it has to end before the all-star tournaments start on June 23.

In previous seasons, the District 37 Tournament of Champions, currently known as the Carl Magee Memorial Tournament, was double elimination but had to change due to all-star classics starting about two weeks earlier than the previous years when most of the games began after Independence Day.

District 37 includes Little Leagues from Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox, Inglewood, El Camino Village Tri Park (including players from Hawthorne, Lawndale and Gardena), Del Aire (an unincorporated Los Angeles County community between El Segundo and Hawthorne), Compton, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and Westchester. •

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Senator Wright Recognizes Student Achievement at Annual Luncheon

Courtesy of the Office of Sen. Roderick D Wright

Senator Roderick D. Wright (D-Inglewood) once again recognized outstanding graduating elementary, middle, high and adult school students in the 25th Senate District at his annual Student Honors Luncheon, which was held Saturday, May 19, at CSU Dominguez Hills. The student honorees were chosen by their schools based on academic excellence, community service and/or overall self-improvement.

All student honorees were given certificates of achievement, and several won \$500 scholarships in an essay contest. Several parents have already contacted Wright to say what an affirming and life-changing experience the recognition of their outstanding achievements has been for their children.

Students who attended were also entered in a raffle for prizes generously donated by local businesses, including amusement park passes and the latest in high-tech gadgets. Sponsors for this year's luncheon, hosted by the National Family Life & Education Center, included GTECH, Pacific Gas & Electric, SCAQMD, BP America, Inc., AT&T, Time Warner Cable, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Nestle USA, the Barona Band of Mission Indians, CA Cable & Telecommunications Association, Celgene Corporation and Cox Communications.

Wright praised the teachers and involved parents who provide the foundation to make these students' success possible. The program was once again directed by event emcee William Allen Young, best known as the star of the television programs CSI: Miami and Moesha, who was once a student in the



Senator Wright with Marilu De Arcos, Alexa Chande, Geraldine Urbina, Jahnice Manuatu and sponsor representative Shameeda Abdul-Mumin (Nestle).



Senator Wright with Diana Ovalle, Crystal Miramontes, Ariana Kennedy, Kyani Young and Rancho Palos Verdes Councilman Jerry Duhovic.



Master of Ceremonies William Allen Young and Senator Roderick D. Wright.

25th Senate District. Young led the crowd in singing Happy Birthday to Leuzinger High's Maciel Gonzalez, who celebrated her 18th birthday at the luncheon.

At the event, it was announced that San Pedro High School is the latest recipient of a \$5,000 Barona Education Grant, with Wright presenting assistant principal Aadil Naazir with an oversized check to represent the award. SPHS plans to use the funds to purchase electronic equipment for students in their Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program to use in preparing high-quality presentations.

Guests at this year's event were entertained by a student jazz ensemble and dancers from CSU Dominguez Hills, as well as a pair of dancers from Inspire Dance Ministries in the San Fernando Valley. Opening remarks were given by CSUDH's Greg Saks. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by California Highway Patrol officer Dion Conley, and the invocation by Carson City Councilmember Mike Gipson. Congresswoman Laura Richardson helped present adult education awards. •



Senator Wright with Damon Jackson, Jaylen Bernard, Melissa Luna, Alberto Osongco and presenter Wanda Love.



William Allen Young with best friends Sienna Okuno and AnnaMaria Dear from Jane Addams Middle School.



William Allen Young leads the crowd in singing Happy Birthday to newly-18-year-old Maciel Gonzalez.

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AIRPORT METRO CONNECTOR

The Federal Transit Administration has authorized Metro to go forward with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project to construct a light rail line in the Crenshaw District, Inglewood and LAX areas.

- > The 8.5-mile line will run along Crenshaw Boulevard from Exposition Boulevard to the Metro Green Line and the Expo Line currently under construction.
- > The project received a \$546 million federal loan to accelerate construction, which will be repaid over the next 30 years with funds from Measure R.
- > Metro has adopted a 17.6-acre site in the City of LA off the Arbor Vitae Street as the preferred site for a maintenance facility to support the light rail line.

For more information, visit metro.net/crenshaw.

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- > Initial alternatives under consideration include light rail transit, bus rapid transit and an automated people mover.
- > Community open house meetings took place in February 2012.
- > Formal project scoping is expected to begin this year.

For more information, visit metro.net/greenlinetolax.



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FOOD & DINING

Arugula & Prosciutto Pizza



Sautéed onions, prosciutto and fontina cheese flavor this white pizza. Topping the hot-out-of-the-oven pizza with fresh greens and diced tomatoes gives it a delicious, summery twist. We use store-bought pizza dough to keep it quick. Serve with: Crunchy vegetables and your favorite dip.

Servings: 6 servings
 Total Time: 35 minutes
 Ease of Preparation: Easy
 Health: Healthy Weight, Low Cholesterol, Low Calorie, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:
 1 pound prepared pizza dough, preferably whole-wheat
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
 2 ounces very thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into thin strips (about 1/2 cup)
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 cup shredded fontina or part-skim mozzarella cheese

2 cups packed coarsely chopped arugula
 1 cup chopped tomato

Steps:

1: Position oven rack in the lowest position; preheat to 450°F. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.

2: Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to about the size of the baking sheet. Transfer to the baking sheet. Bake until puffed and lightly crisped on the bottom, 8 to 10 minutes.

3: Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick

skillet over medium heat. Add onion, prosciutto and crushed red pepper and cook, stirring, until the onion is beginning to brown, about 3 minutes.

4: Spread the onion mixture evenly over the crust and top with cheese. Bake until crispy and golden and the cheese is melted, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with arugula and tomato.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 306 Carbohydrates - 33 Fat - 11 Saturated Fat - 4 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 13 Cholesterol - 28 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 140 Sodium - 600 *

Quick Chicken Cacciatore

This version of the classic Italian recipe, chicken cacciatore, is done in half the time of most traditional versions, but is still full of rich flavor thanks to plenty of mushrooms, tomatoes and herbs.

Servings: 4 servings
 Total Time: 40 minutes
 Ease of Preparation: Easy
 Health: Diabetes Appropriate, Healthy Weight, Heart Healthy, Low Sat Fat, Low Calorie

Ingredients:
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 2 8-ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
 1 small onion, sliced
 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried, plus more for garnish
 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 14-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, drained

1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
 3/4 cup sliced jarred roasted red peppers, rinsed

1/4 cup quartered Kalamata olives

Steps:
 1: Place flour in a shallow bowl. Cut each chicken breast in half on the diagonal to make 4 roughly equal portions; sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in the flour and transfer to a plate. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the flour.

2: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook

until browned on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate.

3: Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add mushrooms, onion, rosemary and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is soft and golden brown, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle the vegetables with the reserved flour and cook, stirring, until coated. Add wine to the pan and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add drained tomatoes, broth, roasted red peppers and olives; bring to a lively simmer over medium-low heat.

4: Return the chicken to the pan and continue cooking, stirring once or twice, until the liquid has thickened slightly and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 minutes. Serve the chicken with the sauce, garnished with rosemary, if desired.

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Twins Allison and Amy Reaser, graduates of E.S.H.S now in their junior year at San Diego State University. Submitted by Allison Reaser.

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Jerod cleaning his car on a Saturday afternoon with a big smile! Photo by Nancy Saiz.



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Council

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from the surrounding concrete and causes a seeming trip hazard and ultimate liability issue for the City. The presented addresses marked for the project were determined by inspection. In reviewing the marked project places, the Council requested a re-inspection and re-verification of each location, as even the minimum amount of \$229,061 was deemed excessive for this project when considered in the larger scope of budget concerns. The staff explained that the use of funds from Prop C, Measure R and CDBG are eligible for use in making the repairs. Any approval of the bid process was deferred pending the further determination of the project and the exact location of the places where concrete will be removed, repaired and replaced.

A discussion of the 2012-13 annual budget originally scheduled following an open forum presentation of the proposed budget on May 9, 2012 by the City Treasurer was held. The Council extensively discussed the budget and the lack of a sufficient amount of revenues versus expenditures in the next fiscal year. It was suggested by City Manager Steve Mandoki that the line items be given further review by staff and that City Treasurer Ken Louie return to the budget to review and determine areas of cuts and reductions of projected expenditures and explore items to increase the projected revenues. Much of the discussion surrounded the use of consulting firms for various engineering projects rather than using current engineering staff, as warrants consistently include engineering consulting firms that are paid for their services on various projects across the city. Capital improvement projects were also discussed, as the expenditures for various projects are budgeted in one year and then the actual spending takes place in another year when the project comes to fruition. Some projects are eligible for Prop C, Measure R and CDBG funds and do not require general fund participation, but the lack of guarantee of any State of California funding from Prop C and the repayment of debt to the City from Redevelopment Agency funds from the State still leaves a gap in revenues that it is not possible to determine at this time.

The approval of the 2012-13 proposed budget for the City, the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, the Housing Authority and the Cable Commission was deferred to the Council's next meeting on June 18. The presentation of a budget with lesser expenditures and greater revenue streams to indicate more than the surplus of \$2,904 as exists in the budget currently proposed will be made available to the Council prior to June 18. The budget for 2012-13 goes into effect on July 1.

Mayor Harold E. Hofmann made appointments to the various committees, commissions and intergovernmental agencies in which the City participates. The representative to

the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (COG) will be Councilmember Jim Osborne, with Pullen-Miles as the alternate. Pullen-Miles will be the delegate to the Joint Powers Insurance Authority, with Mayor Pro Tem Larry Rudolph as the alternate. Hofmann will continue to be the delegate at the Vector Control District with Osborne as the alternate. The Mayor will be the delegate to the California Contract Cities Association Board, as well as the County Sanitation District No. 5, League of California Cities, and the alternate for the Municipal Area Express Policy Steering Committee. Councilmember Pat Kearney will serve as the delegate for the Municipal Area Express and the LAX Task Force and the alternate to the Centinela Youth Services Board and the Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly. Rudolph will be the delegate to the Centinela Youth Services Board and Southern California Association of Governments. Osborne will serve as alternate to the LAX Task Force.

The Mayor received approval by Council consensus to arrange for recognition by certificates to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board's "Fit for Gold" Tutoring and Fitness Academy Program Graduates and to David Johnson as the Los Angeles County Library's Youth Services Librarian of the Year. The Council also presented a plaque to the Rotary Club Deputy of the Year Ryan Rouzan (not in attendance) and to the Firefighter of the Year, Kyle Anderson, who was in attendance to accept the plaque and appreciation of the City for his continuing exemplary service to the community.

Laurie Walters, spokesperson for the Los Angeles County Fire Department, announced that the participants of the CERT program will graduate on June 6 in a ceremony at 6 p.m. in the Lawndale Community Center. On Thursday, June 7, the Fire Department will be at the Costco Parking Lot from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to instruct citizens on hands-only CPR techniques and demonstrate how the method, minus mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, can increase the survival rate of a heart attack victim. The public is invited to stop by and participate.

On Friday, June 8 at approximately 10 a.m., members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who serve Lawndale will participate, along with Councilmember Kearney, in the Relay to Pass the Special Olympics Torch from the Hawthorne Police Department to the City of Lawndale, and then to pass off to the Sheriffs in the City of Gardena. The relay will take place along Hawthorne Boulevard to Manhattan Beach Boulevard. The public is invited to cheer on the relay participants.

The next meeting of the Lawndale City Council will be held on Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. •

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