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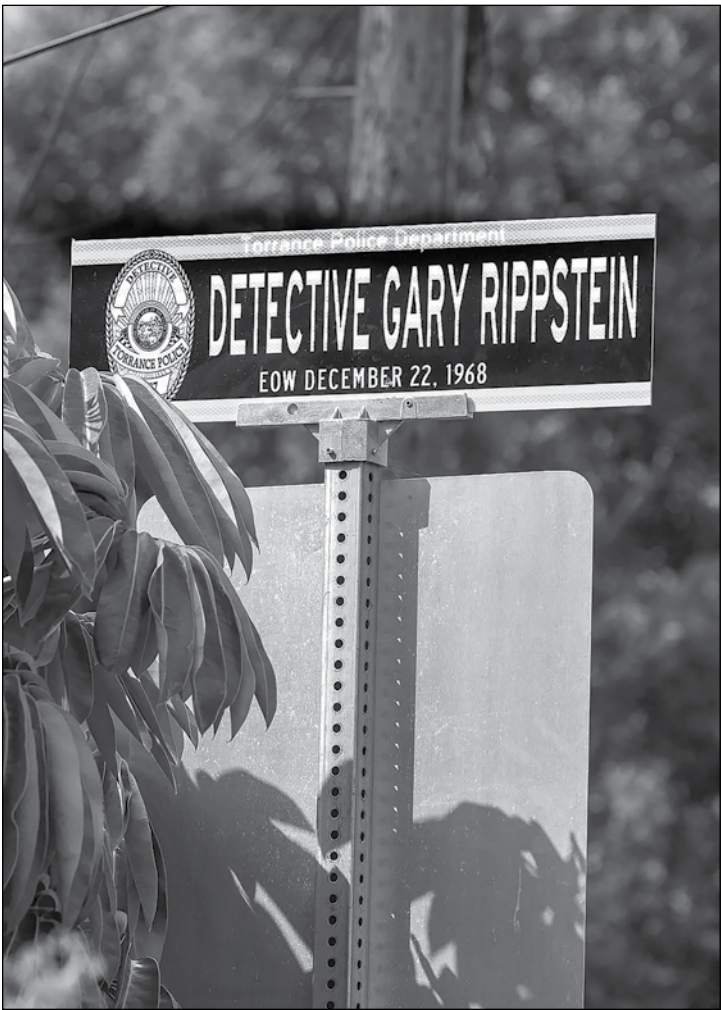
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Honoring Fallen City of Torrance Police Detective Gary Rippstein



The Torrance Police Department, neighboring law enforcement agencies, City officials, and community members gathered in Hermosa Beach to honor fallen Detective Gary Rippstein. A memorial sign now marks the location where Detective Rippstein was killed in the line of duty, serving as a lasting tribute to his service and sacrifice. Photos courtesy of Torrance Police Department Facebook page.

A Tax We Actually Might Support?

By Ron Sokol

The word “tax” tends to make many people frown. It signifies a cost, a charge that you have to pay whether you want to or not, and whether you think it is even fair.

Most feel taxes are too high, and that there are just too many of them. The Internal Revenue Service is jokingly referred to as the Infernal Revenue Service instead.

The Beatles sang a well-known song, Tax Man, which includes these lyrics: “If you drive a car, I’ll tax the street; if you try to sit, I’ll tax your seat; if you get too cold, I’ll tax the heat; if you take a walk, I’ll tax your feet. Taxman.”

The word tax in various shapes and forms also connotes a burden, as in “Man, that climb up the hill was very taxing...” or “These directions really tax my patience!”

But this November, residents of the fine City of Hawthorne, the proverbial City of Good Neighbors, are being asked to approve a tax. On June 23, 2026, the Hawthorne City Council voted to place a measure on the November 3, 2026 general municipal election ballot. The proposal would increase the City’s Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). In short, it is a local hotel tax that would increase the City’s existing TOT from 12% to 17%. If passed, the projected revenue is estimated at \$1.2 to \$3.1 million in locally controlled revenue per year.

Specifically, TOT is a tax levied on room rates paid by guests staying 30 days or less in hotels, motels, and short-term rentals. Visitors pay it when they stay in those facilities. It

is not a tax on residents or property owners.

Currently, Hawthorne’s 12% TOT rate is lower than several nearby cities, including Inglewood at 15.5%, Culver City at 14.4%, and Manhattan Beach at 14%. The increase to 17%, if approved, could persuade other jurisdictions to tinker with their own TOT rates. City officials emphasize there are major global events on the horizon in this region, from the Super Bowl to the LA28 Olympic Games. Visitor activity, visitor influx, and hotel occupancy are expected to increase, perhaps exponentially.

When people visit, they invariably use the streets, traffic infrastructure, sidewalks, possibly one or more parks, sanitation, as well as other similar services and amenities. In addition, police and the fire department provide security, which impacts everyone here. Visitors, who are welcomed, of course, benefit from the City’s efforts to keep things moving, navigable, safe, clean, and accessible. These fine people, however, generally do not pay property tax, do not pay for utility use as residents do, and therefore do not contribute to the City’s tax base to the same extent as residents.

As you think this out, there is a commonsense rationale for the TOT that can be asked in the form of a question: Why should Hawthorne residents pay the entire cost for municipal services utilized by persons who come here, stay temporarily, such as in a hotel or motel, benefit from the services, and then leave? They are here to do business, to have fun, to visit any number of nearby venues.



City of Many Services. Images provided by Ron Sokol. Why not have them chip in to cover some of the overhead?

This column is not, however, an argument to vote for the measure. There are certainly real objections. For one thing, 17% ain’t cheap. Will that actually make doing business here tougher for hotels, motels, and short-term rentals? If so, it could drive away much-needed enterprise.

Also, the tax isn’t specifically dedicated to police, fire, or streets. The TOT is a general tax, so the funds will go to the City’s General Fund. The City Council will determine its use. Does that provide sufficient comfort?

These are not exhaustive reasons why the TOT may be objectionable. Each voter simply has to make up his or her mind, based upon the merits.

What influenced the Council’s decision to place the item on the ballot is that while

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
68°/79°



Saturday

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Cloudy
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Sunday

Partly
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67°/79°



Check It Out

Ode to the Half-Broken by Suzanne Palmer

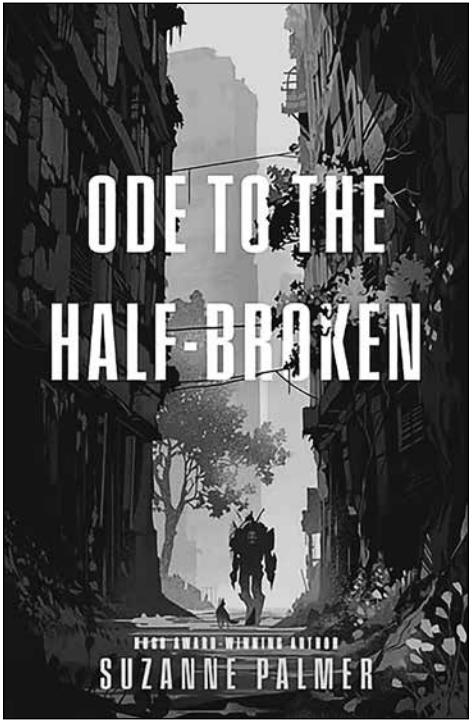
By Taylor Galuppi, Library Assistant,
El Segundo Public Library

Despite dire circumstances, Ode to the Half-Broken is an optimistic journey where an initially unnamed robot chases down the ones who stole their leg, while accompanied by a human mechanic and cyborg dog. The trio discover how communities of humans and robots alike are rebuilding after a societal collapse, interspersed by flashbacks of the causes of said collapse. Our protagonist emerges from a twenty-year stint of self-imposed isolation and begins a cross-country chase that still finds moments of peace that lead to an almost “cozy” read, interspersed by exciting fight scenes.

The characters are charming and give a reader plenty to root for. We meet machines of all types, from sentient train cars to wise-cracking drones. With robots being more popular than ever in contemporary Sci-Fi, this manages to be a refreshing take on an

alternative AI that cares more for discussions of consciousness and growth than how that consciousness is a danger to humanity. In addition, Palmer does an excellent job of critiquing humanity’s treatment of the planet while still insisting there is a place for humans in this changed environment. Atticus, the wise-cracking cyborg dog, and the human mechanic Murphy help our protagonist along both physical and emotional journeys that make for an evolved version of the “man and his dog” quest that remains timeless for a reason.

If I had a main complaint about the novel, it would be how cleanly certain conflicts resolve themselves. While I appreciated the lack of loose ends, there are moments where a reader can only think to themselves “oh, well that was convenient.” Even still, Palmer’s writing has a lot of heart and there is poignancy in lines that feature both old-school wisdom and modern charm that make for an overall great read. If you were a fan of Automatic Noodle by Annalee Newitz or Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers, I absolutely recommend picking up Ode to the Half-Broken by Suzanne Palmer from the El Segundo Public Library when you get the chance! •



Ode to the Half-Broken by Suzanne Palmer



Taylor Galuppi

Seniors

What Health Experts Want You to Know About Pneumococcal Pneumonia

(StatePoint) - Pneumococcal pneumonia is a potentially serious illness caused by bacteria called pneumococcus. The illness can disrupt a person’s life for weeks, and when severe, can result in hospitalization. In fact, an estimated 225,000 adults are hospitalized with pneumococcal pneumonia each year in the United States.

The American Lung Association, in partnership with Pfizer, is educating people about pneumococcal pneumonia and encouraging people who are eligible to get vaccinated. Here’s what they want you to know:

Pneumococcal pneumonia is the most common type of bacterial pneumonia. Pneumococcal pneumonia is a lung infection and the most common type of bacterial pneumonia. Anyone can get pneumococcal pneumonia any time of the year. Infection does not protect individuals from getting sick from the disease again – you can get pneumococcal pneumonia more than once.

Symptoms can be severe. Common symptoms of pneumococcal pneumonia include fever, chills, coughing, difficulty breathing or rapid breathing, and chest pain. Some symptoms can appear quickly and without warning. Pneumonia can cause airway blockage, collapsed lungs, pockets of pus in the lungs and infection around the lungs in severe cases.

Pneumococcal vaccination can help protect people. Vaccination is recommended for all

adults 50 and older, as they are at six times greater risk for pneumococcal pneumonia than adults 18-49, according to data from Optum’s Clinformatics Data Mart between 2016-2019. As people age, the immune system naturally weakens, which leads to reduced protection against infections. Pneumococcal vaccination is also recommended for adults aged 19-49 with certain underlying medical conditions or other risk factors, including: chronic lung disease like asthma and COPD, chronic heart disease, diabetes and smoking cigarettes.

People can get vaccinated at any time of year, so those at increased risk should discuss pneumococcal vaccination with a healthcare provider. Even if they have received pneumococcal vaccination in the past, their healthcare provider may recommend additional vaccination, depending on the type or timing of vaccination previously received. Having influenza (flu) increases the risk of getting pneumococcal disease so protection against both influenza and pneumococcal disease is important during flu season.

Get the facts about pneumococcal pneumonia, along with additional tips to protect yourself, at Lung.org/pneumococcal.

While pneumococcal pneumonia can be serious and even life-threatening, vaccination can be an effective way for eligible individuals to reduce risk.

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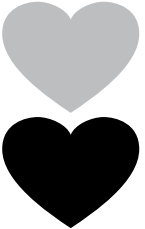


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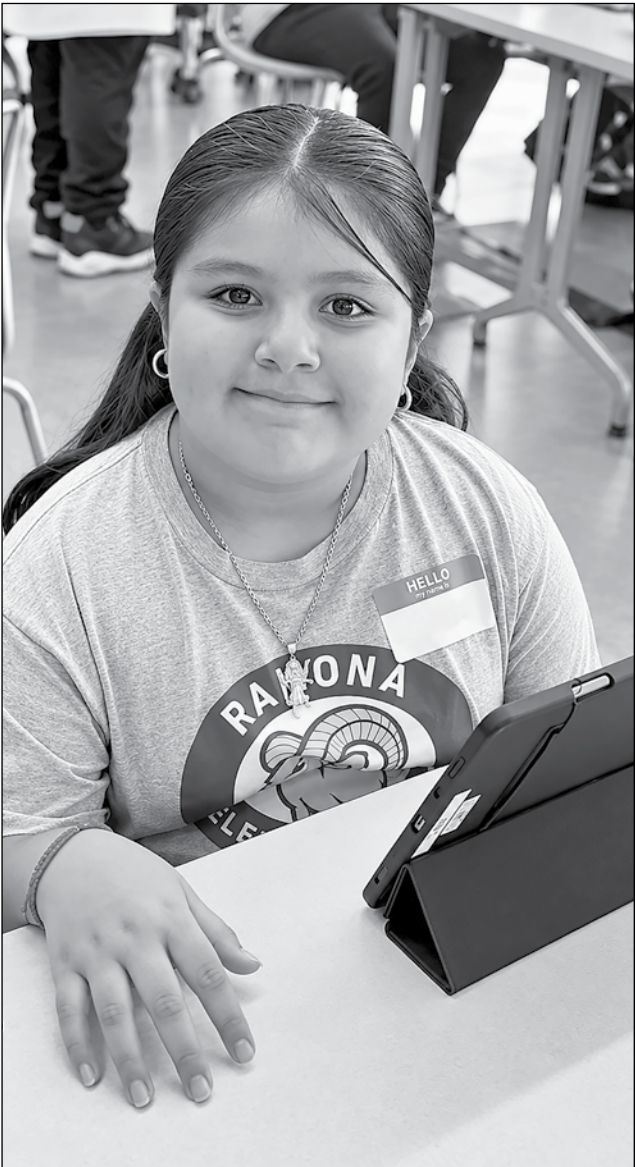
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Ramona Students Spark STEAM Futures at CSUDH Field Day



Eighty lucky Ramona students were invited to the STEAM Field Day at California State University, Dominguez Hills. They got to explore the Fab Lab, use 3D printers, code a sphere to travel through space, and ignite the spark for their future STEAM careers. Photo courtesy of Ramona Elementary School Facebook page.

Finance

Building Brighter Futures: Helping Young People Succeed in a Changing Economy

(Feature Impact) - During a time when the economy is changing rapidly and shifting the landscape of work into uncertain territory, academic success is no longer enough to put young people on a stable path to the future. Once, a high school diploma was enough to land a well-paying job. Then a college degree became the gold standard. Now the roadmap has changed again, which means that smart students need to start taking steps in new directions.

According to Junior Achievement, three key concepts to add to modern teenagers' knowledge arsenal include financial literacy, economic mobility and entrepreneurship.

Why Financial Literacy Matters

When young people are equipped with the knowledge they need to earn, manage, save and invest money, it supports their journey through every life milestone ahead, from education and homeownership to retirement

and more. Financial literacy gives people the confidence to make smart decisions while dodging costly mistakes like getting into high-interest debt.

A recent Junior Achievement survey indicated that although 42% of Americans struggle with money management, 23% feel their income could be sufficient if they understood how to manage it more effectively. Giving students a strong foundation in financial literacy can set them up well to not only earn money

but use it wisely to meet their future needs and accomplish their goals.

The Power of Economic Mobility

Economic mobility refers to the idea that each generation can expect to achieve better opportunities and more financial stability than the one before. Today's youth are growing increasingly skeptical of this possibility, and for good reason: they see that even many

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Love Thy Neighbor

Dear South Bay Cities Neighbors,

We love the profiles we've done, and we've learned so much about South Bay City residents. We want to do more, so please keep the suggestions coming. With over 200,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have a unique and interesting friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague or student? All you have to do is ask their permission and send us their contact information. Of course, if you find yourself fascinating, you are welcome to send us your information too. 😊



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Celebrating Community and Connection at the Annual Volunteer Fair



Thank you to Lawndale Wellness and Activity Center staff, our community liaisons and parent leaders for helping us host our Annual Volunteer Fair. At the fair, families had an opportunity to get free TB assessments, learn about volunteer opportunities and the application process. Photos courtesy of Lawndale Elementary School District Facebook page.

Tax

from front page

Hawthorne presently has a balanced budget, an independent fiscal study projects a structural deficit starting in fiscal year 2035 to 2036 that could reach about \$1.7 million per year by 2040 to 2041. City staff and Council decided it is prudent to address this situation now, rather than wait until it becomes a real peril.

There is, again though, the flip side: We are talking ten years down the road. Why do we have to do this today? Can't we wait to play this out a little while longer? See how things go? By November, we'll know whether the TOT measure deserves support. Between now and then there will be a lot more debate. Online, you can read questions and answers about the proposal at: www.cityofhawthorne.org/departments/finance/transient-occupancy-tax

To be certain, it is very taxing to think about taxes, to write about a tax, and to tax the minds of you good readers. The TOT is a serious issue for Hawthorne voters to decide come November. To tax or not to tax, that is the question, at least in this instance. •



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Saxon Regiment Brings the Spirit to Friday Nights



Our Saxon Regiment lights up Friday nights with unmatched energy, talent, and school spirit—from performing the National Anthem and hyping up the stands to delivering an unforgettable halftime show. Behind every performance is countless hours of practice, collaboration, teamwork, and dedication. We are so proud of our students for representing North High and helping make Friday nights such a special experience for our entire Saxon Family. Go Saxons. Photo courtesy of North High School Facebook page.

Finance

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college graduates are underemployed and struggling to find their feet.

There's no denying the game has changed. However, upward economic mobility is still within reach for students who are willing to learn the new rules, especially if they have parents and educators supporting their journeys. With or without a college degree, students who engage with their communities, believe in their own potential and focus on building transferable personal and entrepreneurial skills can find themselves well-positioned to navigate a changing world.

How to Grow Entrepreneurial Skills

Topics like financial literacy and business acumen can be taught in a variety of ways both in and out of the classroom. Other key entrepreneurial skills - like leadership, confidence, work ethic, creativity and critical thinking - are more like muscles that get stronger when they're trained. While academics are still important, hands-on op-

portunities and experiences are invaluable parts of the equation to prepare students for economic success.

Take programs like Future Bound by Junior Achievement, for example, which is an immersive annual event designed to empower high school students with essential skills and opportunities to innovate. Participants put their intelligence, creativity and ambition to the test during four team competitions where they can showcase and hone real-world business and economic skills. Winners receive national honors, awards, scholarships and prizes from event sponsors, including Pacific Life Foundation and Staples, among others. Plus, all attendees get the chance to network with industry leaders from around the country, participate in workshops and connect with other future-focused teens.

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Wrapping Up an Amazing Summer in Inglewood



Looking back on all of the amazing moments of Summer 2026. Whether you joined us at Movies in the Park, Family Unity Day, or anything in the middle, Thank You. Our Inglewood community made this summer so memorable and we cannot wait to see what Fall has in store for us. Photo courtesy of City of Inglewood Facebook page.



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Quick and Easy Lemon Meringue Pie

Provided by Duncan Hines

This quick and easy lemon meringue pie recipe can be whipped up in no time by using refrigerated pie crust, tangy lemon pie filling and freshly whipped egg white meringue.



Prep Time: 15 minutes | Total Time: 60 minutes | Servings: 12

Ingredients

- 1 baked pastry shell (9-inch)
- 2 cans (15.75 oz each) Duncan Hines® Comstock® Original Lemon Pie Filling & Topping
- 3 large egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 6 tablespoons granulated sugar

Directions

- **Step 1:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Pour pie filling into baked crust.
- **Step 2:** Beat egg whites with cream of tartar in large bowl on medium speed until frothy, about 1 minute. Increase speed to high and continue beating until soft peaks form. Slowly pour in sugar and beat until it reaches stiff peaks.
- **Step 4:** Spread meringue over pie filling. Bake until meringue is golden, about 12 minutes. Cool, slice and serve lemon meringue pie.

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

A black and white photograph of a black cat with large, wide eyes, looking up and to the right. The cat is lying down, and its head is resting on a patterned surface. A person's leg in a patterned panty hose is visible in the background.

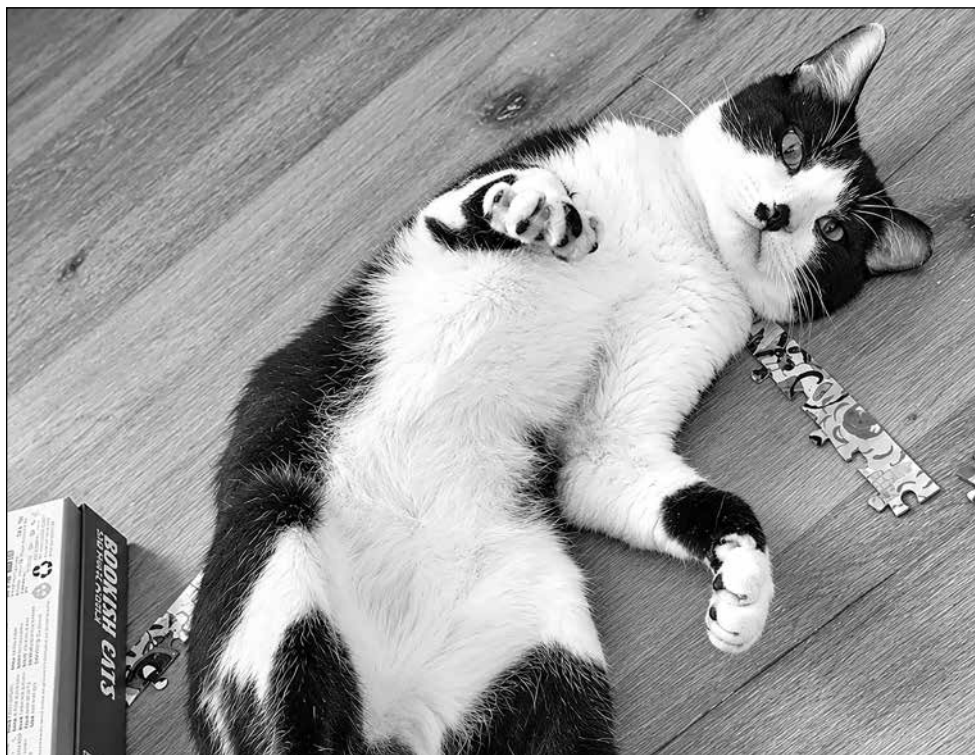
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Miko is a sweet boy who is still getting to know the world around him. He is



Miko



Tom

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Hazelnut

“The smallest feline is a masterpiece.”
— *LEONARDO DA VINCI*