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A Job Well Done



Mayor Scotto and his lovely wife Cindy sat down and talked to Torrance Tribune's feature writer TerriAnn Ferren and reflected on their past eight years of service. As the Scottos' service involves years of hard work, dedication and volunteerism, the article will be published as two parts. The first part starts on page 9. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren

Council Creates Committee to Save So Cal ROC

By Dylan Little

During its March 11 meeting, the Torrance City Council created a special ad hoc committee to assist in turning the Southern California Regional Occupational Center's (SoCal ROC) two-year reprieve into a new lease on life. The committee is to develop a plan to save SoCal ROC. The vocational education campus is not funded in Governor Jerry Brown's budget and is about halfway through the special funding reprieve period negotiated by the State Legislature. The Council hopes for a lasting funding solution for SoCal ROC, which has served the community for 47 years. The committee will be chaired by Councilmember Bill Sutherland, with Council members Heidi Ashcraft and Tom Brewer joining him in the group.

SoCal ROC's Superintendent Christine Hoffman stressed the importance of the center to the community and thanked the Council for helping to find a way for to keep providing vocational education to the South Bay. "Last year when the Governor proposed his budget to the State, SoCal ROC was left out and 71 other regional occupational centers," said Hoffman. "We believe that the State that established SoCal ROC and funded it for 47 years and provided quality, relevant career technical education programs for about 9,500 students in the greater South Bay - that's high school students as well as adults - should continue that funding."

The Council also recognized the Torrance Panther Pee Wee Cheer Squad for a first place showing at the JAMZ National Cheer event in Las Vegas. Under the direction of coaches Amber Aleman and Odalys Quintana, the girls provided pep for Pee Wee football players from September to November before embarking on a winning run of competitions. The Panthers have a 21-year history of cheering in Torrance, although this is their initial national first place victory. "We

are very proud of our girls," said Quintana. "They worked very hard and got what they deserved--first place."

While it was noted that the cheerleaders certainly earned their victory, it wasn't without the help of the parents and former high school cheerleaders who volunteered their time. Mayor Frank Scotto made sure the parents and coaches who supported the group were recognized for their time and effort. "Things like this don't just happen by chance," said Scotto. "First of all it takes the support of parents, it really does. [They are] also so lucky to have coaches like yourselves to dedicate their time for this to make it happen."

Lastly, the City received two high-profile donations. The first was from the Friends of the Torrance Library that donated over

\$31,000 to fund Youth Services activities and programs. Because of the group's success in fundraising, the Summer Reading Program will be extended as monies now cover seven weeks of the program. Friends President Helen Ball said her organization relishes the chance to support activities and programs that target the community's youngest citizens. "The Friends are always pleased when they have an opportunity to support our youngest people who use the library," said Ball. "One of [the programs] is the baby story times, which are now overflowing their boundaries because they are so popular."

Scotto has been consistently impressed with the dedication of the non-profit in efforts to support the library and its enrichment programs. "Someday we're going to have

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
70°/53°



Saturday
Sunny
77°/56°



Sunday
Sunny
86°/58°



Hickory Elementary Debuts Improved Campus

By Dylan Little

On March 5, Hickory Elementary School revealed its newly renovated campus to the public with a ribbon-cutting and rededication ceremony. The newly improved school site features upgraded plumbing, tighter security and better technological infrastructure. "It's a very exciting day," said Principal Edna Shumacher. "We've been looking forward to this for a long time."

Hickory Elementary first opened its doors in September of 1961. At the time, it could easily house the 278 students enrolled at the school. But in 2014 prior to the renovations, it was struggling to keep up with the demands involved in housing and educating over 800 students in a time that is much

more demanding on technology and the infrastructure that surrounds it.

"Even though the campus was special then and it served its purpose very well, it was tired--it was old. It needed repair. We had pushed it to the max," said Shumacher. "We need classrooms that not only reflected the 21st Century, but could accommodate 21st Century technology."

Part of the renovations included making major upgrades to the school's computer laboratory. The new lab boasts more workstations and more efficient computing. The school is also now set up for wireless Internet access--a necessity that obviously couldn't be planned for during the school's

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Letters

Like's "One Man"

I enjoy your Politically Speaking section an especially One Man's Opinion in your 2-27-2014 edition. Gerry Chong always has an excellent column.

— Ed Smith

Thanks to TerriAnn and Tribune

Thank you so much for your wonderful January 9th article "Still Floating Along Colorado Boulevard". TerriAnn really captured the feeling of the Fiesta Parade Floats barn and the spirit and dedication of our volunteers. They come from far and wide, Torrance residents, former Torrance residents, friends and relatives. They start the morning after Christmas and work day and night until the 31st. Some of them even plan their vacations to be here "decorating week"! The Torrance Rose Float Association has worked continuously since 1971 to ensure that The City of Torrance Float is in the Tournament of Roses Parade each year. In the past that meant working with the float designer and builder, recruiting and coordinating volunteers and some fund raising. In the last two years without the major funding from the

city our focus has had to change to major fund raising in addition to the other tasks. We have been very fortunate to have A.C.E. Clearwater Enterprises and AYSO as major sponsors. The Torrance Rose Float is the Torrance community's float and really should be supported by the community if they want it to continue. The float is a 100 year old Torrance tradition. In a time when we are losing many things in this world to budget cuts, this is a tradition that together we can continue. TRFA is asking each business and household in Torrance to donate a minimum of \$20.00 for our Jan.1, 2015 float. Thank you Torrance Tribune for being the first business to come aboard this "20 for 15" project. TRFA is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and donations can be made on our website at www.torrancerosefloat.com or by mail to TRFA attn 2015, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. For further information contact our hotline at 310-618-2425. Together we can "Keep the Dream Afloat"!

— Lynn Robinson, Secretary
Torrance Rose Float Association.

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Police Reports

Burglary-Residential 3/1/2014 5:15:00 PM 2800 BLOCK 164TH ST
Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window, ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report

Burglary-Auto 3/1/2014 3:40:00 PM 4100 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD
Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat

Burglary-Auto 3/1/2014 12:30:00 PM 3300 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/GPS

Theft 2/28/2014 8:30:00 PM 19300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from rear of location/pallets of cardboard

Burglary-Auto 2/28/2014 8:00:00 PM 4800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, groceries

Burglary-Auto 2/28/2014 5:41 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ backpacks, laptop, camera, jewelry, passports

Auto Theft 2/28/2014 4:48 PM 20900 BLOCK HAWTHORNEBLVD

Theft 2/28/2014 3:55 PM 1300 BLOCK EL PRADO AVE Suspect(s) enters open business and takes property/electric wheelchair

Theft 3/3/2014 9:00:00 AM 2700 BLOCK

PACIFIC COAST HWY
Suspect(s) enters gated patio and takes property/ patio furniture

Burglary-Auto 2/28/2014 7:10:00 PM 3600 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD
Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ wallet

Burglary-Auto 3/1/2014 7:30:00 AM 200 BLOCK VIA ANITA
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/check, cash, passport

Auto Theft 2/28/2014 4:47 AM 2400 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD

Burglary-Auto 2/28/2014 8:30:00 AM 17100 BLOCK GLENBURN AVE
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property from trunk/ printer toner, tool bag

Burglary-Residential 2/27/2014 11:30:00 PM 4900 BLOCK ASTERIA ST
Suspect(s) cuts screen, enters window, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, cash, checkbook

Burglary-Auto 2/28/2014 7:50:00 AM 3600 BLOCK 172ND ST
Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/ cell phone, ID, sunglasses, keys

Battery-Simple 2/27/2014 6:08 PM 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST
Suspect pulls victim's hair, punches her in the face and kicks her

Theft 2/27/2014 5:30:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) takes propertyfrom shopping cart as victim shops/ wallet

Auto Theft 2/27/2014 4:05 PM 5500 BLOCK 190TH ST

Burglary-Residential 2/27/2014 2:30:00 PM 22700 BLOCK GAYCREST AVE
Suspect(s) pries open door for entry and takes property/cash, bank card

Burglary-Auto 2/27/2014 12:30:00 PM 2900 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD
Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property from trunk/ purse

Burglary-Auto 2/27/2014 8:25 AM 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/third row seat

Theft 2/27/2014 8:00 AM 4200 BLOCK 190TH ST
Suspect(s) cuts off lock on meter box and takes property/power fuse

Battery-Simple 2/27/2014 12:25:00 AM TORRANCE BLVD & PORTOLA AVE
Suspect strikes employee in face while in police custody

Burglary-Residential 2/26/2014 3:45:53 PM 200 BLOCK VIA BUENAVENTURA
Suspect(s) forces open door, forces open safe, ransacksand takes property/pillowcases, cash, checkbooks, gift certificates, shotguns, rifle, medication, jewelry box, jewelry

Auto Theft 2/26/2014 11:37 AM 23700 BLOCK CAMINO DEL SOL

Burglary-Residential 2/26/2014 1:15:00 PM 2100 BLOCK 236TH ST
Suspect(s) forces open door, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, coins, watches

Theft 2/26/2014 7:00:00 PM 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) defeats lock and takes property/ bicycle

Burglary-Commercial 2/26/2014 10:00:00 AM 22700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) pries open door and takes property from register/ cash

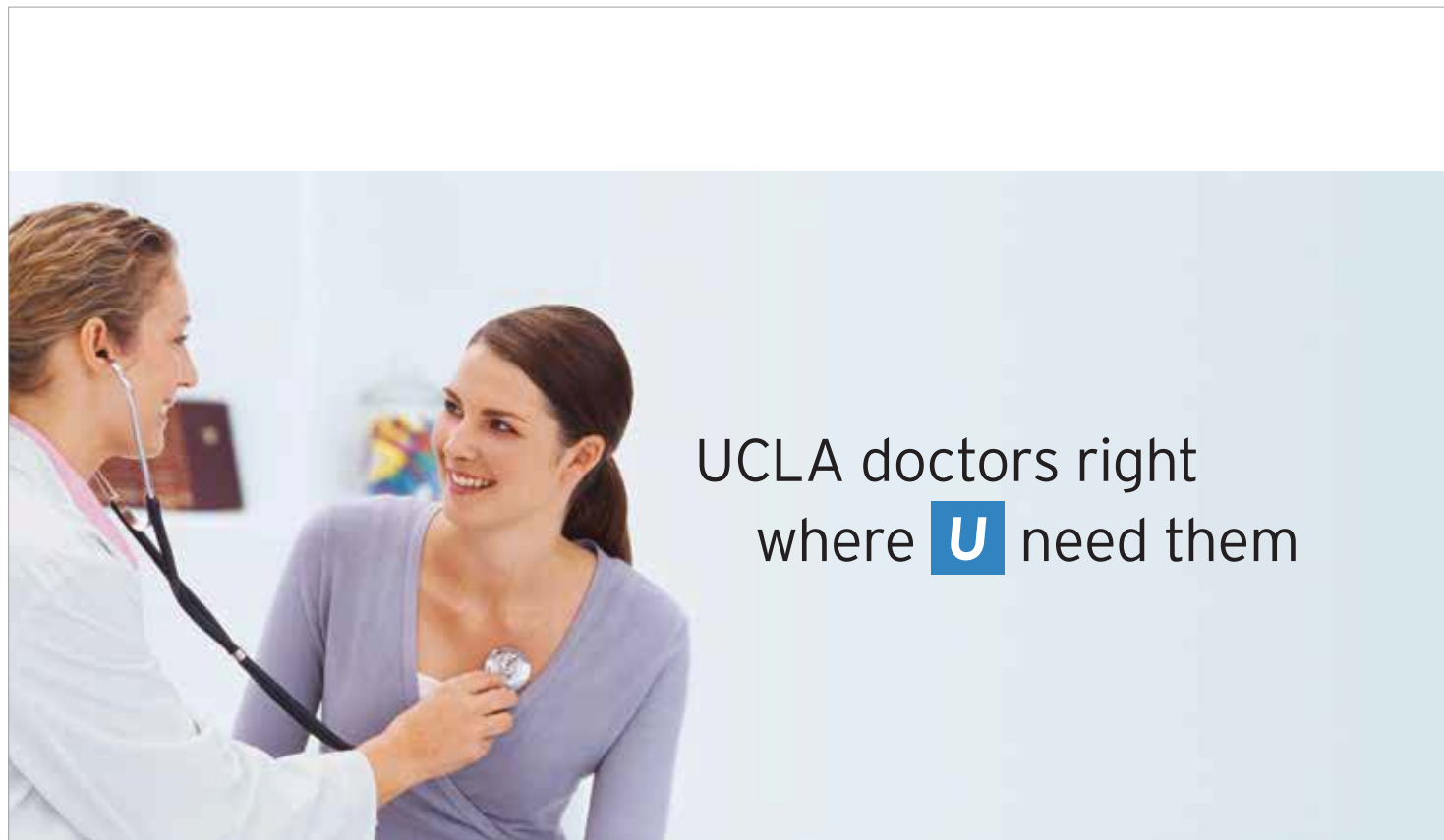
Theft 2/26/2014 4:00:00 PM 3500 BLOCK EMERALD ST
Suspect(s) pries maintenance room door and takes property/ tools, appliances

Vandalism 2/25/2014 4:59 PM 20300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) slashes victim's vehicle's tire

Theft 2/25/2014 4:30:00 PM 20900 BLOCK AVIS AVE
Suspect(s) enters open garage and takes property/bicycle

Auto Theft 2/26/2014 3:45:00 PM 2000 BLOCK 190TH ST

Theft 2/25/2014 11:00:00 AM 2000 BLOCK 231ST ST •



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Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

• Calle Mayor Middle School presents The Southern California School and Band Association South Bay Classic Festival, 8 a.m. James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• The Wacko Show comedy and magic show, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

• South Bay Republican Women Federated monthly Luncheon Meeting, 11 a.m. DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. RSVP: Gloria: (310) 326-9340 or Vera (310) 320-1431.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

• California Young Reader Medal, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964. The North High School Drama Students present parts of the nominees for the California Young Reader Medal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

• St. Patrick's Day story and craft program, 2 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 S. Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

• Celebrity Lecture Series: Tim Lynn, 11 a.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

• The Interludes: Violinist Samuel Nebyu with pianist Tania Fleischer, 3:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church & School, 2900 W. Carson Street.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

• Third Annual Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., east side of Columbia Park, 4045 190th Street. For more information call (310) 618-2376.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

• Torrance Democratic Club Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Arjay Plaza, 23211 Hawthorne Blvd. 2nd floor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

• Torrance Certified Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

• Urban Farming Community Input Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., upstairs in the Bartlett Senior Center, 1318 Cravens Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

• Beach Cities Republicans monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call Patti at (310) 753-4159 or email plagrelius@aol.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

• 15th Annual Glen Kamida & Friends Fundraising Concert benefitting the North Torrance Area Elementary Music Program, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 720-7624.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

• 15th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 376-7488.

• Torrance American Association of University Women "Afternoon Tea" to benefit local and national scholarships, 2-4 p.m., Zamperini Field Community Room, 3301 Airport Drive. RSVP by March 19 to: aauwtorrance@gmail.com.

• "Serendipity Saturdays!", 10:30 a.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964.

ONGOING

• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department. •

Astronaut Lands at Riviera Elementary

By Dylan Little

Riviera Elementary School had a visitor who told students that they should aim for the stars--and he should know since he has been there. Astronaut Col. Douglas Wheelock visited the school on March 7 to share his experiences from space and encourage students to believe that they have skills that can take them to orbit, or anywhere else they'd like to go.

Wheelock has logged 178 days in the Space Shuttle, Soyuz and International Space Station, but as a young man he was more interested in craft that stayed within the Earth's atmosphere. He thought at the time being an astronaut wasn't something he could accomplish. "I was just curious about how things work," said Wheelock. "I just wanted to fly. I wanted to learn how airplanes work. I didn't really have a goal initially to be an astronaut because I thought that was something beyond what I could ever do."

However, when the Apollo 11 mission successfully landed on the moon, just as humanity realized the power of their collective knowledge and passion, Wheelock realized that much more was possible for himself. "For me it was that pivotal moment when we started landing people on the moon," he said. "That's when I really started to think that these things that seem impossible at the time really can happen."

The focus of Wheelock's speech to Riviera's fourth and fifth graders was for them to similarly believe in themselves and be open to achieving feats that might now seem impossible to them. He noted that in much the same way he was called upon to solve life-or-death challenges in space, kids now have the creativity and ability to learn to solve the challenges that await them in the future. "[We should] Just be opening the creativity in these kids' minds to solve problems," said Wheelock.

Wheelock's time on the International Space Station did have a number of potentially serious malfunctions, but by keeping a level head and working with engineers in Houston and his fellow astronauts, the crew was able to make the necessary repairs. Wheelock emphasized that while the situation during malfunctions can certainly be stressful, he can trust the team to come up with a solution. "I remember very vividly one time on the station when things were broken and we weren't sure how we're going to fix it thinking, 'I've seen this in the movies before and it turns out really well,'" he said.

he said. "Being an astronaut is very much a team sport. It's a team profession [and when things go wrong]--that's when the beauty of the team comes together."

Wheelock said he believes it's a valuable lesson for children to learn that just because something is frightening doesn't mean it isn't worth doing. Just as he was afraid while working on solutions to malfunctions on the International Space Station, people in every profession are occasionally afraid of something going wrong with their careers. But instead of letting that fear close paths for them, Wheelock thinks students need to learn to put that fear to work for them. "I want to help these kids realize that it's okay to be afraid," said Wheelock. "Everyone is afraid in the different professions they do. They're afraid of failure or afraid of something else. They need to learn to master that fear and get it to work for them."

For students looking to follow in him on his spacewalks, Wheelock pointed out that interest in math and science along with lots of enthusiasm are the makings of a successful astronaut. "If you love math and science, it's a great place to start if you want to be an astronaut," said Wheelock. "If your interest lies in any of those areas, that's a perfect start and you're halfway there. The next step is to just find something that really, really interests you, that really keeps you awake at night because you're excited by it."

Principal Christie Forshey thinks that Wheelock's visit will definitely spur her students' interest in science. She said that in the lead up to Wheelock speaking to the students, they read his biography and formulated questions for him. When he arrived on campus, students had many more questions than he could answer even if he had been there all day. "To have an expert in the field come and speak to our students, I know that will motivate them," said Forshey. "Just looking at the questions and the type of questions, they are going to want to learn about this."

Forshey said she thinks her students will not only be inspired by Wheelock's experiences, but by the idea that he believes they can do the impossible. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a United States hero here," said Forshey. "His message is very clear--what you think is impossible is not... and anything that students set their mind to, they can accomplish. I know this was an inspirational visit today." •

This Week in 1864

MARCH 13

President Lincoln congratulated Michael Hahn on election as governor of Louisiana.

MARCH 14

Bank's Red River Campaign captured Fort De Russy near Simpsport, LA.

MARCH 15

Union forces began demolition of captured Fort De Russy.

MARCH 16

Union Forces occupied Alexandria, LA

MARCH 17

Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant formally assumed command of all Union armies.

MARCH 18

Arkansas voters ratified pro-Union state constitution abolishing slavery.

MARCH 19TH

Georgia legislature expressed confidence in President Jefferson Davis.

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.

City Council

from front page


to figure out how much money the Friends of the Torrance Library have donated in the last eight years--I think the number is pretty large," said Scotto. "It's really incredible. I don't think people realize how much work your group does to raise this money."

to be donated to the Torrance Airport. The pint-sized plane is perfectly capable of flight (using a radio controller) and took Bridi 1,000 hours to construct, not counting time to paint and detail the model. The model is dedicated to Torrance hero Louie Zamperini


"The Friends are always pleased when they have an opportunity to support our youngest people who use the library. One of [the programs] is the baby story times, which are now overflowing their boundaries because they are so popular."

For anyone looking to help the Friends support programs at the Torrance Library, they accept donated books at all branches of the library, although they only provide donation receipts (needed to claim the donation as a tax deduction) at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. Head Librarian Hillary Theyer said to just go to the library's loading dock during business hours and they'll handle the rest. "We certainly want donations from anybody who has books to donate," said Ball. The other major donation wasn't in cash, but rather a model airplane. David Bridi constructed a 1/5 scale P-51 Mustang fighter

and bears his signature on each side of the cockpit as well as his birthday as the tail number. Zamperini himself encouraged Bridi to complete the model and donate it to the airport. "I built this model 10 years ago, before I even knew Louie," said Bridi. "He was so impressed with the model . . . he asked me for a donation of the corsair that is in the pilots; lounge right now. He asked me for years if I had painted the Mustang and I kind of put it off and put it off, but as he got older he put the pressure on me." E-Mail dylantlittle@gmail.com •



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- Summary
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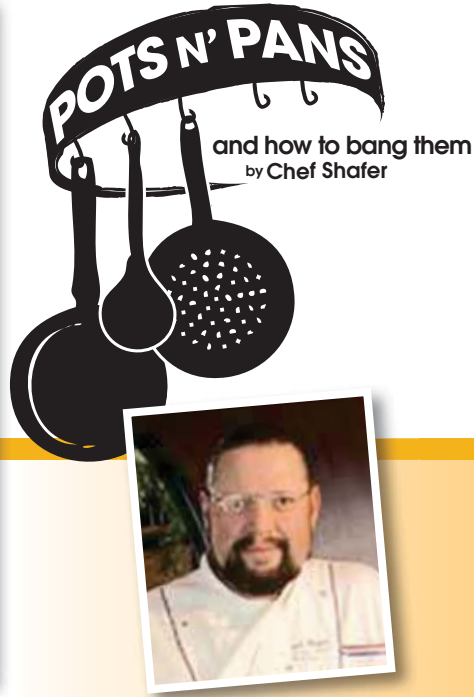
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The Chef



Drop Biscuits

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Sports

Up and Adam

West Girls Capture CIF Title

By Adam Serrao

Just because the boys' season has come to an end doesn't mean that basketball is over altogether in our Torrance high schools. The West High girls' basketball team has been putting together a historic run this season and last Saturday night capped it off with a CIF championship win. The Lady Warriors took on the El Dorado Golden Hawks in the final game of the season at Azusa Pacific University. Only one team was going to end the season with a win and this time it was our very own Lady Warriors. With a 65-52 victory, West won its fifth playoff game in a row and capped off an amazing season, having now gained the privilege to call itself champion all the way to next year.

Kylie Fujioka, like the rest of the Lady Warriors last Saturday night, came to play. Fujioka, though, provided the spark early for her team with 13 points in just the first half to get things going for West and will her team to a great start and ultimately to victory. "I wanted this so bad, I couldn't sleep last night. It was ridiculous," Fujioka explained. "They were keeping up with us early, so I thought if I had the ball, I have to go to the basket." The lack of sleep certainly didn't affect Fujioka as she scored early and often, finishing with 19 points on the night and giving her team the early advantage as the Lady Warriors scored 18 in the first quarter.

West would need every point that it could get in the first half. After holding an eight-point advantage at the end of one, El Dorado came back with 21 points in the second quarter to pull within just one point at the halftime break with a score of 32-31 in West's favor. "That game was a microcosm of our season," explained coach Mike Caporaso. "Every time we were challenged, we had someone else step up." While it was Fujioka in the first half, it was Kayla Sato who pushed her team in the second half, finishing the night with 25 points. The Golden Hawks used their size to stay in the game early, receiving tremendous efforts from both Brooke Salas and Jaylin Jones who finished the night with 18 points apiece for West's opposition. "I give credit to El Dorado," said West's Bailey Kurahashi. "They played a hard game, but my

team just found a way to grind it out." Leading by only four points after three quarters, that is when the Warriors decided to really step it up and use their speed and skill to their advantage.

West broke the lead out to seven points with five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when Kayla Sato sunk a free throw after being fouled. El Dorado's Salas then got into foul trouble, struggling to keep up with the smaller, much speedier team. Free throws by Jasmine Jones and Sato upped the West High lead to nine points with a little more than one minute remaining. Holding onto their biggest lead of the game became easy for the Lady Warriors, as fouls ultimately spelled El Dorado's doom and West pulled out a 13-point lead that ultimately won the team the game and its first ever CIF championship trophy. "It's our first championship in basketball! Ever. Like, how great is that to make history like this?" said an ecstatic Hayley Tanabe.

The Lady Warriors have now capped off an amazing season in which they started by winning six games in a row and 14 out of their first 15 games. Losing was something that this team just wasn't accustomed to and that showed all year long. After losing only two games in league play this year, where West was matched up against tough opponents like Redondo and Palos Verdes Peninsula, it wound up finishing the year in first place in the Bay League standings to draw a first round matchup against Baldwin Park to start the playoffs. An 83-26 victory in that game showed that the ladies of West High weren't going to mess around in this year's postseason. Consecutive wins against Rio Mesa, Moorpark and North High all brought West to the championship matchup against El Dorado. "The thing is CIF championships don't come your way very often. You've got to work for it," Sato, perhaps West's most valuable player this year, explained. "My head hurts from screaming in the locker room so much. I can't stop jumping up and down." Scream and jump all you would like now, Kayla. After a long, hard road, you and your Warriors have finally done it for the first time ever. Congratulations, Lady Warriors. You are the new CIF champions!

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The Walking Bad

By Adam Serrao

After witnessing last week's horrific 142-94 beat-down at the hands of the Clippers, I went down to Los Angeles and decided that I would try out for the L.A. Lakers. No one else on the team has seemed like he wants to play this year and well...ever since I was a child, I've loved the game of basketball and so I thought, "Why not?" After arriving at the

the world. We have to have more pride than that. I do not think that the Clippers are 48 points better than us," Well, fact remains they certainly were last Thursday night and it certainly was the worst loss in franchise history and on a national stage at that. Playing on TNT as well as the Lakers' local affiliate, the Clippers showed the world why they are now the best team in L.A. and it's not even

"Gone are the days of Magic Johnson, Kareem and even Shaq and Kobe. Kobe of course, is still there in spirit."

Staples Center, however, I came to the prompt realization that the 48-point obliteration that the team had recently experienced had sent all of the office execs and higher-ups into hiding and thus I had no way to apply. I'll settle for writing about the team for the now. Much like those execs who have gone missing, so have the Los Angeles Lakers of old. Gone are the days of Magic Johnson, Kareem and even Shaq and Kobe. Kobe of course, is still there in spirit, but even he couldn't stick around last Thursday night to watch his team get utterly demolished by their in-arena rivals. These Lakers give up. These Lakers quit. These Lakers are just outright bad. These Lakers are currently experiencing the worst season in this illustrious franchise's history.

By this time, you may have figured it out. This article isn't about zombies and it's not about a chemistry teacher who turns to a life of crime and drug selling in order to save his family. At least not per se. But the "things" that are out there wearing purple and gold lately certainly look to be devoid of any purely human or athletic characteristics and what Kobe does in his free time as he continues to "recover" from his injuries—well, that's his business. If there were any time that this team would come to the distinct realization that it is just not good, though, it would be in a matchup against the Clippers in what was a Laker home game. With all of the banners hanging from the rafters and fans like the everpresent Jack Nicholson nostalgic about the Lakers' past, their teammates decided that last Thursday night would be the perfect time to put an end to all of those memories and hand their "big brothers" the worst loss in franchise history.

"We got beat by 48. It's not fun," said dejected Laker shooting guard Jodie Meeks. "Regardless of whether it's a record-breaking performance or not, it's still frustrating. It's not fun getting blown out at any level, but especially on national TV and in front of

close. While the Lakers couldn't even break 100 points in garbage time (which was basically the entire game), the Clippers put up almost 150 (142). While head coach Mike D'Antoni watched helplessly from the sideline as his team continued to play absolutely zero defense and gave up—yes, actually gave up—halfway through the second quarter, Blake Griffin and Chris Paul were putting on an All-Star game-worthy show, bring Lakers fans to their feet as they rattled the rim with a "Lob City" type of show that would have made Dr. J shake in his Converse shoes.

So, what of the "rivalry" now? The Lakers have lost six of their last seven meetings with the Clips and for the fourth time this season failed to sell out a home game. Fathom that: A Lakers vs. Clippers game here in Los Angeles not selling out. Doesn't sound like much of a rivalry anymore at all, does it, Chris Paul? "Since day one, there's always going to be something to talk about since we both play here in this building," Paul explained. "During the game, all the fans were yelling. 'It's still a Laker town.' And it is, no secret. But we just have to worry about us and keep playing. It's going in the right direction. We don't want to get too high or too low. We just want to try to keep getting better."

Sounds like something a leader would say. A leader that very well could have and maybe should have been on the Lakers before David Stern stepped in and changed the course of history forever. Now, however, what's done is done. The Lakers' loss to the Clippers moved the team to within one loss of their first losing season since the 2004-2005 year when Rudy Tomjanovich took over and the team went 34-48. If this trend persists and the Clippers continue to hand the Lakers historic losses over the next few years, what used to be a Laker town may soon turn red, blue and white.

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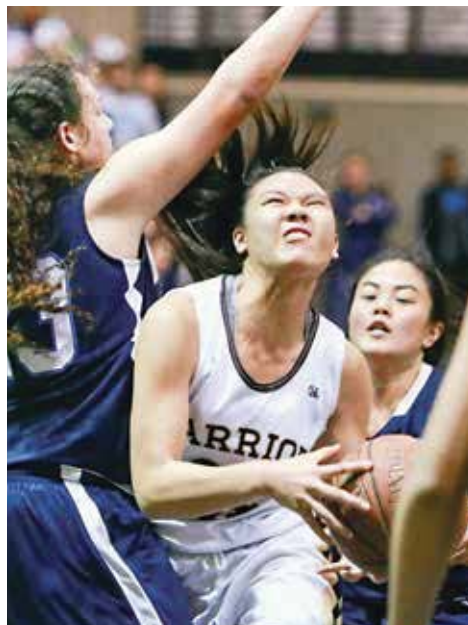
Sports

Girl's Basketball wins first CIF Title

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In the final moments of the Semis, the West fans knew they'd be at Azusa Pacific for the Final.



Junior Co-captain Kayla Sato drives the lane with intensity versus North.



Sophomore Point Guard Hayley Tanabe drives for the hoop against North.



Junior Guard Bailey Kurahashi goes for a three-point field goal.



The waving West rooters support the free throw.

Two Torrance Teams win CIF!

By Kelly Kemp

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The South Torrance High Girls Soccer Team won their CIF-Semi Final at home a week ago Tuesday, 2-0 against Marymount, behind goals by two freshmen—Holly Kaemerle and Claire Grouwinkle. Midfielder Kaemerle boomed a shot from about 25 yards out that floated over the goalkeeper's head and just dropped down inside the crossbar. "It just caromed out to me, so I just trapped it and took a long shot. I really didn't realize that there was a little wind, but it was nice that the breeze just gusted at a great time. We were so excited for the early lead," she said. Forward Grouwinkle had her comments after the game as well,

"When the ball went high in the air off of a defender (and right to Frosh Forward Olympia Katsouridis), I just anticipated because Olympia is such a great assister." Grouwinkle sliced a left-footed strike on the run that took a tough angle to clear the charging goalie and provide insurance for the win and marked the Lady Spartans' fifth trip to the Final.

In the D-IV Final against higher ranked Serrano High at neutral site Warren High School, the game was decided by a Golden Goal assist from Senior Midfielder Korie Bozart through traffic that was pounced on by Grouwinkle, converted just a few minutes into the second overtime period, and resulted in South's third CIF Championship Title in Girls Soccer. Senior Goalkeeper Paige Brandt had four shutouts in the five playoff games for South! •



Freshman Claire Grouwinkle is congratulated by teammates following her goal against Marymount in the Semifinal of CIF Playoffs.



The South Squad rushes on to the field after winning the Semifinal 2-0; Goalkeeper Paige Brandt (in pink) led the shutout of Marymount.



South, with Head Coach Elizabeth Kitsios, dashes on the field to celebrate winning the CIF Division IV Championship.



Senior Midfielder Korie Bozart drives on Serrano in the CIF Final; Bozart had the game winning assist to Claire Grouwinkle in the 2nd overtime period.



Senior Midfielder Noelle Lee (center) is overcome with tears of joy.

Business Briefs

Kiwanians host "Celebration of Community"

The Kiwanis Club of Torrance hosted the "Celebration of Community" at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Torrance on February 20. This annual luncheon, the brainchild of Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto, is held to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the area's many service and nonprofit organizations. They included Cheers for Children, City of Torrance's Commission on Aging, Comfort Keepers, Community's Child, Counseling4Kids, Green Hills Memorial Park, Home Instead Senior Care, HOPE (Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment), Kiwanis Club of Torrance, Molina Foundation, National Alliance on

Mental Illness, Nativity Catholic Church, New Challenge Ministries, NPDES – Community Development Dept., Pediatric Therapy Network, Rotary Club of Lomita – Torrance Airport, Salvation Army, Social Vocational Services, Inc., South Bay Bar Association, South Bay Family Health Care, Star Inc., Switzer Center, Toberman Neighborhood House, Torrance Air Fair Association, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Education Foundation, Torrance/Lomita Meals on Wheels, Torrance Police Officers Association, Volunteer Center, South Bay, Harbor/Long Beach, Western Museum of Flight and Youth Renovation.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Torrance were the hosts of the City of Torrance Celebration of Community which was held on February 20. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.



Angela Ohl and Major Brian Bearchell from the Salvation Army display the certificate of appreciation presented to them at the Celebration of Community. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.



(L to R) Tony Molino and Charlotte Melsh from the Kiwanis Club of Torrance pose with City of Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.



Donna Duperron proudly displays the certificate presented to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce by (L to R) Torrance Councilmen Pat Furey, Bill Sutherland, Kurt Weideman, Tom Brewer and Mayor Frank Scotto. Photo by Curtis Jones Jr.

Providence Medical Institute Ribbon Cutting

The Providence Medical Institute South Bay Heart & Vascular Center held their dedication and blessing ceremony on February 21 at 3475 Torrance Blvd., Suite A in Torrance. Providence Doctors Michele Del Vicario and Rishi Kaushal were joined by their colleagues and City of Torrance and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce dignitaries to celebrate with a grand opening ribbon

cutting. The Center's physicians are board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology and will treat patients who suffer from coronary artery, heart valve disorders, heart failure, arrhythmia, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease, congenital heart disease and aortic aneurysms. Additional info is available at (310) 370-3568, providencemedicalinstitute.org. •



Torrance PD Visits Tech Pros

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's "Tech Pros" invited members of the Torrance Police Department to give an overview of high tech criminal activity and how individuals and businesses can protect themselves against cyber crimes. Detective Eidet said that everyone needs to take precautions and the police department has found the best way to combat crimes is to get the community actively involved. The Torrance Police Department has a "Business Watch" program which includes the following free benefits: registration of your business with

the police department to contact you if there is a problem after regular business hours; help in dealing with panhandlers and other loiterers; security inspections by police experts; personal safety presentations for your employees; guest speakers for business association meetings; invites to Business Watch seminars such as forgery/fraud and email notifications of crime trends affecting your business. For additional information, contact the Torrance Police Department Community Affairs at (310) 618-6391 or www.torranceca.gov/tpd. •



Pictured L to R are Torrance Police Department's Sargent Chris Roosen, Tech Pros' Dan Thomas and Detective Eric Eidet who is a cyber crimes lead investigator.

TerriAnn in Torrance

A Very Special Mayor – Part I

By TerriAnn Ferren

What is a mayor? According to the *New World Dictionary*, a mayor is “the chief administrative official of a city, town or other municipality...” That definition sounds very formal and dry. But the current Mayor, soon-to-be former Mayor (after serving two terms) of the City of Torrance, is anything but formal and dry. Before the end of Mayor Frank Scotto’s last term, I wanted to speak with him and find out what has motivated this exceptional man through his years as a public servant. Mayor Scotto served on the Civil Service Commission from 1997-2000, was elected to the City Council in 2000, serving 14-plus years, and has been the Mayor of Torrance from 2006 to the present, which means he has served the citizens of Torrance for well over two decades.

Last week, I met with Mayor Frank Scotto and his lovely wife Cindy in the Mayor’s office on the third floor of City Hall. The office is large with expansive windows on two sides and I couldn’t help but think of all the mayors that have occupied this office through the years. The three of us sat in the conversation area and I began by asking the Mayor what prompted him eight years ago to run for his position. The Mayor said, “That is pretty simple because we were at a point in the City that I felt that we were going in the wrong direction as far as development, and other things of course, but development was the driving force. We were rezoning commercial and industrial property to residential to the point where everything was open for discussion which never was in the past. We would always brag about our city. We talk about being a ‘balanced city.’ We were putting residential in areas where they shouldn’t have been and the people were getting pretty upset.”

Scotto went on to tell me that in just over two years, the City of Torrance (from 2002-2004) approved over 2,000 new homes--more than all the homes allowed in the 20 years prior. Mayor Scotto then told me that was the driving force that pushed him into running for Mayor. “There were so many other elements to wanting to run,” he said. “We needed a mayor and a council that was transparent in our discussions in the decision-making and I really believe that the perception of the public--not that it is necessarily true--but the perception of the public [is important]. We did a lot of things behind closed doors and that is not what we want. We want the public to have confidence in what we do in every discussion. And I know even having said that, you could never get everybody to believe that because you are always going to have that conspiracy theorist who always believes there is always something going on behind closed doors that they don’t know about. So those two elements were high on the agenda. In 2006, the public said, ‘Enough is enough.’”

Then Mayor Scotto reminded me that it was the first time ever in the history of Torrance that an incumbent mayor was challenged and defeated. And although it wasn’t a slam dunk by any means, in the end it did make history

with a landslide victory for Scotto 64 to 36 percent. “And then we started down the path of doing the things we talked about--and eight years have gone by and I really believe we have done so many things that we’ve promised and we’re trying to get them all done,” said Scotto. He told me the years have gone by “like a blink.” He then added, “And I couldn’t have done any of these things if my wife wouldn’t have said, ‘Okay.’ She felt the same way about what was going on in the community.”

I then turned to Cindy and asked her how she felt when her husband decided to run for Mayor. “It wasn’t that cut and dry. I would watch Council meetings [on TV] where he would just get totally frustrated as a councilman as to what was going on and I could see the disgust,” she explained. “And then he came home one night and said, ‘I think I’ll run for Mayor--we have gotta stop this.’ And I said, ‘Really?’ Then we started getting a lot of good input from friends--people that knew us, and knew him. [They were] very supportive, so that was kind of like a no-brainer. After people call you and say, ‘Frank, would you consider?’--and people just came out of nowhere and encouraged [him], so that was helpful. So you are already starting with a base.”

Observing Frank and Cindy Scotto, there was something that stood out--their connection to each other. Not only did this couple finish each other’s sentences, but they also displayed a unity only solidified by years of dedication to each other. Frank was born in Riverside in 1948 and told me he moved into Torrance in 1954. “I’ve seen a lot going on in the City of Torrance,” he said. “I lived on Pennsylvania and went to St. Margaret Mary and then to Fermin Lasuen High School in San Pedro, but worked in Torrance. [I saw] everything from strawberry fields to home developments. We have pictures in the hallway here [at City Hall] of how Torrance looked in the ‘40s, but it didn’t develop a lot until after the ‘50s. We both lived in Torrance.” Cindy was born in Waukegan, Illinois and told me, “My family moved to Torrance in 1952 and I grew up right over on Cabrillo and went to Torrance El [Elementary] and Torrance High.”

How did this couple meet? “I got a job with the predecessor of McDonald’s. It was called Clancy’s. It was a big chain and one of their outlets was down here on Torrance Boulevard on the old White Front building property next to the Chevron Station,” said Frank. Cindy added, “Right next to where the carwash used to be--that red and white building--that is where Clancy’s used to be.” Frank continued, “I was a night manager and we lost one of the girls and the owner asked me to look. Well, I went to an all-boys Catholic school...so I asked a friend to ask the girls in his homeroom class at Torrance High. So he asked Cindy. I got her phone number and called her up, and she came in to apply for the job and we hired her. And in a few months we were dating.” Cindy

noted, “We were 17, in our junior year of high school.” They were married at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita on August 24, 1968 and have two children--a daughter, Wendy Bell, and a son, Tony, who both live in the South Bay. “Wendy, our oldest [grandchild], the first time I held her was the day she was born--my first Council meeting in 2000,” said Frank. What a memory for the two of them to have. Now the Scottos have five grandchildren.

I asked Mayor Frank what he is the most proud of during his term as Mayor and he said as he turned and pointed at the expansive window of the Mayor’s office to where you can see the new multi-use sports field, “If you look right out the window, you can see it. I am very pleased to have a sports complex built [the new field at 555 Maple Avenue], but there are many other things we have done in the city that I am very pleased about. The list is very long. From the very first month of proposing an Ethics Blue Ribbon Committee and that last piece of the puzzle is completed after eight years and I am very happy about that. I hope the citizens will see the benefit of that committee--in addition to the passing of AB 1234, causing every elected official to go through an ethics training, which is good. The City of Torrance is way ahead of all the other municipalities as far as what we do here. That addressed the transparency portion of when I ran and I am hoping as a legacy for that to go on. Another real proud thing--that my wife is 100 percent responsible for is the Students and Government Day. This is our eighth year and I am hoping the Mayor and Council continue that program forever. [We have exposed] kids to government and we have changed a lot of kids’ lives.”

Cindy told me she remembers exactly when she had the idea for Students and Government Day. “We were driving down the street to a candidate’s forum when he [Frank] was running for Mayor and I said, ‘You know, if you get elected Mayor, what do think about doing some kind of a project where the kids can come and learn about government at the City?’--and he said it sounded really good,” she recalled. “The point was to expose students to government--local--‘cuz I never had that opportunity as a kid to go into City Hall and see the Mayor or Council people. So he asked [former Mayor] Dee Hardison to be part of it with us and she has been my co-chair for the last eight years. What we do is have an essay contest open to all eighth graders in Torrance schools and private schools. We have all Torrance Unified and five private schools now.” Cindy told me she is busy reading the essays right now. The students submitted 1,200 essays last year and this year she is reading 1,075. She explained that some teachers have made the essay part of the curriculum and they try to incorporate their topic theme for a particular year into what students are studying. The theme for the essay is different every year. This year it is “Paying it Forward,” which coincidentally

has been the moniker of the Mayor’s term as he is known for his emphasis on volunteerism. “Out of the 1,200 essays, we pick at least one student from each school,” said Cindy. “We have a total of 21 students that come to the City the first Tuesday in May and they spend a couple of hours touring the Police Department as a whole group and then they break off and go job shadowing somebody in the City. And we don’t necessarily pick the ‘A’ students. When we are reading the essays, we read more on content--not necessarily grammar, not necessarily punctuation, or spelling. It’s all about content and did they capture the theme that we wanted--something about paying it forward. And we always ask them to give us a program that they would develop about paying it forward. So it is the creativity of it all. We have had kids that have been ‘C’ and ‘D’ students as well. Some are from other countries. We have had the gamut. That is what it’s all about--not just getting the ‘A’ students to come in here. Give all the kids an opportunity to take a part.”

Every year in December, Cindy Scotto and former Mayor Dee Hardison put together the package and present the Students in Government Day program at the middle school principals’ meeting with all the information. The information is also listed on the City website, so even home-schooled students can pick up the details at: <http://www.torranceca.gov/students.htm>. Cindy told me, “Viet Hoang from the City Manager’s office told me he got a call from someone in New Jersey who went to our website saw our Students in Government program, went through everything on the website, and said, ‘I want to do this,’ and called him up... and said they wanted to do this! Wow!”

Another very important achievement Scotto is proud of is the Commissioner Training. “The naysayers said, ‘No way you’re going to get your commissioners to come together for three hours and learn about being a commissioner,’ when I became Mayor. Here we are now in the eighth year of doing this and we have cities all over the United States asking for that [the information],” said the Mayor. “We apparently were the first city to do it. These are things I am proud of. And I am proud of getting the funding, resources, and that Council decided to do it. *The Transit Center*--I think that is something that is going to be really big in the future and that goes along with lots of other projects that we were able to do. [Additional accomplishments are] Discovery Park and also Seaside Heroes Park--adding two parks while being Mayor--and having the heroes [names and pictures] on banners along Torrance Boulevard... So we have done a lot of things in the city that are unique.”

Unique? Absolutely. At this point I was thinking back on the huge accomplishments that have been made during Mayor Scotto’s two terms and realized it’s simply impossible to include even the highlights in one article. Next week: “A Very Special Mayor--Part II.” •

Hickory Elementary

original construction.

While the school’s bandwidth pipeline expanded, so did its actual plumbing pipelines. The modernization project removed trees that were mangling pipes. The improved campus is also flood-resistant. Shumacher said that in years past, the campus was prone to massive flooding that forced teachers to resort to sandbagging their classroom doors. But with the addition of a French drain, many more covered walkways and other flooding mitigation measures, Hickory’s students should be dry regardless of the weather. “We used to have very severe flooding, and we have no flooding now. We might have puddles, but no more flooding,” said Shumacher. “The school is lower than the street level, so we used to get terrible flooding...but now there is no flooding.”

The campus has also had some security-minded changes. Shumacher said that all entries and exits

during school hours must go through the front office. The new layout of the entrance has made it difficult for parents -- or anyone else -- to remove a student from Hickory without the office knowing about it. These changes are in line with a district-wide push for more restrictive entry and exits for schools. “Anyone who wants to come in has to go through the front office,” said Shumacher. “They have to sign in and exit through the office before they could bypass it. That’s been one of the focuses for the District -- to design entrances to schools where parents and the public cannot enter without going through the office during school hours.”

During the ribbon-cutting event, Shumacher thanked the architects at Westberg and White, Inc. who were behind the plans of the renovated school. She noted that they turned her goals for the improved campus into a tangible, finished school. “We love our new school,”

said Shumacher. “They [Westberg and White, Inc.] were instrumental with their vision and possibilities of what our school could look like. What they did, they made our campus not only a possibility but they made it a reality.”

Shumacher also thanked Balfour Beatty, which is one of the largest school construction firms in the nation. According to her, the company worked diligently to minimize distractions and keep students safe while the school was a construction site. “They did everything they possibly could to do a professional job with the least amount of disruption--and money, I might add,” said Shumacher.

Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto also spoke at the event. He said the Hickory campus renovation is one of many examples of Torrance’s dedication to the education of the city’s youth. “This occasion reaffirms Torrance’s reputation as a community that offers quality education,

and as a city that takes steps in the present to protect the future of its community,” said Scotto.

The Mayor also explained how the campus upgrades were made possible because of Measure Y and Z funding. The voter-approved bonds are paid for with property taxes, which makes approving them unappealing, but the benefit of making schools better for the city’s youth is sure to pay dividends. “A few years ago, our community and leaders saw a great need to rebuild and renovate school facilities to improve the educational experience of our youth. We acted on this need and we did it as a community, rallying for the necessary resources to make this improvement happen,” said Scotto. “We all understand the importance of providing our students with the resources to learn and succeed. So today, this facility will help inspire, motivate and encourage our Torrance youth to strive for excellence.” •

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Donovan



Waffles



Flanagan



Melody

Happy Tails

Sabrina Finds a New Family

Congratulations to **Sabrina**, our "Schwheaten" (Schnauzer/Wheaten mix) who was rescued in January from the Baldwin Park shelter. Her new mom previously had a Bearded Collie that had passed on and she found Sabrina listed in the *El Segundo Herald*. She came to our adoption fair and the rest is history. Sabrina is now living in Torrance with her new family. Wishing you all much happiness! •

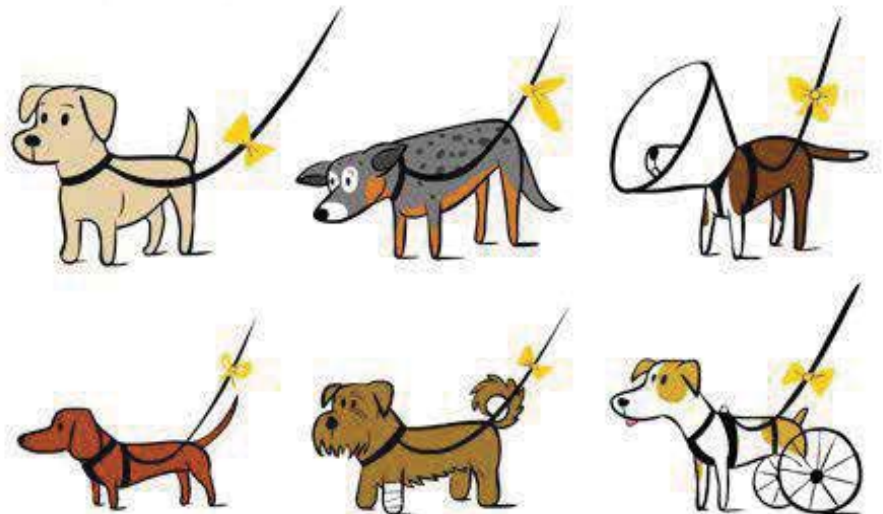


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Real Estate

Now's the Time to Spring into DIY Action with Home Improvement Projects

(BPT) - It's time to start dreaming of a spring home makeover. Sources of design inspiration, like Pinterest, are plentiful and can help make your home decor and renovation projects easy and fun. In fact, now is the season to gather ideas and get started.

Warm Up to Color

A fresh coat of paint is an inexpensive way to transform a tired look into a vibrant vision. Choosing the perfect shade is often the most time consuming and nerve-wracking part of the process. Knowing this, paint manufacturers are coming to the rescue and providing many new tools to help give you the color confidence you need.

For example, pick up small-size paint samples, like Platinum Color Samples from Dutch Boy, tinted in your favorite shades and apply directly to the walls you're interested in painting. These color paint samples help you visualize how the entire space will look before investing time and money on a large painting project. Plus, the Dutch Boy color samples are available in Dutch Boy's highest-quality interior paint so you can test its best paint and perfect color together.

Simple Sampling

Once you have a sample size of your perfect shade of paint, it's time to test your hunch. Apply the sample paint on several walls. This will help you envision the color's

look in various light sources, both natural and artificial. Be sure to check the painted wall at different times of the day - giving you a truer view of the end results. If you prefer, you can paint large white poster boards with your sample paint and move them around the room to verify your vision.

When testing multiple colors, avoid painting sample strips too close together as this might distort the appearance of the color. When you're happy with a color selection, head to a local retailer to purchase the paint tinted in the quantities you need.

Size Up Your Projects

The fun doesn't have to stop with the walls. Dutch Boy Platinum color samples can also work for smaller interior projects because the sample contains a premium paint. Try stenciling your favorite inspirational sayings or words of wisdom on your living room or office area walls. Another quick project is to use the samples to paint the trim on picture frames or mirrors to coordinate with your newly painted room.

Add Some Final Touches

After you plan your painting projects, it's important to prepare for the small details and finishing touches that help bring everything together. Break out the hot glue gun, some of your favorite springtime silk flowers and bright ribbons to make a whimsical wreath

for the entrance to your home. When April showers bring May flowers, you will already have the perfect entryway accessory to welcome in the new season - and guests.

Whether entertaining friends and family or simply relaxing alone with a good book, having an outdoor oasis is crucial to enjoying warmer days and nights. To give your patio some pizzazz, why not create some decorative, weather-proof pillows or cushions? Utilize

durable, all-weather fabrics in complementary hues and patterns to achieve the lounge-worthy look you're craving. This small sewing project will add a level of comfort and creativity to an otherwise boring patio set.

As the end of winter is upon us, it's time to plan for spring home improvement plans. By conjuring up some great ideas for the upcoming season now, you'll have more time to enjoy the beauty of the warmer months ahead. •



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This Mediterranean styled villa was the result of a \$500k remodel finished in 2009. It has the best curb appeal with exterior stone work, twin curved steps and mahogany double doors. This luxurious home has all high end upgrades including Marvin wood framed/aluminum clad, dual pane windows with security laminate glass. The kitchen is truly a chef's delight stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets, a walk in pantry, and granite counter tops. It also opens to a great dining/living/game room. Large ground floor theater room with a fireplace could also serve as a master bedroom in addition to 4 bedrooms upstairs and a total of 2.5 baths. Behind the motorized wooden gates is total privacy with room for RV/boat and plenty of parking.

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