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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
68°/80°



Saturday

Mostly
Sunny
69°/81°



Sunday

Mostly
Sunny
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Chili Cook-Off Unites Neighbors



Everyone had great time at Councilman Alex Padilla's Chili Cook-Off and Picnic. There's nothing better than seeing our community come together for good food and great company. Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook-Off winner, Leila McLaughlin. Photos courtesy of City of Inglewood Government.

Does the Water Tower Have a Name?

By Ron Sokol

Water is essential to life as we know it. In fact, some believe strongly that life came from water. On Earth, water covers a large part of the planet.

Water quenches thirst and can cool a fever. Water from the sky feeds plants and flowers. Frozen water can become snow, a boon to skiers and kids who make snowmen. Water is often vital to cooking. We take showers in water.

Since 1958, a Water Tower has truly towered over the landscape in Hawthorne. Water Tower that towers- pretty bad pun- but the Hawthorne Water Tower is definitely an icon for the City of Good Neighbors. For years, many images of Hawthorne show the Tower prominently in focus. If you have any doubt, the Tower appears on Hawthorne's recently renovated logo. It is part of the lore.

Specifically, the Hawthorne Water Tower is located at the city's water facility around Ramona. You will find it on Truro Avenue north of El Segundo Boulevard. The Tower has capacity for 250,000 gallons of water. It stands about 155 feet high, although I found this description in a historical account: "The Tower is a light-green elongated, mushroom-shaped water storage tank rising approximately 123 feet above the city."

Hold a sec: Why is it light green? Wouldn't a really nice paint job make sense? Some cities have painted their water towers in colorful ways.

I think the Hawthorne Water Tower could be somewhat like the Hollywood Sign. It is unique, and unlike the Hollywood Sign, this Water Tower has served a significant purpose.

It is not for marketing only.

The Tower was built because people needed water. The city, in turn, had to find a way to store and distribute water. Hence, the Tower was erected in 1958. Gravity is why the water is up in the air. Elevating the water creates pressure in the distribution system. The higher the water is stored the more potential pressure is available to help move water through the pipes. This matters when demand is high, including when firefighters need a large quantity of water very quickly.

Some refer to the Water Tower as "a giant ball in the sky". My suggestion, if you haven't done so, is to visit the Tower. It is pretty much right in the midst of a neighborhood. Parking was not difficult. A Public Works Facility is nearby, but that location will close and become a park; a new Public Works location is underway or already complete.

A wall encircles the Tower itself and is adjacent to several water tanks, but you will see there are houses and apartments nearby. You may have the same or a similar reaction I did: Wow, that thing is really tall!

The neighborhood is pretty quiet. The Water Tower, of course, says nothing, but it has a presence. You feel it. After all, it has been there for 68 years. That is a lot of history, a lot of seasons, a lot of time.

Speaking of history, a handwritten note from Bob Reeves's daughter appears below a photograph of the Water Tower in the Hawthorne Historical Society. Bob was very active in the community. He and his family would visit friends and family in Florida. In the Pensacola area was a water tower that Bob found very attractive, which was "golf



Should It Be Repainted? Images provided by Ron Sokol. ball shaped". Bob returned home here and asked the Hawthorne City Council to look into that unique water tower and well.... Hawthorne has its own to this day.

The Tower is not a mere trifle, an artifice, or just some structure. The Hawthorne Water Tower is indeed an icon. I'd even go so far as to say it has a bit of personality. It also still has an important function as a surge tank to keep pressure stable.

Council member Alex Monteiro has proposed lighting for the Water Tower. The city is also looking into other possible enhancements, if I understand correctly.

The question that has come to my mind: Should we give it a name? Should there be a contest, maybe even a Blue-Ribbon panel to select the name, with a plaque, a gathering, a celebration, a bunch of officials, dignitaries,

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Community Briefs

City of Hawthorne Advances Major 93-Unit Affordable Housing Development on Cordary Avenue

The City of Hawthorne is moving forward with a major affordable housing initiative, partnering with non-profit developer Abode Communities to transform an underutilized, City-owned property at 14115 Cordary Avenue into a 93-unit affordable residential community. The Cordary Avenue Apartments project will provide high-quality one- and two-bedroom homes for local working families, seniors and individuals earning between 30% and 70% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

The project marks a historic milestone for Hawthorne, representing the City’s first 100% affordable housing development of this scale in decades. By converting public land into housing, the project directly supports the City’s Housing Element goals while helping residents remain in the community they call home.

“Hawthorne is taking a leadership role in addressing the regional housing crisis,” said City Manager Vontray Norris. “By contributing City-owned land and committing \$7 million toward development, we are making a direct investment in our residents. The Cordary Avenue Apartments will provide stable homes and supportive amenities that strengthen families, reduce housing insecurity and invest in the long-term vitality of our community.”

To make the development financially feasible while guaranteeing affordability for decades, the project utilizes a layered regional

financing structure. Alongside the City’s \$7 million contribution, the development is supported by \$10 million from the Los Angeles County Development Authority and a \$6 million loan from the South Bay Regional Housing Trust. The loan represents the first affordable housing investment approved by the newly formed regional trust.

The project will undergo standard planning and environmental review processes, including thorough evaluations of local traffic, circulation and parking compatibility. On-site infrastructure will include 54 vehicle parking spaces, supplemented by additional parking capacity at Jim Thorpe Park.

The project is currently in the pre-development and financing phase. Construction is anticipated to begin Nov. 1, 2027, with completion expected around Sept. 1, 2029. While the development must comply with all federal and state fair housing laws, the City is exploring all legally permissible local preference opportunities for current Hawthorne residents.

Application criteria and waitlist details will be shared closer to the leasing phase through community outreach, public notices and official City communications. Residents can stay informed by visiting the City’s website, subscribing to City emails and following the City’s social media channels.

– Source Provided by City of Hawthorne •

Check It Out

Re: Zero - Starting Life in Another World by Tappei Nagatsuki

By Aaron Acuna, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

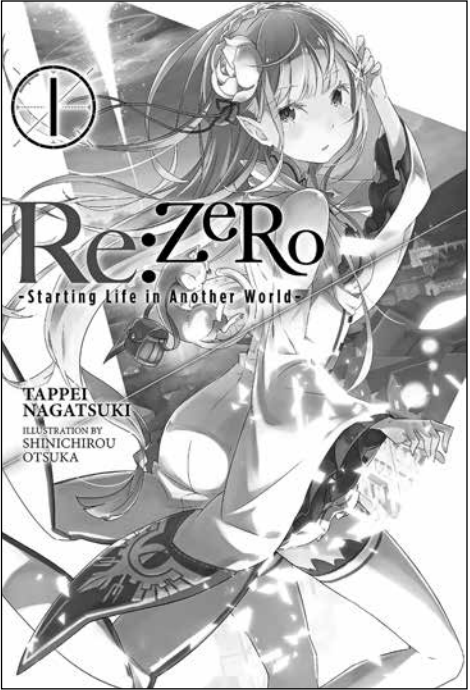
Continuing with my last review, we dive into one of the longest running light novel series, *Re: Zero - Starting Life in Another World*. Taking a darker approach to the isekai genre, Re: Zero follows Subaru Natsuki, as he is teleported from the real world to a mysterious fantasy world with no explanation as to how or why he arrived there. While for many isekai protagonists it is a dream come true, as they are bestowed incredible abilities and companions, Subaru learns quickly that he has remained as his ordinary teenage self. Despite this handicap, he selflessly lends a hand to Emilia, a half-elf, as she desperately searches for her stolen amulet. Unfortunately for them, their search leads them to a cabin where they discover a gruesome scene and the assailant still waiting inside. Both are killed, and with his dying breath Subaru vows to do anything to protect Emilia. Cue Subaru’s mysterious power: Return by Death, an ability that sends him back to a previous point in time whenever he dies. With this power, Subaru sets off to not only prove himself to all that cross his path but also to

overcome the causes behind his deaths and find a way to protect himself and those he has grown close to.

The concept that I found the most fascinating was how the author explored the consequences of Subaru’s ability as something of a helpful power but also as a curse. Despite the advantages that this power grants Subaru, in being able to return from death and try again as many times as needed like a video game, all the pain and fear that he feels with every death remains with him. He is fighting all his enemies, cultivating new friendships, and solving countless mysteries all with this trauma that has built up through numerous deaths. It is astounding to see how he can persevere each time, facing countless setbacks and struggles, yet still finding a way to succeed in the end.

Another strength of the series is the supporting characters, with each one being integral to the story and many having a lasting impact on Subaru. Many are also given their own struggles and motivations, allowing them to develop alongside Subaru rather than simply serving his story.

If you are a fan of dark fantasy, psychological storytelling, and deeply flawed characters who grow through their struggles, then this series is worth a try. Check it out soon! The first five volumes are currently available at the El Segundo Public Library, with the rest of the series coming soon. •



Re: Zero - Starting Life in Another World by Tappei Nagatsuki



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The City of Hawthorne’s Community Services Department Celebrated the Reopening of Ramona Park



The revitalized park features new playground equipment, basketball and pickleball courts, renovated sidewalks and restrooms, shaded picnic structures, and more. These improvements create an even more welcoming space for residents and families to enjoy. We’re excited to see the community back at Ramona Park and enjoying all that the newly improved park has to offer. Photo courtesy of City of Hawthorne Facebook page.

Another Birthday Card for the Wiseburn Library

By Don Perez

The cheer of dozens of children wishing someone a happy birthday is a pleasant sound but not unusual; saying it to a building, however, is.

Hawthorne residents Laura Williams and her two kids, Cooper and Harper, were among those who came out of the Wiseburn Library’s 60th birthday party with smiles; they visit the library quite often, Williams said. “We love it,” exclaimed 7-year-old Cooper, beaming that he made a soccer jersey in an activity there during the summer’s World Cup soccer tournament.

Around 100 showed up at Wiseburn Library on Aug. 12 to see and interact with a performance by Mad Science: Fire & Ice, featuring a goofy scientist; view pictures of the building’s history; decorate items and do other activities on its grounds. And that includes checking out books – the Wiseburn Library has more than just children’s literature, as a few grandparents were holding old-school romance and mystery novels in the checkout line.

But the Wiseburn Library almost didn’t get to have its birthday, which was actually several months ago. Back in the 1990s, the library faced multiple closure attempts. Amy Crow, assistant regional administrator for the Los Angeles County Library system, said budget issues and a reorganization of state funding, along with sharing a city with the much bigger Hawthorne Library, made the Wiseburn Library a target.

Friends of the Hawthorne and Wiseburn Libraries President Mona Zirkes-Falco, who has volunteered time at the library for 33 years, said community pressure to keep Wiseburn Library open was so great that a fourth attempt to put it on a closure list was met with a “don’t bother trying” response by higher-ups.

Located next to Hollyhelen Elementary School and across 135th St. from Wiseburn Middle School (formerly known as Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and Dana Middle School, respectively), the library first opened its doors in 1966 as part of the LA County Library system.

The Wiseburn Library actually had an earlier incarnation in 1952 as a mobile library and later a storefront on Aviation Boulevard, which later closed.

Community pressure led to an agreement between government groups – among them the Wiseburn School District, which owns the property and leases it to Los Angeles County, another partner in the mix along with the city of Hawthorne – that led to Wiseburn Library’s founding.

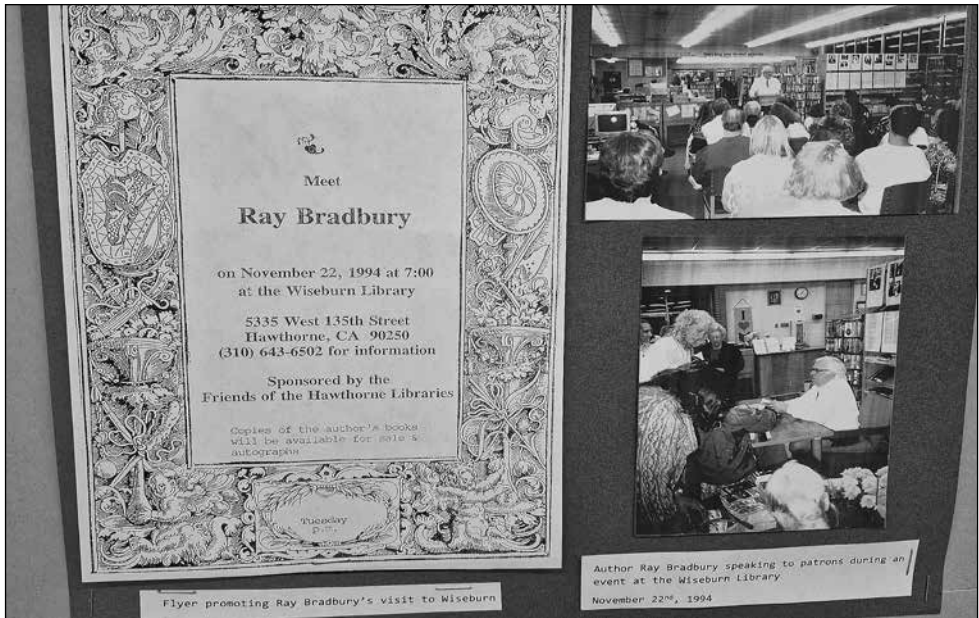
The three bodies had representatives present at the celebration on Aug. 12. Barbara Calhoun, field representative for California State Senator Laura Richardson, mentioned the importance of libraries.

“Use the library,” she told the crowd after the Mad Science show. “The library will take you places that you have never been. I’ve never been to Paris. But I’ve read a book on Paris. And I felt like I was right there in Paris ... eating the food and everything. Never been

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Outside the entrance to the Wiseburn Library on Aug. 12, children and adults showed their appreciation of the library using chalk.



Legendary science fiction author Ray Bradbury visited the Wiseburn Library in 1994, during a decade when it faced closure due to budget constraints.



Sara An, an area representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, reads a certificate to the crowd before handing it to Samantha Kline, manager of the Wiseburn Library.

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Cardinals Celebrate the New School Year



Lawndale High School students got into the school spirit by posing with First Day of School 2026-2027 Sunglasses. We wish you a fresh start full of learning, laughter, and growth. Photo courtesy of Lawndale Associated Student Body Instagram page.

Water Tower

from front page

residents, visitors, balloons, the media, press, lights, action, camera, you know, all that?

Could we make a bit of a fuss now about the Hawthorne Water Tower? I have a proposed name for the Tower: Hawley. That's taking Haw from Hawthorne, adding Ley,

kind of like the name Holly but spelled differently. "Hey, you wanna go see Hawley?" That seems much, much better than "Any interest in checking out the Water Tower?"

Let's give the Tower its due: All that time standing tall. To my knowledge, it has not

complained once. But it draws attention, and it is a landmark; as I said, it is on the City's logo.

Hawley, oops, I mean the Water Tower, has been and remains of real value to the community. It has put in its time, and continues to do so. Council member Monteiro is on it,

and the city is on it too. So, I just wanted to get this out there. As whatever improvements are being evaluated move forward, could we give the Tower a name? It is a bit of history, a true beacon. It towers above us. Perhaps it is keeping an eye out for us as well. •



In the Neighborhood. Images provided by Ron Sokol.



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Thank You to Our Enrollment Center Team



Preparing for a new school year is a year-round effort. Since February, our enrollment team has been busy enrolling our youngest learners in TK and Kindergarten, welcoming new families to the Torrance community, and processing incoming interdistrict permits. Over the past month, their focus has been on the finish line: verifying documentation, answering family questions, and ensuring every new student is registered, supported, and ready to thrive on day one. Because of their care and dedication, hundreds of new students and families are officially ready for a smooth, successful start in our district. Photo courtesy of Torrance Unified School District Facebook page.

Wiseburn Library

from page 3

to Africa, but I read books on Africa, and I felt like I was there in Africa. So please, everybody, use your library,” she said.

Today, the 5,000-square-foot library boasts 27,000 books (an increase of 2,000 from when it opened) and 10 computers, including three designed for young children. Recently, the library has expanded its free-to-use Wi-Fi reach into the parking lot. Zirkes-Falco added that the library and her organization are trying to do more to help children with disabilities and be more inclusive.

After dealing with the closure attempts, the library faced another challenge this decade

with the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a change to its hours of operation.

After spending months closed, Zirkes-Falco said it was a contentious point to lose Saturday hours to the Hawthorne Library, but Wiseburn Library Manager Samantha Kline pointed out it is open Monday while its counterpart is closed.

Although the library’s birthday was in February, Kline said she planned the celebration for August during the summer break, when more families could bring their children to the library during weekday hours.

Both Kline and Zirkes-Falco, along with

some parents who brought their children, noted the generational use of the library. “It’s the staying power. People who came here for story time are now bringing their kids. It’s multigenerational ... that’s kind of cool,” Zirkes-Falco said.

The festivities were sponsored by Zacatecas Restaurant, DeCoste Real Estate and Vistamar School.

The Wiseburn Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday and from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is closed on weekends. The library has a Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/WiseburnLibrary/>. The Friends of the Hawthorne and Wiseburn Libraries is also looking for new members and donations. For more information, go to freindsofthelibraries.org.

As with the library’s reading offerings, not all of the library’s activities are focused on children in the Hawthorne and Del Aire neighborhoods. Wiseburn Library will also host a decorating vases creative activity for adults in a session set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. The event is listed as full, but the website has a waiting list (<https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/16849433>). •



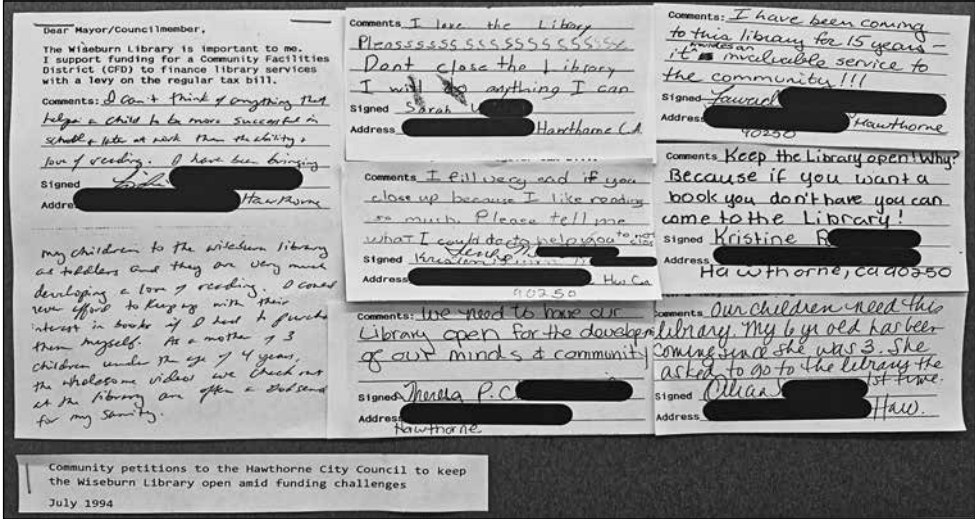
Desi Mier, a 5-year-old Hollyglen student, puts the finishing touches on a dinosaur he drew in an activity in Wiseburn Library parking lot during its 60th birthday celebration.



Five-year-old Hollyglen student Eli Olquin uses one of Wiseburn Library’s computers for younger children before the celebration begins.



Mad Science performer Dimitar Petrov holds soap that he created using chemistry for children to come up and touch.



Children and parents in the neighborhood wrote these petitions to the Hawthorne City Council to keep the Wiseburn Library open during the 1990s.



Friends of the Hawthorne and Wiseburn Libraries president and library volunteer Mona Zirkes-Falco entertains children during an activity in 2014. The photo was among many on the bookcases showing off the Wiseburn Library’s history throughout the decades.

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- **Step 4:** **FILLING:** Blend softened cream cheese and frosting in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and fluffy.
- **Step 5:** Spread about 1 heaping tablespoon filling on the bottom side of a cookie and press the bottom of a second cookie on top to form a sandwich. Repeat with remaining red velvet cookies.

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CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 26STCV08965 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): **Ali Arslan, an individual; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTADEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): David Gamaliel Vargas Alvarez,** an Individual. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/)

selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos

sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012** The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **Bradley G. Hayes, Esq., 2648 Durfee Ave., Ste 101, El Monte, California 91732, (323) 477-1415,** Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, DATE: (Fecha) **3/19/2026 2:16PM,** David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court By D. Williams, Deputy Clerk. **COMPLAINT-** Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death, Type: MOTOR VEHICLE; Property Damage; Personal Injury; Other Damages (Specify): Pain & Suffering. Jurisdiction: ACTION IS AN **UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$35,000),** CASE NUMBER: **26STCV08965;** 1. Plaintiff (name or names): **David Gamaliel Vargas Alvarez**, an individual, alleges causes of action against **defendant** (name or names): **Ali Arslan, an individual; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive.** 2. This

pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages: 5, 3. Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult, 5. Each defendant named above is a natural person, 6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff. a. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1-25 were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment. b. Doe defendants **Does 1 to 50, inclusive** are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff; c. Doe Defendants(specify Doe numbers): 26-50 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff. 8. This court is the proper court because c. injury to person or damage to personal property occurred in its jurisdictional area. 10. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each(each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached): a. Motor Vehicle; b. General Negligence. 11. Plaintiff has suffered: a. wage loss; b. loss of use of property; c. hospital and medical expenses; d. general damage; e. property damage. f. loss of earning capacity; g. other damage: pre-judgment interest and all damages according to proof at trial. 13. The relief sought in this complaint is within the jurisdiction of this court. 14. Plaintiff prays for judgment for costs of suit; for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for a. (1) compensatory damages. b. The amount of damages is (in this cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)): (1) according to proof. The paragraphs of this complaint alleged on information and belief are as follows: All. Date: 3/19/2026, Bradley G. Hayes, Esq. **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION-Motor Vehicle** ATTACHMENT TO Complaint;

Plaintiff: **David Gamaliel Vargas Alvarez;** an individual, MV-1 Plaintiff alleges the acts of defendants were negligent; the acts were the legal (proximate) cause of injuries and damages to plaintiff; the acts occurred on (date) **September 5, 2024** at (place): **At or near Marengo Street and Brittanina Street Los Angeles, California 90033;** MV-2 DEFENDANTS a. The defendants who operated a motor vehicle are: **Ali Arslan, an individual;** and Does 1 to 50, inclusive, b. The defendants who employed the persons who operated a motor vehicle in the course of their employment are: Does 1 to 50, inclusive. The defendants who owned the motor vehicle which was operated with their permission are: **Ali Arslan, an individual; and Does 1 to 50, inclusive,** d. The defendants who entrusted the motor vehicle are: Does 1 to 50, inclusive, e. The defendants who were the agents and employees of the other defendants and acted within the scope of the agency were: **Does 1 to 50, inclusive;** f. the defendants who are liable to plaintiffs for other reasons and the reasons for liability are as follows: Ali Arslan, an individual; and Does 1 to 50, inclusive. **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION-General Negligence** Page Five; ATTACHMENT TO Complaint; GN-1. Plaintiff (name): **David Gamaliel Vargas Alvarez, individual** alleges that defendant **Ali Arslan, an individual;** and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive, was the legal (proximate) cause of damages to plaintiff. By the following acts or omissions to act, defendant negligently caused the damage to plaintiff on(date): **September 5, 2024** at (place): **At or near Marengo Street and Brittanina Street, Los Angeles, California;** (description of reasons for liability): Defendant(s), employees and or agents, and each of them, so

negligently, carelessly, recklessly, and wantonly drove, managed, maintained, controlled, operated and entrusted their motor vehicle so as to legally cause the Plaintiff to be injured when the driver of the Defendant(s) vehicle suddenly, unexpectedly and negligently operated the Defendant's vehicle so as to legally cause a collision with Plaintiff while Plaintiff was driving his motorcycle. That as a direct and legal result of the negligence on the part of the Defendant(s), and each of them, Plaintiff was caused to sustain injuries and damages as herein alleged. Defendant(s) employees and or agents, and each of them, negligently hired, trained, supervised, retained, employed, and or managed their employees, agents and assigns so as to legally cause a collision with Plaintiff herein while Plaintiff was driving his motorcycle. That as a direct and legal result of the negligence on the part of the Defendant(s), and each of them, Plaintiff was caused to sustain injuries and damages as herein alleged. **STATEMENT OF DAMAGES** (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) To: Ali Arslan, Plaintiff: David Gamaliel Vargas Alvarez seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows: 1. General damages: a. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience: **\$500,000.00,** b. Emotional Distress **\$500,000.00;** 2. Special damages: a. Medical expenses (to date) **\$35,325.00** b. Future medical expenses (present value) TBD c. Loss of earnings (to date) **TBD** d. Loss of future earning capacity (present value) **TBD** e. property damage **TBD.** Date: July 21, 2026 /s/ Bradley G. Hayes, Esq
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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name
Case No. 26STCP02694
Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: SELENE PRESLEY MANZANARES BY SAMANTHA AURORA PALACIOS AND ALEX MANZANARES for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner SAMANTHA AURORA PALACIOS AND ALEX MANZANARES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
SELENE PRESLEY MANZANARES to
SELENE PRESLEY PALACIOS
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least

two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: October 30, 2026, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: 529, Room: 529, 5th Floor
The address of the court is:
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 102
LOS ANGELES, CA, 90012
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Torrance Tribune
Date: July 17, 2026
VIRGINIA KEEENY
Judge of the Superior Court
Torrance Tribune, Pub 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20/26

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MANFRED WOLFGANG GAUER CASE NO. 20STPB08360
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the Will or estate, or both of
MANFRED WOLFGANG GAUER
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANTHONY CRAIG GAUER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANTHONY CRAIG GAUER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons

unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 9/17/20 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to

you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
DANIELLE STRUWE, CFLA;
SHANSHAN HAN ESQ
QUINN & DWORAKOWSSKI, LLP
2050 Main St., Suite 600
Irvine, CA 92614
949-660-1400
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Inglewood Transit Connector - 90% GMP
Request for Proposals (RFP) submission due
September 8, 2026, at 2:00pm PST
Swinerton Builders is requesting proposals for the **Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project – Phase 1 (90% GMP).**
Project Overview: ITC Phase 1 will deliver enabling works to improve traffic congestion and acquire key right-of-way parcels before the 2028 Olympics. It includes mobility hubs with parking and transit amenities, mini-mobility hubs with amenities for surface parking other uses, dedicated event bus lanes, and pedestrian improvements. The City envisions connecting parkers at the mobility hubs to destinations using shuttles that would be expedited through the use of transit-only lanes, while preserving the development for a future Automated People Mover between the Sports and Entertainment District and Downtown Inglewood Metro Station.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION
NO. CU-2025-0004

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawthorne will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter:
CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION NO. CU-2025-0004: Conditional Use Permit Application No. CU-2025-0004 is a request to allow a massage establishment in an existing commercial structure. The Hawthorne Municipal Code permits massage establishments as an approved land use in the Local Commercial (C-2) zone with the issuance of an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) per HMC Section 17.26.020.
PROJECT LOCATION: 14115 Hawthorne Blvd.

MEETING DETAILS:
Day: Wednesday
Date: September 2, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: City Council Chambers
4455 West 126th Street
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Those interested in this item may appear at the meeting and submit oral or written comments. Written information pertaining to this item must be submitted to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to 5:00 PM September 2, 2026, at 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250 or emailed to planning@cityofhawthorne.org. For additional information, you may contact the Planning Department at (310) 349-2970 or at the email noted above.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:
Conditional Use Permit CU-2025-0004 has a recommendation of denial from

Prevailing Wages and Labor Code Provisions (Appendix A-2B)
3. City Requirements
4. The City's DBE Participation plan and SBE / LBE goals
5. Community Labor Agreement (CLA, Appendix A-3)
Please identify revisions from the 60% drawings to the 90% drawings.
Virtual Outreach Meeting
Interested firms are invited to attend a Virtual Outreach Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 10:00 AM (PST) via Zoom.
Virtual Event Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/r6an74nBod9Pe63Ny6>
Subcontractor must be prequalified with Swinerton prior to close of RFP deadline.
Subcontractors can submit or renew their prequalification documents at: <http://www.swinerton.com/subcontractors/subcontractor-prequal>
If you have any questions related to the prequalification process, please reach our Team at: subcontractorprequal@swinerton.com

the Planning Department. Denials are not considered to be a project under CEQA and therefore no further analysis is required. If the permit were to be approved by the Planning Commission, it is still not a project under the Common Sense Exemption as there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
PLEASE NOTE that pursuant to Government Code Section 65009: In an action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul a finding, determination or decision of the Planning Commission or City Council, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised at the public hearing in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Council at or prior to the public hearing.
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At Swinerton's discretion, Swinerton may require a Payment and Performance bond and/or a letter of bondability from a qualified and accepted Treasury listed Surety within 48 hours of demand. **Please provide bond rate together with single project bond \$ limit for scope of work to be performed in your proposal.** List of certified companies: <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/files/surety-bonds/list-certified-companies.pdf>.
NOTE: If you are interested to know more about this bid opportunity, or need assistance in obtaining plans, bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services, please reach out to Swinerton at EstimatingLA@swinerton.com or call (213) 896-3400.
Swinerton is an Equal Employment Opportunity, Minority, Women, Disability, and Veteran Employer
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING
2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The City of Hawthorne (City) receives funding on an annual basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address various housing and community development needs. Each year, the City reports to HUD and to the community on how these funds were used through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).
In accordance with HUD regulations, the City has prepared the draft 2025-2026 CAPER, covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The report details how the City utilized its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds to accomplish the goals established in the 2025-2026 Action Plan to address the housing and community development needs identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.
PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the draft 2025-2026 CAPER will be available for public review and comment for a period of 15 days, beginning on August 24, 2026 and ending on September 8, 2026. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to review the report and share their feedback on the City's performance, as well as any emerging housing and community development needs. Copies of the draft 2025-2026 CAPER will be available for review:
ONLINE: <https://www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/housing/cdbg>
IN-PERSON: City Hall & Hawthorne Public Library, 12700 Grevillea Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026 and directed to:

Hawthorne Housing Department
Attn: Kimberly Pipkins, Housing Director
4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250
kpipkins@cityofhawthorne.org

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Hawthorne City Council will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments on the draft 2025-2026 CAPER and to discuss program performance. All comments received during the 15-day public review period will be considered by the City Council prior to final action.
WHEN: September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: City Hall – Council Chambers, 4455 W. 126th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250
The City Council is the final decision-making body for this item. If you challenge the City Council's action on this matter in court, you may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the City before or during the hearing.
ADA COMPLIANCE
It is the intent of the City of Hawthorne to fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations such as accessible seating, assistive listening devices, sign language services, or written transcripts, please contact the City Clerk's office at (310) 349-2915 at least 48 hours before the public hearing. The City will make every reasonable effort to accommodate requests.
LAP COMPLIANCE
Si necesita más información sobre este aviso o la traducción de documentos en español, comuníquese con Dayna Williams-Hunter al (310) 349-2915.
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Featured Pets of the Week



Dumpling
Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA
This cutie is **Dumpling!** Dumpling is a young French Bulldog mix who is the perfect mix of playful, sweet, and charming. Whether he’s snuggling with his favorite people, showing off his silly personality, or simply enjoying the day by your side, he brings happiness wherever he goes. This handsome boy is ready to find a home where he can be loved, spoiled, and cherished as the amazing companion he is. Could Dumpling

be your new Friend for Life? <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-23717>
Say hi to **Leah!** Leah is a sweet black-and-white Husky who is the perfect mix of gentle and loving. She enjoys spending time outdoors and would be a wonderful companion for someone looking for a loyal and affectionate dog with a gentle personality. She is already spayed and microchipped, meaning she’s ready to go home today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-23726>



Ashley
Meet **Ashley!** This beautiful young cat has a silky light beige and cream coat that’s as soft as it looks. She has an incredibly affectionate personality and loves spending time with people. Whether she’s soaking up pets, snuggling beside you, or following you around for attention, Ashley is ready to find a home where she can share her affection with her new family. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-23721>

Turmeric is a friendly and laid-back cat with a soft black-and-brown tabby coat accented with beautiful white markings. This sweet girl has an easygoing personality and loves being around people. Turmeric would make a wonderful companion for someone looking for a gentle and affectionate young cat. Stop by the spcaLA South Bay Pet Adoption Center to meet her today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-23927> •



Leah



Turmeric

“You can’t buy love, but you can rescue it.”
— UNKNOWN