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South Bay Coastliners Help Ring in a Centennial



On January 18, members of the popular area barbershop harmony troupe The South Bay Coastliners performed at El Segundo's Library Park to help celebrate that City's Centennial. The vocal group now totals more than 75 singers and continues to put on its own annual show, as it has for over 65 years. (Photo by Marcy Dugan)

Work Comp Crackdown Targets Business Fraud

By Rob McCarthy

Years of cost-cutting reforms have brought California business owners relief from high workers' compensation bills, and now state officials are going after the cheaters for even more savings. Lately, anti-fraud efforts have been directed at companies that inflate bills for medical care, equipment and assistive services to injured workers. The state office that oversees the workers' comp system on January 1 froze \$1 billion in suspicious bills from companies that are under investigation or been charged with fraud. A new fraud-fighting law gave officials the authority to red flag almost 200,000 bills from being paid.

There are 75 medical providers facing criminal fraud charges, according to the Department of Industrial Relations in Oakland, which requested and received greater enforcement powers from lawmakers. The department also intends to suspend doctors, clinics and healthcare providers who have been convicted of fraud using its new authority as the state combats the insurance fraud.

The state will ramp up fraud detection this year and create a special unit to share and track data from the physicians, hospitals, medical billers and other businesses that serve injured workers. The unit specifically will watch for overbilling for services performed or billing for treatment that wasn't given or pre-approved.

This type of fraud in the California workers' comp system drew the notice of federal investigators, who arrested and prosecuted in 2014 the operator of a Long Beach hospital for illegal kickbacks to doctors. The physicians allegedly referred patients to the former Pacific Hospital for spinal implants. The facility's operator, Michael Drobot, also admitted that bribed former State Senator Ron Calderon for legislative support for the billing scheme. Calderon, who represented Montebello, was convicted of corruption and is serving a four-year prison sentence.

The fraud isn't limited to doctors and hospitals that inflate their charges, according to the new report. Efforts to catch cheaters will turn this

year on the employers who don't pay their fair share to cover their employees in case of injury or illness as a result of their employment.

"While some associate the word 'fraud' with false or exaggerated claims of injury, it also embraces service provider and premium fraud, which can be far more costly to the system and to the California employers who pay for that system," acknowledges a January 18 report on the scope of the problem.

Companies lie about the number of people they employ and also underreport their payroll so their insurance costs stay low, says the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office that works with state insurance fraud investigators on workers' comp cases. The cheating goes beyond weekly payroll, too.

The underreporting of payroll is estimated as high as \$68 billion per year, though that figure comes from a 2009 report to workers' comp officials. The low estimate for payroll fraud is \$4 billion, the report notes.

Misclassifying employees is another abuse of the system, with an example being claiming an employee performs a less-risky job. A roofing company employee who is an estimator would be insured for less than an actual roof installer. Some companies, especially in the transportation industry, report their drivers are contractors. A legal test exists to determine who is an employee versus a contractor, and the question is largely decided by whether an employee has direction and control over his workday.

Companies can pay employees in cash too, which lowers their reported payroll on which workers' comp insurance rates are based. Skipping mandatory payments to the state for unemployment and disability is another scheme for hiding actual payroll and getting an unfair bargain on coverage, according to fraud prosecutors. The case of a Long Beach trucking firm charged in April for a \$3.7 million fraud on its premiums over four years illustrates how much money can be saved by cheating the insurance system.

The couple who own Metro Worldwide Inc. are facing 36 years in prison for workers'

comp fraud, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. In another case involving two executives for a garment company and their accountant, the trio pleaded no contest in December to a \$3.8 million workers' compensation fraud scheme. Their sentencing is set for this week.

Insurance crimes are difficult to uncover and time-consuming for prosecutors to build a case. Anti-fraud grants to county district attorneys have financed the bulk of workers' comp cases in the past, and the Division of Workers' Comp plans to continue that funding to local prosecutors.

Los Angeles County prosecutors in October received a \$6.7 million grant from the state insurance commissioner to combat workers' comp fraud. It was the largest grant amount given for 2017.

In announcing the stepped-up effort to rid the work comp system of premium and billing fraud, state officials ask for the support of local prosecutors and judges. The penalties for workers' comp insurance fraud include fines, restitution and even prison sentences in extreme cases.

Sometimes, the fraud is committed by a network of individuals and companies working in tandem, like in the former Pacific Hospital case in Long Beach. Referrals to a doctor or hospital for a kickbacks are "designed to generate billings for unnecessary or sometimes nonexistent evaluations and treatment," according to the report.

Shady operators try to hide the source of the bills by bundling them and assigning them to a billing collection company, making it more difficult for investigators and authorities to track. A law passed in 2012 closed a billing loophole, but state officials admit that this didn't halt the fraudulent practice entirely. The scheme works when unreviewed bills for pharmacy drugs and language translation services, for example, are submitted to the insurer for payment without going through a bill review to confirm that all treatment was pre-approved and payable. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
62°/45°



Saturday
Sunny
66°/46°



Sunday
Sunny
70°/49°



Police Reports

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16
TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

Robberies

W 122ND ST/S BIRCH AV. STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEY. Crime Occurred: Mon. 01/16 00:01. Property Taken: grey/black backpack, one set of car/house keys, multi-colored wallet containing misc. items/cash, one pair black pants, one pair grey Levi shoes size 9, paycheck in the amount of \$268, misc. food items, black Motorola cell phone.

12700 S HAWTHORNE BL. Crime Occurred: Mon. 01/16 19:53. Property Taken: IMEI #356970068349100 (rose gold), IMEI #359153073833760 (black), IMEI #359213071673690 (jet black), IMEI #354421061476700 (gold).

14400 S SINGLEWOOD AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Sat. 01/21 22:58--No RMS Ent. Property Taken: Several misc. cosmetic products.

Burglaries

13500 S YUKON AV. APARTMENT COMMON. AREAS (LNDRY,CLB HSE,ETC). Crime Occurred: Tue. 01 12:58. Property Taken: Misc. mail. Method of Entry: Pried.

13600 S DOTY AV. APARTMENT COMMON. AREAS (LNDRY,CLB HSE,ETC). Crime Occurred: Tue. 01 14:08. Method of Entry: Pried.

14900 S CRANBROOK AV. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Tue. 01 17:00. Method of Entry: Unlocked.

14100 S YUKON AV. APARTMENT COMMON. AREAS (LNDRY,CLB HSE,ETC).Crime Occurred: Tue. 01 17:00. Property Taken: Misc. mail. Method of Entry: Pried.

4600 W 137TH ST. HOUSE. Crime Occurred: Thu. 01/19 12:00 to Thu. 01/19 13:10. Property Taken: Misc. bills. Method of Entry: Body force.

13600 S CERISE AV. STORAGE SHED. Crime Occurred: Thu. 01/19 04:30 to Fri. 01/20 09:00. Property Taken: Backpacks, Marvel and Disney characters. Method of Entry: Pried.

5000 W 147TH ST. ELECTRONICS STORE. Crime Occurred: Sat. 01/21 04:46. Method of Entry: Saw drill.

5200 W EL SEGUNDO BL. MOTEL & HOTEL ROOM. Crime Occurred: Fri. 01/20 23:45 to Sat. 01/21 04:26. Property Taken: White Apple iPhone 6S (443 929-8703), black leather wallet containing misc. credit cards, \$400-\$500, VA driver's license A60897303. Method of Entry: Unknown--single swing door. Entry Location: Front.

14700 S OCEAN GATE AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Sun. 01/22 01:59--No R MS Ent.

Property Taken: Sony PlayStation chat headset.

14000 S YUKON AV. Crime Occurred: CAD: Sun. 01/22 02:34--No R MS Ent. Property Taken: Black wool coat. •

Letters

Prejudice Can Damage National Unity

As a Hawthorne resident Ahmadi Muslim, I agree with President Trump's statement in his Inauguration Day's address that "we are one nation; we share one heart, one home and one destiny." This statement about unity reminds me of the famous words of the founder of Islam, Muhammad (peace be upon him) who said, "The relationship between believer and another is like that between different parts of a building, one part strengthens another."

My identity as Muslim American does not conflict with my patriotism because according to Islamic teaching, God has forbidden all forms of rebellion against one's government. This is because rebellion against the state is a threat to peace

and security of a nation. This is why I did not partake in protests on Inauguration Day. Instead, I show my loyalty by decorating a boat for Independence Day parade. This is part of a nationwide campaign launched by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The main motivation I write this letter is to invite my fellow Hawthorne resident not be afraid of your Muslim neighbor. I firmly believe that strong unity starts in local neighborhood. I do not want my fellow neighbor judged Muslim and Islam only through media depiction because this can create prejudice and prejudice is a contagious disease that can damage national unity.

- Sincerely, Khalida Jamilah



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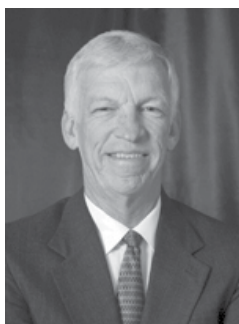
News for the City of Good Neighbors from City Clerk Huber

LOOKING FOR A MUSEUM SITE

With the agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Marriott Hotel chain, the Hawthorne Museum is no longer. The rich history of Hawthorne is in storage waiting for a new place to be displayed. The Hawthorne Historical Society is looking to find a new museum site. If you have any knowledge of a possible location, please contact us. Our old museum was more than a place full of old photos, it was a gathering spot, it was a place where people came together, a community of good neighbors that celebrated the past but also enjoyed the present. We are optimistic that a new site will be found in the near future.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Our Hawthorne Police Department fights our crime. So Cal Edison tries to keep us hooked up with power. So, maybe the biggest problem we face in some of our neighborhoods is finding a place to park our cars. The Ramona, Burleigh, Moneta and North Hawthorne areas are crowded with too many cars filling the streets. These neighborhoods were not designed to accommodate the number of cars that the residents have registered to them. Some residents have petitioned the city to get the Council to approve preferential parking on their block. This may work for them but it creates problems for the blocks surrounding theirs. Essentially it forces more cars to be parked on other blocks and it doesn't allow renters and homeowners to park in front of their own house or apartment. Creative solutions are hard to come up with. When these neighborhoods were laid out many years ago, families were lucky to own their family vehicle. Garages were used to park their cars in. Streets were open for kids to play in. So Cal has become the car capital of the world. Every worker or student must own a car to get to work or school. Mass transit has not had much of an impact on the continued growth of car ownership. Some day it may get to the point where residents will have to pay an annual fee to park their second or third car on the city street. Home occupancy can never guarantee that the city will provide parking for



unlimited number of cars owned by the people living at one address. There are approximately 90,000 residents living in a five square mile piece of land with most of the land covered with housing, commercial, or industrial buildings. There just is not a lot of room to park cars, build more houses, or expand recreational facilities. When you think about it, it's amazing that we can live so close to each other and still get along so well. We almost all HAVE to be good neighbors.

RAIN STORM

Wow! That was impressive. The three inches of rain that fell in parts of Hawthorne last Sunday was historic, almost biblical. Those are the types of storms that used to flood Hawthorne Blvd. so much that people were seen in canoes paddling to their businesses. First a storm drainage system was installed in the 1960's and now with a new water collection system, there was no real flooding on our main street. The city faired pretty well considering the amount of water that fell. I did go over to Home Depot to look for sand bags or a sump pump for my daughter's garage which sits at one of the lowest places on her block. I got there too late. They had sold over 100 sump pumps and all of the sand bags that they had in stock. It worked out okay, there was very little we could have done to stop the flood from rising to eight inches in depth in her garage. Can you imagine it raining like that for 40 days? We received only four hours of rain and our yards started to flood. We would need an ark if it rained for 40 days in similar fashion. God saved eight people in that epic flood, Noah, his three sons, and their wives. God provides a way for us to survive any flood that comes our way. The waters may rise, the dams may burst, the drainage channels may overflow, but God throws a lifeline at us and pulls us out of certain death. All we have to do is hold on. Hang on my friends, sunny days are here again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hawthorne Historical Society Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, February 25th VFW Parking Lot 7-11 a.m. •

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Community Briefs

South Bay Teachers Selected for Northrop Grumman Foundation Teachers Academy

The Northrop Grumman Foundation and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) announced that five out of 25 educators chosen as Teacher Fellows in the 2016-2017 Northrop Grumman Foundation Teachers Academy are from the South Bay. Selected from targeted areas across the country, the Teacher Fellows (listed below) will participate in a number of science, engineering, and technology-related activities and professional learning opportunities.

2016-2017 Teacher Fellows from the South Bay

- Candyse Crow, Juan de Anza Elementary School, Hawthorne.
- Sergio Lopez, Oak Street Elementary School, Inglewood.
- Sylvia Tseng, Will Rogers Middle School, Lawndale.
- Kristy Mar, J.H. Hull Middle School, Torrance.
- Nancy Ton, Madrona Middle School, Torrance.

The Teacher Fellows were selected on the basis of several criteria, including displaying

a strong desire to advance STEM education and applying real-world applications in the classroom. During their fellowship, recipients will participate in a five-day workshop at a Northrop Grumman facility during the summer of 2017; attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in Los Angeles, March 30-April 2; participate in an immersive, 80-hour externship at a local Northrop Grumman facility; develop lesson(s)/units that integrate an authentic and real-world application linked to their externship experiences; and develop tools/resources to share with colleagues to help build capacity for engineering and technology instruction within their schools and districts.

The Teacher Fellows will also receive a comprehensive NSTA membership package and an opportunity to participate in a variety of Web-based professional learning activities, including a specially designated online learning community.

Barnes & Noble Launches My Favorite Teacher Contest

Bookseller Barnes & Noble has announced the start of the 2017 "Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest," which for the past seven years has provided middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers.

Students can nominate their teacher by writing essays, poems or thank-you letters that share how their teacher has influenced their lives and why they appreciate and admire their instructors. Participating schools collect the essays and submit thos to their local Barnes & Noble store for consideration. Entries are judged on the compelling nature of the teacher's inspiring qualities, the sincerity of the student's appreciation and the quality of expression and writing.

The local winning teacher will be recognized

this spring at the Del Amo store and receive a special award acknowledging their achievement. The student with the winning essay or poem will receive a certificate of recognition and will also be honored at the ceremony.

Teachers grades one through 12 are eligible for nomination. Awards include cash prizes, gift cards, NOOK® devices and more. The contest is broken down into local and regional winners, from which the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" will be chosen. The national winner will be recognized at a special community celebration, with both teacher and school receiving \$5,000. The national student winner will win a \$500 gift card and NOOK.

Students must submit their entry to Barnes & Noble Del Amo by March 1. More details at www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher. •



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Sports

Hawthorne Soccer Struggling in League Play

By Adam Serrao

The Hawthorne Cougars boys' soccer team has had high expectations to live up to throughout the course of this season. After a relatively disappointing go of things last year when the Cougars only won three Ocean League games and finished in fifth place in the standings, there was still optimism surrounding the team coming into this season. One of the main reasons for that optimism had to do with the emergence of sophomore forward Oskar Gomez. Behind Gomez, Hawthorne jumped out to a 7-1-3 record to begin the year. Recently, however, some tough Ocean League opponents and a string of bad luck has dampened the mood around a team that could suddenly end the regular season near the bottom of league standings looking up.

As a freshman, Gomez got his start for Hawthorne last year and gave head coach Yury Najarro and the rest of the team a great deal of hope. Gomez has lived up to the hype this season, scoring 10 goals for his club and leading Hawthorne on offense. Despite the sophomore's great production and the team's hot start to the year, the Cougars have fallen upon some bad luck of late. Following a 2-1 overtime win against Beverly Hills to begin league play, Hawthorne has now lost two games in a row to Santa Monica and Culver City respectively.

In addition to Gomez, senior defender Adrian Hernandez has been hot for Hawthorne as well. Hernandez scored the deciding goal for the Cougars in overtime that eventually led to Hawthorne's 2-1 victory over Beverly Hills in the Ocean League opener. Sophomore goalkeeper and team captain Salvador Ontiveros has been a standout player for the Cougars this season too. Ontiveros held a first place Culver City team to just one goal after the Centaurs had scored six in their previous two games combined. Unfortunately for Ontiveros and Hawthorne, that one goal was good enough to win the match in the final few minutes of a game that saw Hawthorne's offense go completely cold and get shut out.

Hawthorne's loss to Culver City was the team's second loss in a row and third in the last six games. The Cougars will look to get back on track and start a hot streak when they continue league play this week with a matchup against Lawndale followed by a rematch against Beverly Hills. If Hawthorne is fortunate enough to pull out a win against Lawndale, it will move up a slot in the standings and into good positioning to make a run at Santa Monica and Culver City for the top spot

before the conclusion of the regular season.

LAWNDALE HIGH

Despite a very disappointing start to the regular season, the Lawndale Cardinals have used Ocean League play to keep the team toward the top of the standings. Two straight victories to start the regular season had head coach Angel Mendez and his team looking optimistically at the rest of the year. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, poor offensive play led to the team losing eight out of 10 games heading into what always seems to be a very challenging league play schedule.

That challenging schedule began with a matchup against the first place Culver City Centaurs. The Centaurs look to be the best team in the Ocean League this year and did well to prove that fact with a 1-0 shutout victory over the Cardinals. Despite their loss and their recent offensive struggles, Mendez and his Lawndale team held their heads high and remained confident. That confidence led to a dominating performance against El Segundo last Wednesday afternoon on the road. Senior Osvaldo Garcia led the team with two scores, while Mario Perez and Justin Islas each chipped in with one for a 4-0 shutout win. The Cardinals will look to keep their offense hot as they enter into a home matchup with their rivals from Hawthorne this week before the team hits the road to take on the second place Santa Monica Vikings.

INGLEWOOD HIGH

The Inglewood High School boys' soccer team has been having a tough time this year in both the regular season and Bay League divisional play. The Sentinels have yet to win a game this season, but despite their struggles have managed to come away with two ties that very easily could have ended in the team's favor. Inglewood's struggles have unfortunately carried over into league play where the team has lost its first four games, including two shutout losses against Palos Verdes and Redondo Union.

In those two games, the Sentinels were outscored 13-0 and, together with an inefficient defense, have gotten zero offensive production this season. The only saving grace thus far for Inglewood has been that it shares a division with the Morningside Monarchs, who figure to finish in last place in the Bay League. The Monarchs have lost every game they've played in while only scoring a total of two goals this season. Inglewood will take on Morningside this week on the road in a game that the team needs to win to stay out of the bottom of the Bay League standings. •

Lightning Bolts Enter L.A. Area

By Adam Serrao

It may initially sound like it, but this isn't about the nasty winter weather that has been raining down upon Los Angeles over the last few months. It is, however, about the city's newest professional football team. That's right, the Los Angeles Rams now have a new neighbor that will eventually become a roommate after the new, nearly \$3 billion stadium is finished in Inglewood. Almost two weeks ago to the day, chairman Dean Spanos announced that the team formerly known as the San Diego Chargers will move to Los Angeles and become known as the Los Angeles Chargers. With the highly controversial decision, Spanos brought a second NFL team to the nation's second-largest media market for the first time since 1994.

It used to be the Rams and the Raiders who shared the Los Angeles area some 23 years ago. While the Raiders moved back to Oakland and seem to now be destined for Las Vegas, the Rams left for St. Louis only to come back and call Southern California home once again. Many people seem to forget, however, that it was the Chargers who were born in Los Angeles in 1960 only to move down the 5 freeway into San Diego the next year when Barron Hilton made it so. Hilton probably had no idea that the Chargers would ever be back in Los Angeles, but alas almost 60 years later the Bolts now boast a new beginning.

There are two sides to every story and that remains true with the tale that led up to Spanos decreeing in statement that "today, we turn the page and begin an exciting new era as the Los Angeles Chargers." The first side of the story is the one of which fans down in San Diego are currently most passionate. They can't believe that the team the Spanos family bought in 1984 that gave the city of San Diego a unique identity, along with their trademark powder blue jerseys, has now abandoned them. The other side of the story, however, is the one told by Spanos himself--the chairman who has been fighting with San Diego city officials for almost 20 years now to get a new stadium only to be basically laughed at while any ideas of funding were quickly and consistently thrown out of the window.

Once Spanos officially announced the team's move, fans took to Chargers Park in San Diego to put their disappointment on display. Some set jerseys on fire while others threw banners to the floor as fans passionately found ways to react to the news that had ripped their football team away from San Diego. Even Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, who has publicly been a proponent of the Chargers remaining in San Diego, had his say about the move. "I'm a little numb about it all," he explained. "It hasn't really settled in. I hope that when the dust does settle that the people that have

been fans here for a long time can still watch a game on Sunday and go, 'Hey, that's our quarterback.'"

While a great number of fans obviously were and will continue to remain sick about the move, Spanos had almost no other choice. Like with all things in sports, beyond the game being played, there is also a business to be run. That being said, Spanos had no other viable business decision but to move to Los Angeles once the other NFL owners and the City of San Diego denied him any additional help with funding. Spanos' allotted time given by the league to make a decision had run out. The City of San Diego was giving Spanos absolutely no help and even a measure that would have taxed local hotels higher to help pay for a new stadium was shot down. Spanos was down to two decisions: Either move to Los Angeles to join the Rams, or be forced to indefinitely keep his business at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium, which opened in 1967.

If you've ever been to Qualcomm Stadium, you can certainly see why Spanos chose to move. The venue is completely outdated and needs an entire top-to-bottom renovation. The arena is also consistently filled with fans of opposing teams and has even drawn the ire of current NFL players who may love the city but also feel like they might as well be playing at a high school venue. StubHub Center in Carson may not be much better for the time being. The Chargers' new temporary home seats less than 30,000 people, so tickets will almost assuredly be at a premium as well. That's not to mention the fact that the Chargers will still struggle to attract and maintain a home crowd to support their team. Once the new stadium is built in Inglewood, however, the Chargers will move into one of the nicest stadiums in the world and will see their value as an organization rise through the roof.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell put it perfectly when in a statement he said, "Relocation is painful for teams and communities. It is especially painful for fans, and the fans in San Diego have given the Chargers strong and loyal support for more than 50 years, which makes it even more disappointing that we could not solve the stadium issue. As difficult as the news is for Chargers fans, I know Dean Spanos and his family did everything they could to try to find a viable solution in San Diego." The pain will certainly remain for most Charger fans who have held the team near and dear to their hearts for so long. Winning, though, cures all pains in the world of sports and now it is up to Spanos to find a way to field a successful team so that the Chargers can officially begin to put their relocation to Los Angeles in the rearview mirror. •

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- 2 tsp Cumin

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