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Weekend Forecast

Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
63°/48°



Saturday  
Sunny  
66°/48°



Sunday  
Sunny  
64°/52°



Lawndale High’s Girls’ Basketball Wins



Lawndale High’s girls’ basketball team celebrates winning the Redondo Battle at the Beach Gold Division Tournament by topping Torrance 37-34 last Saturday. More on page 3. Photo by Joe Snyder.

Mayor-Elect Alex Vargas Sworn In to Office, Council Addresses San Bernardino Incident

**by Derrick Deane**

For the first time in almost a month, the Hawthorne City Council convened for the first of their bimonthly meetings with a new face sitting on the council.

Out went former mayor Chris Brown and mayor pro tem Olivia Valentine and in went Hadir Awad who won one of the councilmember seats during last month’s elections. Joining Awad were councilman Nilo Michelin who officially won re-election and newly sworn in mayor Alex Vargas.

This will be the first time that a mayor will be elected to a four year term instead of two years in Hawthorne. Vargas’ seat will be filled by shortly from a pool of candidates who turned in applications earlier this week. There will also be a special forum this Saturday for the public to ask questions of potential candidates for the open seat.

Brown and Valentine left after the new council was sworn in. Councilmember Angie Reyes English was previously excused from the meeting.

In a sign of city-wide apathy though, in a population of more than 86,000 people, only 4,628 votes were cast, including absentee ballots.

“We have about 36,000 plus registered voters in the city of Hawthorne and I think it’s a travesty that only 4,600 votes were cast,” city treasurer L. David Patterson said. “I would love to see our city do something to increase voter engagement.”

The attention quickly turned to the mass murder attack in San Bernardino last week. During the public speaking portion of the meeting, a seventh grader from a local Muslim school recounted the story of how a woman was yelling and cursing at the children at the school, telling them to, “go back to your home country.”

Mahmoud al Ahmad from the Al-Huda Islamic School told the council, “She threatened

to come back with others and I got really scared. What happened in San Bernardino was a terrible tragedy and my heart goes out to all of the victims and their families, but I didn’t do anything wrong. I’m just a seventh grader going to school.”

He continued saying that, “This is my home country. I was born and raised in America. This is the only home I know. There are over 1.57

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*“My heart goes out to all the victims of terrorism around the world as well as the innocent members of our society that are blamed for those actions.”*

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billion Muslims in the world which is almost 23 percent of the human population. It is not fair to paint us all with the same brush. All I want is to live in peace and to give peace to everyone around me.”

The council also spoke on the matter during their closing statements.

Patterson choked up when addressing the issue saying, “Continued stories of hate and prejudice perpetrated against the innocent because of religious faith and ethnicity, honestly, really hurts me.”

“My heart goes out to those that experience that on a regular basis, for whatever reason,” Patterson continued. “My heart goes out to all the victims of terrorism around the world as well as the innocent members of our society that are blamed for those actions. I have a number of feelings for racial profiling or discrimination in any form and I hate to hear young children having to experience that in our city.”

Patterson stated that he hoped the council and the city as a whole would continue to work together to, “let people who choose

to behave that way that their behavior is not welcome in our city.”

Michelin added that they would adjourn the meeting with prayers for the victims and people of San Bernardino.

“We feel their pain and our prayers are with them,” Michelin said.

Vargas echoed his sentiments saying, “we definitely sympathize with them and we’re in solidarity with all members of our community. The Islamic Center has been an active member of this community. They played in my basketball tournaments, they have opened their house to the community and an example of that is going to come up this weekend where they’re going to join with St. Joseph’s and other denominations within the city of Hawthorne to be in solidarity and also denounce terrorism because it’s there. Let’s not ignore that, folks.”

“We all stand with the Islamic Center and they stand with us,” Vargas continued. “We’re just one big happy family, I hope.”

Vargas closed the meeting stating that he was looking forward to working with his fellow councilmembers to getting the city back on track.

“We proceeded through the meeting. We had a lot of business we needed to catch up on. I think we had some business that we postponed in the previous meeting, but I’m glad we ran through everything,” Vargas said.

The new mayor-elect added that the council and audience members should not hesitate in asking questions, good-naturedly saying, “No matter how long it takes, we need to make sure we come to the right decision. No matter if people in the audience are antsy. Go home and watch on TV in the comfort of your bed, because we’ll still be here at 12 or 1 if we have to.”

“The city of Hawthorne’s future is at stake and I’m ready to work with my colleagues,” Vargas concluded. •



Hawthorne Happenings

Police Reports

News for the ‘City of Good Neighbors’

From City Clerk Norb Huber

NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN

Alex Vargas was sworn in as the new Mayor of Hawthorne this past Tuesday evening. He has served as a councilmen for the past six years. He took over the middle seat on the council after being officially being sworn in by City Clerk Huber and ceremonially sworn in by his father and mother in front of an overflow crowd in the council chambers. Along with Mayor Vargas, Nilo Michelin and Haidar Awad were sworn in as council members. Mr. Michelin is returning for his second term and Mr. Awad is one of the youngest council members ever elected. They won their seats during the November 3 election beating out five other council candidates. Now, with the results official, there is one vacancy on the council. An application process was discussed regarding the appointment of a Hawthorne resident to fill the vacated seat left behind by Mayor Vargas. The appointee will serve for the remainder of his term, two years. With the change of leadership, Hawthorne has a clean slate to work with. There was plenty to be optimistic about after the meeting. Many of the residents commented about the new spirit of cooperation that appeared up in front. We shall see if the four members plus their appointee can move our city forward. Lets all try to work together to make this happen.

WELCOME BACK READERS

I missed you all the last three weeks. With the holidays, the rush to get things done, I have missed writing to you the past month. I know that some of you have missed seeing me as you pick up the newspaper. Maybe I had one too many things to do, maybe I had one too many cold ones, whatever the reason, I’m back and will try to share a few thoughts throughout the remainder of the calendar year and into 2016. I tend to try to do too many things in the course of one day. Besides teaching my high school Math classes and trying to be City Clerk, my small business has



grown into a larger operation. There seems to be a lot of people who wish to purchase an outdoor nativity. With Christmas Day approaching, our sales may taper off soon. It’s a challenge to keep our products flowing to fill our orders. The internet has made it possible to sell to the world.

NEW HANGER AT HAWTHORNE AIRPORT

The December Mixer for the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce was held at the new 42,000 square foot hanger at the Hawthorne Airport. Pat Carey, a Hawthorne Planning Commissioner and owner of the flight school over at the airport was instrumental in getting the largest hanger ever build to become a reality. Along with the growth of SpaceX, the east side of Hawthorne is booming with progress. The parking structure for SpaceX is getting closer to being completed. Take a drive over to Crenshaw and 120th Street to see all of the growth.

UNITY WALK

As a result of the recent shootings in our SoCal area, there will be a Unity Walk held this Saturday, December 12th. It is meant to bring our community together to show our common respect for each other regardless of our religious affiliation. The walk will begin in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:45 a.m. and will conclude with a gathering at the Islamic Center around 11 a.m. Hawthorne is a diverse community that has shown a great deal of understanding and acceptance for all who live here. We pray for healing and unity.

SANTA COMES TO TOWN

The jolly ol’ fella showed up right on time last Saturday evening over at the old police station on 126th Street in Hawthorne. There was a fairly large group of little ones waiting to get their chance to sit on his lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. The Hawthorne Historical Society hosted the annual tree lighting and Santa arrival event. I guess Santa went back to the North Pole to start preparing for his big night. •

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Film Review

The Letters is a warm, albeit underwhelming, biopic about the work of Mother Teresa

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy  
Photo by Juliet Stevenson in The Letters. Courtesy of Freestyle Releasing.

Mother Teresa’s 50-year epic journey from a cloistered nun to a renowned and iconic humanitarian is brought to the big screen in the drama *The Letters*. Director William Riead assembles a powerful cast to bring the letters Mother Teresa wrote to her spiritual advisor, Father Celest van Exem, to life. Her story is truly a fascinating one but, unfortunately,

The story jumps from past to present day, as the priests push her canonization into sainthood after her death in 1997. As far as performances go, Juliet Stevenson transforms into Mother Teresa, adopting her frail mannerisms and gentle soul. She exudes confidence and heroism as the driving force behind the story. The biggest critique comes from the film’s pacing. The beginning was so rushed that, in a state of confusion, I actually had to rewind and watch the first few minutes a second time



the film can’t quite match the totality of the narrative, lacking enough passion and vigor to keep our interest for the duration of its 114-minute runtime. In the beginning, Sister Teresa was just another one of the many cloistered nuns living in the impoverished city of Calcutta, India’s capital. One unsuspecting afternoon, she believes to have heard the voice of God call her to leave her current teaching position within her convent and serve the poorest of the poor in the slums. This “call within a call”, she writes in one letter, was the beginning of her true life’s passion- becoming a voice for those in dire need of help and love. In 1950, she was given the title of “Mother” after her self-started congregation- Missionaries of Charity- was recognized by the pope and the church. In a similar narrative style to *The Notebook*, Father Celest van Exem acts as a narrator using Mother Teresa’s letters as the script.

to get a better understanding of the story. The second act- where Mother Teresa overcomes a hasty unwelcoming from the Hindus within the slums who distrusted her presence in their community because of her Catholic beliefs, to finally gaining their acceptance- takes it’s time to build and develop. This is the crux of the story, so the attention paid here is expected, but then the third act again rushes by too quickly. In the last few minutes of the film, Mother Teresa has accepted a Nobel Peace Prize, becomes a globally recognized and worshiped name, and has enlightened the world on her “call within a call”. Were it not for the inconsistent pacing, *The Letters* had the potential to be a powerful, emotional, and laudable film definitely worthy of attention come awards season. Instead, what it the viewer will find is a fair, melodramatic biopic of the truly great work Mother Teresa accomplished. •



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# Sports

## Lawndale Girls Capture Redondo Tournament



Inglewood High's Cristal Welch shoots a basket in last Thursday's Redondo Battle at the Beach Girls' Basketball Tournament against Marlborough. The Sentinels lost to the Mustangs 44-15.



Lawndale High's Taylor Hall dribbles the ball down the court in last Thursday's Redondo Battle at the Beach Girls' Basketball Tournament action. The Cardinals downed the Gauchos 51-35, then defeated Torrance 37-34 for the Gold Division championship on Saturday.



Lawndale's Alisha Robinson goes for a layup in Thursday's Redondo Battle at the Beach Girls' Basketball Classic against Narbonne.

**Article and photos by Joe Snyder**

It was six years ago that current head coach Anthony Gipson took over the Lawndale High girls' basketball program. The Lady Cardinals went through a rough season with a 2-20 record but Gipson pledged that he would bring Lawndale to the top. Last season, the Cardinals finished third in the Ocean League and advanced to the CIF-Southern Section Division IIAA playoffs losing in the first round.

This year, Gipson and the team have high hopes of a successful year after capturing the Gold Division of the always tough Redondo Battle at the Beach Tournament by edging Torrance 37-34 last Saturday. "It was a long time coming," Gipson said. "I've been waiting for this. It's been a six-year process."

In a defensive battle against the Tartars, Lawndale (4-1) led most of the way but the game was close. The Cardinals played a strong defense and were very good at the boards with 55 team rebounds. Lawndale also totaled nine assists, seven steals and five blocked shots. "Defense is our key," Gipson said. "We put our pride on D."

After losing their non-league opener at Raboe Academy in Glendale 47-37 on November 28, the Cardinals began the Redondo Tournament by rolling over Rolling Hills Estates Peninsula 56-30 on December 1. Last Thursday, Lawndale downed CIF-Los Angeles City Section power Narbonne 51-35, before defeating Cerritos Valley Christian 48-34 on Friday to go unbeaten at 3-0 in pool play.

Junior Rajinae Crandall led the Cardinals with 10 points and 16 rebounds as she was named the tournament division's Most Valuable Player. Taylor Hall was also on the all-tournament squad as she led in scoring with 12 points. "Rajinae has been consistent in the last two games," Gipson said. "She had no rest in all five of our games."

Against Narbonne, Crandall sparked Lawndale with 25 points and 16 rebounds. Talia Jones added nine points, four steals and three assists. Kamsi Metu, younger sister of former Lawndale High boys' basketball standout and now University of Southern California freshman Chimeze Metu, contributed seven points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks. "It's exciting to defeat Narbonne," Gipson said. "It's always a pleasure to win against one of the best coaches in Southern California (head Gaucho mentor Vicky Sanders)."

After the big showing, the Cardinals won't play until December 28 when they travel to San Francisco for the West Coast Jamboree.

Winning the Platinum (Elite) Division was Troy High from Fullerton which defeated Gardena Serra 70-62.

**INGLEWOOD STRUGGLES**

Inglewood High's boys' basketball team lost all three of its pool games in last week's Redondo Battle at the Beach Gold Division Classic. The Sentinels (0-4) opened with a 56-33 loss to Cerritos Valley Christian on December 1. Two days later, Inglewood fell to Los Angeles Marlborough 44-15. Last Thursday, the Sents fell to Redondo High's junior varsity squad 46-31. Against Marlborough, Inglewood, head coached by first year mentor Charles Cain, was led by his daughter, Cheyene, with seven points. Christel Welch added five points. Rowan Smith led all scorers with 26 points for the Mustangs.

**Leuzinger Wins Three of Five**

Last week, Leuzinger High's girls' basketball team opened its season in the Brentwood Tournament and won three of five games there. The Olympians started out well with wins over Venice and Bel Air Marymount before taking losses to Saugus and Santa Monica St. Monica. Leuzinger closed the classic with a 65-51 victory over Inglewood St. Mary's Academy last Saturday.

In the Olympians' opening win over the Gondoliers on November 30, junior Brooke Scott led with 20 points and seven steals. Sophomore Prescious Onwuku finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds, 10 steals and five assists. Sophomore Cheyenne Tannan had 14 points and seven steals, and senior Rebecca Oderola recorded 11 points and six assists. Scott tallied 21 points, including three three-pointers in Leuzinger's 52-50 win over Marymount on December 1. Tannan chipped in 11 points and Onwuku totaled seven points and 10 rebounds. Michaela Keefe led the Sailors with 19 points. The Olympians gathered a total of 47 rebounds in the contest.

A day later, Leuzinger lost to Saugus 50-44. Tannan led the Olympians with 16 points and six steals. Scott tallied 11 points. Onwuku had nine points and 10 rebounds. Last Friday, Leuzinger fell to St. Monica 63-50.

**HAWTHORNE SPLITS IN DOWNEY**

Hawthorne High's girls' basketball team split its four games in the Downey Tournament for a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish last week. After losing the first two games to host Downey (52-34) on November 27 and Lakewood (47-31 on November 28), the Cougars bounced back with a 37-31 overtime victory over Van Nuys Fulton 37-31 on December 1 and held off

Fullerton Sunny Hills 44-42 on December 2.

Tianna Grant was named Player of the Game as she led Hawthorne (2-2) with 11 points, including three three-pointers, against Sunny Hills. Khari Holmes finished with nine

points and five rebounds. Dyemond Cooper chipped in six points. Brianna Anderson and Kierra Miller gathered nine and six rebounds, in order. •

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# Nonprofit, L.A. Kings Hosts 23rd Annual Holiday Program To Benefit Victims Of Violence



Local KROQ radio personality Kevin Ryder [middle] poses with Larry Farber [left], Taylor Farber [right] and Avery Farber, one of the many families who contributed to the Friends & Helpers Holiday Event. Founded by Melissa Ryder in 1992, Friends & Helpers is dedicated to providing the support and encouragement needed for the women, teens, children and sometimes men, trying to escape a violent and/or hurtful situation.



Bailey, the Kings' famous mascot, was part of the afternoon's fun and charitable activities. The Kings' Ice Crew and a KROQ music booth added to the high spirits among those present to donate to the cause.

### Article and photos by Cristian Vasquez

Lines of families and cars filled the Toyota Sports Center during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adopt A Family Program organized by Friends & Helpers. With the support of the Los Angeles Kings, the nonprofit dedicated to providing support and encouragement for the women, teens, children and sometimes men trying to escape a violent or hurtful situation hosted its annual holiday program.

"It is one of those things where Kevin and Melissa are friends of ours, this has meant a lot for them for years," President of Business Operations for the Los Angeles Kings Luc Robitaille said. "This is one of those events where we want to work together. It is such a great cause and we understand that the families that are being touched by these efforts will be helped. Any time that we have an opportunity to make a difference, we try to get involved."

Melissa Ryder, who is a survivor of domestic abuse from her first marriage, founded Friends & Helpers in 1992. Alongside her husband Kevin Ryder, cohost of the Los Angeles based Kevin and Bean Show on KROQ, Melissa has been organizing the holiday program in order to provide gifts, stuffed stockings, gift cards and everyday items for people living in local domestic abuse shelters.

"When we say that five dollars make a difference, it really does make a difference," Melissa said. "There are people who don't eat and five dollars mean that they will eat that day."

In addition to accepting on-site donations, people can contribute via the Adopt A Family Gift donation where the donor can indicate the size of the family they are interested in adopting. Friends & Helpers will send an interested donor a family's wish list so that

all of the adopted family's needs are met during the holiday season. In addition, persons interested can Adopt A Stocking through which a \$25 donation will provide a child or teenager a stocking with treats and a gift card. To help women, there is the Adopt A Women's Bag donation where a bag is filled with toiletries, feminine products, dental hygiene products and other items.

"The kindness of people is really overwhelming," Melissa said. "People show up just to be kind, with great things, with handfuls of gift cards, or with toys just because they know that there is a kid that needs one. It touches my heart in such a way, that I am just truly moved."

In addition to helping people in need, Kevin and Melissa are committed to raising awareness about domestic violence through their outreach.

"It's really important and it's also very difficult because it is a subject that is so heinous," Kevin said. "People don't naturally want to talk about issues that are that sad."

The State of California Department of Justice's Office of the Attorney General reported that in 2014, the City of Los Angeles alone registered more than 8,000 calls for assistance for domestic violence.

"It is in your own neighborhood. It is in everybody's neighborhood; it is wherever you are and it is happening in the teen world," Melissa said. "It is amazing to me that there are so many formats to discuss bullying yet this topic never gets discussed."

"One of our goals is education; we want people to realize that abuse is real. The only way that we are going to end it is by getting a dialogue out there," Melissa said. "If people are aware that we are trying to make changes and talking about it, then we

will affect change. Everyone in my crew is very young because the young people are the next chance at this so that is why we are doing this. We are going to keep fighting."

Being proactive in the community is something the Kings' organization is known for and this was an opportunity that was not to be taken lightly.

"Sometimes there are a lot of things that aren't good that we don't want to talk about but if we have an opportunity to spread the message that it is out there, then we have to make a difference," Robitaille said. "As much as this is about delivering the message, it's about making a difference with the kids

that are a part of those families and that we can help them."

Despite being in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of existence, the task at hand never gets easier for Melissa; yet, it reaffirms that the work being conducted can not be abandoned.

"I fall apart constantly but it is very rewarding. I am forever overwhelmed by the kindness of people," Melissa said. "I have people come up to me and tell stories that touch my heart, or write me notes, and I am so grateful that people will drive for an hour-and-a-half in traffic to bring things for a family that they don't know. For that, I am forever going to be thankful." •



Hockey legend and President of Business Operations for the Los Angeles Kings Luc Robitaille shared a moment with young hockey fan Will Fuhrman during Thursday's holiday event. Robitaille and the L.A. Kings have had a long-standing relationship with Kevin and Melissa Ryder [big Kings' fans] and have known about Friends & Helpers for years. Using the team's practice facility's parking lot was a perfect opportunity to collect items for people in need, and a convenient way to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence.

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# Chicken and Grape Arepas



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- 2 cups arepa flour (pre-cooked masa, also called masarepa, which can be found online and in Latin specialty grocers, as well as some supermarkets)
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 3 tablespoons safflower or grapeseed oil (divided)
  - 1 cup shredded cooked chicken
  - 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
  - 2 scallions, thinly sliced
  - Salt and pepper
- 1 cup sliced red and green California grapes  
1/2 cup crumbled feta

## Preparation

1. Preheat an oven to 250F. In a large bowl, combine the arepa flour and salt. Stir in 2 1/2 cups warm water and stir until smooth. Let stand five minutes.
2. Knead the dough lightly and divide into eight pieces. Roll into a ball and then flatten to 1/2-inch thickness.
3. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add half the arepas, cover and cook until golden (about six to eight minutes.) Turn and cook uncovered, another six to eight minutes, adding more oil if needed.
4. Transfer to a sheet pan and put in oven to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining arepas.
5. Once the arepas are cooked, heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in the skillet over high heat.
6. Add the chicken, paprika, scallions, salt and pepper to taste and cook until chicken is slightly crispy and browned, about 5 minutes.
7. To serve, split the arepas and stuff with chicken, grapes and feta.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

| NOTICE INVITING BIDS                 |                                                                                                                |
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| DISTRICT                             | HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT                                                                                      |
| PROJECT IDENTIFICATION               | Time & Material Bid for Concrete and Asphalt Paving Services (As-Needed)                                       |
| PROJECT NO                           | Service Bid Number M15-16-10                                                                                   |
| BIDS DUE BY                          | January 7, 2016; 10:00 AM Sharp!                                                                               |
| SUBMIT BIDS TO                       | Hawthorne School District<br>14120 S. Hawthorne Blvd<br>Hawthorne, California 90250                            |
| BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE | <a href="http://www.hawthornek12ca.us/bids">http://www.hawthornek12ca.us/bids</a>                              |
| MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE         | Hawthorne School District<br>14120 Hawthorne Blvd.<br>Hawthorne, CA 90250<br>December 14, 2015 10:00 AM Sharp! |
| DEADLINE FOR RFIs                    | December 28, 2015; 4:00 PM                                                                                     |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawthorne School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District", will receive prior to the above stated time and date sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following: **SERVICE BID NO. M15-16-10 TIME & MATERIAL CONCRETE AND ASPHALT PAVING SERVICES (AS-NEEDED)**

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. Bids shall be received in the Office of the **Hawthorne School District at 14120 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, California 90250** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above state time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

Minimum contract term is one (1) year. Quoted prices must stay in effect for one (1) year after award of bid and may be extended upon mutual consent of District and Contractor for an additional four (4) years in accordance with provisions contained in Education Code Section 17596 and the bid documents.

There will be a mandatory **Pre-Bid Conference on December 14, 2015, 10:00 AM**. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its bid returned unopened. Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, and be licensed to perform the work called for in the Contract Documents. The successful bidder must possess a valid and active **Class C12 License** at the time of award and throughout the duration of this Contract. The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal.

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents. Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions.

Prevailing wages are applicable to the Project. These per diem rates, including holiday and overtime work, as well as employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, and

similar purposes, are available from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq., it shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under such Contractor, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner in accordance with Labor Code section 1771.4 on at least on a monthly basis (or more frequently if required by the District or the Labor Commissioner) and in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE). Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, are required, and shall be provided to the Owner prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

Where applicable (including projects receiving funding under the State School Facilities Program), bidders must meet the requirements set forth in Public Contract Code Section 10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code Section 999 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896.60 et seq. regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise

("DVBE") Programs.

It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

Bid Security. Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS** Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. No Bidder shall withdraw its Bid Proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the award of the Contract by the District's Board of Education. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

Substitute Security. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following action by the District's Board of Education to award the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under California Public Contract Code §22300. Waiver of Irregularities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid Proposal or in the bidding.

Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal. If the Bid Proposal requires Bidders to propose prices for Alternate Bid Items, the District's selection of Alternate Bid Items, if any, for determination of the lowest priced Bid Proposal and for inclusion in the scope of the Contract to be awarded shall be in accordance with this Notice and the Instructions for Bidders.

Inquiries and Clarifications. The Bidder is advised that all inquiries and clarifications about the Bid Documents, Drawings, Specifications, etc., shall be submitted to the District in writing at least seven (7) days before the bid opening date. The District will respond at its earliest possible opportunity. Verbal communication by either party with regard to this matter is invalid. Inquiries shall be sent in writing to Aneska Ines Kekula at [ikekula@hawthorne.k12ca.us](mailto:ikekula@hawthorne.k12ca.us) or (310) 675-9464 by December 28, 2015, at 4:00 PM.

Alternate Bid Items. The selection of Bid Alternates for determination of the lowest Bid Proposal will be based upon the Base Bid Proposal alone or a combination of the Base Bid Proposal and one or more Bid Alternates as selected by the District. The District reserves the right to use the "blind bidding" procedures.

Aneska Ines Kekula  
Purchasing Director  
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Los Angeles County, State of California  
FOR: The Board of Trustees

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FILE NUMBER 15 CVD 6979**  
SIDNEY EUGENE JOHNSON, Plaintiff  
-vs-  
SAMANTHA ELLIOTT JOHNSON, Defendant  
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:  
**ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**  
You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days from November 11, 2015 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.  
This the 11th day of November, 2015  
Zshakira J. Carthens  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
The Carthens Law Firm, PLLC  
PO Box 35416  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303  
Publication Dates:  
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**HI-24926**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)**  
**Escrow No. 004615-FM**

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: SANDEEP PHILLIP, 14345 INGLEWOOD AVE, UNIT L, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 14345 INGLEWOOD AVE, UNIT L, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: MICHAEL L. WARD, 170 CORONA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND IMPROVEMENTS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 14345 INGLEWOOD AVE, UNIT L, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: MAYTAG COIN LAUNDRY

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 29, 2015 at the office of: CAPITAL TRUST ESCROW, 280 S. BEVERLY DR #300, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212, Escrow No. 004615-FM, Escrow Officer: FRANCES MERON

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last day for filing claims is: DECEMBER 28, 2015

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

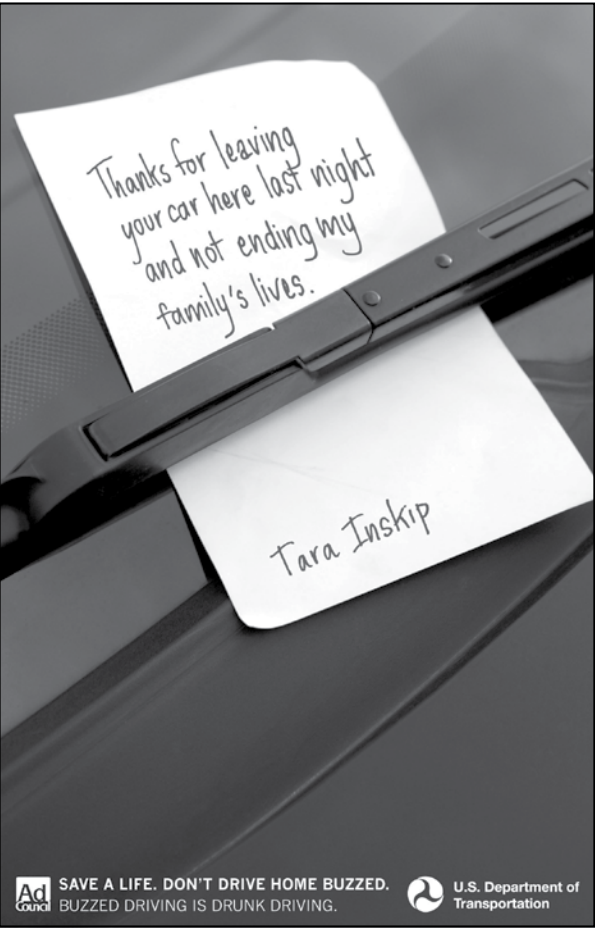
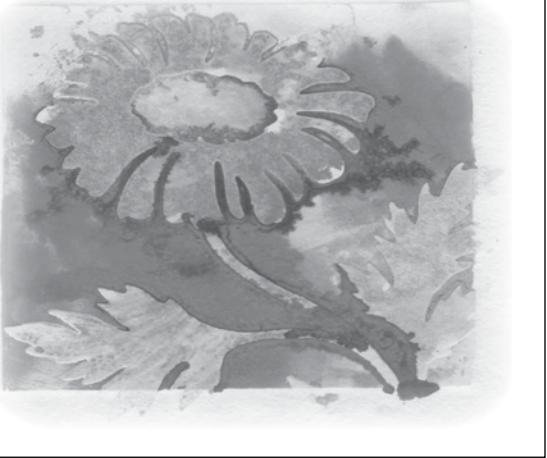
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

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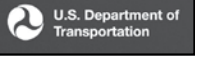
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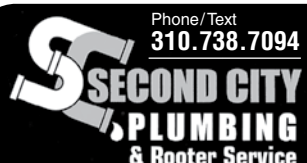
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