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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy

62°/52°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

63°/51°



Sunday

Mostly Sunny

68°/53°



Santa Is Flying to Town



Santa Claus, played by Mark Adams of Los Angeles World Airports, took a break from his work at the North Pole today to visit preschool and kindergarten students from Gardena and Hawthorne’s Zela Davis and Wiseburn’s Cabrillo elementary schools. Santa arrived and read “The Night Before Christmas” to the students at the Westchester Senior Center. Even though there is lots to do at the North Pole, Santa posed with the students before departing. Photo courtesy of LAX.

Hawthorne City Council Announces to Residents a Plan for Hawthorne Mall

By Nancy Peters

The Hawthorne City Council met on Tuesday, December 16 in what was called as a “special” meeting when the regularly scheduled second Tuesday of the month meeting of December 9 was cancelled for lack of a quorum. Due to the last meeting of this body on November 12, 2014, the agenda for the evening included several presentations, seven to 10 items on each consent calendar, and actually outlasted the schedule of the live streaming for the public to witness the meeting.

A significant announcement, already part of a television news item four weeks ago, offered an update on the potential reopening of the Hawthorne Mall sometime in the next 12 to 18 months. The mall property will become an outlet mall, after some renovations and reconfigurations of the inside of the structure are completed. No announcement of stores committed to bringing their outlets was made at this time. The City Manager stated that the revenues from sales taxes, business license fees, Utility Use Tax, and property taxes could reach \$6 to \$10 million annually.

The City Council approved a new purchasing policy within the city for goods and services designating each department head as a Purchasing Officer for the department. Each department must submit a request for supplies and services during the budget process and authorization for purchasing shall be approved if and when the budget is approved by the City Council. Purchasing of goods under \$5,000 may be accomplished with informal bids made by three vendors. The purchase of any goods or services more than \$5,000 must be submitted through a formal bid process after a request for bids has been published and bids received have been in compliance with the bidding process. Purchases of more than \$25,000 require a formal proposal submission and must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council. The City Manager with the Purchasing Officer may award contracts of less than \$15,000 and include the contracting of subject matter experts when there is not sufficient staff to fulfill requirements for a specific service deemed necessary to conduct required city business. The City Manager and

the Director of Finance will work together to assure compliance by all staff of the new purchasing policies. All other purchasing policies are hereby repealed with the adoption of this policy confirmed by resolution approval.

The Hawthorne Police Department is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$129,000 to conduct a selective traffic enforcement program (S.T.E.P.), which includes DUI Saturation Patrols, Distracted Driving Enforcement, DUI/CDL checkpoints, enforcement of the seatbelt laws, bicycle and pedestrian enforcement operations, and enforcement of speed and stop sign laws through special public awareness efforts.

The immediate approval and implementation of a new URGENCY ordinance was approved prohibiting any approval for any business license, use permit, or any application for massage establishments in any zone throughout the city of Hawthorne.

The demolition of city-owned property at 12711 and 12717 Hawthorne Boulevard was awarded to HYM Engineering after the bidding process was conducted and a qualified vendor determined by the Chief of Public Works.

An item submitted under the City Manager’s consent calendar was extracted to be considered as a separate motion and vote by the City Council following some questions about continuing services from Robert Levy and Enviro Communications, Incorporated, who has been consulting on projects dealing with the HUD repayment demand and assisting with other public policy, strategy and advocacy for the city with federal, state, and regional agencies. The request included authorization for \$5,000 per month for the services provided by Mr. Levy on the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan, the Hawthorne Mall project, the Office of Inspector General HUD audit, the CDBG HOME audit, and the former RFK Hospital site project. Continuation of the services of Robert Levy and Enviro Communications passed by a vote of 3-2 with Council members Alex Vargas and Nilo Michelin casting the dissenting votes.

A request to close City Hall on Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, 2014 and Friday, January 2, 2015, was approved by a vote of 3-2 with Vargas and Michelin casting

the dissenting votes, stating that the public should have the services of city staff and City Hall functions available to them on those days since City Hall will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 2014 and then on January 1, 2015.

Residents William Meyers and Darvis Johnson were appointed to serve on the Senior Citizens’ Commission. Carol Steinhauer will serve on the Veterans’ Affairs Commission. Barbara J. Hendricks was approved for appointment to the Civil Service Commission. All were sworn in by City Clerk Norbert Huber during a recess for a City Council Closed Session prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

Chief of Police Robert Fager introduced two newly trained members of the K-9 Unit with their Hawthorne Police Department handlers. One of the dogs, a Dutch Shepherd named “Middo,” is trained in patrol, evidence search, narcotics, and tracking. “Tango,” a German Shepherd K-9, is trained to detect explosives, as well as narcotics, patrol, and evidence searches. Both handlers and K-9s completed the 10-week intensive training conducted locally and within the Hawthorne Police Department.

A safety program in collaboration with the Hawthorne Police Department (HPD) and owners/operators/management of several shopping centers in the city was recapped by Chief Fager. The assessment of sites and the need for safety measures in all shopping centers to prevent crime in the parking lots and stores resulted in the requirement for each shopping center to submit a security plan to the HPD. Smaller scale stores in “strip” malls are also cooperating with the HPD to prevent crimes in their establishments. Any time a citizen sees suspicious activity or suspects a crime is in progress, they should report what they witness to the HPD by calling 911 or 310-359-2888. The public is encouraged to not leave any purses, cell phones, packages, money; or anything that might entice a potential thief to break-in to a vehicle. Cars should be locked and homes should be secured at all times to prevent thefts.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hawthorne City Council is on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. •

Looking Up

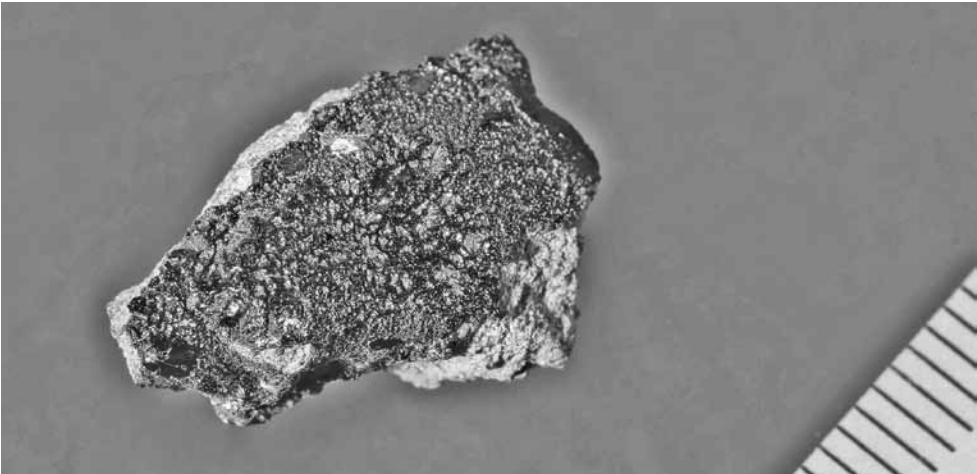
Traces of Martian Biological Activity Could Be Locked Inside a Meteorite

Based on a press release from Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne, provided by Bob Eklund

Did Mars ever have life? Does it still? A meteorite from Mars has reignited the old debate. An international team that includes scientists from Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne (EPFL, Switzerland) has published a paper in the scientific journal Meteoritics and Planetary Sciences, showing that Martian life is more probable than previously thought.

“So far, there is no other theory that we find more compelling,” says Philippe Gillet, director of EPFL’s Earth and Planetary Sciences Laboratory. He and his colleagues from China, Japan and Germany performed a detailed analysis of organic carbon traces from a Martian meteorite, and have concluded that they have a very probable biological origin. The scientists argue that carbon could have been deposited into the fissures of the rock when it was still on Mars by the infiltration of fluid that was rich in organic matter.

Ejected from Mars after an asteroid crashed on its surface, the meteorite, named Tissint, fell on the Moroccan desert on July 18, 2011, in view of several eyewitnesses. Upon



The Tissint Meteorite, used by scientists to study life on Mars. Photo credit: Alain Herzog/EPFL.

examination, the alien rock was found to have small fissures that were filled with carbon-containing matter. Several research teams have already shown that this component is organic in nature. But they are still debating where the carbon came from.

Chemical, microscopic and isotope analysis of the carbon material led the researchers to several possible explanations of its origin. They established characteristics that unequivocally excluded a terrestrial origin,

and showed that the carbon content were deposited in the Tissint’s fissures before it left Mars.

The researchers challenged previously described views (Steele et al., Science, 2012) proposing that the carbon traces originated through the high-temperature crystallization of magma. According to the new study, a more likely explanation is that liquids containing organic compounds of biological origin infiltrated Tissint’s “mother” rock at

low temperatures, near the Martian surface.

These conclusions are supported by several intrinsic properties of the meteorite’s carbon, e.g. its ratio of carbon-13 to carbon-12. This was found to be significantly lower than the ratio of carbon-13 in the CO2 of Mars’s atmosphere, previously measured by the Phoenix and Curiosity rovers. Moreover, the difference between these ratios corresponds perfectly with what is observed on Earth between a piece of coal – which is biological in origin – and the carbon in the atmosphere. The researchers note that this organic matter could also have been brought to Mars when very primitive meteorites – carbonated chondrites – fell on it. However, they consider this scenario unlikely because such meteorites contain very low concentrations of organic matter.

“Insisting on certainty is unwise, particularly on such a sensitive topic,” warns Gillet. “I’m completely open to the possibility that other studies might contradict our findings. However, our conclusions are such that they will rekindle the debate as to the possible existence of biological activity on Mars – at least in the past.” •

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From City Clerk Norb Huber

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

It’s time to send out Christmas cards. It’s time to write a letter to update our friends on what we have been up to this past year. Since I can’t think of a lot of things to write about, I thought I would share a “watered down” version of my family Christmas letter with my “extended City family”.

Christmas is a time to celebrate, a time to rejoice that Jesus has come to be our Lord and Savior. TIME is measured in moments and memories. 2014 has been full of many memories. Here’s a short list of my most memorable 2014 memories list:

#1. Watching my two grandkids grow up. Jordan is 3 and Wyatt is 1 and they bring me joy whenever they come over. My daughter Karla and son-in-law Ron have the full-time job of raising them in addition to working their regular day jobs.

#2. Traveling to see America. From visiting NYC and Washington DC to hiking up to an ice berg filled lake in Glacier National Park, it’s been fun to see so much of our great country. (I was able to attend major league baseball games in four new stadiums this past year. Of course, we all know who won the world championship again in 2014.)

#3. Enjoying our favorite activities. My wife really enjoys her sewing when she is not watching the grandkids. I enjoy my time on the golf course as it provides a needed break from my teaching and city clerk work. There is nothing better than hitting a great golf shot close to the pin or sinking a long putt.

#4. Spending time with friends at church and civic events. Our entire family enjoys our church’s annual pancake breakfast, Hawthorne’s Good Neighbor Day and the annual Christmas tree lightings. I love to be part of the planning and organizing of a special event. The 2014 Hawthorne Hall of Fame banquet was a great event to be part of.

#5. Working as City Clerk to make Hawthorne a better place to live and work. Believe it or not, I really do love to be part of Hawthorne’s city governance.

I like to feel that I am helping to run our city council meetings and allowing our city council to make those tough decisions that



are needed to keep us moving forward.

#6. Running a small business. I love the challenge of providing a product to customers who are looking for nativity scenes to decorate their houses with.

Honorable mention: I still love to teach high school students Math, and I enjoy writing this weekly column to share my

thoughts with you. My life is full, full of great memories of working with people in Hawthorne. By reading this long list, you may say that my life is full and overflowing. It’s time to celebrate once again. Enjoy your family gatherings. Enjoy a cold one, or a warm one, or whatever you like to drink. Life is too short to worry or complain. Have a blessed Christmas and Holiday Season!

Memories are blessings from God to help us remember how blessed we are.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The Hawthorne City Hall will be closed the Week of December 22-26. It will be open on December 29-31. Please check for hours on December 31st. Regular city hall hours will start again on Monday, January 5th. Happy New Year! •

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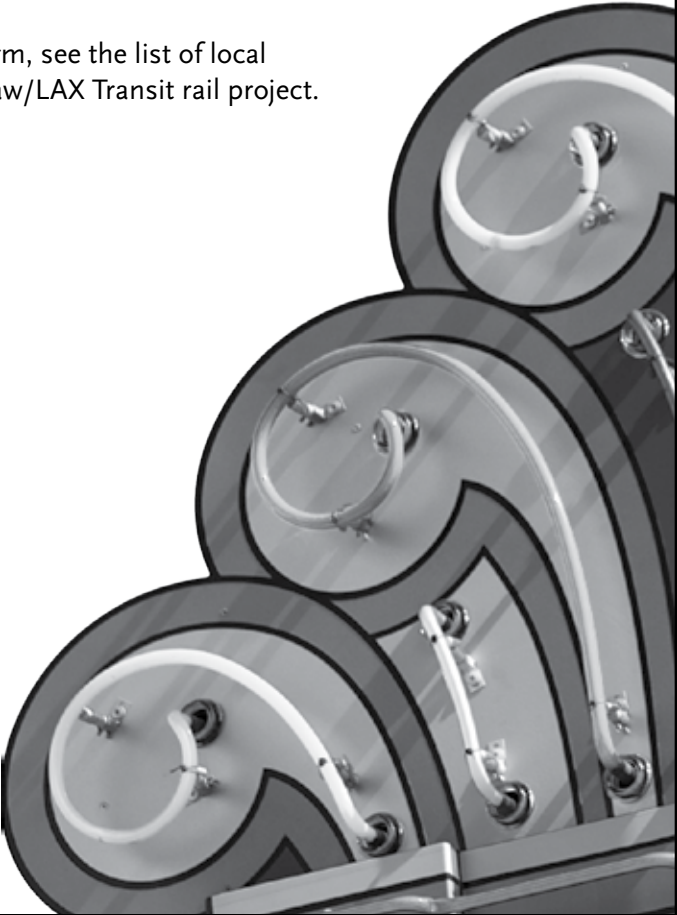
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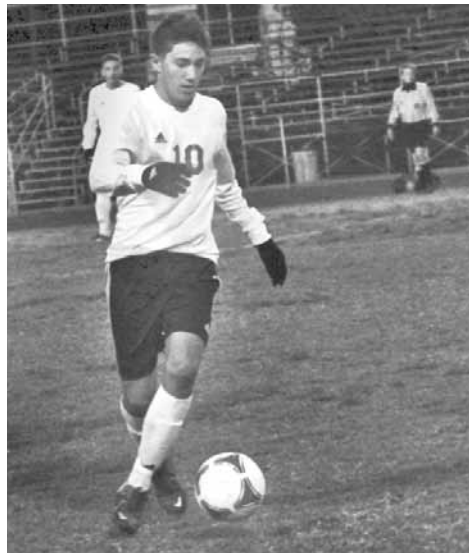


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Sports

Hawthorne Falls to Mira Costa; Routs Middle College



Hawthorne High's Edgar Navarro controls the ball in last Thursday's non-league boys' soccer match against Mira Costa. The Mustangs shut out the Cougars 1-0.

By Joe Snyder
Photos by Joe Snyder

After losing a hard-fought 1-0 home non-league match to Mira Costa last Thursday, Hawthorne High's boys' soccer team bounced back to roll over CIF-Los Angeles City Section school Middle College 7-0 on Friday at Hawthorne. Against Middle College, whose mascot like Hawthorne is the Cougars, Hawthorne led 2-0 at halftime then blew the game open with five second-half goals.

Hawthorne, which is 3-2-1, had three goals from Luis Espinoza. Edgar Navarro, Jonavany Jimenez, Luis Coronado and Brandon Donis each added one goal. Efrén Herrera had two assists and Manuel Flores contributed one assist.

A day earlier, Hawthorne took on a Mustang team that was led by premiere junior goalkeeper Justin Fairchild. The Cougars had their chances on him but he made several big saves and kept Mira Costa (4-0-1) unbeaten with a 1-0 victory.

Both teams were scoreless and Hawthorne goalkeeper Fernando Portillo did everything he could to keep it that way until the 60th minute when junior midfielder Ricky Angioilini booted the ball into the net from about 10 meters out off an assist by senior midfielder Max Stainmetz. That goal was all that the Mustangs needed as Fairchild and his defense did the rest.

"We had our opportunities against Costa," Hawthorne head coach Yuri Najarro said. "We knew about their goalkeeper. He is an outstanding player." Fairchild recorded six saves, some of those where he had very quick responses to keep the ball from entering the net.

Last season, the Cougars tied with Santa Monica for the Ocean League championship, each with 7-2-1 league records, and Najarro expects Hawthorne to be more challenged.

"The league is tough," Najarro said. "Santa Monica, Culver City, Beverly Hills, El Segundo and Lawndale are all very good. That's why we're scheduling very good teams like Mira Costa."

Last Saturday, the Cougars hosted crosstown rival Leuzinger but results were unavailable. Hawthorne visited a usually very tough Long Beach Millikan team last Tuesday and begins the highly regarded South Torrance Christmas Classic against Channel Islands from Oxnard today at 3 p.m.

The 32-team tournament runs through next Monday and, a day later, Hawthorne moves on to face another usually outstanding program from Sierra Vista High from Baldwin Hills next Tuesday at 12:30 p.m., then, on the same day, face Monrovia at 6:30 p.m. in the Don Lugo Tournament in Chino Hills. That classic runs through December 27.

The Cougars will host small schools power Animo Leadership High from Inglewood on January 9 before beginning Ocean play with a bang with a road game at always powerful Santa Monica on January 14.

ANIMO TOPS LEUZINGER, REDONDO

The Animo Leadership boys' soccer team picked up two road victories at Lawndale Leuzinger and Redondo last week. At Leuzinger on December 9, the Aztec-Eagles outlasted the Olympians 3-2. At Redondo on Thursday, Animo shut out the Sea Hawks 1-0. Against Leuzinger, Andy Gonzalez scored two goals and Nathan Yipez added one. Jose Ortiz and Juan Aragon each scored for Leuzinger, which is 1-1-1. Against Redondo (0-3-1), Yipez scored in the 65th minute. Goalkeeper Omar Dargon made five saves in shutting out the Sea Hawks. Animo improved to 3-1.

COUGARS WIN TWO AT ARTESIA

Hawthorne High's boys' basketball team split their four games in last week's Artesia Tournament in Lakewood. The Cougars began the classic with a 76-68 win over Corona on December 9.

After losing the next game to Claremont last Thursday, Hawthorne topped San Pedro 64-53 last Friday. Against the Pirates, the Cougars (3-5) were led by Michael Blackwell with 17 points. Leading San Pedro was Danny Guerrero with a game-high 20 points. Marquell Gray scored a personal high 43 points in Hawthorne's win over Corona. Gray chipped in 36 of those points in the second half.

Corona led by 10 points at halftime, but the Cougars, head coached by David Gray, switched to a press defense that forced numerous turnovers. Gray also played a big part of Hawthorne's defense with five steals. In Gray's outstanding performance, he converted on 15 of 18 field goals, including making five of six from the three-point line. He made eight of nine free throw attempts.

The Cougars lost the fifth place final to Costa Mesa 66-59 on Saturday. Gray led Hawthorne with 26 points in that contest. Costa Mesa started fast on the Cougars with a 21-10 first quarter lead and extended it to

18 (52-34) after three periods. Hawthorne rallied with 25 points to 14 for Costa Mesa in the fourth quarter but the big deficit was too much to dig out of.

The Cougars are currently playing in the Westminster Tournament where they began on Monday against Corona del Mar, a team that was a victim of legendary head Santa Ana Mater Dei coach Gary McKnight's 1,000th coaching win at 67-44 last Friday at Corona del Mar in Newport Beach.

McKnight is in his 33rd season with the storied Monarch program that already has 15 California state championships on his record. He has just 87 total losses. Last season, Mater Dei, led by now University of Arizona freshman Stanley Johnson, won the state Division I crown and was the top ranked squad in the United States. •



Hawthorne's Manuel Flores takes control of the ball as he is being pressured by Mira Costa's Chris Vazquez in last Thursday's non-league boys' soccer match. The Cougars will face Channel Islands from Oxnard in the first round of the South Torrance Christmas Classic today at 3 p.m.

Finance

Easily Conquer Taxes With 3 Simple Tips

(BPT) - Unless you majored in accounting, the thought of filing your own income tax return may evoke feelings similar to your first job interview.

Though understandable, this is an unfounded fear, given the simple taxes most individuals have in their early to mid-20s and the easy digital tax programs available.

"All you need to file your own tax return is a little self-confidence, the desire to get your maximum refund, and a computer or mobile device," says TaxACT Spokesperson Jessi Dolmage. "You're well qualified to do your taxes because you're the expert of your finances."

With the affordable and even free DIY tax programs, it's like having an expert personally guiding you. You're asked straightforward, simple questions about your income and financial situation. Meanwhile, the programs determine which tax deductions and tax credits you qualify for while completing the necessary math and tax forms.

The top solutions offer several means of tax and technical help if you need it, including robust help within the application or on the website, and one-on-one help via email, chat and phone.

If you're the curious type who wants to better understand taxes (after all, they will impact your personal finances for the rest of your life), DIY tax programs have plenty of easy-to-understand explanations and tips if you want them. Some even offer planning



and guidance for next year's tax return.

The interfaces of these DIY tax programs use the sophistication and technology of other secure Web and mobile applications, carefully designed to be extremely easy to use, intuitive and fast.

Follow these simple tips to successfully file your taxes for the first time and every year after that.

First, don't procrastinate. Waiting until the last minute causes undue stress, and rushing

increases potential for typos and overlooked information. While you can do your taxes in one fell swoop, it's unnecessary. Tax programs save as you go, so you can stop and finish at your leisure. You may reap benefits from starting early - as soon as October (when TaxACT releases its solutions) - because tax programs point out potential savings requiring action before Dec. 31 or April 15.

Second, gather all your tax forms and documents before starting your return,

including:

- Form W-2 from your employer (you should receive by Jan. 31)
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Finally, carefully compare top DIY tax products before choosing one. Read expert and user reviews. Look at the situations and tax forms each includes, as some require you to upgrade for certain forms. If you have to file a state return, compare prices. Using a mobile filing app? Choose one that also provides access to your data on a browser for convenience and peace of mind in case you lose your smartphone or tablet.

Dolmage offers another tip for tax refunds: "To avoid delays, e-file your return and have your refund direct deposited into your bank account."

For more tax tips and filing information, visit www.irs.gov. Get a tax checklist and file your federal return free on your computer, tablet or phone at www.taxact.com. •

Peppermint Mocha Cheesecake



Ingredients

- 2 cups ground chocolate-mint sandwich cookies (such as Oreos Mint N' Cream)
- 3 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup Peppermint Mocha Flavor Nestle Coffee-mate Powdered Coffee Creamer
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 3 large eggs
- 1 container (16 oz.) sour cream, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease bottom and side of nine-inch springform pan.

Press cookie crumbs onto bottom of prepared pan. Place in freezer for five minutes.

Beat cream cheese, Coffee-mate and 1/4 cup sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Pour filling into crust.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until edges are set but center still moves slightly.

Combine sour cream, remaining sugar and vanilla extract in medium bowl; mix well. Spread over surface of warm cheesecake. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove side of springform pan. •

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One Man’s Opinion

Interesting Times

By Gerry Chong
“May you live in interesting times” –
purported Chinese curse

Can anyone think of more interesting times that border on or cross over into insanity? For example, The Freedom of Information Act, through Judicial Watch, revealed that the government had paid The Baptist Children and Family Services \$182 million to house for just four months, 2,400 children who had entered the U.S. illegally from Central America. Of that, each child was allocated \$75 per day for food. \$200,000 went to laptops. \$160,000 bought 800 cell phones with international calling capability. Each child could call home twice a week for a four-month tab of \$576,000. In just four months we had spent over \$75,000 for each child! Generosity knows no bounds in interesting times.

Interesting Times example Number Two: On Thanksgiving eve, when no one was looking, President Obama released a list of 3,514 new regulations on the Land of the Free.

Interesting Times example Number three: Edwin Hill, President of the International Brotherhood of electrical workers, said the nation could not afford to lose more than 100 gigawatts of power over 5 years without compromising the reliability and safety of the nation’s electrical grid. Of that, 72.7 gigwatts of electrical generating capacity had already been scheduled for retirement. Now the EPA will require closing of plants producing 41-49 gigawatts of power, bringing potential loss up to 121 gigawats, more than enough to destabilize power in this country. Moreover, these closures will cost 52,000 direct and

permanent jobs along with 100,000 indirectly, related jobs. That loss of capacity is sufficient to power 44.7 million homes, or every home in every state west of the Mississippi. No cost is too great for the cause of environmentalism.

Interesting Times example Number Four: Traditionally, cities have established land use regulations specific to its own unique situation. Now President Obama has instituted a new rule that threatens a cut off of all federal funding to any city that fails to comply with Federal guidelines regarding racial mix, residential density, and other matters as the federal government may advance. The rule, entitled Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), bypasses the states and exercises control over cities directly. If you like your city or neighborhood, be sure to check with Washington to be sure you’re in compliance.

Interesting Times example Number Five: President Obama has proposed the “Fairness Doctrine,” placing the internet under government control. No one has defined either “fairness,” nor identified the arbiter of “fairness.” ‘Nuff said.

Interesting Times example Number Six: Oil prices have fallen 40% since July, resulting in a national average \$0.59 drop in gasoline prices. That translates to a \$120 annual savings for the average family. Most would consider that a boon, but according to Energy Secretary Steven Chu, the Obama Administration has set a target of raising gas prices to \$10 per gallon to reduce driving and preserving the environment at the expense of the economy.

And so it goes in an interesting time. If it is true that the phrase is a Chinese curse, then we are a cursed nation. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Revelations of Torture Are Not Surprising, Still Disappointing

By Cristian Vasquez

The recent report by the Senate Intelligence Committee into the Central Intelligence Agency’s “enhanced” interrogation tactics are definitely disappointing but even worse not surprising. Sitting in front of a computer makes it easy to criticize or rally behind any cause or action by our government and other world leaders. However, that’s not the purpose of this piece. None of us have to be told or reminded that torturing people in custody [or using enhanced interrogation techniques] is plain wrong. Attacking the people involved will probably do little to alleviate the situation or end such practices.

What is disheartening is that there are enough people within our national defense agencies willing to engage in such acts and lie to keep it a secret. I get it: when it comes to national security many things must remain classified and certain steps are taken to keep the nation safe that might disturb average American citizens. However, when we as a nation pride ourselves as leaders of the free world, when we as a country boast about our respect for law and order and due process, knowing that at least one of our national security agencies torture detainees is shameful: it is embarrassing and wrong.

The argument will be made that I know nothing about the dangers that exist and threaten American interests abroad and at home. That’s right; I don’t know all of the risks and vulnerabilities that we would face if we did not have these national security agencies investigating and acting against any and all threats. I do understand that when our troops

or fellow Americans are arrested or detained abroad, that they don’t always receive the most humane treatment. However, when we carry the title of leaders of the free world and as a country with a charitable history to nations in need, engaging in acts of torture provides mixed messages to our allies and us as citizens.

How effective can our enhanced interrogation methods be if the groups that threaten us know we will torture them? With terrorist willing to die in their efforts to destroy America, wouldn’t knowing that in our custody they will be tortured only convince them even more that dying in a suicide mission is a better alternative? We have had our share of Americans tortured abroad when in custody of enemies. Louis Zamperini was tortured as a POW in WWII; Senator John McCain was tortured as a POW in Vietnam and what did that accomplish for our enemies? Nothing. Senator McCain spoke from the Senate about the report and considered the techniques mentioned in the report to have “not only failed their purpose -- to secure actionable intelligence to prevent further attacks on the U.S. and our allies -- but actually damaged our security interests, as well as our reputation as a force for good in the world.”

Whether those interrogation methods are effective or not, they are wrong. We can’t brag about law and order and due process while engaging in such inhumane and deplorable acts. I love living in a country where we are safe and can sleep at night without the fear of random military attacks from foreign enemies. However, in many instances the ends do not justify the means. •



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Seniors

Better Late Than Never For Retirement Planning

BPT) - If you're within 10 years of retirement and haven't done any appreciable planning, you're not alone.

Nearly half of Americans age 50 and older expect to retire later than they hoped, citing financial concerns, according to a 2013 study by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. And while you may be part of that group, keep in mind, it's better to plan late than never.

A good benchmark on retirement readiness is the ability to replace at least 75 percent of your pre-retirement income at the age you qualify for full Social Security benefits, which is 66 or 67 for most people. Retirement income can come from a variety of sources, including Social Security, savings and a pension, if you have one.

"While people age 50 or older no longer have time on their side when it comes to retirement savings, there are strategies that can help you play catch up," says Elaine Sarsynski, executive vice president, MassMutual Retirement Services division. "Pre-retirees have some levers to pull that younger workers may not."

To help you make the most of your retirement planning, follow the tips below.

- **First, take stock of where you are.** Meet with a financial professional who can evaluate your retirement resources and project how much income you can expect if you retire at a certain age. Many 401(k) plans offer online tools to help you determine where



you stand and how likely you are to replace your income based on your current assets and saving habits.

- **Make the most of matching contributions.** Say your employer matches contributions to your 401(k) plan up to 5 percent of your salary and you only contribute 2 percent, you're turning down free money. Make sure you save enough to at least get the full match.
- **Talk to your tax advisor about whether**

you should contribute to your 401(k) on a before- or after-tax basis. Pre-tax contributions may make it affordable to save a higher percentage of your pay by deferring some of your tax liability until retirement. After-tax contributions may reduce your tax liability in retirement.

- **Take advantage of catch-up contributions.** If you're age 50 or older at the end of the calendar year, you are eligible to contribute


up to an additional \$6,000 to your retirement plan in 2015. That's on top of the \$18,000 limit for younger employees. Matching contributions from your employer do not count toward your contribution limit.

- **Optimize Social Security.** You can begin taking Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62. But should you?

"It depends on a lot of things - your health, medical history, current cash needs, and future financial obligations, to name a few," says Farnoosh Torabi, best-selling author and personal finance coach. "But one thing is certain: the longer you delay your application, the bigger your benefit will be." The maximum benefit from Social Security starts at age 70. You can estimate your retirement benefit by using the Social Security Administration's Retirement Estimator at ssa.gov/estimator.

- **Don't forget your pension.** If you are entitled to a pension, this is an important source of income that should factor into your retirement planning. Your pension pays you a benefit at retirement based on factors such as your years of service and salary. Your plan administrator will have specific information about your plan.

"When it comes to saving for retirement, don't let a late start dissuade you," Sarsynski says. "Becoming more financially disciplined and making the most of your resources can go a long way toward helping you retire on your own terms." •



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: YENENIA BARBA
CASE NO. BP157915
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of YENENIA BARBA.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANTONIO BARBA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANTONIO BARBA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/30/14 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 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.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GREGORY ALAN MARSHALL
CASE NO. BP158179
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GREGORY ALAN MARSHALL.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DESSIE M. LOVE-LEVELS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DESSIE M. LOVE-LEVELS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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: 01/08/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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.
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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.
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CITY OF INGLEWOOD
INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID
(Specifications and Conditions Governing Bid Award)
Project Subject to Bid: **RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PHASE XI, GROUP 18**
The City of Inglewood invites and will receive bids duly filed as provided herein for the furnishing of labor and materials and/or completing the above-designated project.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 29, 2014. The meeting will take place in the Community Room in Inglewood City Hall on the 1st Floor. A site visit may follow the conference. Although the site visit is not mandatory, it is recommended that Contractors be in attendance. Should a Contractor elect to waive attendance, then he/she accepts full and total responsibility for any additional information given and/or knowledge imparted during the site visit that might be considered relevant to this Bid and or the specifications for this project. Should you require further information, please call the City's Noise Mitigation Office at (310) 412-5289.
Each bid to be considered must be delivered to and received by the City Clerk no later than **11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015**, in the Office of the City Clerk, Inglewood City Hall, One Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA 90301.
Each bid shall be submitted and completed in all particulars using the form entitled, "Bidder's Proposal and Statement" attached hereto and must be enclosed, together with the requisite bid security in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the designation of the

project: **"Residential Sound Insulation Phase XI, Group 18"** appearing thereon.
Each bid shall state the unit price of each item if called for on the Bidder's Proposal and Statement form. In the event alternative bids are called for in said form, each alternative bid shall be completed.
Each bid shall be submitted as one (1) original set and two (2) copies set.
Bids will be opened in public in the Office of the City Clerk and will then and there be announced to all persons present.
A CD-Rom version of the plans and specifications will be available for purchase on December 29, 2014, however, City Hall will be closed, and therefore, we can't accept credit card purchases but will accept cash and checks only. The price for the CD-Rom is \$25.00.
Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of cash, a cashier's or certified check made payable to the City of Inglewood, or a bid bond, for an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will, within the time specified, enter into an agreement as provided in the bid document and furnish bonds when required in the Special Provisions. One for faithful performance in the amount of the contract sum, and another for contractor's labor and materials in the amount of the contract sum.
The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in any bid, and to take bids under advisement for a period not to exceed sixty days from and after the date bids are opened and announced.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices on public works projects by the Contractor or any subcontractor under them. The Contractor or any subcontractor shall comply with the requirements of said sections in the employment of apprentices. Information relative to apprenticeship standards and administration of the apprenticeship program may be obtained from the Director of Industrial Relations, San Francisco, California, or the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and its branch offices.
Notice is hereby given that the City Council has ascertained the prevailing rates of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be done for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the contract in accordance with the provisions of Section 1770, et. Seq. of the Labor Code; said prevailing rates are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. Copies shall be made available to any interested party on request.
This contract requires a **Class B (Building Contractor) License** at the time of bid submittal.
The successful bidder must obtain and maintain current until completion of the project an Inglewood City Business License.
This notice is given by order of the City Administrative Officer of the City of Inglewood, California, and is dated this 18 day of December, 2014.
City Manager
City of Inglewood, California
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: KEVIN HONG, 10816 S. INGLEWOOD AVE #103, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304
Doing business as: FRESH DRINKING WATER #1
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: HANIALIKHWAN, 5318 E. 2ND ST #182, LONG BEACH, CA 90803
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The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: HANIALIKHWAN, 5318 E. 2ND ST #182, LONG BEACH, CA 90803 and the last day for filing claims shall be JANUARY 6, 2015, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 12/08/2014
BUYER: HANIALIKHWAN
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Jane Austen

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach 90277, from noon-3:30 p.m.. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one!

After reading my story, you'll know why I'm called **Miracle** because it is truly who I am. I'm also a 2-year old female Miniature Schnauzer/ShihTzu mix who was rescued from a LA county shelter where I was considered a stray. Someone was supposed to adopt me but when I was about to be spayed the shelter discovered that I had a major medical problem and my adopter backed out. I was diagnosed with a "diaphragmatic hernia" which means that I had tear in my diaphragm and my small intestine had moved into my chest cavity. As a result my heart had moved over into a teeny tiny space. After MSFR

rescued me they took me to a specialist and the vet said the hernia was caused by a trauma. He said that he could do the surgery but it would be risky, however, without the surgery I would have died. It was pretty scary because there was no guarantee that I would make it through the operation but I didn't have many options. I had the surgery on 11/24/2014 and I'm happy to say that I'm perfectly healthy and the vet says I can now lead a normal life. Hence, the name Miracle!



Morty is a shy boy who needs a quiet household.

I'm so thankful to be here because it didn't look very promising in the beginning. I've been through a lot for a tiny, 9.5 pound, gal but knowing that there's a special family out there who will love and appreciate my spirit helped me make it. I'm a real sweetie and I get along great with everyone and will make a wonderful addition to your family. If you are interested in Miracle, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Hi, I'm **Morty** and I'm a 3-year old Schnauzer/Maltese mix. I'm a cute little thing who looks like a tiny, 11 pound, white Schnauzer with a natural tail and big dark eyes. I was dumped by my previous owner over the 4th of July weekend at a high kill city shelter. Since I'm kind of shy, I found that place overwhelming so I tried to maintain a low profile. That's probably why I didn't get adopted but I'm out of my shell and ready to play a good game of fetch, which is my favorite pastime. I'm not very good with children – they play too rough and I'm just a bit of a guy. I'm looking for the best Christmas present of all – my forever family. Could it be you? If you are interested in Morty, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

My name is **Winnie** and I am the perfect little lady for you. I'm a quiet, sweet, female Miniature Schnauzer who gets along great with other dogs and LOVES people. I'm just a tiny gal, weighing only 10 pounds, and at 8-years of age there won't be any growth spurts! After I was rescued from a LA county shelter I was examined by a Vet and had a dental done. Twelve teeth had to



Winnie is a well-behaved girl who needs a good home.



Earl is a 60-lb Catahoula leopard dog who loves to play.

be extracted but I am a healthy, happy and loving gal. I know it's the season of giving and all I want for Christmas is to find my forever family and give them love, loyalty and companionship. I've been waiting so long to find you, won't you please open your heart to me, you won't regret it. If you are interested in Winnie, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

If you've never seen a male, Catahoula Leopard Dog mix pup you must come and see me. My name is **Earl** and I'm one year old. I weigh about 60 pounds and I'm quite a handsome guy. I was rescued from a crowded LA County shelter where I came in as a stray. Like most large breed puppies, I am pounds of play, curiosity, energy and affection ... plus a few ounces of common sense! I am very intelligent and have lots of potential. I am already crate-trained, virtually housebroken and I have no obnoxious habits (yet). I have begun a basic training program and am ideal for an adopter who welcomes the opportunity to shape a pup into an adult dog to be proud of. I am a determined youngster who figures out what I am supposed to do a lot quicker than I actually do it, so my adopter should be aware that obedience training is a must. That said large-breed puppy experience is a big plus. I am an excellent choice for an active family; like other working breeds Catahoulas are happiest when kept busy. If you are interested in Earl, please email emread@verizon.net for more information.

Happy Tails

Congratulations to our special guy **Flanagan**. He is now living with his new Mom and Dad, an 8-year old “mini” sister and a 10-year old cat. We weren’t sure how he was going to

do with the cat but they get along great! He waited a very long time for the right family to come along but it was worth it and we're thrilled that everyone is so happy! •



Congratulations to Flanagan at his new home.

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If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.



There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs
appreciate your help and respect!
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