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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

November 2006

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Mission of the
Hawthorne
Chamber of
Commerce**

Act as a spokesperson for the business and professional community and translate into action the group thinking of its members

Render specific services to its members and to the community as a whole

All businesses within and around the City of Hawthorne are invited to join the Chamber and participate in its various community events

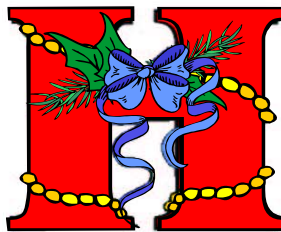
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Monday, Wed., Thurs., and Fri
9:30 am—4:30 pm
Tuesday
10 am—4pm

All Chamber members are welcome to attend the General Board meetings held the first Wednesday of every month, 8 am at the Chamber office.

City of Hawthorne
6th Annual



**HAWTHORNE
HOMETOWN
HOLIDAY PARADE**

**Saturday, December 2, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

Come join us as the City of Hawthorne officially Celebrates the kick-off of the holiday season with Our 6th Annual Hawthorne Hometown Holiday Parade. The Boulevard will come alive with seasonal fun and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.



**Beginning at 138th St. & Hawthorne Blvd.,
traveling north along Hawthorne to El
Segundo, turning west to Grevillea Ave.,
then north to City Hall**

Highlights following Parade:

- Visit with Santa
- Free Hot Dogs
- Games for the Children
- Fun for the Whole Family
- Pictorial History of Hawthorne

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 310-349-2935

Co-sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and
The South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers

**November 9th Mixer at Shafaa Halal,
12211 S. Hawthorne Blvd Hawthorne, CA 90250 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
December 6th Networking Event at Ayres Hotel
“Dancing Under the Stars” from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

President's Message

As I promised this month is for the "Gent's"!

I never had a doubt that you are "The Pillars" of this City. Years ago there were the "Good Old Boys"! Times have changed and this is a new day! Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. The Ladies in this city want to stand by you to encourage you, pray with you, through the good and the bad, through faults, failures, hang-ups, promotions, ups and downs.

Men, I'm not sure you know how unique you are!!! Your abilities were not given to you just to make a living. You are strong with wisdom, knowledge and love for your wife, children and your neighbor. You go the extra mile! We would never find another you. You learn from your mistakes and while it is wise to learn from experience, it is wiser to learn from the experiences of others. Hatred stirs up strife, while wise men store up knowledge.

Always be slow to anger. Return good for evil because what you sow in life will return to you either good or bad. A sound heart is life to the body and a man of understanding walks tall.

Because of you, the Mayor, the Chief and putting "In God We Trust" in City Hall, this city will be the best city in the South Bay.

So always remember, Pride goes before destruction so FINISH WELL!

Patricia Feldman,
 Chamber President



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Economic Development- Don Harris
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**Contact Any Board Member And
 Get Involved Today!**

Workers' Comp Bill Vetoed

(from <http://www.calchamber.com>)

Posted on Wed, Sep. 20, 2006

Perata's legislation based on incomplete evidence, Schwarzenegger says
By STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed legislation Tuesday that would have doubled benefits for newly disabled workers, contending the bill would have undercut "many of the economic gains now powering California's economy."

But the measure's supporters said it would have eased one of the worst aspects of the workers' compensation overhaul pushed through by the Republican governor in 2004.

"Governor Schwarzenegger said himself that he didn't want injured workers to suffer from benefit cuts," said Art Pulaski, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation. "It's a shame he refused to rectify the damage he caused."

The bill, by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, was a reaction to regulations adopted by the Schwarzenegger administration late in 2004 to help implement a broad workers' compensation overhaul approved by lawmakers earlier that year.

The regulations changed the way doctors evaluate the severity of job-related injuries and, critics said, led to a sharp drop in benefits for workers who suffer permanent disabilities.

The state Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation, a board made up of employer and worker representatives, issued a report in February that said the average benefit was cut 50 percent because of the regulations.

Perata's bill would have gradually doubled the number of weeks workers could have received benefits as compensation for permanent disabilities suffered starting next Jan. 1.

Alicia Trost, a spokeswoman for the Senate leader, said Perata made the bill prospective in hopes of getting Schwarzenegger to sign it. "He would have never signed something that was retroactive," she said.

The governor said Perata's bill was based on incomplete evidence and that he would consider changes in the regulations if his own review found that workers were being unfairly denied benefits.

"When the new permanent disability (rating) schedule took effect in 2005, I committed that we would monitor the

impact of the new law on injured workers for 18 months and if we found that seriously injured workers were falling through the cracks we would fix it," Schwarzenegger said in his veto message.

"That review will be completed by the end of the year, and I am committed to making any changes necessary to ensure that injured workers unfairly impacted by workers' comp reform received appropriate medical treatment and indemnity benefits."

But Mark Hayes, president of Voters Injured at Work, a group of injured workers, said the governor's comments about potentially raising benefits didn't ease his concerns.

"There's empirical evidence that these rates were cut from 50 to 90 percent," he said. "How much more time does he need to wait? How many more injured workers does he need to devastate?"

Allan Zaremborg, president of the California Chamber of Commerce, praised the veto, saying any "modifications to the carefully crafted reforms should be done only after thoughtful review of sufficient empirical data, not through hasty legislation rushed through at the end of the legislative session."



Don't Forget To Vote!

Did you know that as of September 8, 2006 there were 5,703,455 people in Los Angeles County that were eligible to vote, yet only 3,869,304, or 67.84% of those people are actually registered to vote. And...unfortunately fewer than that will actually vote on November 7th.

You can help.

Many people do not vote because they have a difficult time finding information on propositions and candidates. Here

are a few helpful sites that can assist,

The California Voter Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization promoting and applying the responsible use of technology to improve the democratic process.

<http://www.calvoter.org/>

The California General Election Official Voter Information Guide can be found at <http://www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov/>

The California Secretary of State page has helpful information and a link to get election results <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm>

Smart Voter is a nonpartisan information site on California election candidates and ballot initiatives from the League of Women Voters

LA Vote.Net is the Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website <http://www.lavote.net/>

YesterYear

The other day I was driving around town and I observed a couple of kids running through the sprinklers at their house. Boy did that bring back a flood of memories. It was great fun when in the summer time mom or dad would do the yard work and then water the lawn with a rainbow sprinkler or some other type. Well that's all it took for the whole neighborhood to come running with their bathing suits on and frolic in and out of the water which also reminds me of everyone taking their turn drinking from the hose.

n those days the hoses were made of rubber so you got the rubber taste but that was all right because it was different and you didn't need a glass and we never got sick either. Also if one kid had a soft drink, which there were only 3 or 4 different kinds, not like now with dozens, anyway we would all share that drink. In those days all Coca Colas came in glass bottles. Each one of us would take a swallow and pass it to the next person and again no one came down with a life threatening illness.

Of course before you could water the lawn you had to mow it and then all we had were push mowers. You would push forward about three feet and come back one or two

feet and do that all through the yard. If you were well to do you also had a special mower that just did the edges but most all of us used a hoe to do that little chore. It was usually done on a Saturday and then after coming home from church it was time for the whole family and neighbors to get together and enjoy the afternoon with food and desert.

The big treat was home made ice cream. We would all take turns turning the crank on the ice cream maker and of course you had to add rock salt on the outside of the container that held the cream and other goodies that made the ice cream. It was always a treat to get to lick the paddle when it was done. Ice cream just doesn't taste the same coming from a package. Nothing like good old fashion home made ice cream. If you've never had any then you have missed out on one of life's greatest pleasures.

Another great past time was sitting in your front yard watching the cars go by and seeing how many you could identify by make and model which in "The good old days" wasn't too difficult. It was either a Ford, Chevy, Plymouth, Buick or some other USA made. Sometimes the model might escape

you but you would average a good 90% or more. Now a days they seem to all look alike or is it just me. I can't tell the difference between a Honda, Acura or all of most every other make. Of course there were very few car radios then and it would take about three minutes to warm up and all we had then was AM. We didn't even know what FM was. You had to have a pretty good antenna which usually was mounted under the running board. I will go into running boards in the future. Also there were only about four or five stations in this area and they weren't very strong. If you got out of the area, say like 25 miles any-ways from the station, it would quit because their signal strength was low maybe five to ten thousand watts. You also had to have a noise suppressor installed on the spark plugs of the engine.

That about wraps it up for now. Remember those were "The Good Old Days."

Till next time, Walt



Upcoming Events

November Events

11/1 Monthly board of Directors meeting, 8 am at the Chamber office

11/4 (Donation \$5.00) Hawthorne Lions Club Pancake Breakfast will be held at Pacifica House, 2501 W. El Segundo Blvd. Hawthorne, CA 90250 from 8:00 a.m. –11:55 a.m.

11/7 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

11/9 Hawthorne Chamber mixer held at the Shafaa Halal, 12211 S. Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA 90250 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

11/16 Dinner will be held from 12:00—3:00 p.m. at Hawthorne Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3939 Marine Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250 (Corner of Marine Ave & Prairie Avenue). For information on directions call 310-676-4313. If you or your organization wants to donate food, please e-mail hawthorneadventist@yahoo.com We will arrange for pick up— a receipt for tax purposes will be provided.

11/30 Deadline-If you would like to be in our new colored Map of the city, please contact Mike Vanatter at info@link-printing.com as our deadline is November 30, 2006 at 5:pm. and space is now limited.

December Events

12/6 Monthly board of Directors meeting, 8 am at the Chamber office

12/6 The Chamber will have a networking event at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne "Dancing under the Stars" starts at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the Hawthorne Chamber at 310-676-1163 or e-mail at info@hawthorne-chamber.com

List your community or business events here. Contact Candy Cargill-Fuller at candy@bhs-inc.org



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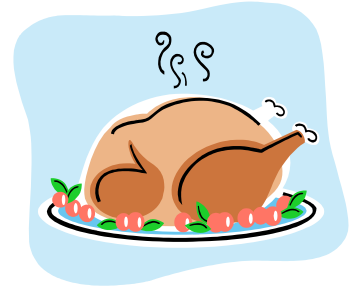
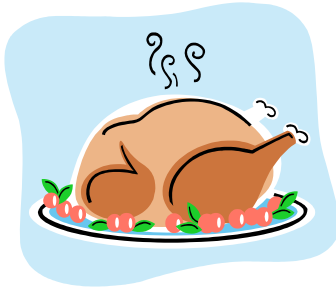
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Government Affairs

Overview of November Ballot

From the Ca Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.calchamber.com/>

Proposition 1A:

Transportation Funding Protection. A constitutional amendment to protect gas tax revenues from being used for purposes other than transportation.

Proposition 1B:

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. A \$19.9 billion bond measure.

Proposition 1C:

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. A \$2.9 billion bond measure.

Proposition 1D:

Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. A \$10.4 billion bond measure.

Proposition 1E:

Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. A \$4.1 billion bond measure.

Proposition 83

Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring. Initiative Statute. Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. Prohibits residence near

schools and parks. Requires Global Positioning System monitoring of registered sex offenders

Proposition 84

Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute. A \$5.4 billion bond measure to fund projects for safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, water conservation and emergency drinking water supplies.

Proposition 85

Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for an emancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Mandates reporting requirements. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation.

Proposition 86

Tax on Cigarettes. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Imposes additional \$2.60 per pack excise tax on cigarettes and indirectly increases taxes on other tobacco

products. Provides funding for various health programs.

Proposition 87

Alternative Energy. Research, Production, Incentives. Tax on California Oil Producers. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Places \$4 billion tax on California oil production to fund alternative energy research and production.

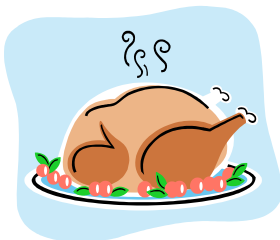
Proposition 88

Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Creates a statewide parcel tax of \$50 per real property parcel to provide an estimated \$450 million annually in additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Exempts certain elderly and disabled homeowners from tax. Restricts use of funds to specific educational purposes. Excludes revenue from Proposition 98 minimum funding calculations. Provides for General Fund reimbursement to offset anticipated decrease in income tax revenues.

Proposition 90

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property. Increases taxpayer costs by allowing anyone to sue; increases the cost of public infrastructure projects; and threatens affordability/reliability of state energy supplies by making it more difficult for utilities to site and add increased transmission capabilities.

Community News



SIQUEIROS: The Art of Censorship Panel Discussion

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Reception 5:30 PM • Program 6:30 PM

Los Angeles Times • Harry Chandler Auditorium

202 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012



Along with Diego Rivera and José Clemente Orozco, David Alfaro Siqueiros is recognized as one of the great Mexican muralists of the 20th century. What is less known about Siqueiros is that he created only three murals in the United States—all in Los Angeles during April through November of 1932. Two of his works were censored while the third, less controversial one was moved to Santa Barbara. Join us for an engaging discussion about the artist, his murals, Los Angeles history, and public art. Speakers include:

- Judith F. Baca, Founder & Artistic Director, Social & Public Art Resource Center (SPARC)
- William F. Deverell, Ph.D., Director, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West
- Suzanne Muchnic, Art Writer, Los Angeles Times

Moderator: Patt Morrison, Writer & Columnist, *Los Angeles Times*; Host, *Patt Morrison*, KPCC 89.3 FM; Host & Consulting Producer, *The BookShow of Patt Morrison*, KCET

FREE. Limited seating. Reservations required. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 3, 2006 to legacy@causeconnect.net or (213) 972-0884. Park in the Los Angeles Times garage at 213 S. Spring St. Check in at the Globe Lobby (entrance near First and Spring). Photo ID may be needed for admittance.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and Washington Mutual, this public program is part of an ongoing speaker series for a planned exhibition, *Legacy & Legend: Siqueiros & América Tropical—Censorship Defied*.

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