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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
58°/47°



Saturday
Showers
58°/49°



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
59°/47°



In-n-Out has Large Turn Out



A packed patio for the In-n-Out opening. At a pre-opening special event, In-n-Out treats hundreds of customers to dinner on December 29th. The new In-n-Out is located on the corner of Sepulveda and Mariposa in El Segundo. Photo by Marcy Dugan

Candidates Vie For Vacant Council Seat; Valentine, Parsons Among Former Councilmembers Running

By Derrick Deane

Transparency, economic and business development, and integrity were some of the buzz words that echoed throughout the first special meeting at the Hawthorne City Council on Tuesday as 14 candidates looked to fill a vacant seat on the council.

The seat was vacated when Councilman Alex Vargas was elected mayor during last November's election. During that election, only two City Council seats were up for grabs. Hadir Awad tallied the most votes during the election while Councilman Nilo Michelin retained his seat.

Katrina Manning, who totaled the third most votes from Election Day was one of the hopeful candidates.

"As a resident of 20 years [and an] active participant in my community, I'm dedicated to the prosperity of the city. I have the vision, the experience and the integrity to help move this city forward," Manning said during her three minute. "I'm excited about this experience to be a part of this team. My main objective is to build the city reserves."

Former Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Valentine was also one of the candidates who pitched herself for the vacant seat.

"Because of my legal background, I have a particular interest in making a permanent policy that will benefit the city," Valentine said. "I also have the ability and willingness to analyze issues from the dais and to explain my vote on items on the agenda for the sake of transparency."

The first step in filling the seat brought out Torrance mayor Pat Furey who spoke before the candidates addressed the council saying that, "we've been through this process six times in Torrance and have saved the city almost \$1.1 million by not going through the election process."

Furey was on hand to also lend support to Valentine saying, "you have some great candidates, but Valentine is the only one who has the experience of sitting up there for four

years on the council."

Furey was not alone in supporting Valentine. Former president of the Hawthorne/LAX/Lennox Rotary Club and current president of non-profit group Close the Deal, Patrice Springer also came up to speak on behalf of Valentine.

Amie Shepherd, a mayoral candidate from the recent election, was also one of the candidates.

"I didn't write a speech tonight because I'm not very good at reading them," Shepherd said. "I wrote one about eight times and kept coming up with the same three words – honesty, integrity, and transparency. It's the three things I campaigned on, but I find myself in the precarious position that I campaigned against most of you this year and now I'm asking you for a job."

Shepard continued that she didn't think about applying at first because she didn't support the process, saying that she was in favor of spending the money and having a mail-in election.

"One of the best things that is coming out of this process is the amount of candidates," Shepard said. "There are so many people that are passionate about the city of Hawthorne and it's something I honestly didn't feel before this [past] year."

Other candidates included familiar faces at the bi-weekly City Council meetings like Alex Monteiro and Frances Stiglich. While Stiglich continued to discuss her vision of Hawthorne, Monteiro essentially withdrew from the selection process.

"I would be honored to sit up there with you, but one of the most important pillars of the community is education," Monteiro, the president of the Hawthorne School Board of Trustees, said. "For these past eight years, I have been devoted to the evolution and success of the Hawthorne school system. I'm here tonight because I thought I wanted to be one of you, sitting on that Council, but I'm very proud of these 12 people that have spoken before me that have brought ideas that I believe I don't need to be sitting there."

Monteiro said he would stay with the Haw-

thorne School District as the president of the School Board.

"Believe me, I'm one of your applicants that might be the most qualified for the job," Monteiro continued. "I have brought millions of dollars to the community through the non-profits and I don't take any money from the city for the five organizations that I run, so therefore I feel I'm doing better outside of the chamber."

Speaking of familiar faces, former Hawthorne City Councilman Gary Parsons was among the candidates looking to help turn things around for the city. Parsons served as a councilman from 2001-2009.

"In 2009, I decided to retire at the top on my own terms because I accomplished things I had set out to do," Parsons said. "With my eight years of experience, I can hit the ground running on day zero."

Though he is tired of hearing the term "business-friendly," Parsons says that he would like to survey the businesses in the city and ask them what can the Council can do to create a better city. Parsons also wants to open talks with "well-run cities," like Torrance and El Segundo and find out what they do to be business friendly.

The City Council will meet again next Tuesday for their regularly scheduled meeting and will ultimately make their decision about the vacant seat candidates on January 19.

If the City Council is unable to fill the seat by January 26 deadline, they will begin the process of setting up the Special Election for June. The City Council will have until February 5 to fill the seat before the election will become a mandatory next step.

Other candidates included Home Owner Association leader Jose Gutierrez, Ramona Home Owners Association President Jason Gromski, Cal State University – Long Beach student John Aquino, President of the 360 Home Owners Association and retired Army Colonel Neil Gafney, 27 year resident Eduardo Trejo, John L. Jefferson, Donald Harris, a 7-year Army veteran Robert Prieto. •

Police Reports

Mon 12/21/15 to Sun 12/27/15
ROBBERY 13000 S HAWTHORNE BL BANK, SAVINGS & LOAN COMPANY Mon 12/21/15 15:29
Property Taken: Misc Amount Of Bills
ROBBERY 14000 S INGLEWOOD AV LIQUOR STORE Mon 12/21/15 20:02
Property Taken: Us Currency
ROBBERY 4300 W 119TH ST OTHER Sun 12/27/15 00:15
Property Taken: Black Leather Wallet, \$600.00 Cash (Us Currency), Silver Necklace With Cross Pendant
ROBBERY 12600 S EUCALYPTUS AV OTHER Sun 12/27/15 19:50
Property Taken: Cell Phone, Wallet, California Drivers License
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 14000 S YUKON AV APARTMENT/CONDO Mon 12/21/15 16:45
Property Taken: Televisions Video Equipt, Computers, Games, 55 Inch Flat Screen Tv, Blk In Color, 32 Inch Lg Tv, Black In Color, Sony Play Station, Black In Color, Nintendo Wii Video Game System
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 11800 S CASIMIR AV HOUSE Tue 12/22/15 22:30
Property Taken: Silver Ipad Mini 64g, Blk Playstation 3, Silv Macbook Pro 2014, Black Hp Laptop Computer (15” Screen), Blk Bose Portable Speaker, 3 Pairs Of Gold Earrings & 1 Gold Necklace, 2pair Sunglasses Maui Jim,Blk,Honama Bay, Wiley X, (2)Backpacks Tan/Grn
ATTEMPT RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY 13700 S YUKON AV APARTMENT COMMON AREAS (LNDYR,CLB HSE,ETC) Wed 12/23/15 08:00
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 3600 W 147TH ST HOUSE Wed 12/23/15 14:19
Property Taken: Us Currency Bills (Cash) In A Plastic Bag, Old Notes Of U.S Currency

Bills In A Plastic Bag, Two Kindle Fire (Blk & Dark Blue) \$600 Each, Gold Chain With 3 Buddah Pendants, 5 Gold With Diamond Rings, 1 Gold And 1 Gold/Diamond Bracelet
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 12700 S DOTY AV HOUSE Wed 12/23/15 14:43
ATTEMPT COMMERCIAL BURGLARY 12900 S CERISE AV WAREHOUSE Tue 12/22/15 07:30
BURGLARY 14000 S CORDARY AV PARKING LOT, GARAGE, PAID Thu 12/24/15 16:32
Property Taken: Black Olivia/Joy Purse., Us Currency, 4 Bank Of America Credit Cards, 1 Best Buy Credit Card, Social Security Card, California Driver License, Asthma Inhaler, Sony Digital Camera
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 12700 S CEDAR AV APARTMENT/CONDO Thu 12/24/15 15:00
Property Taken: Four \$100 Bills
BURGLARY 3800 W 134TH PL HOUSE Thu 12/24/15 20:19
Property Taken: Hp 15” Blk Laptop, Asus 12” Green Laptop, Galaxy S4, Galaxy Mega, Lg G3, Htc Desire 626s, Galaxy Avant, Galaxy S3, Gold “Fake” Rolex, Sil/Gold “Fake” Rolex, Passport Belonging To Maria Sanecz
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 4100 W 130TH ST HOUSE Fri 12/25/15 02:35
Property Taken: Play Station 4 Console W Controller, Play Station 3 Console W Controller, (30) Various Video Games For Ps3/Ps4
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 5300 OCEAN APARTMENT/CONDO Fri 12/25/15 13:45
Property Taken: Macbook Pro, Silver, Three 10 Ounce Bars Of Silver
BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL 3600 W 133RD ST HOUSE Sat 12/26/15 16:22
Property Taken: Blk Dell Laptop, Childrens Educational Learning Tablet •

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the ‘City of Good Neighbors’

From City Clerk Norb Huber

CITY COUNCIL SETS UP PROCEDURE TO FILL VACANT SEAT

The Hawthorne City Council met Tuesday night to listen to the 14 applicants who submitted their application for the opening on the City Council. Each person had three minutes to tell the council why they should be appointed to fill the seat vacated by Mayor Alex Vargas. The four members of the Council will try to agree on one of the candidates and make the appointment at an upcoming meeting later this month. This procedure was put into place to avoid the cost of running a special election.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

As soon as the New Year begins and we are returning from our long holiday breaks, we always look forward to our next break. Well, we don’t have much time to wait. The Martin Luther King holiday is held on the third Monday in January. It gives us something to look forward to. We really do need to put into practice what Dr. King was preaching during those chaotic years of the early 1960’s. Respect for every man or women regardless of who they are is still needed today. I think that respect comes from how we view our world and other humans. From the Christian perspective, God has created every one and he has placed us here on earth to live together. All of life is a gift from God. If we truly love God, then we will love others. If we look at each other from this view, we tend to treat



each other in a respectful way, knowing that life is too short to hate or hurt our neighbor. Why can’t we all be “respectful good neighbors” in 2016?

MY 2016 RESOLUTIONS

Here it is, my list of 2016 New Year’s resolutions: Eat less, run more, read more, laugh more, sleep more, listen more, talk less, get upset less, sleep

less during long city council meetings, play golf more, work less, love my wife more, spend more time with my grandkids, read my bible more, submit my newspaper column on time more, give of my time more, eat less Mexican food, eat more sushi, check my cell phone less, remember the important stuff and forget the bad stuff, figure out who the best presidential candidate is, remember all of my passwords for every one of my internet accounts so that I don’t have to tell the site that I forgot it and request an email to be sent to my phone that allows me to reset my password, remember every one’s name who knows my first name and treats me like their best friend, delegate more, lead more, think less of myself and more of others, be thankful more, travel more, share the joy that I have in Jesus more, and of course, just relax and have more “cold ones”. (How long did it take me to break a resolution, not long.) Every day I pray that God would use me to help me serve my family, friends, neighbors and community using the talents He has given to me. Here’s to a New Year! Here’s to a great 2016! Have a cold one or two or three! •

Looking Up

Cassini Closes in on Enceladus, One Last Time

Based on press release from NASA/JPL, provided by Bob Eklund
Photo provided by NASA/JPL-CalTech

A thrilling chapter in the exploration of the solar system will soon conclude, as NASA’s Saturn-orbiting Cassini spacecraft makes its final close flyby of the ocean-bearing moon Enceladus. Cassini is scheduled to fly past Enceladus at a distance of 3,106 miles on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 9:49 a.m. PST. Although the spacecraft will continue to observe Enceladus during the remainder of its mission (through September 2017), it will be from much greater distances -- at closest, more than four times farther away than the Dec. 19 encounter. The upcoming flyby will focus on measuring how much heat is coming through the ice from the moon’s interior -- an important consideration for understanding what is driving the plume of gas and icy particles that sprays continuously from an ocean below the surface. “Understanding how much warmth Enceladus has in its heart provides insight into its remarkable geologic activity, and that makes this last close flyby a fantastic scientific opportunity,” said Linda Spilker, Cassini project scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California. By design, the encounter will not be Cassini’s closest. The flyby was designed to allow



NASA’S Cassini spacecraft makes its final close flyby of Saturn’s active, ocean-bearing moon Enceladus.

Cassini’s Composite Infrared Spectrometer (CIRS) instrument to observe heat flow across Enceladus’ south polar terrain. “The distance of this flyby is in the sweet spot for us to map the heat coming from within Enceladus -- not too close, and not too far away. It allows us to map a good portion of the intriguing south polar region at good resolution,” said Mike Flasar, CIRS team lead at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center,

Greenbelt, Maryland. The south polar region of Enceladus, while well lit for observing observations by Cassini’s visible light cameras when the spacecraft arrived at Saturn in mid-2004, is presently in the darkness of the years-long Saturnian winter. The absence of heat from the Sun makes it easier for Cassini to observe the warmth from Enceladus itself. By the time the mission concludes, Cassini will have obtained

observations over six years of winter darkness in the moon’s southern hemisphere. Cassini completed a daring dive through the moon’s erupting plume on Oct. 28, passing just 30 miles (49 kilometers) above the surface. Scientists are still analyzing data collected during that encounter to better understand the nature of the plume, its particles and whether hydrogen gas is present -- the latter would be an independent line of evidence for active hydrothermal systems in the seafloor. This moderately close flyby will be the 22nd of Cassini’s long mission. The spacecraft’s surprising discovery of geologic activity on Enceladus, not long after arriving at Saturn, prompted changes to the mission’s flight plan in order to maximize the number and quality of encounters with the icy moon. Cassini made its closest Enceladus flyby on Oct. 9, 2008, at an altitude of 16 miles. The unfolding story of Enceladus has been one of the great triumphs of Cassini’s historic mission at Saturn. Scientists first detected signs of the moon’s icy plume in early 2005, followed by a series of discoveries about the material gushing from warm fractures near its south pole. They announced strong evidence for a regional subsurface sea in 2014, revising their understanding in 2015 to confirm that the moon hosts a global ocean beneath its icy crust. •

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Film Review

Michael Moore's Where To Invade Next Attempts to Reinvigorate the American Dream

H. Nelson Tracey for www.CINEMACY.com

Let's start with Michael Moore's divisive title: it's a complete bait and switch. There is an indication from this title and from the movie's opening that this is a movie about the US Military and their dominance worldwide. You'd never guess it, but this movie has almost



Michael Moore in Where To Invade Next. Courtesy of IMG Films.

nothing to do with this, a breath of relief as you can imagine there are only so many times we can fathom all the negative elements of the trillion-dollar US war business.

Instead, Moore's latest film, Where To Invade Next, is actually an optimistic documentary, a bit of a paradox in the world of news related docs. The film is a series of vignettes showing Moore traveling to, or 'invading', different countries on a hunt for what they are doing well and for ideas to take back to the United States. While his choice of countries is unfortunately very Euro-centric, the results are surprisingly effective. In every country, Moore chooses a specific topic to dive into. In France, it's food in schools. In Italy, it's work vacations. With each country, Moore is trying to show how systematically horrible our current system is and what it has the potential to be. The food in our school cafeterias is what is nourishing young people but is treated as an afterthought and the results are pretty gross. In France, food is seen as part of their education, so eating lunch is given major a level of respect as a way to teach kids how they'll eat well for the rest of their lives. This is one of the many fantastic examples that Moore finds in each country.

Moore isn't focused on shaming America though: he's interested in showing how fantastic these other countries are when in action.

The root of all of these problems comes from the mismanagement of money, the greed of for-profit schools and public buildings such as prisons, and more that many moderately-

educated viewers will know about. Moore isn't focused on shaming America though: he's interested in showing how fantastic these other countries are when in action. Of course, any documentary has the tendency to be biased and with Where To Invade Next running at only 110 minutes, Moore must paint countries with broader strokes. However,

he does a great job of making sure any skepticism is answered. For example, after highlighting one particular school or prison, he often will show a second more extreme example that confirms the point he is making. Moore is a polarizing character, but he's a master of the craft. He knows how to make his points, funny or serious, using the tools at his disposal.

It's been a fantastic year for documentary, in large part due to the number of working documentary filmmakers who have new material this year: Alex Gibney (Going Clear and Steve Jobs), Kirby Dick (The Hunting Ground), Davis Guggenheim (Malala) and Moore, among others. Each of these prolific directors has a signature style which they don't stray far from, but in every case it works to their personality and subject matter. All are in contention for the Best Documentary Oscar. While Michael Moore's latest isn't particularly topical compared to some of his other work, it invites Americans to recognize that perhaps we need to look at other countries as models for how to improve our current system. His final revelation not only is fascinating but ties the whole film together. For any American interested in the future of our country, look to this film as a guide to some positive possible directions.

Where To Invade Next opened at ArcLight Hollywood on December 23rd with a national release February 12, 2016. Rated R for language, some violent images, drug use and brief graphic nudity. •

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Ingredients

- SMOOTHIE**
- 1 cup Reduced Fat Lactaid Milk
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 - 3/4 cup cubed mango, frozen
 - 1/4 cup cooked white beans, rinsed
 - 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
 - 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - Dash cinnamon

- ALMOND TWIRL BREAD**
- Bread:**
- 4 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 package active dry yeast
 - 1 cup Lactaid Reduced Fat Milk
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/3 cup butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 eggs
- Almond Filling:**
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter, softened
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom or cinnamon
 - 1/2 cup ground almonds
- Icing:**
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3 teaspoons Lactaid Reduced Fat Milk
 - 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted

Preparation

SMOOTHIE
Place all ingredients into a blender. Blend on high until smooth (about 1 minute).

- BREAD**
1. In a large mixing bowl combine 2 cups of the flour and the yeast. In a small saucepan heat and stir 1 cup Lactaid Reduced Fat Milk, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, butter and salt just until warm (120 to 130 degrees F) and butter almost melts. Add to flour mixture; add eggs. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping the side of the bowl constantly. Beat on high speed for three minutes. Using a wooden spoon, stir in as much of the remaining flour as you can. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately soft dough that is smooth and elastic (three to five minutes total). Shape dough into a ball. Place dough in a lightly greased bowl, turning once to grease surface of dough. Cover; let rise in a warm place until double in size (about one hour).
 2. Sprinkle with Almond Filling, spreading evenly. Roll up into a spiral, starting from a long side. Pinch seam to seal. Place seam side down, on prepared baking sheet. Shape into a ring; press ends together to seal. Using kitchen scissors, snip at 1-inch intervals, making each cut two-thirds of the way to center. Gently turn each section slightly to a side. Cover and let rise in warm place until nearly double in size (about 30 minutes).
 3. Bake in a 350-degree oven about 25 minutes or until bread sounds hollow when lightly tapped and top is golden brown. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool.

ALMOND FILLING
In a small bowl stir together 1/3 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, softened, and 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom or cinnamon with a wooden spoon until well combined. Stir in 1/2 cup ground almonds.

ICING
In a small bowl combine the powdered sugar, vanilla, and enough of the 3 teaspoons Lactaid to make of drizzling consistency. Drizzle over bread. Top with sliced almonds. •

Sports

Morningside Outlasts Peninsula to Win San Pedro Shootout

Photos and article by Joe Snyder

Under first year head coach Daniel Campbell, who is a nephew of ex-Morningside High and the National Basketball Association Los Angeles Laker standout Eldon Campbell, the Monarch boys' basketball team was looking to make a comeback. Throughout the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and even into the first part of the 2000's decade, Morningside was one of Southern California's dynasties but during most of the past several seasons, the Monarchs have not enjoyed as much success.

Morningside, though, is looking to bring back its glory days with a 10-3 record after winning the San Pedro Pirate Shootout with a thrilling 60-57 overtime victory over Bay League foe Rolling Hills Estates Peninsula on December 30. The Monarchs' victory also avenged their 61-44 defeat to the Panthers in the 11th place game of the Westchester Tip-off Classic on December 5. The game started out with streaks as Morningside took a 9-5 lead before Peninsula, also under a first year head mentor in Ryan Quinlan, came back with 15 unanswered points and the Panthers appeared to be headed for another easy win over the Monarchs with a 20-9 advantage early in the second quarter. The Monarchs, however, came back with an 11-0 run behind two three-point baskets by Charles Wright and another three-pointer from Patrick Jeune to tie the game at 20. Peninsula held a 25-24 halftime edge. The Panthers were still up by two (39-37) after three quarters but Morningside came back with a 14-12 fourth period to tie the game at 51. The Monarchs came back to outscore Peninsula 9-6 in the overtime period behind key baskets and free throws by Brandon Anyanwu and Charles Akanno, who ended up being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Anyanwu led the Monarchs with 20 points, followed by Jeune with 10 and Akanno with nine points and 16 rebounds.

"He's a physical basketball player," Campbell said of Akanno. "He gets in front very well. The team played real hard and we moved the ball well." The Panthers were led by returning all-Bay League forward Mickey Babek with a game-high 21 points. Evan Malone added 11



Morningside High's Patrick Jeune goes up for a basket in last week's San Pedro Pirate Shootout Boys' Basketball Tournament championship game against Bay League foe Peninsula. The Monarchs won the title with a 60-57 overtime victory over the Panthers. Morningside hosts Hawthorne in non-league play Friday.

points, including three three-pointers. A day earlier in a final pool play game, Morningside slipped by Gardena 65-62. Akanno led all scorers with 20 points. Arkel Lord chipped in 15 points and Wright contributed nine. Clarence Bookman led the Panthers (7-5) with 15 points.

The Monarchs won their first two games of the tournament over South Torrance (78-59 on December 26) and host San Pedro (79-58 on December 28). Morningside also defeated Middle College 68-49 on Saturday. The Monarchs will host Hawthorne in non-

league action Friday at 7:30 p.m. Morningside, then, will, again, play Peninsula on the road in their Bay League opener next Tuesday at the same time. Campbell knows that the Bay will be very competitive, led by Redondo, which came off a second place finish in the prestigious Maxpreps Holiday Classic after losing to the United States' top ranked squad in Chino Hills 96-80 on December 30 at Rancho Mirage High in Palm Springs. Inglewood, which finished second in the Bay but defeated Redondo once last year, also figures to be well in the race, along with the

Monarchs, Panthers and Mira Costa.

Executive Prep Academy of Finance

Also playing in the San Pedro Pirate Shootout was a newer charter school in Executive Prep Academy of Finance in Hawthorne. Executive Prep finished 3-1 in the classic after a fifth place finish by routing Wilmington Banning 80-48 on December 30. Executive Prep began the tournament with a 66-49 win over Gardena on December 26. In the second game of pool play on December 28, Executive Prep downed South Torrance 66-52 before falling to host San Pedro 60-51 on December 29.

Executive Prep displays a 14-5 record and is ranked third in the CIF-Southern Section Division VA. Executive Prep begins the Mullholland League at home against Lennox Academy Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Leuzinger High

Leuzinger High first-year head boys' basketball coach Arturo Jones was looking to develop the young Olympians as the season goes on. It's working out better. Leuzinger won four consecutive games that included a third place in the Westlake Village Oaks Christian Tournament and avenging an earlier Beverly Hills Tournament loss to Brentwood by defeating the Eagles 63-47 in the Jordan Brand Take Flight Challenge Classic Saturday at Redondo High. "This time around we played a lot better," Jones said. The previous time, the Olympians lost to Brentwood 59-55 in overtime in the Beverly Hills Invitational on December 12. Davion Crowder led Leuzinger with 19 points. Kavon Fair finished with 15 points and Damani Washington had 10.

In the Oaks Christian Tournament, the Olympians, who are 9-6 overall, began with a 60-51 loss to eventual champion Burroughs High of Burbank on December 19. Burroughs topped Oaks Christian for the title. On December 21-23, in order, Leuzinger topped Reseda Cleveland 57-54, San Gabriel Academy 63-58 and Sylmar 68-51. The Olympians will face King-Drew Medical Magnet from South Los Angeles in the Serra Cavalier Classic Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Leuzinger opens the Pioneer League at West Torrance next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. •



Morningside High's Charles Akanno shoots a basket in last week's San Pedro Pirate Shootout Boys' Basketball Tournament action against Bay League foe Peninsula.



Morningside High's Charles Wright has control of the ball in last week's San Pedro Pirate Shootout Boys' Basketball Tournament action in the finals against Peninsula.

Seniors

Live Long And Financially Strong With These 3 Tips

(BPT) - By 2029, more than 76 million baby boomers will be 65 or older, according to recent Census estimates. While there is great upside to increased longevity, there are

Face the financial realities. The Northwestern Mutual 2015 Planning & Progress Study found outliving their retirement savings is among the top financial fears for Americans.

“The good news is that whether boomer or any other generation, it is rarely too late to create - or adjust - a financial planning strategy that will help you live your desired lifestyle through your lifespan.”

also challenges. Inflation, climbing health care expenses and ebbing safety nets are complex dynamics to navigate through an extended retirement.

One key aspect of longer lifespans many Americans overlook is caregiving. In fact, the government estimates 70 percent of adults 65 or older will require some form of long-term care (“LTC”). Recent findings from Northwestern Mutual’s 2015 C.A.R.E. (Costs, Accountabilities, Realities, Expectations) Study underscore this reality. Nearly four in 10 Americans (36 percent) are currently or have been caregivers to adults who are aging, ill or with special needs. The study further reveals caregiving, while rewarding, can have significant financial and emotional implications.

The good news is that whether boomer or any other generation, it is rarely too late to create - or adjust - a financial planning strategy that will help you live your desired lifestyle through your lifespan. Rebekah Barsch, vice president, planning and sales, Northwestern Mutual, suggests the following:

Moreover, a solid portion do not feel at all financially prepared to live through their 80s and 90s. Combined with rising costs and the potential long-term care needs, avoidance is no longer an option.

Speak up. Though finances are an uncomfortable topic for many, a candid dialogue is essential to making important decisions. This is especially important when it comes to difficult topics like long-term care, which could impact the entire family. Understanding the concerns and wishes of your loved ones is the cornerstone of effective planning.

Know when you need help. When it comes to financial planning, half of the boomers (age 50-68) in the 2015 Planning & Progress Study said they were either informal or non-planners. Considering the correlation between planning and financial security in retirement, as well as the added complexities of longevity, a self-directed approach can be a risky bet when the stakes are high. An expert can take an objective look at your finances and tailor a strategy that adapts as your financial needs evolve. •

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN HAROLD BENJAMIN, aka JOHN H. BENJAMIN, aka JOHN BENJAMIN, aka J.H. BENJAMIN CASE NO. BP169276

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN HAROLD BENJAMIN, aka JOHN H. BENJAMIN, aka JOHN BENJAMIN, aka J.H. BENJAMIN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Liliana Benjamin in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Liliana Benjamin be appointed as personal representatives 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 actions.) 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 on January 20, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 67 located at: 111 N. HILL STREET, 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 formal 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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DOWNTOWN HAWTHORNE SPECIFIC PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The City of Hawthorne has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan (DHSP) and is holding a public hearing on this environmental document. At this public hearing, the public will have an opportunity to hear the potential environmental impacts of implementing the DHSP and to allow public comments on this Draft EIR.

HEARING DATE: January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hawthorne City Hall Council Chambers, 4454 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA

The Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan totals approximately 786 acres or 1.23 square miles. The area boundaries include the I-105 Freeway on the north, Prairie Avenue, Freeman Avenue and its extension through residential neighborhoods to the city limits on the south, and Ramona Avenue and Inglewood Avenue on the west. Please see the map of the DHSP area on this page.

The DHSP designates five land use areas (Residential, Commercial, Hospitality, Mixed-Use

and Public/Quasi Public), and four opportunity sites known as Transformative Projects. The four Transformative Projects (Hawthorne Mall, Civic Center, South Bay Ford, and St. Joseph's Plaza) in the DHSP are sites identified for new and catalytic development and investment. The Transformative Projects are intended to embody bold ideas and further support the Specific Plan's vision and objectives, which include:

1. Provide a clear vision and flexible strategies framework that will help spur the future evolution of Downtown Hawthorne.

2. Ensure an economically vibrant, safe, healthy and sustainable Downtown Hawthorne that supports a range of users, including residents, business owners, workers and visitors.

3. Capitalize on key transformative projects that will be catalysts for future public and private investment and positive change.

4. Identify opportunities to develop and expand plazas, parks and open space areas to support a livable and healthy downtown.

5. Foster strong connectivity, access and circulation for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and automobiles.

6. Engage the entire community in robust, creative and ongoing engagement and participation processes.

The Draft EIR addresses and evaluates the

potential environmental effects associated with the implementation of the DHSP, including those related to land use, traffic, air quality/greenhouse gas emissions, noise, geology, hazards, hydrology, aesthetics, cultural resources, public services, and public utilities. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental impacts related to traffic, air quality/greenhouse gas emissions, noise, hazards, aesthetics, public services, and public utilities.

This public hearing is to allow for comments on the Draft EIR only. No action will be taken on the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan or the Draft EIR. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR is between December 18, 2015 to February 4, 2016.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review on the City of Hawthorne's website, at the Hawthorne Planning Department, 4454 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, and at the Hawthorne Library, 12700 Grevillea Avenue, Hawthorne. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be submitted to Gregg McClain, Director of Planning, 4454 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne by February 4, 2016.

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Elektra loves other kittens, and once she adjusts to them, she is fine with other adults as well. She is definitely an alpha female, claiming her right to rule from the word go, so she would do best with another kitty who will let her be the queen bee. Elektra

Merlin is absolutely adorable with his eye liner and tabby patches. Pin him down with some pets and he turns on the charm, purring away and even asking for belly rubs! He loves to kiss your fingers when getting pets too! Merlin would do best in a calmer environment, away from loud sudden noises that might remind him of those terrifying days of fireworks when he was found after the Fourth of July. He would do best in a home with adults or mature children as sudden noises and movements are still a bit scary for this sweet boy. He loves other cats to pieces and takes comfort from their presence. Get



Tulia is the Miss Congeniality of her household. She loves to make eye contact with you, really wants to communicate and will usually begin to peep out little greetings when she does. She also does fabulous “floomp” – she’ll just drop from a standing position to a lying-down position very dramatically, in a way that should have a sound effect – and we imagine “floomp” would be the sound. Usually when she does this, if you’re not close enough to reach out and pet her, she’ll then slither toward you on her side, purring and purring. Tulia also seems to have a sense of gentleness and empathy when it’s called for. One of elderly kitties in her foster home is 16 year-old boy



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