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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
73°/86°



Saturday
Sunny
75°/97°



Sunday
Sunny
73°/93°



The Mazda Community Legends Program Recognizes Local Teacher



Lauren Shakstad is holding her jersey in front of the Mazda brought onto the field of her PE class. See Lauren’s story on page 3. Photo are courtesy of Mazda.

Basking in the Glow but Not Completely

By Ron Sokol

On September 10, a little while ago, the good Mayor of Hawthorne provided a State of the City presentation. It was at the new Public Works Yard, not yet completed but far enough along that showing it off was feasible. By all accounts, the State of the City went very well, with excellent food and drinks, strong attendance, and a genuine thumbs-up all around. At the Hawthorne City Council meeting on September 22, the glow from that positive experience was still there.

First, two presentations, that had a quarterly report from Acting Assistant Fire Chief Wade Kelsey of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, whose work includes Hawthorne. He outlined details of the 2,614 calls that came in this past quarter, including emergency medical calls, patients requiring life support transport, some needing basic life support transport, emergency medical responses, public service calls, fire-related incidents, and, invariably, some false alarms. Chief Kelsey emphasized the Fire Department’s ongoing commitment to maintain skill and high standards. City Manager Von Norris noted that Hawthorne’s Public Works Department is working on improving the roofs of all three fire stations in the city.

Next was a celebration that reminded me of when Dodger announcer Vin Scully said: “Throw your sombrero to the sky!” Three people were given hearty praise for their wonderful and meaningful contributions to the city. This was part of Hispanic Heritage Month. One is the owner of the well-known restaurant Acapulco; one is the owner of a wonderful local barbershop; and the other is a dedicated and effective mental health clinician. Mayor Vargas spoke about the notable history of how persons of Hispanic heritage

have made a significant mark on Hawthorne, and continue to do so.

As part of the City Clerk’s Consent Calendar, the Council addressed placing an accessible parking space. Council member Reyes English made clear that the location of the handicap space does not mean it benefits only the people there, but is open to the community.

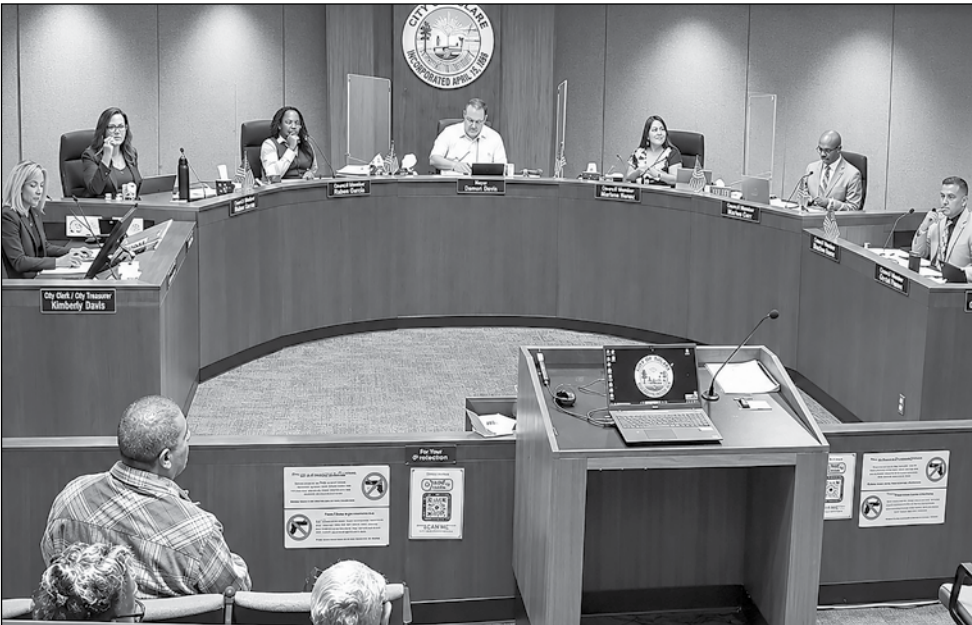
Mayor Vargas addressed ongoing controversies about e-bikes, and the fact parents must know, and must realize, what they do and do not do can implicate them as well if problems, injuries, or harm occur.

To that point, the ebb and flow of the Council meeting was not out of the ordinary, except for a nice, positive sense of camaraderie among the Council, uplifted by the State of the City presentation. Sadly, then, a matter was brought up, with remarks by Planning Director Gregg McClain. The negativity

from each Council member, and the disdain expressed, were substantial.

The California Legislature, in its infinite wisdom – meant sarcastically – passed laws that allow construction of affordable housing without much if any parking. Now a development is scheduled to come forward on or around 118th Street, consisting of 100 units with five commercial spaces. Parking is very limited, and only for the commercial tenants. Planning Director McClain indicated this is an item to be presented, but Council cannot prevent it. His voice was tempered, and he was clearly uncomfortable describing the project. The architect for this anticipated development came forward, and if I can say anything positive here, he stood and took what the Council members said, none of which was complimentary.

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City Council in Session. Image provided by Ron Sokol.



Entertainment

Film Review

The History of Concrete Review: A Solid, Surprisingly Riveting Documentary

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

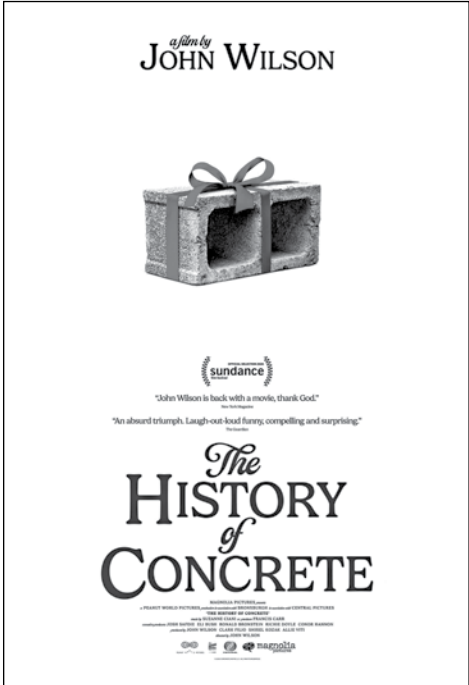
Shockingly, a documentary about concrete does not have to feel equivalent to watching paint dry. This is true only because of the mastermind behind the project: John Wilson. If it had been another other filmmaker, *The History of Concrete* would most certainly be a slog. How could it not? *The History of Concrete* encapsulates the beauty, skill, and ingenuity that John Wilson has built his brand around: turning the mundane into humorous and outright unforgettable moments. Now playing in select theaters.

For fans of his HBO series *How To with John Wilson*, *The History of Concrete* plays

like an extended episode. It's delightful; his signature on-the-nose puns and observational archival footage are on full display. Using New York City as his backdrop once again, John hones in on his subject matter: concrete. Inspiration is all around him, from the streets to buildings to bridges, and more. Realizing that there is a lack of knowledge on the material that surrounds New Yorkers the most, he sets out to create the definitive documentary on concrete.

To no one's surprise, it's a tough sell. To up the appeal, John applies the "industry-approved Hallmark formula" to increase the film's chances of success. Despite riveting conversations with blue collar workers who educate John on the difference between concrete and cement and street cleaners who proudly declare that "gum is like the birdsh*t of people," he struggles to keep his artistic

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The History of Concrete, courtesy of Magnolia Pictures.



Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

The School for Thieves by Peter Burns

By Kim Harris, El Segundo Middle School Library Assistant

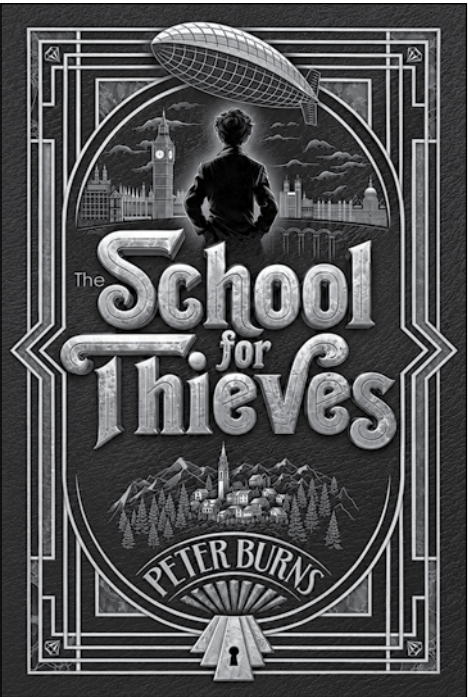
The School for Thieves by Peter Burns is the first of a middle grade mystery thriller trilogy that takes place in an alternate 1930s London. It is a cross between Oliver Twist, Spy School and Harry Potter. The world is controlled by three superpowers, the largest being France. Tom Morgan is a teenager living with other orphans in London. His life consists of shining shoes, picking pockets and keeping his gang of orphans safe from the workhouse, especially Maxine and Bernie.

Tom Morgan was born to an unwed mother and lived in the workhouse until he was 7 and escaped with the help of his teacher, Morris. Even though the workhouse promised a good

meal and a bed, it was just a way to get free labor out of the downtrodden and poor. Tom was determined to keep everyone out of the workhouse, but one day everyone was caught except for him. It was hard enough to get into the workhouse and almost impossible to escape it. When Tom was approached by Hezekiah van Stuppe to join the Shadow League and the boarding school at Beaufort's, he leaped at the opportunity to learn more so he could rescue his friends.

Life at Beaufort's is at first very difficult for Tom. Beaufort is a school set in the Alps and the majority of the students are legacies and following their parents' footsteps. Tom is a poor outsider and has troubles fitting in. The school has four different divisions: Politico, Spy, Assassin and Thieves. Each house competes against the others every year to win the International Shadow Cup. Tom was really confused when he first started school because who ever heard of studying burglary,

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The School for Thieves by Peter Burns



Kim Harris

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Wiseburn Teacher Gets A LA Chargers’ Surprise

Lauren Shakstad, elementary school P.E. teacher at Wiseburn Unified School District, marathon runner, and former Wiseburn USD Teacher of the Year, received a huge surprise on Monday, Sept. 21, when she was conducting her P.E. class at Del Aire Elementary.

The surprise began when Los Angeles Chargers Cornerback Tarheeb Still showed up to present Lauren and her school with gifts and Drew Cary from Mazda provided

her and her school a check for \$10,000. Lauren said the money will go a long way to purchase much needed sports equipment at her school. “Every year, we have a long list of equipment we need. This will go a long way for things we really need,” she said. The Chargers gave Lauren two tickets to a future Chargers game and her own custom jersey. Her students received Chargers’ t-shirts, gifts and a donut.

Lauren is the first of four inspirational teachers at Wiseburn Unified School District and Da Vinci Schools who will receive this surprise visit and gifts as part of the Mazda Community Legends program in partnership with the Chargers.

The Mazda Community Legends Program recognizes the people whose guidance helps others discover more of what moves them, in the classroom and beyond. Mazda and the

Chargers are honoring four local educators who help students discover what inspires them and moves them forward. The program will culminate with a collective recognition for all four educators at the Legends Homecoming Game at SoFi Stadium on Nov. 8. Together, these moments will shine a light on the educators whose care and encouragement make a lasting difference in their communities. •



L-R in the backrow: Wiseburn Assist Superintendent Nisha Dugal, Wiseburn Superintendent Blake Silvers, honored teacher Lauren Shakstad, LA Charger cornerback Tarheeb Still, and Drew Cary, senior manager for PR for Mazda is holding the Chargers tickets that Lauren received.



L-R is Lauren Shakstad, Tarheeb Still, Drew Cary and school mascots. Photos are courtesy of Mazda.

Congratulations Ms. Lauren Romero-Bush



Ms. Lauren Romero-Bush receiving her award from LACOE Superintendent Debra Durado and celebrating with LESD staff. See story below. Photo courtesy of LESD.

LESD Teacher Lauren Romero-Bush Named One of the Top 16 Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year

The Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) is proud to announce that Ms. Lauren Romero-Bush, Transitional Kindergarten teacher at Lucille J. Smith Elementary School, has been selected as one of the Top 16 Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year.

The recognition celebrates educators who

demonstrate excellence in teaching, innovative practices, professional dedication, and a lasting commitment to their students and communities.

As one of the 16 Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year, Ms. Romero-Bush will advance to the California Teachers of the Year

competition, where she will compete with outstanding educators from across the state.

Since joining the LESD in 2015, Ms. Romero-Bush has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. Her passion for early education and dedication to her students have made a lasting impact at Lucille J. Smith Elementary School. Through her work with the district's youngest learners, Ms. Romero-Bush inspires curiosity, fosters social-emotional growth, and helps children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

"Lauren does more than teach our youngest learners. She gives them roots of confidence, a love of learning, and the courage to grow," said Smith Principal Cristal Moore. "The seeds she plants in her classroom will continue to flourish long after her students leave Smith."

Superintendent Dr. Virginia Castro shared her own reflection on visiting Bush's classroom. "Being in Ms. Bush's classroom reminds me of being five years old and watching Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," said Dr. Castro. "That same wonderful feeling of belonging, curiosity, discovery, and excitement about learning is there. Ms. Bush has created a classroom where children feel safe exploring, asking questions, being themselves, and discovering the world around them. It is truly an amazing place to be, reflecting the care, joy, and passion she brings to her

students each day."

Ms. Romero-Bush's recognition reflects the district's commitment to creating learning environments where every child feels supported, celebrated, and ready to learn. Her work with Transitional Kindergarten students demonstrates the lasting impact an exceptional educator can make from the very beginning of a child's educational journey.

The Lawndale Elementary School District congratulates Ms. Lauren Romero-Bush on this remarkable achievement and celebrates her dedication to her students, her school, and the Lawndale community.

About Lawndale Elementary School District
Lawndale Elementary School District is a Transitional Kindergarten through eighth-grade district in Lawndale, California, composed of six elementary schools and two middle schools, and home to Lawndale State Preschool, Lawndale Early Advantage Program, and the Southwest SELPA's Early Start Bright Beginnings Program. Lawndale strives to build brighter futures through a commitment to addressing individual student needs, focusing on increasing academic achievement, ensuring access and equity, improving family and student engagement, and providing 21st-century learning environments and tools to be successful.

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Mayor Sharon Kalani Outlines Vision in State of the City Address



Mayor Sharon Kalani delivered her inaugural State of the City Address at the DoubleTree by Hilton, presented by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Kalani highlighted her priorities as Mayor, current and upcoming City projects, and the future of Torrance under this year's theme, One Torrance, One Community. Photo courtesy of City of Torrance Facebook page.

City Council

from front page

One Council member after another decried this horrible-looking, ill-considered development. Many of the units are for one person with one bathroom, and many are tiny. Prices do not seem affordable. The architect's renderings were roundly criticized and mocked. Mayor Vargas spoke forcefully, including to those in the audience associated with the anticipated development, that it is an insult to the City, not welcomed, not consistent with what the City needs, let alone deserves, and basically is a product of mere greed.

What was positive about this part of the Council meeting is that every Council member was in accord. This anticipated development is horrible, not welcomed, and will not help the city. Maybe, who knows, maybe there is a way to prevent it or change it. Let's sure hope so.

The Council members each then took a deep breath, exhaled, and the meeting continued with reports from the elected officials. City Clerk Daynah saluted the Farmer's Market and was proud that earlier in the day she pinned a badge on her son, who has become

a Police Officer. Council member Manning praised the State of the City address and congratulated those honored this evening. Council member Monteiro thanked all those who raised and will raise their voice in support of Hawthorne. He also thanked the Hawthorne Police Department for its new, excellent pink patch to support breast cancer awareness and treatment. In fact, one of his sisters is battling breast cancer, and our thoughts and prayers are with her. He also spoke highly of the State of the City gathering and held up an excellent Hawthorne brochure that promotes activities in the City.

Council Member Reyes English joined in praising the State of the City and applauded those deserving people who were thanked as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson joined in the kudos for the State of the City presentation, and spoke about the moving 911 Memorial held earlier this month. She expressed dismay that many homeless people actually have rooms to stay in, but gangs are complicating the turmoil and mess. The Mayor also spoke happily about

the State of the City event and shared that, although he had been a little skeptical, the Hawthorne Farmer's Market is doing great.

At 4:30 pm on October 13, a little before the Council's scheduled meeting, there will be a public event to celebrate the groundbreaking of the City Hall project. Everyone is invited.

The meeting then concluded with several directives. Mr. Monteiro asked the social media department to work with the Clean Power Alliance to promote EVs and air conditioning units in the community. Next, he discussed real properties Hawthorne has been able to purchase through the good work of City Manager Von Norris, and the usefulness of creating public-private partnerships to stimulate homeownership. He also spoke about establishing a middle class in Hawthorne. We will hear more about this in time.

Reyes English presented a directive to evaluate further how to approve parking for residents in and around 118th Street who will be adversely impacted by the awful development mentioned above.

Katrina Manning asked that the City's

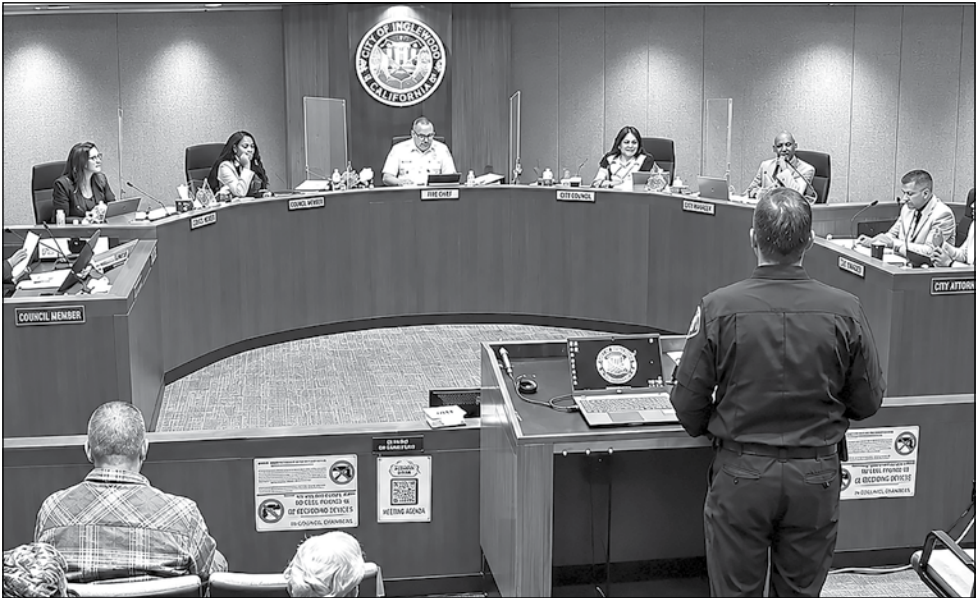


Council Member Monteiro.

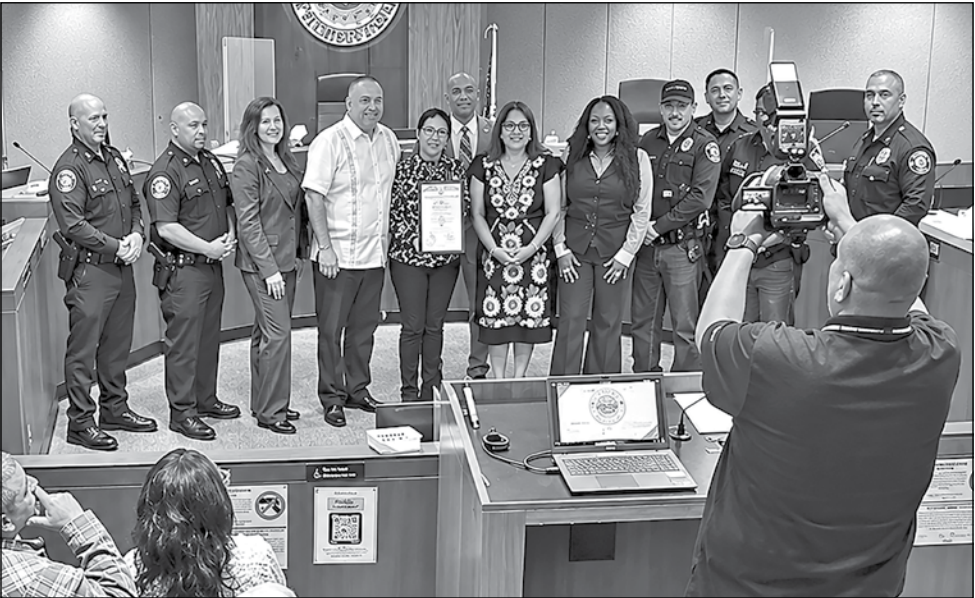
online presence include a mechanism for the public to commend a City staff member who has done good work. Sounds like that will be added.

In sum: So much good, so many thumbs up. Invariably this isn't a perfect world.

As I said, let's hope that development the Council so roundly criticized either doesn't come to bear or is modified in a constructive, positive way. The glow will hopefully prevail. •



Fire Department Quarterly.



Hispanic Heritage Month. Images Provided by Ron Sokol.

A Wonderful Hispanic Heritage Festival



Good music, good food, and even better company. Thank you to everyone who attended the Hispanic Heritage Festival on Market Street. It was a great day with our community coming together. We're already looking forward to the next one. Photos courtesy of City of Inglewood Facebook page.

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Film Review

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freedom from getting lost in the modern film industry’s need for a “happily ever after.” John Wilson is known for his archival footage that captures the weird and wacky side of NYC life. Through his films & docuseries, he offers more than just entertainment. His work is a poetic commentary on the state of society, usually under a darkly humorous and deadpan lens. The tapestry of comedic moments he weaves together through cunning voiceovers with perfectly paired archival footage is the work of a true artist. Aiding in the film’s impact is the score by legendary electronic artist Suzanne Ciani. Notable EP’s include Josh Safdie and Ronald Bronstein of *Marty Supreme*, which makes a special appearance in *The History of Concrete*. Unique in execution and subject matter, *The History of Concrete* is a surprisingly fun watch. It also leaves audiences with a sobering reminder that nothing lasts forever... except maybe a tombstone. The film made its World Premiere at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival. •

Check It Out

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deception and the art of the long con? All the students except for a few outsiders like Tom know of the Shadow League. Its purpose is to keep the central powers in check so one country doesn’t control the world. Tom joins the school midterm but has plenty of street smarts and a logical mind to catch up quickly. As Tom slowly begins to make friends and learn about how to survive in his new world, the students begin to train and compete for the International Shadow Cup. For this challenge, the students must complete a real mission successfully. Which house will win? How does Tom do when he is asked to help his team? Will Tom be successful and get his friends out the workhouse? Why does Maxine suddenly show up at Beaufort’s? If you want to know the answers, read the book to find out! I really enjoyed this book! It is perfect for reluctant readers and students who enjoy books about spies and mysteries. It reminds me of Harry Potter, but without the magic. If you are a fan of Stuart Gibb’s *Spy School* series or want a happier *Oliver Twist*, this is the book for you! To check out *The School for Thieves* and other great books, please visit the El Segundo Public Library either in person or online at www.elsegundolibrary.gov. •

Finance

Financial Experts Say This One Number Can Protect Your Family

(StatePoint) - Tiffany and her husband were building a life raising their daughter and special-needs son in Arizona when they called in to "The Ramsey Show," where Dave Ramsey and his team give personal finance advice. Tiffany's husband had a generous life insurance policy through his employer, so it seemed like they were covered. But were they? Tiffany began to question that after a family member got cancer and had to quit their job—which meant their life insurance policy disappeared.

Tiffany was right to wonder. What she was just beginning to realize was that her family would not be okay financially if her husband lost or quit his job and then died. Without his income and without that life insurance, there would be nothing to cover any mortgage payments, bills, childcare or future college plans.

Tiffany and her family are not alone. Close to half of America is underinsured.

How Much Life Insurance Do You Actually Need?

There's a very specific number for how much life insurance you should have. Financial expert Dave Ramsey uses a simple formula of 10-12 times your annual income to determine how much your life insurance policy should be worth—and the policy

should always be your own. When Tiffany called in, that's the answer she got.

A policy worth that is the difference between Tiffany being able to grieve and Tiffany having to sell the house while she does.

Why 10-12x Works

The goal isn't to give your family a wind-fall—life insurance is an income replacement

strategy. With a payout worth 10 times your income, your family can invest the death benefit, live off the growth, and never touch the principal.

Here's how the math works: Let's say Tiffany's husband earns \$80,000 a year. Multiply that by 10 and you've got \$800,000. Invested in a good growth stock mutual fund averag-

ing a 10% return (roughly the historical S&P 500 average), the family will have \$80,000 a year to live on—her husband's full salary.

If \$800,000 sounds like a lot of money, it is. You want your family to have the space to miss you, not scrambling to cover bills. And that's what the right policy buys: not just money, but time. Time to grieve without a financial deadline. Time for the kids to stay in their schools, their sports, their lives.

How to Find Your Number

Do a quick check for your own family. Take your income and multiply it by 10. This is your base number, but you may need to lean toward 12 times your salary if your kids are still young, you have significant debt, or you want to help pay for future college costs.

Once you've done this math, you have your number. To find out how a policy for that number will fit into your budget, use a quote tool like the one at ramseysolutions.com/lifeinsurance. You'll always want term life over permanent life insurance—it offers the same coverage with significantly lower premiums.

Whatever your number is, protecting your family is worth doing right.

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Chile Rellenos Casserole

Provided by RecipesDina.com

Chile Rellenos Casserole is a delightful dish that combines the rich flavors of roasted poblano peppers with creamy cheeses and fluffy eggs. This comforting casserole is not only a crowd-pleaser but also an easy-to-make recipe that can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. It's perfect for gatherings or a cozy family meal.



Prep Time: 20 minutes | Cook Time: 45 minutes | Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 6-8 large poblano peppers
- 2 cups freshly shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 cup freshly shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 5 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Sour cream, salsa, and fresh chopped cilantro, for serving (optional, but recommended)

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Directions

- **Step 1:** Preheat the oven's broiler and place the rack about 6 inches from the heat source. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Roast the peppers on the baking sheet for 10-15 minutes, turning occasionally, until the skins are blackened and charred.
- **Step 2:** Transfer the roasted peppers to a plastic bag and let them steam for about 10 minutes. Peel off the skin, remove the stems, open them up, and remove the seeds.
- **Step 3:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 3-quart baking dish with nonstick spray.
- **Step 4:** Lay half of the roasted chiles in the baking dish in a single layer. Sprinkle 1 cup of Monterey Jack cheese and 1/2 cup of cheddar on top. Repeat the layers once.
- **Step 5:** In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, flour, baking powder, onion powder, garlic powder, salt, and pepper until well combined. Pour the mixture evenly over the cheese and chiles.
- **Step 6:** Bake in oven for 45 minutes until puffed up in the center and the eggs are set and golden around the edges.
- **Step 7:** Let it cool for 5-10 minutes before cutting. Slice into squares and serve with sour cream, salsa, and freshly chopped cilantro. Enjoy.

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HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL POOL RENOVATION PROJECT
(Project #26-02)
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needed, in accordance with the Plan, Technical Provisions, and Specifications to successfully and safely complete the Refurbishment of the Building's existing frontage at the Hawthorne Municipal Pool Project (Aquatic Center facility),

along with removal and installation of new shade structure at Hawthorne Municipal Pool located at 12501 S. Inglewood Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	ITEM AMOUNT
EXISTING CONDITIONS (SITE WORK)					
1	SAWCUT (E) CONCRETE PAVING	200	LF		
2	REMOVE (E) CONCRETE PAVING & BASE	1350	SF		
3	REMOVE (E) TREE	4	EA		
4	REMOVE (E) PLANTING AND IRRIGATION	4000	SF		
SITE PREPARATION (SITE WORK)					
5	SITE CLEARING	2930	SF		
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS (SITE WORK)					
6	CONCRETE PAVING TYPE 1 + AGG. BASE	930	SF		
7	SHRUBS + PLANTING SOIL + IRRIGATION	500	SF		
8	TURF	4600	SF		
FOUNDATION					
9	INCLUDED PER SEPARATE ADDITION	350	LF		
SLAB-ON-GRADE/CURBS 154 LF					
10	EXTENDED SLAB -ON- GRADE – V.B./AB, 5”/4”	2950	SF		
11	CONCRETE CMU STARTER, 12”WX18” H	192	LF		
MASONRY (EXISTING BUILDING RENOVATION + EXTENSION)					
12	8” BURNISHED FACE CMU WALL	783	SF		
PERFORATED METAL PANEL SYSYSTEM					
13	PERFORATED METAL PANEL	280	SF		
ROUGH CARPENTRY					
14	EXT. WOOD STUD, 2”X6”- INFILLS	1540	SF		
15	ROOF BEAM, 4”X12”	154	LF		
16	ALLOWANCE FOR 5% ROOF SHEETING REPALCEMENT	500	SF		
ROOFING BUILD ASPHALT					
17	ROOFING MEMBRANE	3000	SF		
18	ROOF BOARD	2926	SF		
19	2” THK RIGID INSULATION	2926	SF		
20	VAPOR BARRIER	2926	SF		
21	ROOF EDGE FLASHING	350	LF		
22	WALL-TO-ROOF FLASHING +	350	LF		

	REGLET				
MISCELLANEOUS					
23	MISC. CAULKING & SEALENT ALLOWANCE	2926	GSF		
EXTERIOR DOORS + H.W.					
24	ALUM-GLASS DOOR/ALUM FRAME 8’X8’	2	PR		
25	HM DOOR/HM FRAME, 3’W X 7’H	1	PR		
WINDOWS					
26	STOREFRON/CURTAIN WALL SYSTEM	1500	SF		
DOORS + H.W.					
27	HM DOOR FRAME, 3’WX8’H	6	EA		
WINDOWS					
28	CEMENT PLASTER + LATH/V.B-SMOTH FINISH	1500	SF		
29	2” RIGID R12 INSULATION	1500	SF		
30	PAINT TO CEMENT PLASTER	900	SF		
31	6”X 20 GA. METAL STUD WALL	900	LF		
32	5/8” GWB + PAINT – INT. EXT.	1500	SF		
INTERIOR WALLS					
33	7/8” FURRING CHANNEL	340	LF		
34	3 5/8” x 20 GA. FURRING METAL STUD	300	LF		
35	3 5/8” X 20 GA. METAL STUD WALL	1500	LF		
36	5/8” GWB + PAINT	1500	SF		
FLOOR FINISHES					
37	SANDED & SEALED CONCRETE FLOOR	3000	SF		
38	WALL BASE - @ SEALED CONCRETE FLOOR	450	LF		
CEILING FINISHES					
39	2’ X 2’ ACT T-BAR CEILING	3000	SF		
40	DECO ACOUSTICAL CEILING PANEL + FRAMES	3000	SF		
FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM					
41	FIRE SPRINKLER WET SYSTEM + RISER, COMPLETE 3000 GSF	3000	SF		
ROOF DRAINS					
42	ROOF DRAIN	7	EA		
ROOF TOP AC UNIT					
43	ROOFTOP AC UNIT	3	EA		
44	DUCT WORK	350	LF		

45	CEILING DIFFUSER + FLEX CONNECTOR	5	EA		
46	SUPPLY REGISTER, DUCT-MOUNTED	5	EA		
47	RETURN REGISTER, SIDEWALL	2	EA		
48	DUCT SMOKE DETECTOR	2	EA		
CONTROLS					
49	RTU	3	EA		
BRANCH POWER					
50	DUPLEX RECEPTACLE	20	EA		
51	DUPLEX RECEPTICAL, GFI	10	EA		
52	DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, GFI, WP - @ MECH. WELL	3	EA		
53	EXT. WALL PENETRATION – ¾” CONDUIT	3	EA		
54	ROOF PENETRATION – ¾” CONDUIT 1 EA	3	EA		
LIGHTING					
55	L5A – 26’L PENDENT INDIRECT LED FIXTURE, 26W/FT	70	EA		
EXT					
56	L18 – EXTERIOR UP/DOWN WALL LIGHT, 25W	15	EA		
57	JUNCTION BOX/PULL BOX	15	EA		
58	DIMMER SWITCH, SINGLE	5	EA		
SIGNAL SYSYTEM					
59	MISC./ TESTING	1	LS		
FIRE ALARM					
60	FIRE ALARM SYSYTEM, COMPLETE	3000	SF		
SECURITY					
61	SECURITY SYSTEM COMPLETE	3000	SF		
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT (EXISTING BUILDING RENOVATION + EXTENSION)					
62	EROSION CONTROL	500	LF		
63	CONCRETE PAVING TYPE 1 +AB	500	SF		
64	SHURB + PLANTING SOIL + IRRIGATION	8000	SF		
STRUCTURAL					
65	STEEL BEAM W10X33 – 16 FT.	8	EA		
66	WOOD BEAM 4 X12 D.F. #1 13 FT.	10	EA		
67	WOOD BEAM (2) 4X12 D.F. #2 16 FT.	5	EA		
68	WOOD BEAM 5 X 14 D.F. #1 16 FT.	7	EA		
69	WOOD BEAM 4 X 8 D.F. #1 16 FT.	1	EA		
70	WOOD BEAM 4 X 10 D.F. #1 16 FT.	1	EA		
71	ROOF RAFTER 2 X 12 D.F. #2 - 7 FT.	200	EA		
72	ROOF RAFTER 2 X 12 D.F. #2 - 13 FT.	50	EA		
73	COLUMN HSS 5X5X1/4 14 FT	20	EA		
EXTERIOR HANDICAP/ADA RESTROOM					
74	UNPLUG ALL THE DRAINS REMOVE AND REPLACE THE TOILET AND SHOWER FACILITY AND PAINT THE RESTROOM	1	LS		
75	REPLACE THE DOOR JAM AND PAINT THE DOOR	1	LS		
MECHANICAL ROOM/CHEMICAL ROOM					
76	PROVIDE ADEQUATE EXHAUST FAN/VENTILATION	1	LS		
77	REPLACE THE DOOR JAM AND PAINT THE DOOR	1	LS		
78	REPAIR AND SEAL THE ROOF PENETRATION TO ELIMINATE THE LEAK INDISE THE ROOM	1	LS		
79	FIX/UNPLUG THE DRAINS IN THE MECHANICAL ROOM	2	EA		
CONCRETE AROUND THE SWIMMING POOL					
80	REMOVE AND REPLACE THE DETORAIATED CONCRETE AROUND THE SWIMMING POOLS	1	LS		
81	ADJUST THE DRAINS AROUND THE POOLS FOR PROPER DRAIANAGE	1	LS		
82	RE-PLASTER THE POOLS AS NEEDED	1	LS		
EQUIPMENT ROOM					
83	REPLACE THE SINK	1	EA		
84	FIX/UNPLUG THE FLOOR DRAIN	1	EA		
85	PROVIDE ADEQUATE EXHAUST FAN/VENTILATION	1	EA		
86	PAINT THE ROOM	1	EA		
MEN & WOMENS RESTROOMS/SHOWERS/LOCKER (PUBLIC)					
87	MEN AND WOMEN RESTROOM REPAIR OR REPLACE BROKEN	2	LS		

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“Just don’t give up trying to do what you really want to do.

Where there is love and inspiration, I don’t think you can go wrong.”

— Ella Fitzgerald

PUBLIC NOTICES

88	PROVIDE EXHAUST FAN/VENTILATION	2	LS		
89	FIX/UNPLUG THE FLOOR DRAIN AND ANY TOILET PLUGGED DRAINS	2	LS		
90	REPLACE SHOWER HEADS FOR MEN AND WOMEN SHOWERS	2	LS		
91	NEW SECURITY DOORS FOR MEN AND WOMENS RESTROOMS ENTRANCE	2	EA		
92	REPLACE LOCKERS	2	LS		
LIFE GUARDS OFFICE					
93	FIX/UNPLUG THE FLOOR DRAIN AND ANY TOILET PLUGGED DRAINS	2	LS		
94	REPLACE SHOWER HEADS FOR MEN AND WOMEN SHOWERS	2	LS		
95	MIXING VALVES FOR THE WOMEN RESTROOM NEEDS TO BE REPLACED	1	EA		
96	REPLACE THE ENTRY DOOR TO THE OFFICE	1	EA		
97	NEW KITCHENETTE AND NEW COUNTER SPACE	1	LS		
98	REMOVE AND REPLACE FACIA BOARDS	1	LS		

TOTAL BID PRICE: \$ (FIGURES)

(WORDS)

BID PROPOSAL. SPECIFICATIONS. AND PLANS

All proposal forms, specifications and plans can be purchased through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen self-service: <https://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home>.

All contractors will need to create a free account. Once they have created an account then they will need to apply for the **Public Works Bid Plans and Specifications**. Fill in all necessary information and once the application is submitted the Contractor will receive an invoice (see project information section below for price). Once all fees have been paid the Contractor will then receive three (3) PDFs: 1) general information/provisions PDF, 2) bid proposal forms PDF (see SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS section below for instructions on how to submit all proposals) and 3) specifications/plans PDF.

If there is any questions or issues with the PDFs please contact Public Works Department at 310.349.2980 for assistance.

CLASSIFICATION CONTRACTORS
Contractors bidding this project must possess a valid State of California "B" Contractors' License on file with the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The successful bidder shall be licensed as required by law, and consistent with the contract documents, at the time the contract is awarded.

PRE-BID JOB WALK

A mandatory pre-bid meeting job walk will be conducted at the Hawthorne Police Department on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** All Bidders shall sign a Sign-In sheet at the job walk. All Bidders' questions will be answered at this time or by addenda. In addition, Bidders will have the opportunity to tour the proposed improvement and have an opportunity to talk to the City's Consultant and City's staff concerning any aspect of the job or the site. **BIDS WILL BE NULL AND VOID IF CONTRACTOR DOES NOT ATTEND THIS PRE-BID JOB WALK.**

CERTIFICATION OF OFFEROR/ BIDDER REGARDING DEBARMENT

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

Certification of Lower Tier Contractors Regarding Debarment

The successful bidder, by administrating each lower tier subcontract that exceeds \$25,000 as a "covered transaction", must verify each lower tier participant of a "covered transaction" under the project is not presently debarred or otherwise disqualified from participation in this assisted project. The bidder is to provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. The bidder will accomplish this by:

1. Checking the system for Award

Management at website: <http://www.sam.gov>

2. Collecting a certification statement similar to the Certification of Offeror/ Bidder Regarding Debarment, above.

3. Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract

The Contractor is required to obtain an "Active Status". If the City of Hawthorne later determines that a lower tier participation failed to disclose a higher tier participant that it was excluded or disqualified at the time it entered the covered transaction, the City of Hawthorne may pursue any available remedies, including suspension and debarments of the non-compliant participant.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Original proposals must be submitted on the blank forms prepared and furnished for that purpose. See BID PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS, AND PLANS section above for instructions on how to obtain all needed forms, specifications and plans. All proposals must be physically submitted to the City Clerk's office located on the first floor of City of Hawthorne City Hall no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday March 25th, 2025. Plans and specifications DO NOT need to be printed and submitted with the contractor's official bid proposal.

No bid will be considered unless it conforms to the Proposal Requirements and conditions. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, also referred to as the City, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Bids must be returned in an envelope, marked "SEALED BIDS" and addressed to the City Clerk.

Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a bid bond, cashier's check, certified check, or in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. All cashier's checks or certified checks must be drawn on a responsible bank doing business in the State of California and shall be made payable to the City of Hawthorne. Bid bonds must be issued by an admitted surety insurer licensed to do business in the State of California. Bids not accompanied by the required bid security will be rejected. Personal or company checks are not acceptable unless certified. The City shall return bid security of unsuccessful bidders when the successful bidder ("Contractor") enters into the Contract with the City. A list of subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid on the form provided by the city. Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid documents and specifications.

WAGES AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Pursuant to the provision of Section 1770 through 1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, the City Council has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the proposed

contract, and it will be required that not less than said rates be paid to all such workers employed or engaged in the work.

In addition to the Contractor's obligations as to minimum wages rates, the Contractor shall abide by all other provisions and requirements stipulated in Sections 1770-1780, inclusive, of the Labor Code of the State of California, including, but not limited to, those dealing with the employment of registered apprentices. The responsibility of compliance with Section 1777.5 of the Labor Code shall be with the prime contractor.

NONDISCRIMINATION

In performance of the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall not engage in, nor permit such subcontractors as he may employ from engaging in, discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, color, place of national origin or ancestry, sex, age or religion of such persons.

PERFORMANCE RETENTIONS

The successful bidder will be required to provide for performance security as provided by law. Requirements for performance retentions may be satisfied by deposit or securities specified in Section 16430 of the Government Code, and in accordance with Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

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, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. An unregistered contractor may only submit a bid if 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.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Plans and Specifications are available digitally through the City of Hawthorne's Citizen Self Service portal:

<http://hawthorneca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home>.

If you have questions and/or need clarification regarding this project, please contact David Esfandi, in the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, at telephone number (310) 349-2984 or at telephone number (310) 349-2980 or send email to mesfandi@cityofhawthorne.org. The City of Hawthorne reserves the right to reject any bid or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid. Any contract awarded will be to the lowest, qualified, responsive and responsible bidder.

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Shakira
Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA
Shakira is a Shepherd Husky mix with a fun-loving personality and the brightest blue eyes! This sweet girl is full of playful energy and silly charm. She is an adorable mix of intelligence, curiosity, and lovable clumsiness, making her a wonderful companion for anyone looking for a fun and affectionate pet. Could Shakira be your new Friend for Life? <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24403>.



Patroclus
Introducing **Patroclus**, a beautiful tabby with a playful personality and a clever mind! This handsome guy loves to explore and show off his curious nature. Patroclus is a fun and engaging companion who will keep you entertained with his playful antics and charming personality. He's ready to find a loving home where he can be his curious, affectionate self. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-24522>.

Say hello to **Samba**! Samba is an independent girl who enjoys taking life at her own pace. She's always nearby, quietly watching over the people around her from one of her favorite perches. One way to Samba's heart is through tasty treats! With a little patience and time in a calm, loving home, Samba is sure to become a loyal and loving companion. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-23330>. •



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Samba

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and filling the emptiness we didn’t ever know we had.”*
– THOM JONES