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## Torrance Resident Receives National Congressional Award



Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43) presented Torrance resident and Princeton University student Max Kaplan with a Congressional Award Gold Medal, Tuesday, Dec. 17, during a Torrance City Council meeting. The Congressional Award is a public private partnership created by Congress in 1979 to recognize achievement, initiative and service in America's youth, ages 14 to 23. Max volunteered for the California State PTA Board of Managers, where he helped build awareness about education and the Parent Teachers Association. While serving an internship with Chivas USA, Max shared his love of soccer by working on projects to increase access to the sport for children of all backgrounds. Photo courtesy of Office of Maxine Waters.

## Torrance Hopes to Expand Desalter

By Dylan Little

In an effort to protect residents' drinking water and protect against future rate increases, the Torrance City Council during its Tuesday night meeting approved a plan to seek grant funding to expand the Goldsworthy Desalter. The Council also approved an agreement that would keep Torrance's libraries stocked with books and other media and highlighted some ways to serve the community.

Public Works Director Rob Beste explained that the City is seeking \$3 million in grant funding to expand the desalter under the 2014 Water Desalination Program set up by Proposition 50. The desalter doesn't convert ocean water to drinking water, but instead is required to address a plume of seawater that has infiltrated Torrance's groundwater due over-pumping. Since Torrance is the sole purchaser of this water, increasing the supply of desalinated drinking water should make addressing the community's water needs less expensive in the future. "By applying for the grant, we are hoping to offset the cost of water essentially," said Beste. "Any amount we get to offset the costs of the expansion will [help reduce] rates for water." While the grant isn't guaranteed to be approved--and even if it was, it wouldn't cover the \$15 million price tag of expanding the desalter--addressing future water concerns is a top priority for the City.

The Council also approved a \$796,000 contract extension with Ingram Library Services to continue providing materials to Torrance's libraries. A City staff report cited the company's large inventory, discounts on materials and access to a web-based database as reasons to continue the agreement. Recently, the library has been touting its growing collection of e-books and audio-visual materials, but Principal Librarian Dana Vinke says books are still the number one draw of Torrance's libraries. "A predominant amount of the resources go to books, but a good percentage after that go to audio-visual and video materials," said Vinke. "We're still in the

book market and books are still very popular."

Also during the meeting, Debbie Hays shared a way for people to help veterans and middle school students at the same time. The Vietnam Veterans of America are taking donations of clothing, electronics and other items to help the organization help veterans--and if enough items are donated to fill two 16-foot trucks, then Hull and Magruder middle schools will get \$2,000 to assist in getting their students to Astro Camp. Items will be collected at Hull Middle School, located at 2080 W. 231<sup>st</sup> Street, on Friday, January 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, January 11 between 10 a.m. and noon. "It's a win-win for veterans and students at Hull and Magruder middle schools," said Hays. "I hope you look around--I'm sure you all have some treasures."

Newly appointed Councilmember Heidi Ashcraft also suggested a way for people to

help the community, in this case by being a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) for children in dependency court. Councilmember Pat Furey and others have pushed for residents to serve as foster parents, but Ashcraft said that being a CASA is another way to make a positive impact on the lives of children who need it the most. "If you don't want to be a foster care parent, if you don't have the ability to do that full-time, I have another option for you to help foster care children," said Ashcraft. "That is being a court-appointed special advocate."

Ashcraft said that this year in LA Count, 28,000 children have cases in dependency court because their parents abused or neglected them. These children rely on their court-appointed advocate to look out for their best interests. "These are children that through no

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
69°/50°



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
69°/51°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
73°/50°



## Police Alerts

### Fatal Traffic Collision

On December 29, 2013, at approximately 12:44 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision involving a motorcycle and passenger vehicle in the 5900 block of Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Torrance.

On arrival, officers discovered that a Harley Davidson motorcycle, ridden by a 38-year-old male from Torrance, traveling southbound on Pacific Coast Highway had collided with 2014 Lexus, which had just entered onto Pacific Coast Highway from a private driveway.

The motorcyclist, who sustained major injuries was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The name of

the motorcyclist is being withheld pending notification to a next of kin.

The sole occupant of the Lexus, a 78-year-old female, was not injured in the collision.

Pacific Coast Highway was closed in both directions between Vista Del Parque and Prospect Avenue for approximately two-and-a-half hours during the collision investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Bernard Anderson, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557.

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# What I'll Soon Be Leaving Behind This Week in 1864

**By Glen Abalayan,  
Torrance High School Student**

In six months, I'll be experiencing a moment many graduates before me have experienced: having to look back behind their own families knowing that they may not see them again for a long time. Walking away from the ones that have loved me these eighteen years will be the hardest decision of my life. Although I know that there is still plenty of time between now and then, I can't help but reflect on what I'll soon be leaving behind.

This realization hit me three months into my senior year on Oct. 31: Halloween. Ever since my family and I emigrated from the Philippines eleven years ago, we have always participated in the tradition. I fondly remember how proud I was seven years ago when I showed my parents a whole trash bag full of candy. Times have surely changed since then. Bags have now returned half-full, more houses leave their doors locked, and I've been more reluctant to participating in our tradition. However, realizing that it would be my last time trick-or-treating with my family before college, it finally struck me--I'm growing up.

It is funny how much I wanted to live on my own as a child seeing how hard I now try to hold on to time's unstoppable advance. I remember just a few years ago how much I looked forward to celebrating my first Thanksgiving away from family. I used to romanticize my first days as

an independent man. But with each "first" I romanticized about, I noticed that I was experiencing a "last" of a more important entity.

It's true; you only really know what you have when it's gone.

The once loud sounds that would resonate around my home will soon be replaced by the lonely hum of my laptop. The once chaotic arguing between my sister and brother will not be heard thousands of miles away. The sight of my brother's and sister's faces every time I come home will be soon replaced by a mere picture sitting on a desk. The chicken adobo I grew tired of will soon be replaced by a pack of instant ramen.

On these last few weeks of 2013, I will be celebrating my last Christmas as a child. After so many childish birthday parties, fishing trips, basketball games, and road trips, I'm finally approaching my last days of youth. Oh, how I wish it could last a little bit longer.

I guess this is really what growing up is all about, letting go. For eighteen years, my parents have molded me into a man ready to take on whatever life throws at him. But it is the act of letting go, of the people and experiences that have shaped me, that this child is still not ready to do.

For one more time this year, my entire family will be together. For one more time, all nine of us will be celebrating under the same roof. Now that's something to be merry about. •

## January 9 – January 15th

### JANUARY 9

Lincoln ordered executive buildings draped in mourning for late Interior Secretary Caleb Smith.

### JANUARY 10

Lincoln authorized exchange of two Union and Confederate prisoners.

### JANUARY 11

Senator John B. Henderson (MO) introduced resolution to amend Constitution to abolish slavery.

### JANUARY 12

Confederate war clerk noted that President Jefferson Davis's powers were becoming dictatorial.

### JANUARY 13

## City Council

from front page

fault of their own are in foster care," said Ashcraft. "For many children in foster care, their CASA volunteer is the only adult that focuses exclusively on them and their future during this very traumatic time in their lives." Anyone is able to volunteer. The only requirements are to be 21 years of age or older and be willing and able to attend training on advocacy and to attend dependency court dates. An informational meeting is being held Saturday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at the Ladera Linda Community Center Multipurpose Room,

Composer Stephan Foster died penniless in a New York hospital at the age of 37.

### JANUARY 14

New York Times reported Frederick Douglass's speech "The Mission of the War".


### JANUARY 15

James Cooke was assigned command of CSS Albemarle under construction in North Carolina.

*These history tidbits were excerpted from United States House of Representatives calendar. This We, the People calendar commemorates the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and is provided by The United States Capitol Historical Society. The calendar was sent by Congressman Henry A. Waxman. •*

located at 32201 Forrester Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes. "I encourage you--if you don't have the opportunity to be a full-time foster parent, this will let you be able to help children quite a bit," said Ashcraft.

Lastly, Mayor Frank Scotto asked sports fans to help fund the construction of the 555 Maple Avenue sports complex by purchasing space on its donor wall. Scotto said the progress on the facility has been "incredible" and he expects it to be open by March 1. The site will feature a wall with the names of sponsors who donated at least \$250. Interested donors can contact the City at (310) 618-5807 or by e-mail at economicdevelopment@torranceca.gov. The deadline to add a name to the wall is January 28. "If you're a soccer person or baseball, football--any of those kinds of things--and you want to be remembered as someone who contributed to the construction of this incredible site, I urge you to contact the City as soon as possible," said Scotto. "Time is short. You only have a couple weeks to do this." •



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# DMV Reminds Motorists of New 2014 Laws

With 2014 just around the corner, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding motorists of some of the new laws that will become effective in the new year. The following laws go into effect on January 1, 2014, unless otherwise noted.

**Bicycles: Passing Distance.** AB 1371 (Bradford), known as the Three Feet for Safety Act, will require a motor vehicle driver passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction to pass with no less than 3 feet between any part of the vehicle and any part of the bicycle or driver. When three feet is not possible, the motor vehicle must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed and only pass when no danger is present to the bicyclist. Failing to do so can incur a fine, regardless of a collision or not. *This law will take effect September 16, 2014.*

**Clean Air Vehicle Decals/"HOV Stickers."** AB 266 (Yee) and SB 286 (Blumefield), together extend sunset dates for low emission, zero emission vehicles to operate in high occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV) without meeting occupancy requirements to January 1, 2019.

**Commercial Driver's License.** AB 1047 (Linder) will allow the DMV to conduct the commercial drive test for the holder of an out-of-state commercial learner's permit. The department would electronically transfer the information to the motor vehicle department in the applicant's state of residence. AB 1047 also modifies the license class definitions to require a driver operating a bus weighing more than 26,000 pounds to hold a commercial Class B license and a driver operating a bus weighing 26,000 pounds or less to hold a commercial Class C license.

**DMV Vehicle Registration Pilot Program.** SB 806 (Hueso) authorizes DMV to establish a pilot program to evaluate the use of alternatives to stickers, tabs, license plates, and registration cards, subject to certain requirements. It will also enable the DMV to experiment with electronic license plates, as well as facilitate DMV's ability to explore cost-effective alternatives to California's traditional metal license plate, plastic-coated registration stickers, and paper registration cards.

**Registration and Vehicle Transfers Between Family Members.** AB 443 (Lowenthal) prohibits the transfer of ownership

of a vehicle to a relative or a revocable living trust until all parking or toll-violation fines and penalties reported to the DMV are paid by the transferee.

**Teen Drivers.** SB 194 (Galgiani) will prohibit a person who is under 18 years of age from using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication while driving, even if it is equipped with a hands-free device.

**Veterans License Plates.** AB 244 (Bonilla) Requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to sponsor a veterans' special interest license plate and requires the DMV to issue the veterans' plate if CalVet meets the current statutory requirements. This law creates, in addition to the current Honoring Veterans design of the Veteran's Organization Plate, a new program to reissue the Veteran design that was issued prior to January 1, 2010. These plates are available to all vehicle owners. The Department of Veterans Affairs must secure 7,500 pre-paid applications in order for the department to implement this plate program.

Additionally, the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin the process of implementing AB 60 (Alejo)—the new law requiring DMV to issue a driver license to an applicant who is unable to submit satisfactory proof that he/she is legally present in the United States—by drafting new regulations and preparing field offices to process new applications. The new law becomes operative by January 1, 2015. The applicant will be required to meet all other driver license qualifications.

For complete information on chaptered bills enacted in 2013, please refer to the Legislative Counsel website at [www.LegInfo.ca.gov](http://www.LegInfo.ca.gov).

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## Police Alerts

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### Officer Involved Shooting Arson/ Attempt Murder Investigation

On Thursday, December 26, 2013, at approximately 1:30 pm, Torrance Police Officers were conducting an extensive search of *Madrona Middle School*, 21364 Madrona Ave, Torrance, when they discovered a male adult, matching the description of wanted attempt murder/arson suspect Asa Dolak. The male adult was hiding inside a Girls' Restroom, armed with a knife and lead officers on a brief foot pursuit eastbound through the campus.

The subject confronted officers after running on to the grass field east of the restrooms and ultimately an officer involved shooting occurred. The subject was pronounced dead by fire personnel at approximately 1:35 pm.

The subject was identified by Detectives as Asa James Dolak, 19 years, and responsible for two arsons and one attempt murder of a two-year-old child that had occurred earlier in the day.

The first incident occurred at approximately

12:15 am, when Dolak unlawfully entered an apartment at 16700 block Crenshaw Blvd and threatened to kill former girlfriend. The girlfriend was able to leave the location unharmed, but their two-year-old boy remained inside the residence that was later set ablaze by Dolak.

Police and Fire responded to the location and Torrance Fire personnel were able to recover the boy from the burning building and he was subsequently transported to a local hospital. The child was treated for smoke inhalation and is now in stable condition.

Dolak managed to escape capture and he responded to a family residence at 3200 block of Opal Ave in Torrance at approximately 2 am where he set a second residence on fire. No injuries were reported at the Opal Ave address.

This investigation is being investigated under the command of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Torrance Police Department, Special Operations Bureau and the assistance of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. •

# Calendar

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

• Breaking Through (West High Dance Dept), 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• South Bay Republican Women Federated Monthly Luncheon Meeting, 10:30 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 2133 Hawthorne Blvd. Reservation: Call Vera: (310) 320-1431 or Gloria (310) 326-9340.

• Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Health and Wellness Meeting, noon - 1 p.m., Chamber office, 3400 Torrance Blvd, Suite 100.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

• Janet Klein a& Her Parlor Boys, 7:30 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

• Na Kumumea Oke Ao Kupono (Deborah L.K. Doody), 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

• Petra Crist: "Namibia, South West Africa" South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society, 1:30 p.m., South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

• Super Science Sunday, 2 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

• City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

• The Science of Bubbles, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information (310) 371-2075.

• Torrance Artists Guild Meeting, Guest Artist Galen T. Pickett will demonstrate Geometric Origami, 7 p.m., Ken Miller Center, 3341 Torrance Boulevard.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

• Old Torrance Neighborhood Association Meeting featuring Mayor Scotto, 7:30-9 p.m., upstairs in the Bartlett Senior Center, 1318 Cravens Ave. For more information call (310) 320-6054.

• Miracle of Living Health Education Lecture Series: Putting the Can in Cancer - Innovations in Prevention and Treatment, 7 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Hoffman Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For information call (310) 517-4711.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

• "Ready for the Wii-Kend?" Teen program, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

• Paperback Booksale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

• Free Technology Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

• WMoF Celebrity Lecture Series: A Step into History with Jim McCurry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Torrance Airport, 3315 Airport Drive, Red Baron #3. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

• Torrance Art Museum Opening Reception of REVERB!, 6-9 p.m., at the Joslyn Center. The exhibition will be on view from Jan. 21-Mar. 8. For more information call (310) 618-3846.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block Lomita Blvd., 2nd floor in #7C. For more information call Carol Hubert (310) 378-5331 or Anne Marie Knudsen (310) 548-8558.

## ONGOING

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

# Sports

## Sports

### A Staples Center Showdown

By Adam Serrao

After a brief but rewarding winter holiday break, high school sports in Torrance is back in full effect. Now, it has become time to put the holidays behind us all and refocus our attention back on what these teams from around Southern California can do. That means high school basketball is back in the spotlight around Torrance and there was no better game to kick off 2014 than the Torrance vs. Mira Costa game that took place last Thursday at 7 p.m. at Staples Center. Torrance head coach Paul Nitake had his team off to an impressive 9-5 record before the winter break as he and the Tartars looked to keep the streak going against a tough Bay League opponent in Mira Costa that had only one loss all season long and was highly ranked throughout the nation. This wasn't just any game to the Tartars, though. This was on the Staples court, under the bright lights. Nitake and his team came out and played as such, as they knocked off the Mustangs in a nail-biter, taking a 57-55 victory to make the headlines across the city.

Paul Nitake is no stranger to the Bay League. Perhaps that is why he had the lowdown on how to compete with a team as athletic and big as Mira Costa. Nitake, formerly the head basketball coach of the West High Warriors, created a tradition of playing at Staples Center with the help of his friend Robert Lyons while he was still with West High and did not want to release the tradition simply because he moved on. For that reason, Nitake set up the showdown between Torrance and Costa. "I wanted to keep the tradition alive," Nitake said. "I wanted to keep it going. It's fun for the kids and it's not something that everyone gets to do. It's pretty special." Nitake was right, but playing on the Staples Center floor wasn't the only thing that was special to the kids of Torrance High. The pretty big victory over the number one team in the Bay league was not only a great win, but kept the team in contention for the Pioneer League title as well.

The game couldn't have been scripted any better for the two teams on the big stage under the bright lights. Instead of being a blowout, like most people thought it would be coming into the matchup, the gritty Tartars held on and kept the game close throughout its entirety. Down by nine points at the half, it looked as if the game was going to go just as everyone thought. In fact, over the past two seasons, the Tartars have been invited to the Staples Center to play against Nitake's Warriors and have lost both times, so the outlook was especially bleak for this Tartar club. With a little bit of motivation and a lot of momentum on their side, however, the Tartars came out in the second

half and took the game over, for the most part.

After a cold first half, Torrance got things started off the right way in the third quarter, going on a 12-3 run to tie the game up at 34. Mira Costa still came away with the lead at the end of the quarter, but Abdullah Nazarkhan and the Tartars never allowed the thought of failure to cross their minds. "We weren't hitting shots in the first half, so Coach told us to attack the basket and that's what we did," explained Nazarkhan. It was Nazarkhan who sparked the entire Tartars' offense in the fourth quarter to come from behind. All of his 15 points were scored in the final period of play, adding to Torrance's run late in the fourth quarter to give Nitake's team a 51-47 lead. "We stopped being as aggressive as we were in the first half," Mira Costa head coach Jeff Amaral said of his team. "What kept us in the game was hot shooting and they got out to our shooters a little better in the second half."

The game came down to the wire, with Nazarkhan sinking a free throw with just under 10 seconds remaining to give his team a two-point lead. On the final possession of the game, Mira Costa failed to make a three-point shot and was unsuccessful on two offensive rebounds, ultimately allowing Torrance to run away with the two-point victory. Nitake remains undefeated at Staples Center and may have entered his name into the running for the next Los Angeles Lakers head coaching position. Coming over from West High where he won at the arena twice already, Nitake seemingly can't lose on that floor. The win for the Tartars keeps them in the running for first place in the Pioneer League with the Saxons. After a non-conference game with Culver City, the Tartars open up league play against South on January 15.

#### North High

The North High Saxons held their spot at the top of the Pioneer League division by taking a slight victory over Muir by a final score of 79-77. Koh Flippen continued his work as North's outstanding player of the year, racking up 29 points and 10 rebounds on the night. Chad Ashimine came away with 15 points and nine assists to give North, which begins league play on January 15 against Centennial, the two-point victory.

#### South High

The South High Spartans came away with a nice victory over Banning as Ajeya Kukreja led the Spartans to the win with his 23 points, four assists and four steals. Kenneth Higashi put in eight and Jameson Han seemed to have his hands on the ball all night, notching five assists and 11 rebounds in the 46-40 victory. League play also begins a little earlier for South, as it takes on Centennial January 10. •

## 2013 A Work in Progress for Dodgers

By Adam Serrao

While looking at the Los Angeles Dodgers' 2013 season in a macrocosm, thinking back it seems as if it was a very successful year. The team wound up in the National League Championship Series, found and promoted rookies that will serve to benefit the club for years to come--and took some relatively old, washed up has-beens and re-solidified their careers. If you extend the microscope a little further, however, and delve in deeper into the Dodgers' season as a whole, you'll realize that there was one strict turning point that turned the tides for everyone cheering on for the "Boys in Blue." In just three months time, the Dodgers went from the cellar of the National League West as one of the worst teams in the entire league to celebrating a league championship victory in Arizona's outfield pool. A midseason turnaround truly had everything to do with the Dodgers' success this year.

If you've followed the Dodgers closely at all since the 1990s, then you know that you never quite know what you're going to get from the team. They could have all of the power, pitching and potential in the league and yet somehow still let their fans down come the stretch run or playoff time. Last year was the epitome of "not knowing." Again, with all of the potential in the world coming into this season, the Dodgers started things off by letting their fans down. With manager Don Mattingly's job in question and a \$230 million payroll, the team began the season as one of the worst in the entire league. It didn't become that way solely by chance, however. With brand new players on the team like Zack Greinke and Yasiel Puig trying to fit in and stars like Adrian Gonzalez and Hanley Ramirez still needing time to get their feet wet, team chemistry began at a record low, to say the least. Then out of the blue, the injury bug bit.

Seventeen players made 24 trips to the disabled list in the 2014 season. If that doesn't spell disaster, then quite frankly what does? Josh Beckett, Chad Billingsley, Scott Elbert and Shawn Tolleson were all lost for the entire year. Matt Kemp might as well have been lost for just as long with injuries plaguing his former All-Star physique for the entirety of the season. Ramirez was out before the season even began with right thumb surgery before going down again with a strained right hamstring and then playing through injury in the playoffs when hit by a pitch--reducing the fulcrum of the team to what appeared to be almost nothing. And who could forget Greinke's story? In a spat with Carlos Quentin of the San Diego Padres, the newly acquired All-Star pitcher broke his collarbone and was sidelined for well over a month. Needless to say, Dodger trainer Sue Falsone had her work cut out for

her. She resigned at the end of the season.

That's when things were looking bleak. In the cellar, injured and almost utterly destroyed, the Dodgers somehow, somehow found life. On June 22, 9.5 games out of first place, the remarkable happened. Puig was called up from the minor leagues and almost like a shot in the arm (no steroid reference intended), the Dodgers were reinvigorated. The team went on to win 42 of its next 50 games, including 15 consecutive road games, to jolt the players awake and reignite a (at the time) lackluster fan base. The 50-game stretch was the second greatest in baseball history and the 15 consecutive road wins proved to be a Los Angeles record. The Dodgers, coming from out of the depths, wound up being the first team in all of baseball to clinch their division last year and finished the season with their biggest margin of victory over the second place team in L.A. Dodgers history with an 11-game lead over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Aside from their remarkable ascension into baseball greatness towards the end of the season, the Dodgers were able to find many diamonds in the rough. Puig, for instance, was one. The energy that the rookie brought back into the stadium was rivaled only by Manny Ramirez's arrival and possibly Eric Gagne's remarkable saves streak, but may have been even greater than each of those individually. His potential, combined with the pitching prowess of rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu, who had 14 wins and a 3.00 ERA as the third starter, created a foundation for the team that will make the Dodgers successful for years to come. Juan Uribe woke up, Kenley Jansen solidified his role and the bullpen rounded out into better shape than it has looked in years.

With some work certainly still be done, the Dodgers have already strengthened their bullpen even more by locking up Brian Wilson for another two years, re-signing J.P. Howell, and bringing in former Cleveland Indians' closer Chris Perez--all while retaining the services of Paco Rodriguez, Chris Withrow and Brandon League. Truly, we won't know what the Opening Day roster looks like until the first pitch of the season is thrown, but the management of the Dodgers is what has brought reliability back into the franchise. Faith is restored in the Dodgers and an attendance that in 2011 sank below three million for the first time since 1995 jumped up 27 percent last year to nearly 3.75 million with 29 sellouts--the most since 1983 and seemingly overnight. Now, there is something to believe in around "Dodgertown" once again. Aggressive moves led by an aggressive ownership have reawakened the fans of Chavez Ravine and there is no doubt that in this new year of 2014, a championship is in the works. •

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## TerriAnn in Torrance

# Still Floating Along Colorado Boulevard

By TerriAnn Ferren

This year, 2014, marked the 125<sup>th</sup> Rose Parade and the 100th Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena, California. The theme for this year's



Everyone gets into the spirit of chopping up dried flowers.

parade *Dreams Come True* was a perfect one for Torrance. The non-profit *Torrance Rose Float Association* (TRFA) presented its float, entitled *Everyone Plays*, highlighting the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) which began in the city of Torrance. It was in 1964 that AYSO began with the philosophy that "everyone plays" and it hasn't looked back (*Torrance Tribune*, November 10, 2011). Coupled with the beauty of Torrance's parks and new sports field, the float was a beauty.

Although I wasn't planning on attending the parade this year, I decided to take a trip to Irwindale to the *Fiesta Parade Floats* location to check out the volunteers who offer their time and energy right after Christmas so that the Torrance float looks beautiful.

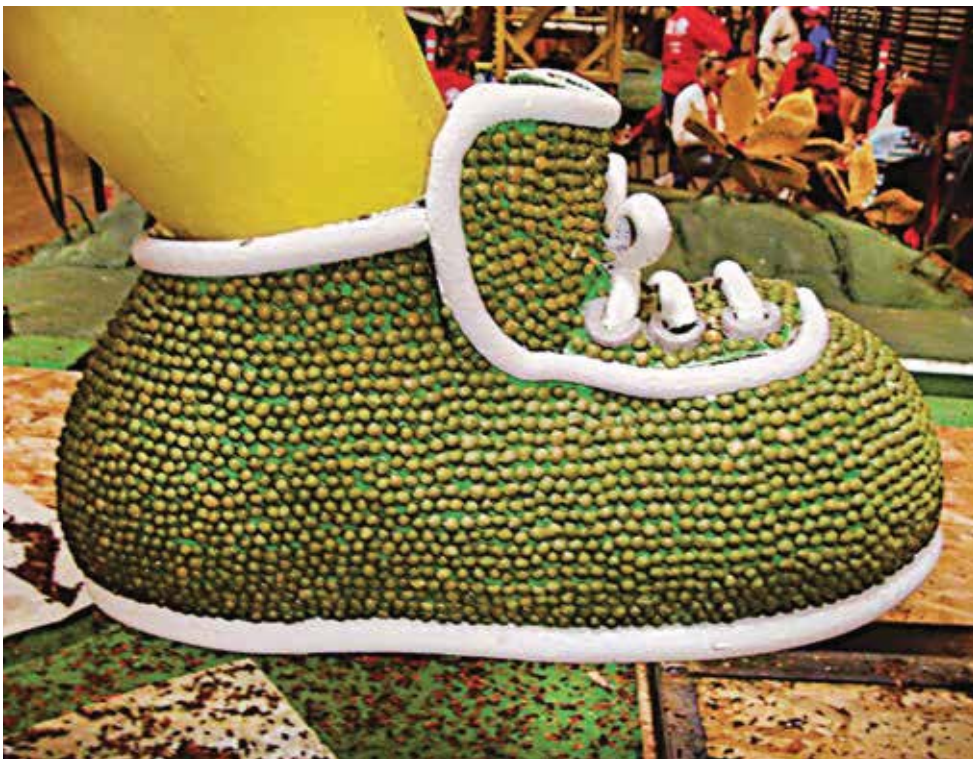
I first called Jan Staws, who sits on the board of directors of the *Rose Float Association*, to get directions to the barn and found out

decorators. This was the day that the Torrance float finished up with the heavy prep work before the actual flowers were added. The barn is huge and many floats are housed in

this Fiesta Floats area.

The Torrance float is easy to spot, with workers very organized and busy as bees. Marty Martindale and his granddaughter Lisa Brunson were meticulously putting seeds and dried flowers on the soccer bear that would be kicking a rotating soccer ball. Marty and Lisa made a pact this year to decorate the float. Marty's wife died earlier this year and he and Lisa purchased a rose vial in her memory that adorned the float. With the two of them working on the float, it meant this would be an extra special event. "It will be like all three of us on the float when it goes down the parade," said Lisa at the time. There are over 10,000 roses on the float and every year the TRFA accepts donations for rose vials to hold a rose that carries the name of the person on the vial. What a super idea!

Opposite the bear kicking the spinning



Peas were applied one by one for the shoe. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

she was orchestrating as much as she could from home after open-heart surgery. "This is the first year since December 1987 that I'm not down at the barn with the others," said Jan. She only missed decorating one year because she was on a cruise. "What I found so wonderful is we have a union of age brackets from 13 to untold years and there is so much harmony and common bond and interest--and I just was fascinated how it worked and the feeling of pride and accomplishment whether there was a banner in front of our float or not. Sometimes you can't put it into words. We are extremely dedicated."

Although I had been down to the place where the Torrance float is put together in years past, the excitement and anticipation of seeing this year's float still hit me hard as I entered the barn. The smell of flowers is the first thing I noticed as I made my way around the maze of scaffolding and

soccer ball is an eagle trying to stop the ball from making it into the net. Working diligently on the eagle and placing seaweed patiently piece by piece were Mary Jo and Tim Kohlmeier. The Kohlmeiers have lived in Torrance a very long time and have seen the changes take place all over the city. This cute couple, working side by side, reminded me of the core and heart of Torrance.

Walking alongside the scaffolding, I looked up at the workers from *Fiesta Floats* as they finished up the trees high above the ground. Right below the scaffolding on one end of the float I met Clara Rossi and Nina Rorke, who were standing beside a table busily painting white glue onto the wing of a Monarch butterfly. Clara told me that she and Nina are best friends. "This was on my bucket list," said Nina. Clara then told me that one year she invited Nina to decorate the float with her. Even though Nina lives

up north, she came down to help and liked it so much that she has been coming down for several years. Now her husband Richard comes along to help as well. Then Clara and Nina, who had finished painting the glue on the section they were working on, took dehydrated carrot and poured it over the glue. The carrot stuck readily and the excess fell down onto the table. The ladies meticulously repeated the process until every bit of glue was covered in orange carrot. Then they took dry brushes and gently waved them back and forth over the carrot, dusting away any debris. The process was slow and tedious, but the ladies were all smiles. They told me they had been working on one Monarch butterfly that took two days to finish. Wow!

Bob Diaz, the photographer for the TRFA, was setting up his camera to document the process of decorating the float in time lapse photography. He told me that he shows the finished film at the annual dinner and everyone loves to see the fast action of decorating through time lapse photography.



Experienced decorator with two first timers, Mrs. and Mr. Lou Romero.

I can understand that after observing how long it takes to actually decorate each section.

All over the float, dedicated workers focused on the task at hand. There were volunteers who were cutting up dried flowers, or brushing glue on surfaces and then covering the areas with parsley, seed or spices. Everyone was smiling and having a great time.

Later, I headed out of the decorating barn to the Torrance tent. Yes, the TRFA takes great care of its volunteers. There was a tent set up just outside the barn where coffee, tea, cookies, fruit and lunch for everyone were available for those working on the float. Lunch was generously donated by Cole Donahoo, Manager of the *Chic-fil-A* located at 182<sup>nd</sup> and Hawthorne Boulevard. Cole told me in his slow, gentlemanly Southern accent, "Torrance is a great community and it is a privilege to support the TRFA as much as possible. This is such a very worthy cause. I found out through a colleague that there was a need for participation and I wanted to help." Inside the tent, I met three members of the TRFA Board of Directors: Lynn Robinson, Secretary; Roseanne Villalobos, Membership;

and Mistydown Jones, President. The three women were making sure everything was in order and that all the volunteers for the shift had eaten. The three board members were ready to share anything about the TRFA.

Speaking with Mistydown, I found out that she has been involved with the float for many years. "About 17 years ago, I was a Scout leader and we wanted to earn a Girl Scout badge 'cuz Girl Scouts have an actual Rose Parade Badge," she said. "So we took a trip down there--they had just turned 13 and my girls and I loved it so much that we made a holiday tradition out of it. Every year thereafter we would pick a day and go down and decorate the floats--my sister, my niece, daughters and their friends. It was such a fun time and by going every year, we got to know the float people and it was really fun. She went on to explain, "Last year when the City said they were no longer able to fund the float, the board of directors, which were actually facilitators, disbanded. Then Gary Johnson from *Ace Clearwater Enterprises*,

who had gone to the float decorating the year before and heard there wasn't going to be another one and said, 'Oh, no,' and he donated \$75,000. We had a rough time, so he donated another \$10,000. Amazing... and then we thought we need people back. Everyone had checked out, so they asked me if I would participate on the board."

Mistydown went on to tell me she works to keep the float going, but it costs a lot of money. At about \$150,000, the float is not cheap but it costs nowhere near the corporate-sponsored floats seen gliding down Colorado Boulevard. "We really weren't sure it would happen again and then out of the blue AYSO calls up... and they approached us and said that it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and originated in Torrance--we would like to partner with you guys and have a float," she said. "So, Gary Johnson was instrumental in negotiating that with us. AYSO donated \$100,000 and Gary Johnson--again--donated \$10,000 of his own personal money. Mistydown went on to explain that the City of Torrance in the two years it has no longer sponsored

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Secretary Lynn Robinson, President, Mistydown Jones, and Membership, Roseanne Villalobos pose in their sunglasses.

# TerriAnn in Torrance

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the float still gave \$20,000 each year to help make the float a reality. The TRFA is a non-profit organization no longer sponsored by the City and is dependent on donations to continue to have the float. "Our float builder, Tim Estes at *Fiesta*, has been with us for 17 years. Raul Rodriguez is the designer of our floats," said Mistydawn.

Mindful that the money for the 2015 float must be donated, Lynn Robinson said, "If every business in the city of Torrance donated \$20, that money would cover the cost of the float for next year." At this point, I dug into my purse and handed Lynn \$20 from the *Torrance Tribune*. So the *Torrance Tribune* is the first business to donate to the 2015

rose float! I challenge every other business to get busy and send their \$20 to keep the Torrance float in the Rose Parade at [www.rosefloat.com](http://www.rosefloat.com).

My trip to visit the unselfish, dedicated volunteers who donate their time and expertise to make the Torrance float a reality inspired me to remind the citizens of our wonderful

city how special it is to participate in the Rose Parade. We are one of the original cities that first participated in the parade many years ago and it would be sad to see the tradition end. United we can do anything and we can raise the funds to continue to see Torrance represented on New Year's Day still floating along Colorado Boulevard. •



Lisa Brunson and Marty Martindale decorating the soccer bear. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



Flowers covered with shredded coconut.



Sherrie Fowler, Fiesta Parade Float Supervisor, The Lucy Foundation.



Apricot colored roses waiting to be used.



Brushing off the excess.



Covering every bit of the glue with carrot.



Clara Rossi and Nina Rorke glue dehydrated carrot on a monarch butterfly.

# Seniors

## Working Can Benefit Those Suffering with a Chronic Illness

(BPT) - No one needed to tell Houston's Robert Gandy that he would reap health and wellness benefits from continuing to work after he started dialysis four years ago.

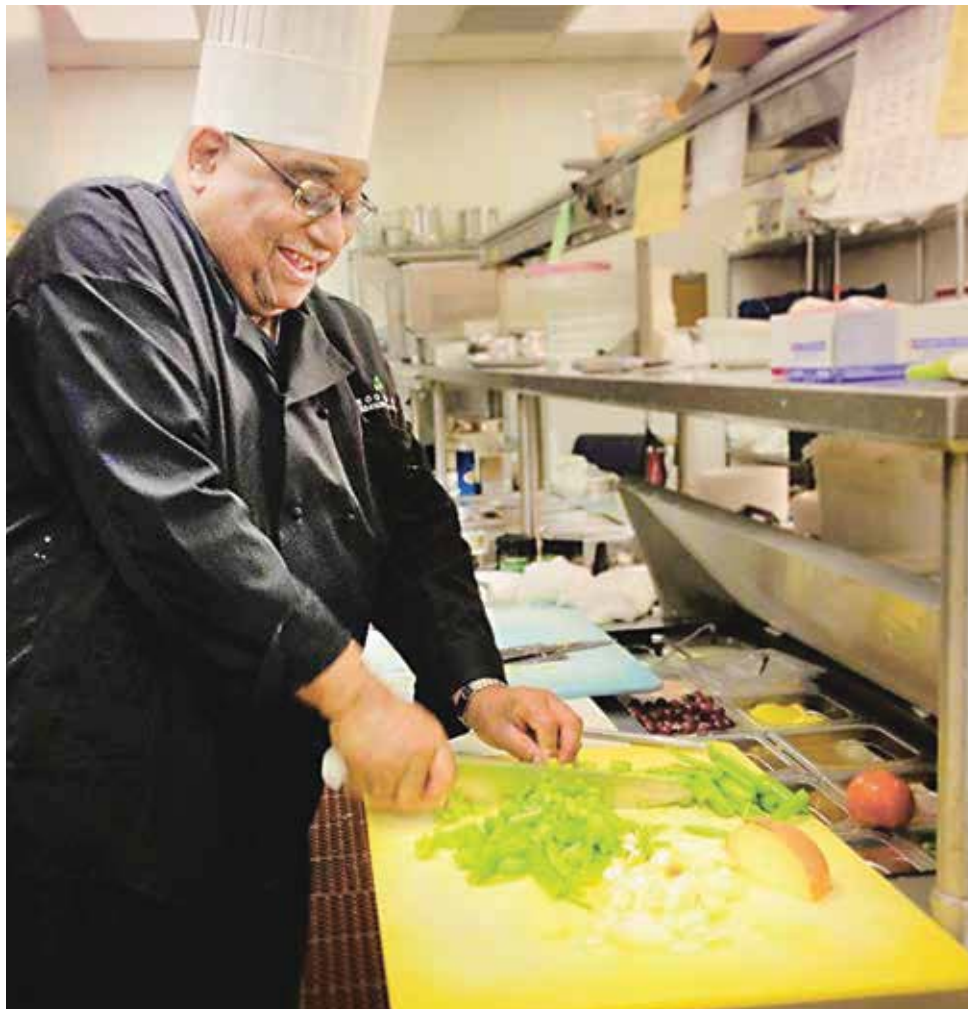
For more than 42 years, Gandy has worked in the restaurant business. The thought of leaving the job he loves never crossed his mind when he started treatment for kidney failure - he would find a way to make dialysis fit with his work and his life.

"Going to my job takes me away from the fact that I have end stage renal disease (ESRD), because I'm absorbed in my work," says Gandy, an executive chef, proud grandfather and DaVita dialysis patient.

As Gandy discovered - and studies have proven - when patients continue working after they go on dialysis, it can help them feel healthier, happier and more financially secure. Nearly 50 percent of new ESRD patients are of working age and currently there are 430,000 people in the U.S. with end stage renal disease.

Individuals who work are more likely to receive a kidney transplant, according to a recent collaborative study from the University of New Hampshire. Those who work full-time are the most likely to be placed on the transplant waiting list and receive a kidney.

In addition, people on dialysis who keep their jobs are generally happier, the study found. Working patients tend to experience lower rates of depression, their survival rate



is notably 6 percent better than those who are not working and overall they are less likely to be hospitalized, which can dramatically improve quality of life.

For individuals who have been diagnosed with ESRD, DaVita encourages them to:

- \* Get educated - Talk with their doctor and care team about any limitations. Sign up for a free Kidney Smart (SM) class to learn about kidney disease and taking control of their kidney health.

- \* Understand their treatment options and insurance benefits - Employer-provided insurance may offer additional coverage for transplants and better access to the care team of their choice.

- \* Inform others about their illness - Tell their family and friends to build their support network and find support online. •

"Continuing to work can benefit chronically ill patients with extra income, a bigger support network and even a greater sense of purpose," says Dr. Allen R. Nissenson, DaVita chief medical officer.

"Talk to your work to make sure dialysis fits in, so you put the least amount of stress upon yourself as possible," shares Gandy. "But get the information, process it and talk to your family."

For more information about living with kidney disease, visit [DaVita.com/WorkingPatients](http://DaVita.com/WorkingPatients) or call (888) 405-8915. •

## Looking Up

### Beatles Legend John Lennon Among Those Honored by Newly Named Mercury Craters

By Bob Eklund

Legendary Beatles singer and songwriter John Lennon was among those honored when names were recently assigned to 10 impact craters on Planet Mercury. The International Astronomical Union (IAU)—the arbiter of planetary and satellite naming since its inception in 1919—assigned the names in keeping with the established naming theme for Mercury craters, which calls for all newly designated features on this planet to be named after "deceased artists, musicians, painters and authors who have made outstanding or fundamental contributions to their field and have been recognized as historically significant art figures for more than 50 years."

The newly named craters are:

- Barney, for Natalie Clifford Barney (1876-1972), an American-French playwright, poet and novelist.

- Berlioz, for Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), a French Romantic composer best known for his compositions *Symphonie Fantastique* and *Grande Messe des Morts*.

- Calder, for Alexander Calder (1898-1976), an American sculptor best known as the originator of the mobile, a type of kinetic

sculpture made with delicately balanced or suspended components that move in response to motor power or air currents.

- Capote, for Truman Capote (1924-1984), an American author whose short stories, novels, plays and nonfiction include the novella *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and the true-crime novel *In Cold Blood*.

- Caruso, for Enrico Caruso (1873-1921), an Italian tenor who sang to great acclaim at the major opera houses of Europe and the Americas and appeared in a wide variety of roles from the Italian and French repertoires that ranged from the lyric to the dramatic.

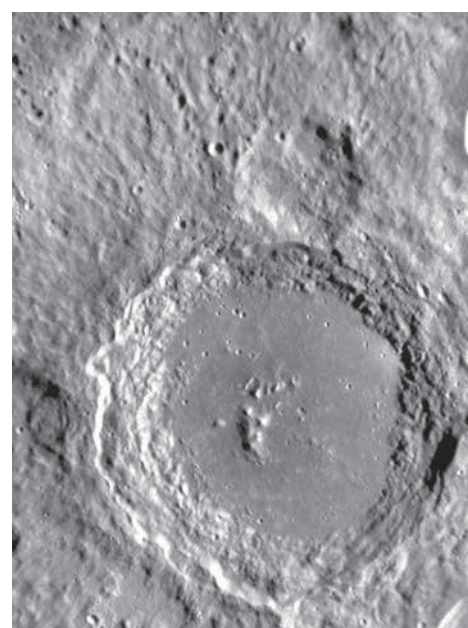
- Ensor, for James Sidney Ensor (1860-1949), a Belgian painter and printmaker considered an important influence on expressionism and surrealism.

- Giambologna, for Jean Boulogne Giambologna (1529-1608), a Dutch sculptor known for his marble and bronze statuary in a late Renaissance or Mannerist style.

- Lennon, for John Winston Ono Lennon (1940-1980), an English songwriter, musician and singer who rose to worldwide fame as a founding member of the Beatles, the most commercially successful and critically

acclaimed band in the history of popular music.

- Remarque, for Erich Maria Remarque



Crater Lennon on Mercury. Diameter: 59 miles. (1898-1970), a German author best known for his novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*, which depicted the horrors of war from the viewpoint of young German soldiers.

- Vieira da Silva, for Maria Elena Vieira da Silva (1908-1992), a Portuguese-born French painter of intricate, semiabstract compositions.

These 10 newly named craters join 114 other craters named since the MESSENGER spacecraft's first Mercury flyby in January 2008. More information about the names of features on Mercury and the other objects in the solar system can be found at the U.S. Geological Survey's planetary nomenclature website: <http://planetarynames.wr.usgs.gov/>

"The MESSENGER team is delighted that the IAU has named an additional 10 impact craters on Mercury," said MESSENGER Principal Investigator Sean Solomon of Columbia University. "We are particularly pleased that eight of the 10 individuals honored made all or many of their artistic contributions in the 20th Century, the same century in which the MESSENGER mission was conceived, proposed and approved for flight. Imagine!"

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Somewhere along the Yellow Brick Road, the Mad Hatter stopped to have tea with Alice. "Well," said Alice, "what do you have planned for 2014, Mad Man?"

"This is going to be an exciting year," replied the Mad Hatter. "You know, Alice, it's

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terrible for the rich to be getting richer and the poor to be getting poorer--so I'm raising the minimum wage. In Washington state one city raised its minimum to \$15 an hour, so the poor can enjoy life too."

Alice, the owner of Alice's Restaurant (but that's another old story, isn't it?), calmly responded, "Hatter, it seems to me that businesses could respond in several ways: They could offset higher wages by reducing their workers' hours, avoiding Obamacare costs. Second, they could invest in automation to replace workers because machines reliably report to work, don't require vacations, sick pay, or Obamacare--and machines never generate a blizzard of taxes and regulations. Third, they could cut back on planned expansions because opening new restaurants raises corporate overhead too, causing profit margins to shrink."

A furious Mad Hatter slammed his hat on the ground and stomped on it, screaming, "Alice, you're a heartless, soulless money-grabber. Shame on you!"

Calmly, Alice responded, "Okay, let's assume I don't do any of the three options I had just listed, and pay your new minimum wage to my newest, least skilled employees. But that's just the beginning of the story, isn't it? Now I

have to raise the pay of their supervisor, and the supervisor's supervisor, and everyone else on the employee chain even remotely related to minimum wage workers. To that sum, I have to add all the taxes and regulations caused by the cumulative salary increases. Moreover, I have to add my overhead and profit on those

increases since I need to support my family too. Ultimately, I will have to increase the price of my burger, but I have to be cautious that my price increases not cause customers to switch to lower-cost fare. After all, if I am pushed out of business the minimum wage worker could return to the unemployment rolls. Consider this too, Mad Man: Since the biggest consumer of my hamburger is the minimum wage earner, he will earn more, but he will pay more for what he consumes as well.

"The bottom line is that the minimum wage earner's income will remain constant relative to other employees, so he will have not gained any income advantage. Business costs will inflate, causing the cost of products to increase, so the minimum wage worker will earn more in income but pay more for what he buys. No, Mad Man, even the most naïve know the way to reduce unemployment is to lower wages--not raise them. Wage inflation is not an economic plan. Instead it's simply a political ploy to give more benefits to your voter base at the expense of the public--another 'free stuff' benefit before the 2014 election."

Walking away, the exposed political manipulator dusted off his battered hat muttering, "Hillary is right. Capitalism is a failure." •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Parking Meter Law Gets Much Needed Change

By Cristian Vasquez

With Assembly Bill No. 61 in effect, localities will no longer be able to continue to adopt

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ordinances or resolutions that would prohibit or restrict the ability of a vehicle to park at an inoperable parking meter. As the law was formerly applied, cities were allowed to cite and fine drivers who parked where meters were not functioning. Thanks to the bill introduced by Assemblyman Mike Gatto and signed by the Governor on August 12, getting fined for parking at an inoperable meter will no longer be allowed. This is, in my mind, long overdue.

The truth is that for far too long, the issuing of tickets from parking enforcement agencies have been a way to gouge the public with little that the drivers can do about the situation. This does not mean that parking enforcement is not needed? Not at all. This agency is certainly needed, especially when you have healthy adults parking in handicapped spots, or people double parking because they feel their vehicle is God's gift to them and should not risk getting scratched. Even more, if a driver fails to feed coins into a meter, then he should be cited. However, if a meter is broken and the city has failed to fix it, the general public should not be deprived of that spot.

If there is a driver searching for a parking spot in a part of the city that requires one to pay for metered parking, there is a very high

probability that this individual is going to be spending money at a local business. This is not an absolute truth, but a more likely than not

reality. If the city responsible for this parking meter is so concerned about the income derived from the meter parking machines, then these machines should be fixed immediately. It is already bad enough that in some cities, being out 30 seconds after your meter expired will result in a \$75 fine. Having a parking space go to waste in a city where finding parking is like winning in Las Vegas is as absurd as citing someone for using said space.

For anyone who wants to argue that the city needs time to fix said meters, point well taken. However, a city's inability to fix something fast should not result in a loss of business for a store, restaurant or any other merchant that would benefit from a potential customer parking at the site of a broken meter. The meter being broken is already bad because the city is losing some income and that's never good. However, making it to where customers and local businesses can't connect also affects the city as much as the business owners. The lost sale means less sale tax being generated, which also hurts the city.

If any city believes that citing a driver for parking by a meter that the city has failed to fix is the right thing to do, then we should all thank Assemblyman Gatto. •

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**Order to Show Cause for Change of Name**  
Case No. YS025583

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Petition of: Meghan Michelle Sepanik for Change of Name  
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Petitioner Meghan Michelle Sepanik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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# PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

## Pets Without Partners

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Ruckis

to have them “chipped. Please contact us regarding low cost microchipping information.

What’s all the ruckus about? It’s about **Ruckis!** This is a fabulous pup who is happy all the time. He loves everyone he meets and has great play manners with all other dogs. Ruckis is such a sweet boy and his age is estimated to be 10-12 months old. He is full grown and with his little short, squatty body and cute face, he appears to be a French Bulldog/English Bulldog/Staffordshire Terrier mix. Ruckis is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, fine with other dogs, and great with kids.

**Riley** is a great little guy with personality plus! He is approximately seven to eight years old and very small at five pounds. He loves his little doggie beds and loves to burrow under towels, blankets or whatever is laying



Riley

around for him to curl up in for warmth. He is as sweet as pie and a love of a little guy. Although he only has a few teeth, Riley has no problems eating whatsoever. He would like nothing more than to be your constant companion, purse or lap dog. Riley is very animated during playtime and is just darling, to say the least. Riley is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and good with other dogs. Children should be 10 and over due to Riley’s small size and for his safety.

**Sheba** is a beautiful, white German Shepherd possibly mixed with Husky--just a guess on our part. She came to us as a stray and sadly was not microchipped, so her owners were never located. She is a medium sized dog, standing right around knee-high. Sheba weighs 50 pounds and is estimated to be right around a year old. She is very loving and friendly and loves to lick you to give kisses. Sheba will be spayed, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and fine with other dogs.



Sheba

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at [www.animalsrule.org](http://www.animalsrule.org). If a dog is on our website, it’s available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

**Saving one animal won’t change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •**

## Purrrfect Companions

Each year, Kitten Rescue saves and re-homes around 1,000 cats and dogs from the streets and city shelters. Many are in desperate need of medical attention, proper nutrition and



Tristan

love. Before our animals are adopted into their new homes, they are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, treated for worms and fleas, microchipped, tested for FeLV/FIV (cats only) and are given a clean bill of health.

We would like to thank our donors, adopters and volunteers for your support on behalf of the homeless animals of Los Angeles. Help Kitten Rescue continue our work in 2014 and join us in our mission to make Los Angeles a No Kill City.

**Brennen** is a purr monster who loves people more than anything in the world. He is a total sweetheart, always grooming you when he isn’t bouncing around playing. This precious little kitten is extra special because he is mostly blind. Brennen requires no special care beyond having a stable environment where the furniture doesn’t move frequently and the floor is fairly uncluttered. Brennen can see vague shapes and can differentiate between light and dark. Brennen is completely undaunted by his vision limitations, taking everything

in stride and being all the more outgoing and confident perhaps because of it. He walks right up to dogs and will pounce on strange cats without care. Brennen loves big toys, especially noisy ones, as they are easier for him to chase after. He has a raspy meow and likes to tell you about his day, as well as call out in a strange game of Marco Polo when he loses track of where you are.

**Tristan** is the world’s most personable kitty. He is a handsome two-year-old boy who is harness and leash-trained. Very easygoing, Tristan loves belly rubs and can’t get enough petting. He is a good traveler, hanging out in his carrier without a fuss for however long the drive is. With his loud purr and adorable soft, green eyes, Tristan would be perfectly happy as a single cat or in a home with another kitty. He is good with dogs once he gets to know them, other cats, and gentle children.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org), or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

**Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •**



Brennen

## Happy Tails

Max was adopted out as a kitten in 1999, but then returned to Kitten Rescue seven years later when his adopter’s life changed and she could no longer take care of him. When Max arrived at the Kitten



Max, at the sanctuary.

Rescue Sanctuary, he was scared of the other cats and wary of humans. He reacted aggressively, which made him difficult to adopt. With the love and patience of the Kitten Rescue staff and volunteers, Max learned to trust again and became a sanctuary favorite. Now, after living at the sanctuary for seven years, Max finally found his forever home.

Max is an example of the loving care that Kitten Rescue provides for every animal. We never stop searching for a home on their behalf. It is our hope to find every animal their own home, but those who are not adopted are always welcome to stay with us and we will provide lifetime care for them.

Please don’t overlook pets who are waiting for another chance at love with a home

and family of their own. Adopt a homeless pet in 2014 and consider donating to Kitten Rescue or the rescue group of your choice to help them continue their work on behalf of cats like Max and other homeless animals

who deserve a second chance.

When you adopt a “pet without a partner,” you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •



Max enjoying life in his new home.

# Real Estate

## Smart 'Green' Options That Help Homeowners Save Green

(BPT) - With the average American household spending more than \$1,000 on heating and cooling expenses each year, more homeowners are seeking smarter, green options to reduce the strain on their wallets. Incentives through the U.S. government's Energy Star program and other state and federal programs have made it easier for homeowners to create an energy efficient and greener home.

While it may be tempting to take advantage of every incentive program available in your local area, experts recommend taking the time to assess your home's overall performance. A home inspector or certified Energy Rater can inspect your home and provide cost-effective recommendations that provide immediate and long-term savings and efficiencies.

For example, one area homeowners often overlook is their home's envelope - that is the walls, windows, ceiling and floors. Gaps and cracks within the building envelope can add up to the size of a basketball. While that may not seem sizeable, the U.S Department of Energy Savers suggests that air leakage from these areas can account for up to 40 percent of the energy lost by your home. Air leakage could potentially cost thousands of dollars annually.

Homeowners can reduce air leakage in several ways. Ensuring your home has a polyolefin plastic house wrap is one common method to minimize air leakage. Caulking and sealing is another simple, common and quick approach that provides some relief to rising heating and cooling costs. Another consideration for homeowners is high-efficiency windows. The U.S Department of Energy Savers says



that air leakage through windows equates to around 10 percent of the energy lost in the home. High-performance, low-emissivity, double-glazed windows can help homeowners conserve energy, reduce heating and cooling bills, and add value to their home.

One of the most effective methods to eliminate air leakage and live greener is replacing your home's traditional fiberglass insulation. Traditional insulation types are prone to sagging, leaving gaps as well as absorbing moisture

which can have significant health impacts on occupants. Replacing your home's insulation with a high-performance material such as spray foam insulation will both insulate and air seal the entire home and lead to major cost savings. Insulation experts from Icynene suggest that quality spray foam insulation can noticeably reduce heating and cooling costs, in some cases by up to 50 percent.

A growing number of building professionals are recommending spray foam insulation as

a valuable, cost-effective solution. Suitable for any climate, spray foam insulation helps retain the conditioned air within the building, allowing the heating and cooling equipment to work more efficiently rather than excessively. As a result of the improved energy consumption, heating and cooling costs are kept down and air leaks become a thing of the past. Homeowners can learn the five easy steps of selecting the right insulation for their home on icynene.com. •

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