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## Wayne Powell adds ‘Pilot’ to his Resume



Manhattan Beach City Councilmember and Los Angeles County Beach Commissioner Wayne Powell had his first flight lesson out of Torrance Airport on Friday, Sept. 27. Powell took off in a Cessna 172 Skyhawk. "I successfully took off and landed, and I'm now well on my way to becoming a private pilot," Powell said.

## We Are All Artists

By TerriAnn Ferren

We are all artists. I read that statement on a piece of art and although I scoffed at the notion when I first read it, I have come to believe it is true. Every single person has a talent--the trick is finding that particular talent. Walking among us in Torrance and the other South Bay cities are artists galore. Some use oil or acrylic paint, and some use watercolor, but all of them have a passion for their art. Useful art, practical art, art that soothes the senses or changes the world must be first imagined in a person's heart. Maybe art flows from a meeting between the heart and the mind. Books are filled with hypotheses of how someone creates a work of art, whether it's a simple chair or a glorious sculpture. Often, I have seen artists portrayed in movies painting on canvases with a flourish only equaled to that of a conductor leading a large orchestra. I always think of Simon Rattle before the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Right now, the Torrance Art Museum is seeking applications for the Annual South Bay Focus Exhibition. This exhibition will be held in conjunction with the South Bay Watercolor Society and the Torrance Artists Guild. Artists must reside in the South Bay and have their applications in by Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. This will be a juried exhibition. That means the art hung will be selected by a judge. This year, the juror is James MacDevitt, the curator at Cerritos College Gallery. The art exhibit will run from Nov. 23 until Dec. 21. If you are an artist and would like to submit your art for judging to be part of the exhibition, just access [www.torranceartmuseum.com](http://www.torranceartmuseum.com) for all the

information. You must live in the South Bay or have a current membership in either the Torrance Artist's Guild or the South Bay Watercolor Society. Frankly, send in those art entries!

Today I spoke with Max Presneill, museum curator of the Torrance Art Museum, to find out more about this upcoming-juried exhibition. I asked Max exactly what an acceptable submission is--and what is not--and he said, "It can be paintings, sculptures -- the things it can't be are graphics, can't be mass-produced, [must be] made within the last couple of years. There are no size restrictions. We don't accept any kind of commercial work. If you live and work within the South Bay as defined by the Yellow Pages--the zip codes--and the juror is always selected from outside." You may submit up to two pieces to be judged and if your art is selected, it will hang in the gallery. "The Torrance Artist's Guild and the Torrance Watercolor Society act as partners on this event," Max continued. "They [the selected artists] have one day to drop off all work and it is documented by members of the guilds [Artists Guild and Watercolor Society]. The museum hangs the lights and does everything else, and at the end, we have a day to pick it up and that process is taken care of by the groups."

This is the third year the Annual South Bay Focus Exhibition has been held where it includes the entire South Bay. By casting a wider net, more artists are involved and the level of variety increases immensely. I asked Max if he is ever surprised by the entries and he told me, "There are always surprises. Always. There is always an artist I am not aware of that is really good, and there is always works by someone I might

have met. That is really good. Just unexpected things--that is always true. There are always gems in there. We take in about 60 [pieces], but it depends upon scale."

I asked Max if he ever had a huge painting or sculpture, and he told me about one sculpture of sponges that wasn't heavy but was huge--five feet across and seven feet high. They do not have size restrictions. On the submission form, it states you must submit your art online for review in a jpeg form along with the fee by Oct. 12. The only rule is if you are going to submit a piece of sculpture, you must bring your own pedestal. Sounds fair.

"In terms of the quality of the show, it's really strong and it's varied and it's a good show to be in--for a juried show," Max said. "We take pride in making sure it's not just run-of-the-mill. We take care of it in terms of lighting, the hanging...all the installation work is done as good as we can. So it is taken very seriously. We don't ask for resumes, we don't ask for background. It is entirely based on the artwork. If you are a famous artist and it's not such a good piece, it won't get in."

This particular show is open to all artists. Max did tell me the only thing they don't do is accept craft items because it is too wide of a field and they can't cover it all. Max gave me a sneak peek of what is coming up at the Torrance Art Museum. On Saturday, Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., a one-night-only show called Mas Attack 2 will feature over 100 emerging and established artists from all over Southern California. Artists are "recommended" for the exhibit, which makes it fun. Just think -- if you are recommended, at least one person likes your art! The artist must bring his or her work to the museum,

See TerriAnn page 6

## Weekend Forecast

Friday  
Sunny  
81°/62°



Saturday  
Sunny  
86°/61°



Sunday  
Sunny  
81°/60°



# Calendar

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

• **Manhattan Beach 10K Run:** 7:30 a.m. For more information and registration, visit [www.mb10k.com](http://www.mb10k.com)

• **41st Annual Manhattan Beach Home-town Fair:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Valley Drive. Saturday & Sunday. For more information, visit [www.mbfair.org](http://www.mbfair.org)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

• **SCAA Invitational Swim Meet:** 5-7:30 p.m. Begg Pool, 1402 N. Peck Ave. For more information, call (310) 802-5429.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

• **Teen Center's Disneyland Halloween Party:** 4-11:45 p.m. Teen Center, 1600 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information, call (310) 802-5426.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

• **26th Annual Family Halloween Carnival:** 1-4 p.m. Manhattan Heights, 1600 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information, call (310) 802-5419.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

• **23rd Annual World Famous Pumpkin Race Festival:** 12-6:30 p.m. Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information, visit <http://manhattanbeachpumpkinrace.com>

**ONGOING:**

• **Push and Flow Art Exhibition:** Final showing October 10. See gallery hours online at <http://www.ci.manhattan-beach.ca.us>

**UPCOMING:**

• **16th Annual Veterans Day Multi-Generational Event:** Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Veterans Pkwy, Valley Dr. For more information, call (310) 802-5448. •

# Community Briefs


**NEPTUNIANS PLAN FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S CAUSES**

The Neptunian Women's Club will have a gala fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2-4 p.m. in the courtyard of the Tin Roof Bistro in the Manhattan Village Mall. All proceeds from the event will go to children's causes, including scholarships.


This is the third annual food-wine-music fundraiser the group has arranged. There will be small plates created by Chef Anne of Tin

Roof Bistro, SusieCakes at the mall, "wines of the world" poured by Vintage Shoppe, guest sommelier JP Molinari and live music by Aragon and Olivia. The event will also feature a raffle and silent auction.

Tickets are \$45 per person and have sold out the last two years. To purchase tickets, call the Neptunian Woman's Club ticket hot line at 310-376-3256 or go to [www.neptunians.org](http://www.neptunians.org) where tickets are available with PayPal. •



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# Police Reports

**SEPTEMBER 22**

**Suicide:** 42ND ST / WATERLINE. Officers responded to the location regarding a gunshot. When officers arrived on scene, they located a male down on the sand at the waterline. The male suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced deceased by MAFD Paramedics.

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**Burglar Arrested:** 20TH ST. & CEDAR AVE. Officers responded to the location regarding a subject being detained by several people for stealing from a local business. The investigation revealed the subject took multiple items from Walgreens and exited the store without payment. The subject was subsequently arrested for burglary.

**Theft:** 700 BLOCK OF 30TH ST. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The suspect(s) stole money and documents.

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**Residential Burglary:** 1400 BLOCK OF 8TH ST. Officers responded to an audible burglary alarm at the location and discovered the victim's home had been burglarized. Entry was made through an open second story window. Loss included a laptop and miscellaneous jewelry.

**Vehicle Burglary:** 2700 BLOCK OF N. ARDMORE AVE. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the passenger side window to the vehicle, which was parked on the street. The suspect(s) stole a purse from the back seat.

**Burglary:** 100 BLOCK OF 2ND ST. Unknown suspect(s) removed the pins to the basement door to enter a construction site and stole tools.

**Theft:** 700 BLOCK OF ROSECRANS AVE. Unknown suspect(s) stole earrings from a jewelry box, which was kept in the bedroom closet. At the time, numerous subcontractors had access to the home.

**Suspect Arrest:** 2600 BLOCK OF N.

SEPULVEDA BLVD. Officers responded to Chase Bank regarding a forgery in progress. Upon arrival, one suspect was detained when leaving the bank. A bank employee identified the second suspect, who was driving out of the parking lot. As police attempted to stop the suspect, he parked his car and fled on foot westbound through commercial property on Sepulveda. While being chased, the suspect jumped over a rear fence and onto a roof of an adjacent residence (garage). The suspect jumped off the roof and onto a vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The homeowner was in the driver's seat of the vehicle as the suspect landed on the car. The injured suspect was detained and subsequently transported for medical treatment

**SEPTEMBER 19**

**Possession of Controlled Substances:** 2300 BLOCK OF N. REDONDO AVE. Officers responded to a call from a NW Block Captain, regarding a group of subjects in a vehicle smoking methamphetamine. Two subjects were subsequently arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**Possession of Controlled Substance:** While working a Burglary Suppression detail, an MBPD Officer observed a subject riding a bicycle in the area of 2ND ST. / ROWELL AVE. The subject (identified as: Chino Hill, 05-04-75, Transient) was stopped and contacted for violation of vehicle codes. Further investigation revealed the subject was in possession of methamphetamine and was subsequently arrested. Note: the same subject was arrested on September 10, 2013 for narcotic related charges. On September 19th, the District Attorney's Office filed felony charges (possession of controlled substance).

**Stolen Vehicle:** 200 BLOCK OF SEA VIEW ST. Unknown suspect(s) stole a white,

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# Business Briefs

## TEAMS OF AUCTION EXPERTS BACK ON THE HUNT FOR BIGGER PROFITS

Let's get ready to rumble! Auction specialists Billy "The Dealer" Leroy, Mark "The Hustler" Meyer, and Laurence & Sally Martin - "The Wild Cards," are back for a new season of Travel Channel's original series "Baggage Battles" premiering with back-to-back episodes on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. ET/PT. In

season three, the popular weekly half-hour series continues to give viewers a glimpse into the very profitable business of bidding, buying and reselling of unclaimed items from auctions around the world including airport, freight and shipping, estate, police and seizure, and specialty auctions. The stakes are higher for the expert teams of savvy buyers who still don't know if it's junk or jackpot until they win the bid. •

# Seniors

## Nearly 1.5 Million Baby Boomers may Suffer from Chronic Hepatitis C Without Even Knowing It

**(BPT)** - Did you know that Hepatitis C is a leading cause of liver cancer and the number one reason for liver transplants in America? Between 1999 and 2007, more people died from Hepatitis C related complications than HIV. Despite this, many people live with

highest. Since chronic Hepatitis C can go unnoticed for decades, many baby boomers may not even know they are infected. Universal screening of blood wasn't in place until 1992, so many boomers may have been infected from receiving contaminated blood



the Hepatitis C virus for years, without experiencing any symptoms, while it silently causes liver damage. At particular risk is the growing population of baby boomers - adults born between 1945 and 1965. Baby boomers account for over 75 percent of Hepatitis C cases and are five times more likely to be infected than those in other age groups.

As a result, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that all baby boomers get tested for Hepatitis C, regardless of whether they think they are at risk.

Dr. Donald M. Jensen, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center for Liver Diseases at the University of Chicago Medical Center, explains, "Most boomers may have been infected in the 1970s and 1980s when Hepatitis C virus rates were the

products without being aware. I encourage all baby boomers to speak to their doctor about getting tested."

As baby boomers with Hepatitis C age, it becomes more likely that they will suffer serious complications. Since many baby boomers don't realize they are at risk and aren't getting tested, the number of Hepatitis C related deaths is increasing. However, once those infected are diagnosed through a blood test, they can speak to their doctor and take the necessary steps to manage their condition. It's important that those who have Hepatitis C realize that they shouldn't feel ashamed.

Dr. Jensen and the CDC would like to see all boomers get tested for Hepatitis C and if positive, seek follow-up care. Speak to your doctor or visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for more information about Hepatitis C. •

# Student Perspective

## The Most Important 800 Words of My Life

By Glen Abalayan, Torrance High Student

College apps are here and on top of filling out resumes and receiving recommendation letters, most applicants will also submit essays and personal statements. The prompts for these essays are broad and ask students what separates them from the rest of the applicants. Most students see this section as the most difficult in the entire college application process because of how they have to consolidate 18 years of life into an essay with 800 words or less. For a class bred into writing essays reflecting on the actions of other people, it is ironically difficult for students to write about themselves.

Perhaps it is the essay's pure importance in any college application that makes writing it so difficult. In the very competitive applications process, the essay may be the one piece that vaults one applicant over another and gets

him or her accepted to a university of choice. When the stakes are this high, a simple essay has suddenly become the final barrier a student must overcome before seeing their dream come into fruition. This fact makes students feel as if their future depends on the few hundred words they decide to write. Unfortunately, the need for students to have the perfect essay sometimes results in them not submitting one at all.

It's ironic how difficult it is for the "I-generation" to write an essay about themselves. It's even more ironic how the same generation, which boasts about their interesting lives on social media, stumbles when the prompt asks for a personal event that shaped their individuality.

The admissions essay is definitely time-consuming. There's a reason why college applications are open for months. A successful **See Student Perspective, page 6**

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By **Gerry Chong**

OMG! OMG! Or as they used to say, “pre-tweeters” – Oh my God! The scientific Chicken Littles have given us the bad news. We ‘gonna’ die! Of course, the day of reckoning is a little ways off--between 1.75 and 3.25 billion years away--but that doesn’t change the fact that we are doomed. Scientists in Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. seem to agree that the Earth today is in a comfort zone that supports life. But in about 2.25 billion years, that won’t be the case. Earth will become too hot to support life,

so we should start preparing our great, great, etc, grandkids to meet their maker.

Moreover, our predicted death will be a long and painful one. As published in the *Washington Post* on Sept. 24, overheating of the Earth will cause “evaporation of water from the Earth’s oceans. Once this begins, an irreversible feedback takes place where high temperatures lead to humidity, which leads to higher temperatures and more evaporation, etc.”

So take that, Al Gore. The oceans won’t rise. They’ll evaporate and Atlantis will rise up again.

With the death of the planet moving so rapidly and inexorably, President Barack Obama has decided to not approve the building of the Keystone pipeline so the life of the planet can be extended for, oh, I don’t know, maybe several decades. Whoopee.

The president’s decision to end the construction of all coal-fired electrical power plants would extend Earth’s life a while longer, too. But this is a cost/benefit analysis of the

first order. Since 40 percent of our electrical power is derived from coal-fired plants, their elimination would extend Earth’s life by some measure, but will cause the demise of our economy. Hmm. That means today’s jobholder might want fossil fuel-fired electrical plants for a while longer yet, but those born in about 2.25 billion years might object. I wonder whom should we satisfy?

As for alternative sources of renewable power, since they provide only three percent

*“The oceans won’t rise. They’ll evaporate and Atlantis will rise up again.”*

of today’s energy, perhaps they can

come online sometime within the next two billion years, but too far out in the future to save our economy from returning to one of wandering tribes of desert nomads (perhaps Palestinians are Earth’s futurists).

As for our scientific geniuses, they suggest we study further a planet named Gliese 581d, which has had an extremely long habitable life--eight billion years and still counting. But if things go badly for Earth, Mars would be the next best bet for us to colonize, since it will stay in the habitable zone until the sun dies in about six billion years.

“Mars would be a great place to watch the Sun go through its death throes,” say the geniuses. No mention was made of what life on Mars would be like *after* the Sun dies (uh, oh).

Now, since we’ve been told Earth’s future, stop your fossil fuel burning. Lower your standard of living. Stop driving. Stop flying. Stop air conditioning your home. Prepare your will – and most importantly, pray for rain. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Senate Rules Must be Fixed

By **Cristian Vasquez**

Last week, we saw Texas Senator Ted Cruz rally for 21 hours against government funding of the controversial Obamacare. The senator’s opposition to the Affordable Care Act was the unifying factor between Cruz and a group of Tea Party conservatives committed to blocking all Senate considerations dedicated to spending legislation. With Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid making it clear that his caucus would remove any provision that defunded Obamacare, Cruz went on his Senate floor rant. So what’s the problem? Cruz’s next action was voting “yes,” along with 99 other senators, to move ahead with the spending plan.

While it is acceptable to filibuster, and there are rules that must be followed during this long process, why does the Senate allow one individual--in this case, Cruz-- to gridlock an entire process when they are the only dissenting vote? What Cruz did was not technically a filibuster. The senator has every right to be heard as a representative of the great state of Texas. What Cruz does not have the right to do is hijack the Senate floor only to turn around and vote against everything he brought up in those 21 hours. Had Cruz voted “no,” making the official vote 99-1, I would have a little more respect for the senator. Instead, he went before the Senate and the country to rant, cry and have a 21-hour temper tantrum only to vote against his position. That is not only idiotic but a complete waste of everyone’s time.

Again, being able to filibuster is a legal strategy that people use for various reasons--some good and others bad--depending on which side of the political spectrum one falls. However, when this long technique is utilized, there is support on behalf of the members of one’s own party. Cruz lacked support for his tactics. Not even Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky supported the Texas senator. Other influential Senate veterans such as John McCain and Bob Corker of Tennessee agreed to this hypocritical shenanigan.

In the end, the rare 100-0 vote from the Senate on a procedural step signifies that the spending measure will avert a partial government shutdown next week. It will now be amended by Senate Democrats, hence restoring funding for President Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act, which had been eliminated by House Republicans. I do not question nor condemn Senator Cruz for his beliefs or commitment to small government. It is his view and I respected it because to a certain degree, I agree with the senator. What I do not agree with and will not accept is any elected official wasting an entire day of the legislative process and defending his or her position and ideals based on political rhetoric, only to have him or her vote against their own position. It is already hard enough for Congress to get anything done, and with shenanigans like the ones Senator Cruz pulled, we will only see our already slow elected officials move at a slower pace. •

## From the Source

### Political Q & A

*Assemblymember Muratsuchi Applauds Governor Brown’s Decision to Sign AB 754, Coastal Contribution Check-off Bill*

Assemblymember Muratsuchi (D – Torrance) released the following statement on Wednesday, September 23:

“I am pleased that Governor Brown signed my Assembly Bill 754 which helps support coastal conservation, coastal education and outreach programs. AB 754 creates the Protect Our Coast and Oceans tax donation check-off box for the Coastal Commission’s grant programs that support efforts like Adopt-A-Beach. This legislation is a step in the right direction to protect our coast without raising taxes by giving taxpayers an opportunity to donate their tax returns to support successful programs and preserve our coasts without impacting the state’s general fund.” This law becomes effective January 1, 2014.

#### Summary

AB 754 would allow Californians that file a state income tax return to make a contribution to support coastal conservation and coastal education and outreach programs.

#### Background

The California Coastal Commission’s Whale Tail License Plate was established as a mechanism through which the public can contribute funds to coastal and marine education programs in California. A portion of the funds are distributed pursuant to the California Vehicles Code 5067 to the Coastal Commission for public education programs,

one of which is the Whale Tail Competitive Grant Program. The Whale Tail Competitive Grants Program offers the following three funding subcategories: A) coastal and marine outreach and education for youth; B) coastal and marine outreach and education, as well as beach and other coastal habitat improvement activities, for adults and the general public; and C) strengthening and innovating year-round Adopt-A-Beach programs. Grant applicants can request any amount up to \$50,000; however, between 25 and 50 percent of the grant funds are designated for small grants of no greater than \$10,000.

#### Need for the Bill

In Fiscal Year 2012/13, the Whale Tail Competitive Grant Program’s budget was \$388,160. However, the Coastal Commission received 113 grant applications requesting a combined total of \$2,222,222, which is nearly six times the amount of available funding. This disparity between the available and requested funding demonstrates a compelling need for additional funds for the program.

#### What the Bill Does

AB 754 bill would allow taxpayers to make a contribution toward coastal conservation when filing their state income tax return. Funds received would be deposited in the California Beach and Coastal Enhancement Account for dispersal and would ultimately go to the Coastal Commission’s Whale Tail Grants Program. •



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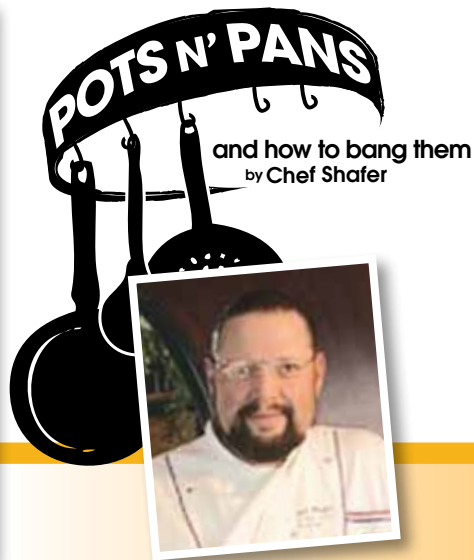


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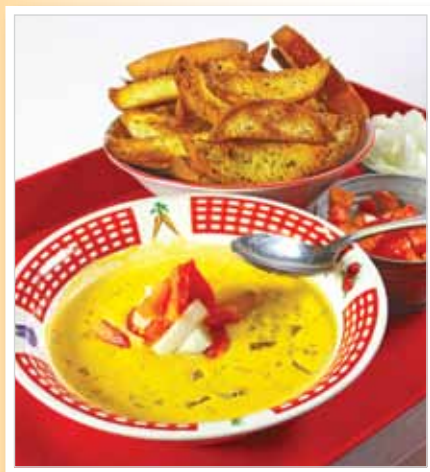


The other night, I was watching TV and saw a commercial for some soup company that had a football player's mom serving him cheese burger soup. I thought, "That must be a strange concoction." But after reflection, I thought, "I love cheeseburgers," and I took on the challenge to make the best cheeseburger soup.

*The Chef*



## Bacon Cheeseburger and Fries Soup



- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 large russet potatoes, diced
- 6 cups cheddar cheese sauce or nacho cheese sauce
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3 pints heavy cream
- 1/2 pound of bacon, cooked and diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 hamburger buns cut into cubes, then toasted in the oven with a little salt pepper and a drizzle of olive oil
- Garnish  
Diced tomatoes and chopped green onions can be used to top the soup

Brown the ground beef in a pot. Then, strain the fat.  
Add the onions and potatoes and cook for 2 minutes with the beef.  
Add the cheese sauce, cream and broth. Bring to a boil.  
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## Police Reports

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1986 Honda Elite RS scooter, which was parked on the street.

### SEPTEMBER 15

**Theft:** 4000 OCEAN DR. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle possibly by using a key that was left on the wheel well and stole a wallet and cellphone from under the driver's side front seat.

### SEPTEMBER 13

**Possession of Controlled Substance:** N VALLEY DR. / WALNUT AVE. While working a Burglary Suppression detail, an MBPD Officer made contact with two subjects at the location who were on probation for narcotics. The investigation revealed the female was in possession of narcotic paraphernalia and was subsequently arrested.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon:** N. CREST DR. / 38TH ST. Officers responded to the location regarding a female who was attacking people as they walked by. It was determined the female subject used her purse and necklace to strike at least two people in the face and body, causing significant injury. The subject was located and arrested.

### SEPTEMBER 9

**Battery:** 1100 BLOCK OF N. MANHATTAN AVE. The suspect handed the victim a CD and said it was free. When the victim attempted to leave with the CD, the suspect stated a donation was needed because the CD was not "free." A short time later, the suspect pushed the victim and grabbed the CD from him. The suspect was eventually placed under private persons arrest for misdemeanor battery.

**Theft:** 1300 BLOCK OF GATES AVE. Unknown suspect(s) stole two bicycles that were locked to a pipe on the front porch.

### SEPTEMBER 8

**Vehicle Burglary:** 100 BLOCK OF 26TH ST. Unknown suspect(s) used a key that was placed on top of the front driver's side wheel to enter the vehicle and stole an Ipad, money clip with cash, check, driver's license, and credit cards. The suspect attempted to use a credit card, but was declined.

**Theft:** 1800 BLOCK OF AGNES RD. Unknown suspect(s) stole an unlocked bicycle,

which was left outside of the residence.

### SEPTEMBER 7

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon:** N. MANHATTAN AVE. /MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD. Two male adults were seated on a bench on the sidewalk. Both were assaulted by being punched and/or struck with a skateboard and sustained injuries. The suspect left the area and was described as: Male, White, 25-30 yrs., 6'1", thin build, blonde hair, short-sleeved black t-shirt and carrying a skateboard. Witnesses stated just prior to the incident, the two males had been making fun of a female who was also seated on the bench. The female left with the suspect.

**Theft:** 1200 BLOCK OF N. MEADOWS AVE. Officers responded to Meadows School after a juvenile reported his backpack had been stolen while playing at the school. A short time later, the victim and his father observed a male suspect carrying the stolen backpack. The suspect, who was recently discharged from probation for burglary, was arrested for theft.

### SEPTEMBER 6

**Theft:** 3500 BLOCK OF N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. Unknown suspect(s) stole a wallet from the victim's purse while at a restaurant. The victim left her purse unattended on the chair behind her.

**Attempted Residential Burglary:** 2200 BLOCK OF N. ARDMORE AVE. Officers responded to the location regarding suspicious circumstances. Two subjects entered an enclosed front patio and knocked on the door. When a minor responded, the subjects seemed surprised that someone was there and asked if her mom was home and where the beach was. The subjects left the area and were later located by police. The subjects were subsequently arrested for suspicion of burglary, prowling and for providing false information to a Peace Officer.

**Residential Burglary:** 600 BLOCK OF N. PECK AVE. Unknown suspect cut the screen and entered the residence through an open window. The suspect(s) moved items around and took an Ipad, Xbox, jewelry and purses.

## TerriAnn

from front page

attend the event and then remove his or her work afterward. "The idea is not so much about the artwork so much as it is about a gathering of artists to build community and to have them meet each other. Get them in the same room and meet," Max added. This will be the biggest event of the year. At the same time, another event that will only last two weeks (Oct. 26 through Nov. 9) opens. Sur Biennial II will be in the smaller gallery and the lobby area.

"This is the second Sur which focuses on art from Mexico, Central and South America as a way for young Hispanic kids and upcoming artists to recognize the business," Max said. "It is possible [for them] to be involved in this level of art and show what they can do. We decided to take part in that with Cerritos and Rio Hondo [colleges]. Rio Hondo is actually organizing it. [It's] a small group of artists. I think we are showing eight."

Interestingly enough, MAS stand for "mutual appreciation society" and was started by Max Presneill. It's where artists appreciate each other and invite each other to a very unique show. I thought that was one of the most generous ideas I ever heard from an artist. "We do first-come, first-hung," Max said. Can you imagine how much art will be displayed? What fun that night will be!

After that very interesting chat with Max Presneill, I spent time with Janene Ferguson, cultural services supervisor, to find out more about the Annual South Bay Focus Exhibition.

"I think definitely there will be very professional artists that will end up submitting work and the juror ends up selecting it and someone that was out of your radar--didn't

even know they were from the area and it sort of instigates and triggers the opportunity to get in touch with them," Janene said. "There was a time when the South Bay Watercolor Society would invite the Riviera Garden Club to come in and those members who chose to would do a floral composition that would complement an art piece. They were just as artistic in their compositions as the artists," she said. Janene thinks that would be a great idea today and I agree. How wonderful would it be to see the art of a gardener or florist alongside that of a painter or sculptor?

Talking with Janene, I learned that this particular show has been held for a long time in one form or another. There are artists among us. Pick up a pencil, brush, a lump of clay, or even some marble, and try your hand at art. You never know what you might discover about yourself. Check online for information on submissions for the upcoming exhibition. The Torrance Art Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3320 Civic Center Drive. Admission is free.

One more thing – a few years ago, I did a piece called "The Green Flash" (that special and rare burst of green immediately after the sun sets over the ocean) in art pens on a thick paper. I didn't think much of what I had drawn. The sky was blue and the green flash was bursting from the horizon and looked to me like what I had heard the green flash looks like. I did nothing with the piece and forgot about it. Weeks later, I was surprised to receive that same picture framed! I was shocked and my friend who gave me the piece said, "You are an artist." I really don't think so, but to him, maybe I am. •

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## Student Perspective

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essay usually goes through at least three revisions before it is sent to the college. It's a certainty that the essay worthy for admissions counselors will be miles ahead from the first draft. The fact that most essays require a gauntlet of revisions makes dedicating enough time for the essay of the utmost importance.

The admissions essay truly will be the most important 800 words a student will write so far. For a simple introspective question, it's

startling how much power a simple essay can have in the great road to acceptance. The essay can be what puts an aspiring applicant over someone else and, on the contrary, can also place an applicant below another. The amount of power 800 words holds to a student's future is staggering, which makes it crucial for students to dedicate time on the essay to ensure that it will put them closer to realizing their dream. •

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I'm **Dorothy**, however, I'm not the one with the dog named Toto. I'm the one who is a 2-year-old female purebred Miniature Schnauzer who was recently rescued from

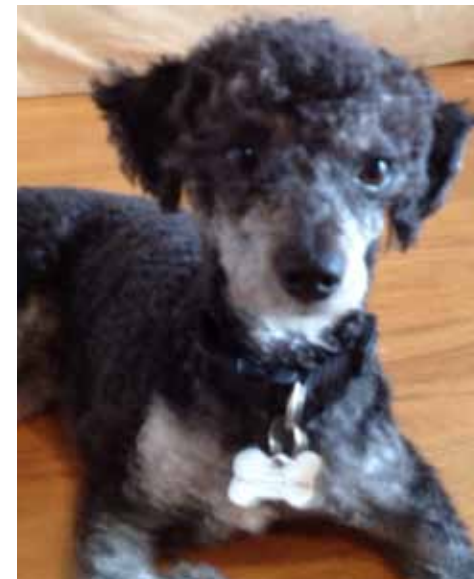


Jason

is only 3-years old, but I am so ready for my forever home. When the MSFR people rescued me from the shelter, I had a really bad case of pneumonia and it was touch-and-go for a while. After three weeks of antibiotics, nebulizer treatments and lots of TLC, I've recovered and looking for my family.

I have been told that I'm a real gentleman, extremely nice and I admit that I get along great with other dogs. At 25 pounds, I may be a bit large, but I can cuddle with the best them. Come to adoptions and see how stunning I am and I'm sure you'll want to take me home.

Hi there, I'm **Vinny**, a 5-year-old male "Schnoodle" (miniature schnauzer/toy poodle mix). I've got poodle-like fur, but my coloring is classic salt/pepper and with my beard, I look more like a Schnauzer. I've had a challenging life starting in April with my being dropped off at a shelter as a stray. I was adopted in May but was confiscated at a vet's office in July because they suspected I had been accidentally, or intentionally, poisoned by prescription drugs. I don't know why my owner never came back for me, but I was finally turned over to a high-kill shelter. After 6 weeks, I was beginning to wonder how much longer I had when the MSFR folks came to my rescue. Even though I get along with other dogs, I'm really not all that interested in them because I'd rather be with my humans. My favorite thing is to follow



Crystal

them around, and I love that cuddling stuff. I'm only 8 pounds, and I don't like small humans because they play too rough and I won't tolerate that. If you come to visit me at adoptions, I'll bet you'll agree that I'm cute as a button, and I have a whole lot of love to give someone who wants a great friend. •



Brock

an L.A. County shelter. I was brought in as a stray with abrasions on my head, my nose and front paw. Everyone thinks that a car most likely hit me, but fortunately, I didn't sustain any serious injuries. I may be a bit large, I weigh 18 pounds, but I am a young, energetic gal who enjoys the company of most dogs. I'm looking for my forever family to share my life with because there's no place like home!

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# Real Estate

## Renovation Loans give Homebuyers an Edge in a Competitive Market

**(BPT)** - Just a year ago, homebuyers could choose from a bounty of properties on the market. Today things are starkly different. In many locations throughout the United States, inventory of homes for sale is at historic lows, creating a seller's market where multiple buyers get into bidding wars over move-in-ready homes.

"Move-in-ready homes may be selling like hotcakes, but older homes or damaged properties are often passed over," says Margaret Kelly, CEO with RE/MAX. "This is a big opportunity for smart buyers who are willing to overlook cosmetic or other imperfections."

If buyers can look beyond aesthetic characteristics like paint color, hardware and floor coverings, they may discover a diamond in the rough, especially if the home is in the neighborhood where they prefer to live. For example, if they like the overall design of a particular home, but the kitchen is straight out of the '70s and the deck needs major repairs, a renovation loan can help them purchase the property while upgrading the kitchen and outdoor space exactly how they want them.

"Many homebuyers are surprised you don't need a ton of money in the bank to fund improvements," explains Kelly. "A special type of loan called a renovation loan is ideal for these types of homes because it covers both the cost of the mortgage and repairs."

Renovation loans can also help buyers who want to purchase in a particular neighborhood where most home prices exceed their budget. Properties that need work are typically listed at a lower cost and often go unsold, creating an opportunity for people willing to make

improvements. Buyers can use a renovation loan to get into the neighborhood of their dreams, quickly build equity and customize a home to their personal preferences.

Several variations of renovation loans are available. FHA renovation loans are called



203(k) loans. How much money you want to borrow and the kinds of improvements you plan to make will determine which of the two 203(k) types you need. Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have their own specific types of renovation loans.

Requirements for the borrower, the amount you can borrow, and the overall structure of the loan are different for each program. Typically, the loan is based on the estimated home value after improvements, and buyers will need to get bids from licensed contractors to help determine the total loan amount as well as a timeline for the work to be completed.

Because finding a home and getting approval of a renovation loan can be complicated, it's wise for buyers to work with a real estate specialist who has experience in these types of sales.

"A renovation loan really does give homebuyers an edge in today's competitive market," says Kelly. "It's definitely something to research and determine whether it's right for you." •

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# Sports

## 49ers Searching For Gold

By Adam Serrao

Just when you thought that the San Francisco '49ers 2013-14 football season was taking a turn for the worse, and the team was on its way to becoming next in the line of tragic Super Bowl losers, they turned everything around with just one game. In what appeared to be the team's first crisis in quite some time, the Niners lost two games in a row to two playoff contending teams in consecutive weeks--and

NFL is not to be one-dimensional. Opposing defenses will key in on that and cripple the offense almost immediately. As starting tight end Vernon Davis explained, last week the '49ers showed that they are anything but one-dimensional. "We showed today that it's not just about Colin Kaepernick or who's playing wide receiver for us. You can't forget about people like Frank Gore, our other running backs, people like Anthony Dixon," Davis said. "We have a

*"One thing that is clear about these Los Angeles Dodgers is that when healthy, they are clearly a team that is built for the postseason."*

lost them badly. Starting quarterback Colin Kaepernick looked dismal, to say the least, failing to throw even one passing touchdown in their two-loss stretch while accumulating only 277 yards passing in the same amount of time. Running back Frank Gore wasn't used to his full potential and was almost reduced to a relative non-factor. Combine that with injuries to their passing game and coach Jim Harbaugh, as well as San Francisco fans everywhere, had every reason to begin panicking. Last Thursday night at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, however, the '49ers showed flashes of why they should be considered among the league's elite teams. With their 35-11 beat-down of the Rams, it became clear that Harbaugh and company needed to lose something first before they at once gained it all back.

The 49ers entered last week's game with injuries mounting, a losing streak swelling, a quarterback struggling and a star defensive player (Aldon Smith) battling alcohol issues. The team exited the game with what now seems to be a bright future in front of them after a victory that may just have boosted every player on the team's confidence. What the '49ers gained after controlling the game against the Rams was a sense of identity. They didn't just go to St. Louis and beat up a weaker opponent like all of their fans think they should easily be able to do, but they found themselves in the process. The way that San Francisco reached the Super Bowl last season was by combining a bruising offensive line with a ground-and-pound rushing game headed by Gore to simply tire out their opponents. When Gore wasn't toting the rock, Kaepernick was flaunting his gazelle-like running ability while Michael Crabtree would occasionally find ways to open himself up in the end zone. Crabtree has turned into Anquan Boldin, Gore rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown, and Kaepernick got back on the board throwing for two touchdowns.

The key to success for any team in the

good core of guys there and it's good to utilize them. It's important to let people know we still have other weapons too." Perhaps what's most important is that the coaching staff recognizes that too. It took two horrible losses, one to a divisional opponent and assumed Super Bowl contender (Seattle Seahawks), for Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Greg Roman to realize that Gore should be more heavily utilized in the offense. Gore reportedly even had some "choice words" for Harbaugh on the sideline as the waning seconds ticked off the clock in their last loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Now, however, it all seems to be paying off as Gore (153 yards, 20 carries, one TD), Harbaugh and the '49ers look to be clicking on all cylinders, especially on offense after their week four 24-point victory.

If the '49ers want to gain any sort of continued success, they must first remember what got them there in the first place in recent years past--a dedication to gritty defense, a spirited running game, amazing special teams and a resourcefulness that is almost unmatched. Kaepernick without a doubt is resourceful and he simply must produce. Unless the quarterback is working together with the running game and his receivers, the '49ers simply can't win against the better teams in the NFL. The victory over the St. Louis Rams was a great one and it undoubtedly returned the team a sense of identity that had otherwise been lost. The road is far from over for Harbaugh and company. The Seahawks aren't their only tough competition in the division. If San Francisco wishes to make it back to the Super Bowl for the second time in as many years, they're going to first have to go through teams like the Falcons, Saints, Packers and Bears. The '49ers will have to find a way to build on last week's win and carry their revitalized energy forward--but for now, with just one win, it seems as if they can include themselves in that pack of great NFC teams once again. •



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