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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy/
Wind
65°/53°



Saturday

Sunny
66°/53°



Sunday

Sunny
66°/55°



LAX Moves Forward with a Celebration



LAWA welcomed Mayor Karen Bass, City of LA officials, BOAC members, representatives from the project's design and construction team and community stakeholders to celebrate the opening of a new "front door" to Tom Bradley International Terminal. The project is one of seven Terminal Vertical Cores opening in phases across the airport's Central Terminal Area and represents a step forward in LAWLA's mission to enhance connectivity across LAX. The newest project isn't just about modernized facilities; it's about community, sustainability and progress. Targeting LEED Silver and CalGreen certifications, the infrastructure showcases LAX's dedication to sustainability and resilience. And importantly, it created economic opportunities for Angelenos, with nearly 30% of the project team joining from the local workforce. Photo courtesy LAX.

Don't Let that Short Agenda Fool You

Story and Photos by Ron Sokol

The Hawthorne City Council typically meets at 6:00 pm every other Tuesday. The meetings often are cordial, but two weeks ago, the atmosphere took a tense and unpleasant turn regarding whether voters should once again consider having Hawthorne become a Charter City. This potentially contentious issue does not quite seem to be going away, but, with a sigh of relief, cordiality resumed at the meeting this past Tuesday, April 23. The Agenda was shorter than usual, which led Mayor Vargas to say it may be a very brief meeting; however, with the care and time Council takes on matters, the number of persons who spoke, combined with several presentations, the meeting was (as is common) full of detail and consideration. Hence, the title of today's column.

Hawthorne has a new Mayor Pro Tem, Councilwoman Katrina Manning. She replaces Angie Reyes English. Ms. Manning will serve when the elected Mayor (Alex Vargas) is unavailable. Kudos to her, having been elected to the Council in November 2022.

Guy Hocker, a long-term Hawthorne resident and a stalwart figure in the city's development led to the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hocker became Hawthorne's first directly elected Mayor in the 1970s.

Dulce Medina spoke on behalf of the City of Hawthorne's Homeless Services, whose office is located at the Memorial Center. Team members include two outreach coordinators, a receptionist, a case coordinator (starting April 29), and supervisor Medina. Homelessness is a sad situation indeed and problematic for the community, but Hawthorne's efforts, thankfully, are having an impact. For 2023, the caseload involved 140 to 152 persons; street outreach provided services to over 3,000 people; case management, which includes housing navigation, health care, and counsel-

ing, was provided to over 3,400 individuals; and 24 people were permanently housed. The challenging work on homelessness continues. Councilman Alex Monteiro expressed heartfelt appreciation for the effort, which includes the Bridge of Hope housing facility.

Oral communications, during which members of the public are entitled to come forward for three minutes, was even more attended than usual. Topics ranged from support for Hawthorne to become a Charter City to opposition (like I said, this issue is not going away); the need for speed humps in certain locations; an unhappy resident who feels he is being unfairly ticketed; and issues with homeless persons. Also, Daniel Granados, who runs the excellent Hawthorne Library, shared upbeat news about available programs, including free internet access.

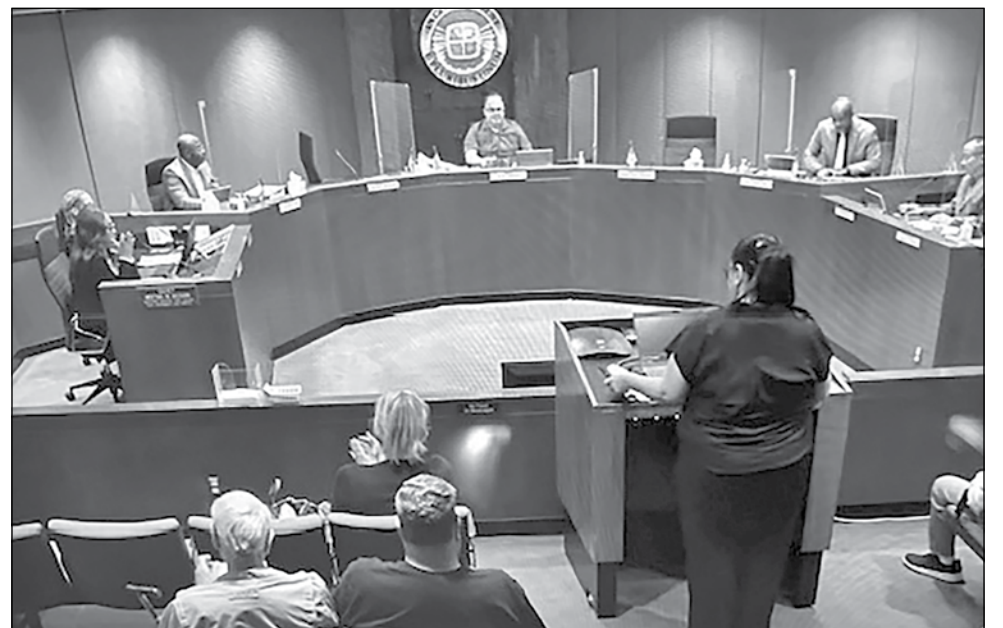
Hawthorne's Kimberly Mack spoke about the draft 2024-2025 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Home

Investment Partnerships Programs. Kimberly handles several tasks for the city, such as Section 8 rental assistance, rent mediation, and the building rehabilitation loan program.

The Consent Calendar listed nine items, two of which emphasize that Hawthorne remains at the forefront of some very important and unique programs. Specifically, Hawthorne provides supplemental law enforcement jail services to El Segundo and assists (if not instructs) the Gardena police department with medical services. Lives have been saved as a result of the rapid response time of Hawthorne police officers.

At this juncture, Mayor Vargas expressed pride that "Hawthorne is a trendsetter in so many ways... using its state-of-the-art services!" (which includes helicopters). Further, Hawthorne has been at the head of the table regarding "Coffee with a Cop," and Hawthorne initiated the admirable and effective

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Dulce Medina Addresses the Council.

Entertainment

Film Review

In The Idea of You, Anne Hathaway Navigates Love, Art, and Complicated Relationships

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Imagine the lead singer of the hottest British boy band dedicating a love song to you while he's on stage performing for tens of thousands of fans at Coachella. It's pretty much every teen girl's dream and in Michael Showalter's romantic drama *The Idea of You*, this fairytale is lived out by the most unexpected person: a middle-aged single mom from Silverlake. Part escapist fantasy, part grounded love story that transcends conventional dating taboos, *The Idea of You* strikes all the right chords in its portrayal of two people living life on their terms. *The Idea of You* opens at The Culver Theater this weekend before coming to Prime Video on May 2nd.

Anne Hathaway takes command as Solène, an art gallery owner navigating through a complicated relationship with her recently divorced ex-husband, Daniel (Reid Scott), and his much younger girlfriend. Solène and Daniel share custody of their teenage daughter Izzy (Ella Rubin) and she is in the adolescent stage where she'd rather hang out with friends than her parents. Still, Izzy is ecstatic when Solène agrees to accompany her and her friends to Coachella.

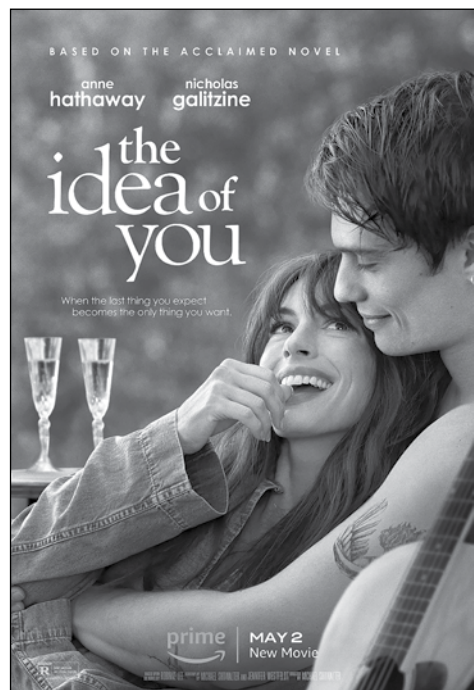
Making it a point to stay out of her daughter's way, Solène stumbles into the presence of Hayes (Nicholas Galitzine), the lead singer of the UK pop group August Moon. Almost immediately, Hayes is mesmerized by Solène's maturity, confidence, and ignorance of his fame. Solène, on the other hand, meets his flirty advances with politeness but it isn't

until Hayes subtly dedicates a love song to her during their set that she unexpectedly begins to form a crush.

What follows is a rush of young love that spans continents, high highs and low lows. Despite their age difference and very different life circumstances, their connection is electric and undeniably authentic. However, Solène can't help but feel out of her element when she is constantly faced with Hayes' youth and mischievous behavior, especially in the form of past girlfriends and hookups. This is the most alive Solène has felt in a long time but still, she questions whether this spark is worth the personal and psychological strain that the relationship is putting on her daughter and, if she's being honest, also herself.

There is a lot to love in this Michael Showalter-directed film, especially the strong casting choices. Anne Hathaway effortlessly slips into the role of Solène, her cool-girl style and graceful aging give off icon status. The only moments I couldn't get behind were the few times she insecurely compares her body to the teenage girls she is surrounded by, because in reality, Hathaway looks better than most supermodels. Nicholas Galitzine, who plays the heartthrob Hayes, nails the Harry Styles vibe. Not only does he give a compelling performance as an infatuated young man who may or may not have mommy issues, but his musical talent is equally impressive. Singing and dancing the way he does, it's no wonder Solène fell under his spell.

Based on the acclaimed novel of the same name by Robinne Lee, *The Idea of You* is an irresistible story about love, art, and complicated relationships. The film premiered on the Closing Night of SXSW and was nominated for an Audience Award in the Headliner category.



The Idea of You, courtesy of Prime Video.



Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

Here in Avalon by Tara Isabella Burton

By Cathie Hinkle, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

If you're looking for a great diversion to being stuck inside by April showers, give *Here in Avalon* a try.

The author of this book is Tara Isabella Burton. She also wrote *Social Creature*, *The World Cannot Give*, *Strange Rites* and *Self Made*. She has a doctorate in theology from Oxford and her works have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and more.

The story introduces the reader to two sisters, Rose and Cecilia. The New York City streets and a few other characters raised the girls since their mother was never there to do so. She provided them with an apartment, but that is about it. Rose, when reaching adulthood, gave up her bohemian artistic lifestyle and built the life she always wanted - safe, reliable, stable, and secure. She is engaged to a man who also has these qualities. Cecilia,

her sister, is a talented musician and is still trying to find her happily ever after which leads to grandiose ideas that never quite pan out and a chaotic, impulsive lifestyle that Rose ends up fixing.

After Cecilia comes back to New York City after impulsively marrying a man, Rose believes and tries to convince her fiancé, that Cecilia has changed for good. But after a short time, Cecilia disappears.

Rose is convinced that Cecilia has boarded a magic, cultlike vessel called the Avalon and she is desperate to save her sister. But as Rose uncovers more information about the Avalon, she begins to question herself, her decisions and if leaving her safe world in exchange for magic and beauty is a sacrifice she is willing to make.

This story is a gritty, dark adult fairytale that kept me wanting to know what happens to the two sisters until the very end.

If you enjoyed the *Ten Thousand Doors* of January by Alix E. Harrow this might be a good fit.

To check out this book and other magical realism titles please visit the El Segundo Public Library.



Here in Avalon by Tara Isabella Burton



Cathie Hinkle

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Community Comes Together to Celebrate Our Planet



The Earth Day Celebration and Service Provider Fair from this past weekend was a success thanks to all the residents and the forty plus community partners and service providers that came to make this event available for everyone in the community. A special thanks to all of our service providers for making a fun and exciting day. Photo courtesy City of Hawthorne.

How to Manage Your Anger Toward Your Loved One with Dementia

By Lauren Mahakian,
Family Connect Care

I've been facilitating support groups for families who care for loved ones with dementia for sixteen years. Together, we work to unlock the many doors of dementia. One of those doors is a frequent topic: anger. Family members, particularly those who assume the role of primary caregiver, are often angry at the disease, its symptoms, their loved ones, and even themselves. These feelings serve no useful purpose and make it more challenging to focus on proactive approaches to caregiving.

If you haven't been affected by dementia, you might have a hard time understanding this anger. We know our loved one didn't choose the affliction, and failing memory isn't anyone's fault, so compassion and empathy are the emotions we expect. However, dementia often comes with challenging behaviors that range from mildly annoying to potentially severe. Most families are unprepared for these behaviors, so negative emotions like frustration or irritation readily appear. Anger is just one step away, and frustrated people have difficulty separating their rage at the behavior and the person exhibiting it.

In addition to challenging behaviors, most families are also unprepared for the progression of the disease, which may advance quickly or slowly. Over time, a tolerable behavior becomes intolerable as it wears on us at a subconscious level. Many families don't recognize these ongoing changes after diagnosis until a visiting relative arrives to point them out.

The diagnosis is the beginning of a journey for families, which is why I call dementia

"the family disease." Lives and relationships are forever changed, and often, roles reverse as children assume responsibility for their parents. The challenge for families is learning to let go of the frustration, irritation, and anger so we can continue life as we want.

A caregiver's best tools are education and talking with others in similar situations. I highly recommend anyone caring for a loved one with dementia join a support group regularly. I also recommend following the advice in my book, *Unlocking the Doors of Dementia*, which specifically addresses many of the behaviors of dementia as well as many uncomfortable situations faced by families.

Many people who become frustrated or angry about their situation stop caring for themselves, which fuels negative emotions. Make yourself a priority, taking breaks during the day or week to enjoy time with friends, doing activities you want, or even taking walks. If you don't care for yourself, you can't take good care of your loved one.

Learning and using positive communication techniques can help reduce stressful situations. Effective communication is essential when caring for someone with dementia and can minimize frustration while improving your loved one's understanding. Speak slowly and use simple language, avoiding negative language or correcting your loved one's mistakes. Remember to use a calm and reassuring tone and practice direct eye contact.

Finally, practice empathy and acceptance. By accepting the disease, you will have an easier time with your loved one. Step into their reality. If your loved one no longer knows your reality, validate their feelings.

Anger should not consume your energy. •



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Honoring Our Exceptional LESD Staff



Last week, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Murrillo, and Ms. Strutzenberg were awarded the Annual Staff & Community Partners Awards for their exemplary service and efforts that have made a huge difference in the education of students with special needs. Photo courtesy Lawndale Elementary School District.

City Council

K9 assistance program.

On a truly sad note, Scotty, the first of Hawthorne's K9 helpers, has gone to the Rainbow Bridge. The K9 fundraising dinner is upcoming, May 16. The price is fair, \$7, and the spaghetti is excellent; the cause is even better.

Next, the investment banking firm Ramirez and Company came forward. Hawthorne has a substantial capital project at hand, with the City Hall remodel. Options on how to wisely (and productively) finance it were addressed.

Once again, Hawthorne is not simply checking the boxes, but carefully seeking to stay focused on what works and how to get there.

The City Treasurer, City Clerk, and Council members each addressed items of interest and import. Council member Monteiro was articulate in his praise of City Staff and the

City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief of Police. He said, with a warm smile: "They are doing a fantastic job and helping to make Hawthorne a shining light in the South Bay.... thank you, thank you, thank you!"

This City Council meeting was particularly uplifting. May they always be so! As to the

length of any particular Agenda, This City Council is going to take its time to address matters. Members of the public can be heard as well. Hawthorne City Council meetings take time. If, indeed, Hawthorne is a shining light in the South Bay, the Council wants that light to be very bright indeed. •

from front page

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICIA PÚBLICA PLAN DE AUTORIDAD DE VIVIENDA PÚBLICA Y JUNTA ASESORA RESIDENTE (RAB)
De acuerdo con la Sección 511 de la Ley de Reforma de Vivienda Pública, la Autoridad de Vivienda de Inglewood (IHA) ha desarrollado su Plan de agencia de año fiscal 2024-2025. El propósito del Plan es asesorar a HUD, a los miembros del público y a los beneficiarios de viviendas asistidas por HUD sobre la misión de IHA para atender las necesidades de familias de bajos y muy bajos ingresos en la ciudad de Inglewood y la estrategia para abordar esas necesidades anualmente. El plan propuesto está disponible para revisión pública a partir del 29 de abril de 2024. Las copias del plan pueden revisarse en la oficina de IHA en 1 West Manchester Blvd., 7th Floor, Inglewood, Suite 750, CA, 90301 y en www.cityofinglewood.org/162/Housing. De acuerdo con la Ley de Reforma de la Vivienda Pública y las regulaciones de la parte 903 del 24 CFR (Código de Regulaciones Federales) sobre las reuniones de la Junta Asesora de Residentes (RAB), la reunión anual del RAB de la IHA se llevará a cabo el **lunes 13 de mayo de 2024 a las 4:00 p.m.** en sala de conferencias de la biblioteca, ubicado en 101 West Manchester Boulevard Suite Inglewood CA 90301. Debido al espacio limitado en Library Lecture Hall, solo 190 asistentes podrán asistir en persona. **Si está interesado en asistir en persona, llame al (310) 412-5221 para reservar un asiento.** Si

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY PLAN AND RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
In accordance with Section 511 of the Public Housing Reform Act, the Inglewood Housing Authority (IHA) has developed its PHA Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to advise HUD, members of the public, and recipients of HUD-assisted housing of the IHA's mission for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families in the City of Inglewood and the strategy for addressing those needs on an annual basis. The proposed plan is available for public review starting April 29, 2024. Copies of the plan may be reviewed at the IHA office at 1 West Manchester Blvd., 7th Floor, Inglewood, Suite 750, CA, 90301 and at www.cityofinglewood.org/162/Housing. In accordance with the Public Housing Reform Act and 24 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) part 903 regulations on Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meetings, the IHA's annual RAB meeting will take place on **Monday, May 13, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.** at the Library Lecture Hall, located at 101 West Manchester Boulevard Suite Inglewood CA 90301. Due to limited space in the Library Lecture Hall, only 190 attendees will be allowed to attend in person. **If you are interested in attending in person, please call (310) 412-5221 to reserve a seat.** If you are unable to join in person, you may join the meeting via ZOOM, please click on

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The purpose of the Resident Advisory Board is to assist and make recommendations regarding the plans. All adult participants of the Inglewood Section 8 Program are members of RAB and are encouraged to attend and comment on the plan. Those unable to attend the meeting may review the plan and send their written comments to:
Inglewood Housing Authority
Attn: Roberto Chavez, HUD Programs Manager
1 West Manchester Boulevard, Suite 750 Inglewood, CA 90301
rchavez@cityofinglewood.org Fax: 310 412-5188
Recommendations regarding the plan will be reviewed and considered in the final version that will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
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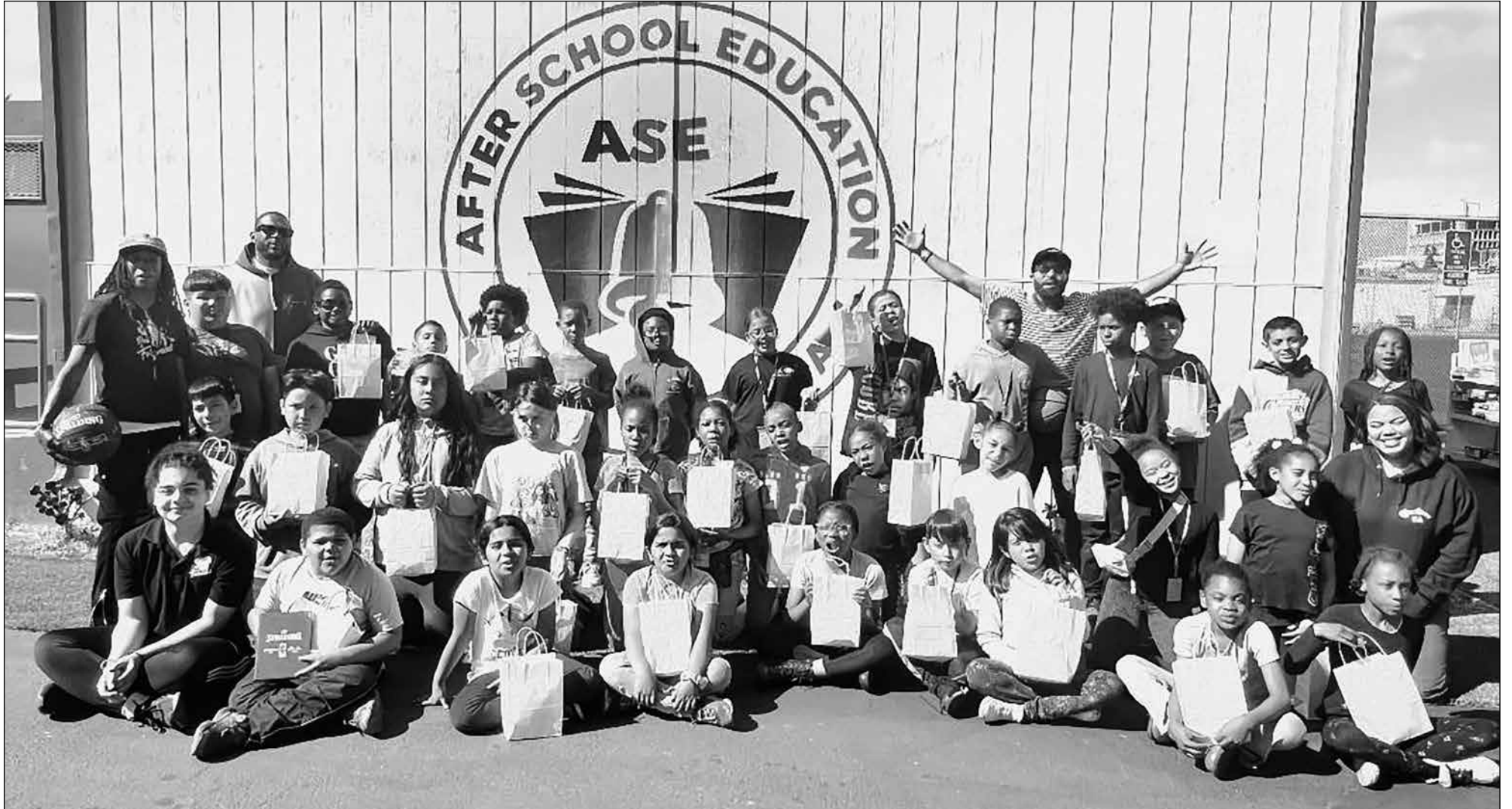
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Local Students Enjoy A Wonderful Spring Break



ASES ELOP Spring Break Camp rocked with 100 enthusiastic students from various IUSD schools diving into engaging educational and enrichment activities. Huge thanks to our amazing partner, I'm a Movement, Not a Monument, for their generous Under Armour giveaways, adding an extra dash of excitement to the week. Photo courtesy Inglewood Unified School District.



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Honey BBQ Ribs

Provided by Campbells Soup Corp.

Do you know what's in your barbecue sauce? You will when you make homemade barbecue sauce with just 5 pantry-staple ingredients using this recipe for Honey BBQ Ribs! The condensed French onion soup is the shortcut to a great sauce- just add some honey, ketchup and garlic for the perfect balance of savory and sweet. Prep the sauce (it only takes 10 minutes) while the ribs are simmering- it's so easy! The black pepper in these Honey BBQ Ribs recipe brings a little heat, but feel free to add a little hot sauce if you like your sauce spicy- that's the fun of making your own!



Ingredients

- 4 pounds pork sparerib (about 1 rack)
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed French Onion Soup
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions

- **Step 1:** Place the ribs into an 8-quart saucepot and add water to cover. Heat over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 30 minutes or until the meat is tender. Drain the ribs well in a colander.
- **Step 2:** Heat the soup, ketchup, honey, garlic powder and black pepper in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 5 minutes.
- **Step 3:** Pat the ribs dry and season with salt and pepper. Lightly oil the grill rack and heat the grill to medium. Grill the ribs for 20 minutes or until well glazed, turning and brushing often with the soup mixture. Cut the ribs into serving-sized pieces.

Tips

Serving Suggestion: Serve with grilled corn-on-the-cob and a tossed green salad. For dessert serve sliced cantaloupe.

Send us a photo and recipe of your favorite dish. We'd love to share it with the community. Send to: web@heraldpublications.com



Kid's Entertainment



Film Review

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Is A Dazzling, Spectacular Sequel

By Ryan Rojas, Cinemacy.com

Available to watch on Netflix, last year's *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* is an incredible, mind-blowing animated superhero film. The film dives even deeper into the concept of the multi-verse(s), and its spectacularly animated sequences reach dizzying new heights in this sequel to 2018's *Into the Spider-Verse*, which won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film.



Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, courtesy Cinemacy.

The story continues with Miles Morales (Shameik Moore) as he figures out his life as New York's newest Spidey. Zipping through cityscapes with the greatest of ease, his biggest struggle is balancing his teenage life: honoring his commitments to his mother (Luna Lauren Vélez) and soon-to-be-police chief father (Brian Tyree Henry), looking ahead to college and oh yeah, trying to save the world—all while keeping his identity a secret from those he loves. The only ones who know Miles' true identity are the league of Spider-Men who helped teach him the ropes (webs?) after crash-landing into his universe in the previous film. All of the Spider-Men, including punky introvert Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld), are spread across different worlds.

The film opens with Gwen's origin story (shown over an incredible drum-solo mon-

tage that also illustrates each world's specific visual style—Gwen's being a watercolor one, while Miles' ink-blotted world more readily resembles comics). After Gwen is attacked in her world by the universe-hopping villain Vulture (Jorma Taccone), she unexpectedly meets a few more Spider-Men and women (Oscar Isaac and Issa Rae). These heroes are part of a "Spider-Society" that protects the multi-verses from "canon disruptions." Wishing to leave her world behind, she pleads to join theirs. Against better judgment, she decides to pop over to Miles' world for a quick visit.

While Miles has matured since the first film, although still wise-cracking and perhaps a bit too cocky in his Spidey role, he underestimates the arrival of a clumsy new villain, Spot (Jason Schwartzman). Spot warns Miles that he is his new nemesis and holds him responsible for his genetic mutation; being covered in spots that he can use to travel through space

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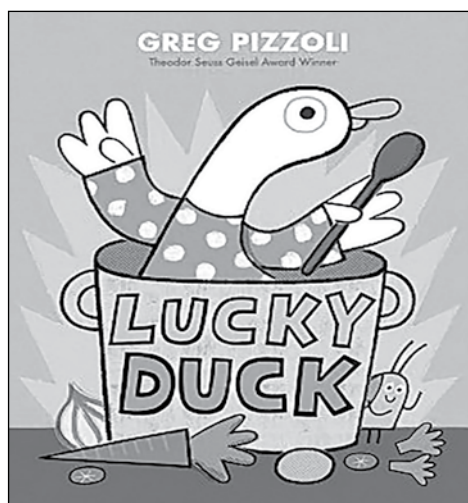
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Check It Out

Lucky Duck by Greg Pizzoli and Just Try It! by Phil & Lily Rosenthal

By Kristen Morell, Librarian, El Segundo Public Library

This week I will be reviewing two of my favorite new picture books. Both fun and silly stories are about food! The first book, *Lucky Duck* by Greg Pizzoli is all about Susan the duck that seems to have the worst luck. The



Lucky Duck by Greg Pizzoli



Just Try It! by Phil & Lily Rosenthal

story begins with Susan opening a package of roller skates she ordered online. Susan is quickly disappointed when she realizes that her skates do not fit her. Shortly after trying on her skates, she hears the doorbell ring. She opens the door and finds that a wolf is at the door. Wolf is there to surprise her and turn her unlucky day into a lucky one with a gift of a pot to use for cooking soup. This gift cheered Susan up, however, shortly after she puts the pot away, she has another bout of bad luck. Susan hears the doorbell again and it is wolf with yet another surprise. To see how this story ends and whether Susan's day continues with bad luck or good luck, visit our website to place it on hold.

I am a huge fan of Phil Rosenthal's television show, *Somebody Feed Phil* which combines Rosenthal's passion for food and travel together. I was so excited to read this story which he cowrote with his daughter, Lily Rosenthal. In this story, based on Phil

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Kristen Morell

I learned the sounds of alphabet...

...letters, then started to read words.

Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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How many words can you find that have 3 or more syllables? Circle them.

Lots of people are reading text messages on their cell phones.

I ♥ to read the newspaper.

Ready to Read?

Thanks to the 'eagle-eyed' teacher who noticed my cousin squinting, he went to have his eyes examined. He needed glasses or contact lenses to help correct his vision. Now, he can read all of the books, screens and boards in his classroom. He is ready to read everything and loves it!

What other things or people help us get ready to learn how to read? Study the clues to fill in the crossword:

- book of words and their meanings
- the classics make for good _____
- words of a language; a list of words
- printed pages bound between two covers
- 26 letters, A-Z
- the order of letters that make up a word
- a way to teach reading by learning the sounds of letters or groups of letters
- person at home who reads with you
- helps people find information and books
- reading begins for most people when they use their _____ to see printed words
- a person trained to help children learn how to read
- what one needs to do every day to get better at something

Math and Science Fun

Pssst...not yet, Four!

Math comes alive in this book!

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Purrrfect Companions



Breton

Kitten Rescue rescues cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Most live in our volunteers' homes and those volunteers foster them until we can find permanent homes for them. Young or old, tabby or Maine Coon, we care for orphaned and abandoned kittens that need to be bottle-fed around the clock, moms with litters, cats that need socialization, and sick or injured animals. When they are finally ready for their forever home, we will help match you with the purr-fect one. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

Breton is a laid-back guy who likes long naps while sleeping in funny positions. He is photogenic no matter what position you catch him in. Though long naps and petting sessions are his preference, he does have a playful side and will not hesitate to chase the feather wand or laser pointer. He loves affection yet he is a little shy when he meets new people. Breton gets along with other cats so he can be adopted into a home with another friendly cat or he can be adopted into a single-pet home if he will not be left alone for long periods of time on a daily basis. Come meet Breton and see if this handsome boy is the right fur baby for you.

Olaf is a gentle giant with a heart of gold. This big white guy may be shy at first, but he warms up quickly to gentle humans and will show you his friendly demeanor. Olaf is looking for a forever home where he can relax and be himself. He enjoys being up high, where he feels safe and secure, away from the commotion of busy environments. This sweet guy prefers to stick to himself, making him an ideal companion for a quiet



Olaf

home. Despite his shyness, Olaf could do well with other pets, as long as he has his own spaces to retreat to. With his sweet nature, Olaf is wonderful kitty deserving of a loving family.

Sorsha and Elora Danan are two enchanting little sisters. Sorsha is sweet, confident and friendly with a gentle but brave grace about her. She loves to play and romp. Fishing pole toys and little mice that she can hunt are her favorite, growling and running around to hide them when she finally catches one. Elora Danan is a sensitive and quiet girl who loves to snuggle and be smothered with affection. She is so happy to curl up next to you or sit on your feet. Elora also loves to play, romp and climb. You can find her peeking playfully out of inconspicuous spots excitedly waiting for you to spot her like a game of hide and seek. These beautiful girls are easy-going, mellow and incredibly affectionate. Having been raised as bottle babies, they are excellent snugglers. As soon as you sit down Sorsha will race over to groom you and Elora will find the best spot on your lap for a long purr-filled nap. These bonded sisters can only be adopted together and would prefer a quiet home with no dogs or children.

Theo is a majestic Bengal cat who exudes the wild charm of his breed. With his striking looks and big presence, Theo looks like he belongs on the vast African savannah. However, do not be fooled by his wild genes; he is a total sweetheart once you earn his trust. Theo is looking for an experienced Bengal owner who understands his unique needs. Once Theo warms up to you, he becomes a



Theo

loving companion brushing up against everything (except you) to show his affection. While he may not enjoy being picked up, he absolutely adores being petted and will let you know when he wants some attention. Treats are the way to his heart and they can be used to build a strong bond with him. Theo's ideal forever home is a spacious one where he has plenty of space to exercise and explore. A catio is a must-have for him; it's his happy place. Theo also needs to be the only cat in the household; no small apartments or homes with young children. If you have experience with Bengals and are willing to invest time, love and patience, Theo might just be the perfect addition to your family.

Edelweiss, affectionately known as Edie, is the sassy yet regal queen of our sanctuary. With her dilute calico Siamese coat and crystal blue eyes, she is a supermodel of a cat, exuding elegance and grace. When Edie is around too many feline companions, she can get overstimulated, but with people, she is an absolute sweetheart. As she is so cuddly and enjoys being held, this girl will make you feel like you are the center of her universe. This bougie beauty has also been through a lot. Edie is an FIP survivor. FIP (feline infectious peritonitis) is a serious virus that requires considerable effort to treat. But thanks to the tireless care she received at Kitten Rescue, Edie kicked FIP to the curb and is ready to take on a new kingdom. She does have food allergies and requires a specialized diet. She currently is undergoing immunotherapy to help with allergy-related skin issues. That hardly interrupts her ability



Edelweiss

to rule her world or to rule yours. Edie will thrive as a single cat, preferring a calm environment without small children or other animals. She has been with us for several years, patiently waiting for her forever home where she can receive all the love and attention she deserves. Could you be the devoted soul to give Edie loving treatment and make her the queen of your heart?

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information to see these or our other kittens and cats and for a list of our weekend adoption events, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org.

The donations and support we receive from individuals like you, who share our love and commitment to helping cats and kittens in Los Angeles, are the sole reason we are able to do what we do. We are grateful for your financial help. By making even a small donation today, you can touch the lives of the many deserving, wonderful animals in our care. There are many ways you can donate and help, and every dollar means so much. Kitten Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. 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, 3519 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039.

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



Sorsha and Elora

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(a result of the first film's universe collider).

A surprise visit from Gwen excites Miles, and the two web-sling around the city in friendly flirtatious fun. But when he sneakily follows her and her Spidey task force into a new universe (we travel to many in the film; buckle up) and disrupts a key moment in that world, he learns of an unintended truth that the Spider-Men share: some events, while tragic, are fated to happen and keep all of

the universes connected and in order. Miles learns that he can't save everyone, a truth he struggles to accept and ultimately, doesn't.

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse is an incredible work of art that bursts with fun and visual wonder that proves the sequel game can remain strong.

2h 20 minutes. Rated PG for sequences of animated action violence, some language, and thematic elements. Now playing on Netflix. •

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and Lily's life, we learn of Phil's one rule about food: "Just try it!" Lily isn't so sure about Phil's rule to at least try new foods, she knows what she likes, pizza, rice, grilled cheese, and vanilla ice cream to name a few. Lily doesn't like any other foods, and she despises mustard the most. Phil and Lily head to a food truck festival and Lily knows her dad will make her try everything. Instead of giving the new foods a chance, she says,

"ew" without even giving the food a chance! Lily lights up when she sees a pizza truck followed by a pretzel truck. She is quickly disappointed when she realizes that the pizza is ruined by spinach and the pretzel is ruined by her least favorite condiment, mustard! Will Lily give the pizza, pretzel, and all the other foods at the festival a try after all? To find out, visit www.elsegundolibrary.org to place this book on hold. •