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Unconventional Fundraiser Supports Programs for Children with Families Affected by Cancer



On Saturday, March 2, Walk With Sally hosted the 6th annual bowling fundraiser benefiting children of parents (or siblings) with cancer. The twist to a traditional walk-a-thon, Bowl-A-Prom brought individuals throughout Los Angeles to the AMF El Dorado Lanes to raise funds for children whose families are affected by cancer. Justin Willman, host of Cupcake Wars and Last Cake Standing on the Food Network Channel, thrilled the crowd dressed in prom attire as they bowled, and had a good time with an entertainment and costume contest. Altogether teams joined in the mission to help raise almost \$30,000 as a net profit going to support Walk With Sally's programs and services. For more information, interested persons may visit www.walkwithsally.org. Photo courtesy of Walk with Sally.

Council Recognizes AYSO Area Champions

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday night, the Torrance City Council congratulated the West Torrance



The West Torrance Silver Strikers were honored by the City Council for their victory in the AYSO girls' Area Championship. Photo by Dylan Little.

Silver Strikers girls' under 10 AYSO soccer team for playing a remarkable regular and postseason. The team was the champion in the Area finals and in the sectional tournament, only losing to a Westchester squad that went on to qualify for the AYSO state level tournament.

Mayor Frank Scotto recounted the Silver Strikers' season that included wins against other Torrance teams. The Silver Strikers were undefeated in regular season play up until the last game when they were knocked to second place. Scotto, an avid supporter of AYSO soccer, informed the audience that the regular season loss meant the Silver Strikers would have to face the top-seeded team in the playoffs. Despite the challenge, they went on to win the game and the Area Championships. "People might not realize that when you lose that last game, you are seeded second so you have to play the number one team to go on," said Scotto.

Coaches Jeff Amberg and Lawrence Markey said that in the Sectional Tournament (the level between Area and State), the team won two of its games before losing 3-2 to Westchester. Amberg said the hardest competition was from the South Bay and that

winning the Area Championships is a major achievement in such a talented field. "Some of the toughest teams we played were from this local area," said Amberg. "It's really a testament to the character, the ability and the sportsmanship of these girls and the other teams too. There's really some high quality soccer going on in the South Bay."

Scotto thanked Amberg and Markey for taking on the challenge of coaching a team not only through the regular season but two postseasons. He said that while the players deserve commendation for their skill on the

field, their parents and coaches also deserve credit for taking the time to make it possible for these girls to compete. "Teams like this don't succeed just because they have good players—it's because their parents support the team in a big way...Sticking with it through playoffs and second playoffs is very difficult for parents to do that," said Scotto. "It's also because of the dedication of the coaches. People don't understand how difficult it is to get people to step up and do these things. So many times we ask people

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Councilmember Announces Bid for Mayor

By Cristian Vasquez

When Torrance resident and current City Councilmember Bill Sutherland ran for office in 2006, it was never with the intention of making a political career out of it. Sutherland identified a deficiency in the City's leadership at the time and believed he could make a difference. Today the problems he once saw are gone, but the need for strong leadership is still present and he has announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor in the City of Torrance.

"It is really hard to transition into Mayor when you don't have big problems just like it is easy to say what I am going to correct when there is a blatant problem," Sutherland said. "It is hard to say that I'm going to change A, B, C, D and E in a city that is pretty well-run. One thing I do see is that there is still a lot of money wasted and it is just a matter of taking a look at how we have been doing certain things for 30 years. I used to go to Washington, D.C. every year with the League of Cities, but as soon

as the budget got tight I stopped. I still had the money to do it, but I figured if I'm going to ask our employees not to take a raise, shouldn't I cut back also?"

Current Mayor Frank Scotto is termed out office, leaving the seat open. For Sutherland, Mayor Scotto has done great in his role and were he up for reelection, Sutherland would not be seeking the office. For a brief moment, the Councilmember considered what it would be like to run for the State Assembly, but he did not want to get caught up in the restrictions of Sacramento politics and having to pander to party lines. Sutherland believes that running for Mayor is a new opportunity to serve the people of Torrance in a capacity that will have the greatest impact.

"As Mayor or Councilman in Torrance, you can make a difference. I think that a councilperson and a mayor will affect your life more than a senator or an assembly member or congress people," Sutherland said. "They affect your wallet and wallet

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Cloudy
69°/58°



Saturday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
69°/58°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
69°/57°



Torrance Celebrates Friendship with Cherry Blossom Festival

Photos by Cristian Vasquez.

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O-Edo Ichi-Za (Traditional Japanese Dance): An O-Edo Ichi-Za performer does her solo dance during the opening number for her group.



Councilman Pat Furey [front] and Councilman Tom Brewer [back] do their best shoveling moves during a dance circle at the Cherry Blossom Festival at Columbia Park.



Matsutoyo Kai Performers (Traditional Music). The group of women opened the day's festivities with traditional music from Japan. Here they perform the 'Coal Mine Song' as they get the crowd engaged.



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The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements project is now two-thirds complete. After three years of construction, progress to date includes new Wilshire Boulevard on and off-ramps, a new and wider Sunset Boulevard Bridge, I-10 interchange improvements, Sepulveda Boulevard improvements and a new on-ramp at Skirball Center Drive.

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Police Briefs

ROBBERY ARREST DR# 130013068

Torrance Police Officers arrested a 27-year-old male yesterday after committing a robbery at Flame Broiler, 2024 Carson Street, in the City



of Torrance. Eric Meril, 27 years, of Torrance was taken into custody yesterday without incident at approximately 10:20 am after he was observed by an on-duty City of Torrance employee entering Flame Broiler with a mask covering his face and head in an attempt to conceal his identity. Meril simulated a weapon, demanded cash from Flame Broiler employees and fled the location with an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. Torrance Police Officers arrived on scene and took Meril into custody without incident a short distance south of the business on Arlington Ave. Cash and additional evidence linking Meril to the crime were recovered by officers. This crime is being investigated under the command and direction

of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at 310-618-5571.

22-YEAR-OLD COLD CASE MURDER SOLVED

On September 8, 1990, Luis Herrera was murdered in the City of Los Angeles and his body was dumped in a trash bin in Venice, California. An autopsy was conducted by the Los Angeles Coroners Department and it was determined that Herrera was strangled to death. Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department diligently worked this case for over one year as they followed several leads and investigated several possible persons of interest. Unfortunately, all possible leads ran dry and the case was suspended and re-classified as a "cold case homicide." Prior to suspending the case, LAPD Detectives recovered DNA evidence from the murder scene which they suspected belonged to the suspect and that sample was entered into the state and national DNA base (CODIS: Combined DNA Index System). No hits returned from the sample and the evidence remained on file in each respective database in case a match is later discovered. In April of 2012, Detective Sergeant Scott Turrentine of the Torrance Police Department was reviewing a list of all

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Sutherland

from front page

only--it is about taxes. They do not affect your potholes, your police, your fire, your emergency services--they do not affect any of that. So what I do here or what I don't do makes a difference. That is why I am running."

Sutherland has been serving Torrance in many different capacities for a long time. With AYSO he began as a coach, became a referee, moved on to regional commissioner and eventually to divisional commissioner where he was responsible for a program with 1,200 kids. He has also been a member of the Rotary Club since 1983 and has also served on the advisory board with the Salvation Army.

"What do I see different? I bring different perspectives," Sutherland said. "You have to be a little egotistical to seek office. I am not egotistical, but I have to assume that I know the people of Torrance better than somebody else. I know what they want and I may not know the best way to get it, but that is why we have staff. Our job is not to say, 'I want this road here or that built over there.' Our job is to make sure that we have money for things that we needed and want."

Sutherland is confident in his capacity to have served the City and looks forward to continued service through what he calls the three Cs: common sense, consideration and compassion. He believes that without these elements, it is difficult to be an efficient leader.

"I have to consider what people are asking for. I have gone to places, having read both sides, with an opinion of my own and somebody will say something and I will realize that I hadn't thought about that," Sutherland said. "So you have to consider everything you hear and then make your decision on the best of your life experiences."

One issue that the Councilman knows he will have to address if elected Mayor is the battle over how to deal with pensions. "You have to have compassion with this issue--we are dealing with people's lives. All of our employees have been cut, furloughed and then they are left not being able to pay their mortgage, buy groceries, send their kids to school and then they file bankruptcy," Sutherland said. "That's hard and you have to have compassion. With a little bit of compassion, I can see where in the long run certain ways are better. So if you have some compassion, some consideration of the people and common sense, it's okay."

If elected to the Mayor's office, Sutherland does not plan to micromanage every City department or its staff. Trust and reliance on staff, department heads and City leaders has

worked in the past and is an approach Sutherland does not wish to change. "I don't know that desalination plant, I don't know how it works, never will. So I have to trust that they know how it works and I have to trust them when they say we need to buy another \$150,000 worth of chemicals next year," Sutherland said. "We have to trust the department heads that they know what they are doing and we must also trust their employees and that they oversee them. Trust is a great thing, but you can't let it go unchecked."

Sutherland understands the importance of business to the City and plans to continue streamlining the process of opening businesses in Torrance that will stay in the community. "During my first four years, I went to more ribbon cuttings than all councils combined, and where this really helps is that I get to talk to the store owner and let them know that we are behind them. We want them to succeed and they can contact us directly if you have a problem," Sutherland said. "I also very blatantly say, 'I don't know if I can help you because it might be a problem we can't fix.' However, we do want businesses to stay in Torrance. We have an economic development department, which consists of two people, and all they do is try to bring in businesses. We want to make Torrance a business-friendly place."

During the last election, CSutherland received the largest margin of votes and he believes that it is because he is very understanding of the residents' needs and plans to continue fulfilling those needs. "I am only on the Council for one reason and that is because enough people have faith in me and believe that I am honest and they think I'm fair," Sutherland said. "I don't think take any of them said, 'You're the smartest person in the world,' or, 'I think you're the best political leader in the world,' but I think people believe I am honest, fair and considerate. Now they respected me, so I have to earn that respect today: I have to earn that respect tomorrow and I have to earn respect the next day and every week I have to earn that respect."

Sutherland continued, "That is why I am running for Mayor--because I want to continue that. When I was elected, the City was going the wrong way in 2006. To overtake an incumbent mayor and two council people meant something was wrong. That should never happen. The fact that they are incumbents proves that people knew things were going the wrong way. We fought to keep it going the right way and I want to continue going the right way." •

Calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 14th Annual Craftsmen's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Ken Miller Auditorium, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 376-7488.

- Dancing with the South Bay Stars II, 8 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

- Free Superhero Mask Making Workshop (youth 8-14), 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive. For reservations call (310) 618-6342.

- Free Beginning Composting Workshop, 9:30-11 a.m., Columbia Park, 4045 190th St. For more information call (310) 781-6900.

- It's Spring Cleaning - dClutter Your House, 10-11:30 a.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. Registration required: (310) 371-2075.

- Celebrity Series: Garrett AiResearch History, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., WMOF 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- "Torrance Library Early Years: Why in a house?" 2 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

- "What's really inside that can of food", 12-12:45 p.m., 3858 W Carson St., Suite 121. Learn how to decode food labels in the grocery store. For more information call 310-543-9333.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- Old Torrance Neighborhood Association (OTNA) Meeting (Del Amo Mall remodel), 7:30-9:00 p.m., Bartlett Senior Center, 1318 Cravens Ave. For more information contact Debbie Hays at (310) 320-6054.

- South Bay Cities Genealogical Society General Meeting, 7 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard.

- Miracle of Living Health Education Lecture: "Your Back, An Owners Manual", 7 p.m., Torrance Memorial, Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- Spring Has Sprung Story and Craft, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- Dave Beery and His Awesome Island Instruments, 4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 64th South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society Gem and Mineral Show (also 3/24), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Ken Miller Auditorium, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 533-4931.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- "Sacred Concert-Faure's Requiem" presented by Los Cancioneros Master Chorale, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

- South Bay Children's Choir presents "The Great American Folk Song", 4 p.m., Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. For ticket information call 1-800-832-ARTS.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- Breakfast and a Visit with the Bunny, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Toyota Meeting Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

- Opening Reception for new exhibitions, 6-9 p.m. (8-9 p.m. live performance), Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive. Free and no RSVP is necessary.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Historic Downtown at 1317 Sartori Ave. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Volunteerism Alive and Well in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

People all over Torrance are committed to volunteerism in a variety of ways. Opportunities to volunteer are everywhere, some of which include at hospitals, schools, animal shelters, theatres, senior centers and churches. Normally, these volunteers do their work very quietly and it is difficult to follow their actions. But the effect of their handiwork is undeniable and many recipients of their time and donations would not be doing as well without such generosity.

Volunteerism is something we do by instinct, I think. When there is a storm, or when the lights go out, people naturally help their friends and neighbors. Maybe volunteering is sparked from observing others. I know I have watched my parents volunteer all through my life and they continue to volunteer to this day. Whether it is helping a church on a project,

manage again on her own. Her next door neighbor called every day and brought her groceries when he went out. All these people helped this woman in need without anyone asking, or with them asking for anything in return. I watched with a smiling heart at this demonstration of volunteerism in action. To this day, no one asked for compensation of any kind and no one spoke about what they did. They just did it.

South Bay dynamo Sheldon Brackett is a computer information systems expert with a degree in IT who not only works in the computer field and teaches computer science, but owns his own cookie company (*Daddy's Gourmet Cookies*). When I asked him about his volunteerism, he told me it is just part of his life.

"I am also going to be volunteering to teach

go out of their way to make somebody else's day brighter." Sheldon and I talked about how there are so many people in the community who give tremendously but they do it under the radar, stealth-like, and their work goes unnoticed to the world. In the end, Sheldon flashed that dazzling smile and then shared, "You can't really help someone else unless your own home is in order. I am a Christian, so I believe in the principles of Jesus Christ and I think those translate to me in the things that I do--although I don't go around proselytizing that--but I think just living those are evident in the state of volunteering and the state of trying to help others."

After talking with Sheldon Brackett, I headed over to Studio 4 at the Torrance Cultural Arts

been a banker since I was in high school. It is interesting how to help people make financial decisions. That is what I like about it--to be able to educate and be able to help others get prepared for the future."

Turning to Veronica Wagner, I asked her about Aaron. She was more than happy to share, "He's a great student. He works very hard and is always in a good mood--always laughing, having a good time--which is really good 'cuz I can get really serious. It is very technical, so he keeps it light and is a good listener and he works hard." High praise from a professional dancer!

Aaron added, "To be out in the community and to give back...I think it is just so important. Sometimes we serve organizations and the

"What all of the people I interviewed said was that they volunteer for the sheer act of helping their fellow human beings without any regard for applause, compensation or acclaim."

a neighbor, a family member, or the Stanford Children's Hospital, a life of volunteering has been modeled for me by my parents.

This spirit of pitching in to help was validated again just recently. About three months ago, an elderly neighbor of a friend of mine fell on the sidewalk while taking a stroll. She was bowled down by an overenthusiastic dog. The fall resulted in a short emergency room visit and recuperation at home in her apartment. This normally might not be a big deal, but



Sheldon Brackett.

the woman has no family nearby and was left alone to care for herself. The neighbors who live in the same apartment building went into action. One person checked in on her every day and a loose schedule was set up to take meals to the woman until she could

computer classes to seniors at the YMCA. It is a great opportunity," he said. At the moment, Sheldon is volunteering by learning to ballroom dance for the benefit of the arts and *Counseling 4Kids* at the *Dancing with the South Bay Stars II* event on March 16. As a member of the *Counseling4Kids* Board of Directors for three years, Sheldon told me, "I am really excited about the opportunity to dance. It has been an experience because the difficulty of doing something that is outside your comfort zone, so to speak...has been a challenge, but it has been rewarding and definitely fulfilling and fun because I am learning new things and challenging myself."

I asked Sheldon if he has ever danced like this before and he told me, "[I have] no ballroom dancing experience. I have taken a class one other time with my wife [Marchette]. And then I have done other dancing when I would go out to different clubs when I would love to dance in my early 20s." The song Sheldon and his partner Larisa Bates will be dancing to in competition on Saturday will be *James Bond, Dr. No*. How exciting! I asked Sheldon about his volunteerism that seems so much a part of his life and he shared, "I think it stems from a child growing up. My mother--we would always attend church--she was always preparing food and doing things for the church functions. She would always have me help her carry things in, prepare and set up. And I would do that for many of the other ladies that would help her out--picking things up from the cars. So I think it stems from that. Just seeing that people are in need and if you can help somebody, then it really is your responsibility to help. And it makes the world a little better place when people are willing to volunteer their time--to



Professional dancer, Veronica Wagner and Aaron Aalcides.

Center to catch up with Aaron Aalcides, who was rehearsing with his partner, professional dancer Veronica Wagner. Aaron is also preparing to compete in the upcoming dance show in Torrance to raise money for the arts and also, through voting, help specific charities chosen by the contestants. A local banker by profession, Aaron is dancing the tango to the music *American Tango* benefiting the arts and the *Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation*. I asked Aaron if he is familiar with ballroom dancing and he told me, "Not at all, but it's something I've always wanted to do." Aaron is currently Chairman of the Board for the *Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce* (a volunteer position) and is also the sitting President of *The Little Fish Theatre* and *Shakespeare by the Sea* in San Pedro. "In the past, I've been involved with the Warner Grand Theatre, with the Scott Newman Center and with the Public Library Foundation," he added. Aaron confessed to me that he originally wanted to do the Argentinean Tango, but Veronica convinced him a basic tango was quite intricate enough.

Aaron Aalcides, originally from El Salvador, moved to the South Bay via Los Angeles in 1984. He told me, "I am a banker. I have

meaning behind that has [to be] to give and not necessarily take. Our heart has to be in the right place when we volunteer.

Some say that it is the busy person who does the most but from the imperfect human perspective it is difficult to know how much volunteering people do every single day. From huge organized volunteering to the simple acts of helping people when one sees a need, volunteerism is indeed alive and well in the city of Torrance. That must be what is meant by, "When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." --Matthew 6:3.

With the second quarter of the year ahead of us, it is a great time to find a place to serve. Reach out in this wide, diverse community and find a niche that is right for you. And don't forget to make a date to see the results of weeks of hard work from Sheldon Brackett and Aaron Aalcides along with other special leaders of Torrance as they participate in *Dancing with the South Bay Stars II* on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the James Armstrong Theatre to benefit the arts in Torrance and to assist their individual charities. Call the Theatre Box Office at 310-781-7171. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

A good friend and column reader, Michael B., went apoplectic last week over the state of our economy, so I want to assure him everything is okay. As a matter of fact, it's more than okay. It's perfect! Here's what's happening, Michael:

In 2009, that cute little pixie fairy, Tinker Bell, was cruising around Washington and happened to fly into an open White House window. There, she found the President with his head buried in his hands and his shoulders

"In other words, the economy is dead in the water. But who cares?"

hunched. "Wazzup, Boss?" she asked. With a groan he replied, "I'm in over my head." She cooed, "Poor baby, tell you what—I'll grant you three wishes to lighten your burden."

He brightened and said, "Super! Here's my first wish: I want to borrow money without limit." POOF! With a wave of her wand and a fist full of pixie dust, his wish was granted. "What's next?"

"Okay," he said, "Now I don't want to pay any interest on that unlimited debt." "Easily done," she said. POOF! With pixie dust covering his shoulders, the interest on the national debt was reduced to zero.

"So what's your third and final wish," she asked, adding, "Make it a good one." "It is," he said. "I don't want to ever pay the loans back. POOF! Tinker invented Ben Bernanke. Ben said, "Okay, Barack, here's what we'll do: We'll just buy back government loans with money the government just printed! Cool, no? That way, no one needs to worry about repaying the trillions of dollars we've borrowed. Each month our money printing makes our

debt disappear, even as we borrow more."

"Super cool," said Barack. "Right on," said Ben...and Tinker Bell threw more pixie dust on the duo to bless the arrangement they had reached.

A suddenly serious Tinker said, "Now sit down and listen, Barack. Here's the important part of the pixie dust economy: Free money is the foundation, but the important news is that it's no longer important to grow the economy to raise our standard of living!

Government can give us entitlements from the borrowings...and it's all free!

"The latest economic reports show our economy growing at one-tenth-of-one-percent per year. In other words, the economy is dead in the water. But who cares? As long as there is compensating entitlement growth, economic growth is irrelevant. We'll all be fat and happy without working...living a life of leisure.

"The plan is a win-win program, Barack. China and foreign lenders will be happy. Our children and grandchildren will be relieved of repaying our debt. We haven't been able to make the economy grow in four years, so let's just give up and replace growth with free money to all."

With that, a smiling Tinker Bell covered Barack and Ben with a thick layer of pixie dust and flitted off to save the EU.

So relax, Michael. Tinker Bell has taken care of everything. Our economy is perfect and nothing can go wrong...Nothing can go wrong...Nothing can go wrong.

POOF! •

Another Man's Opinion

Improving Education

By Cristian Vasquez

It was difficult to walk away from the issue of education that was brought up last week since the area of K-12 education was not touched. There is much to be debated about the state of our public education system in California and across the country. While small school districts have demonstrated improved API scores and efficiency in math, science and English among their students—as a whole, the nation's scores are not too impressive. This is not a new problem and it was one that former President George W. Bush tried to fix through his No Child Left Behind Act. While \Bush was bombarded with criticism by opponents for what they claimed to be an ineffective act, we must remember two things: the act was heavily influenced by the late Senator Ted Kennedy, who even though he criticized the funding aspect of the act, strongly believed in its goals. Second, President Obama's Race to the Top program used NCLB as a sort of blueprint to move forward with reforming our nation's K-12 system.

In many regards both NCLB and RTTT deal with the same issues, but the approach is different. While NCLB provides mandates for schools to improve tests scores, RTTT actually provides incentives. One can get technical and argue that incentives and mandates are one and the same, but the truth is they are not. RTTT seeks to provide states with monetary incentives to reform their education systems based on the needs and inefficiencies in their system. NCLB mandated a variety of changes at the state and local education systems as a requirement to receiving Title I funds.

Title I is the nation's largest federal education grant that states receive and distribute to their local school districts for children from low-income families. Title I funds pay for such things as educational programs for disadvantaged children. Under NCLB, a school would lose funds as a form of punishment for underperforming and be made to change its educational approach. It is difficult to refute the idea of changing a system that is not working, but it is irrational to believe that a school can make a change for the better when Title I funds are withdrawn from its budget.

RTTT grantees receive additional federal funding while NCLB requires states to make reforms in order to continue receiving the same federal funds they currently receive and are entitled to get. While NCLB provides a framework for RTTT, a stark difference is that RTTT encourages different methods of measuring student, teacher and school performance without fiscally crippling the school. The intent of NCLB is great—to fix the educational problems afflicting our nation's schools. However, the financing approach of it all is flawed.

K-12 education is very much needed and RTTT is a major improvement from NCLB. We shouldn't completely discredit the qualities of NCLB, but you can't ask a school to improve the quality of its education for low-income students by taking away the Title I funds intended to provide these children a good education. RTTT isn't focused on punishing low-performing schools, but rather it seeks to reward good academic performances. •



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Sports

Up and Adam

Warriors Swinging Hot Bats vs. Spartans

By Adam Serrao

The West High Warriors weren't one of the best teams in the Bay League last year, to say the least. They weren't even one of the best teams in the city of Torrance. In fact, their 9-20 overall record had them nearly in last place in the Bay League standings and ranked them as the worst team in Torrance at the time. What a difference one year can make. After losing its first game of the season, this West High team has rallied off six wins in a row dating back to last Saturday when it finished off flawless play in the El Segundo Tournament to eventually take the tournament title. Another year of experience under head coach Juan Cueva with stars on the team like pitcher Joey Notch, outfielder Kevin Clausen and first baseman Tommy Oslund, has certainly brought the team a long way. This year, not only will the Warriors look to be the best team

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in Torrance, but they will also have their sights set on Bay League supremacy and a CIF title.

The Warriors began their quest for city superiority by taking on the South High Spartans in the El Segundo Tournament Gold Division championship game at Recreation Park last Saturday night, winning by a final score of 6-0 to take the tournament title. Notch was one of the main reasons for the Warriors' success as he kept opposing hitters guessing all night long. The Spartans seemed to get runners on base every inning, except for in the seventh when Notch finished South off with a perfect inning. The pitcher seemed to work best under pressure, however, allowing zero runs on just four hits with four strikeouts. "I was just getting ahead in the count early and letting them put the ball in play," Notch explained. "I let our defense make plays and they played really well tonight." Notch also walked a batter and hit two others on the night. While control seemed to be somewhat of a small issue, the season is young and Notch has much time to hone his skills.

The South High Spartans are no slouches. Dating back to last Saturday, their only loss of the year has come in this same tournament championship game to West High. Either the Spartans just weren't prepared for the bright lights of the championship game stage or the Warriors are that much more talented this year than their cross-town rivals who lost in a 6-0 shutout. "We couldn't get any rhythm going offensively," South head coach Grady Sain explained. "Notch was throwing strikes and mixing it up and West's defense played very well." The West High defense wasn't the only thing running on all cylinders, though. The batters knocked Spartan's starting pitcher Perry Richmond out of the game in just the second inning by scoring three runs in the first and three runs in the second to account for their six total runs on the night. Clausen was the instigator on offense for the Warriors,

as he led off with a double to right-center and eventually scored the first run of the game on a sacrifice fly by Notch. Clausen came through with another double in West's three-run second inning and eventually scored for the second time of the night. "We had guys just trying to put the ball in play, knowing we had guys behind them who could knock them in," said Cueva. Perhaps the biggest reason for West's success so far this year is because the players are producing consistently and trust each other to come through.

Both South and West look to be two of the most skilled teams in their respective leagues this year. While it is still early on in the season, both teams expect to do well this year and finish atop their divisions. With another head-to-head matchup coming towards the end of the month, both teams will look to put together wins until the rematch of cross-town rivals takes place.

NORTH HIGH

In limited playing time so far this season, See *Up and Adam*, page 10

Exit Sandman

By Adam Serrao

It's not often that one gets to witness a player who has been the absolute best at his position play a specific sport in one's own lifetime. Babe Ruth, Wilt Chamberlain and even Jack Nicholson for some (to name a few) have all gained accolades as some of the best to play their respective sports, but have all done so in generations past. Last Saturday, New York Yankees' closer Mariano Rivera announced that

his ACL shagging fly balls in the outfield before the game. Instead of letting the injury retire him, however, Rivera was intent on rehab so he could leave the game he loves in the right way. "It's not too easy when you come to a decision like this," Rivera said. "After this year, I will be retired...Now you're hearing it from me. It's official now." Rivera stated that he made up his mind to retire once camp opened for the spring, but the 12-time all-star

"Look on and appreciate greatness as the 'Sandman' travels around the league putting opposing batters to sleep for the last time of his career."

he will retire from the game of baseball after the 2013 season at the age of 43, marking 19 years that the bullpen pitcher will have spent in the league. Some argue that as a closer, Rivera hasn't spent enough time on the field to be considered one of the game's all-time greatest. But with 608 total saves going into this season (making Rivera baseball's all-time saves leader), 42 postseason saves and five World Series rings all with one team, it is clear that he belongs in elite company. Rivera announced his decision to retire before the season started, allowing baseball fans everywhere an opportunity to look on and appreciate greatness as the "Sandman" travels around the league putting opposing batters to sleep for the last time of his career.

There has been a widespread feeling around the league that Rivera would call it quits sooner rather than later following the mishap in Kansas City less than a year ago when the closer tore

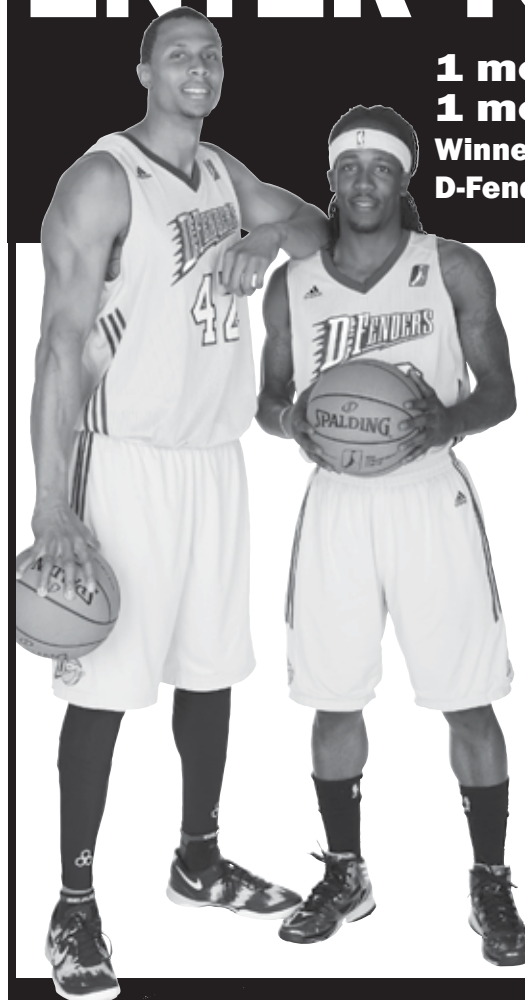
wanted time to tell the people most important to him the news before making anything public through a formal announcement. Now the time has come and gone for that formal announcement, but instead of being sad that the game is losing a legend, it is important to be grateful that fans everywhere have another 162 games to watch him play.

Rivera first stepped foot on a Major League mound in 1995 when he was actually a starter and not a bullpen guy. In that year for the Yankees, Rivera started 10 games, going 5-3 with a 5.94 ERA. Clearly, starting wasn't his thing. Not many people can make the transition from pitching to start the game to pitching to close the game, but Rivera did just that and did so miraculously. In just the next year, Rivera was tremendously influential as the Yankees' setup man in the team's 1996 championship run--tallying a 2.09 ERA with 130 strikeouts

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Old Torrance Welcomes New Fine Art Museum

Photos by Chris Nishimura

Historic Old Torrance is the new home of the California Museum of Fine Art located at 1421 Marcelina Avenue. The opening exhibition took place on March 8 and a grand ribbon-cutting was hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Torrance dignitaries followed by a coffee and dessert reception and live entertainment. The fine art exhibition included the works of artists John Asaro, Millie Greene, Dali Higa, Dan McCaw, Danny McCaw, John McCaw and Max Turner. CMFA's vision is to create a museum and art gallery hybrid featuring the unique qualities of both

— an intimate world class setting to showcase fine art and give international artists the opportunity to promote art education as part of a non-profit organization. An exhaustive search for the museum location culminated with a 5,600 square foot gem set in historic Downtown Old Torrance. The museum will be open to the public for two weeks after the opening (closed on Mondays) from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment and a special lecture by Dan McCaw on Saturday, March 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., special \$10 volunteer donation with all proceeds to the Children's Hospital Los Angeles — South Bay.



The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Torrance dignitaries celebrate the opening exhibition of the California Museum of Fine Art in Historic Old Downtown Torrance.



Artists Dali Higa and Millie Greene.



The works of artists John McCaw, Dan McCaw and Danny McCaw were also featured at the opening exhibition of the California Museum of Fine Art.



Miguel A. Cordova, representing the office of Assemblyman Al Maratsuchi, presented a certificate and toured the art exhibition with his family.



Todd Trinneer and Tim Thompson pose in front of the featured artwork.



Featured Artist Max Turner and Millie Greene pose with family and friends.



Torrance City Councilman Gene Barnett, Councilman Bill Sutherland and Councilwoman Susan M. Rhlinger enjoy the opening exhibition.

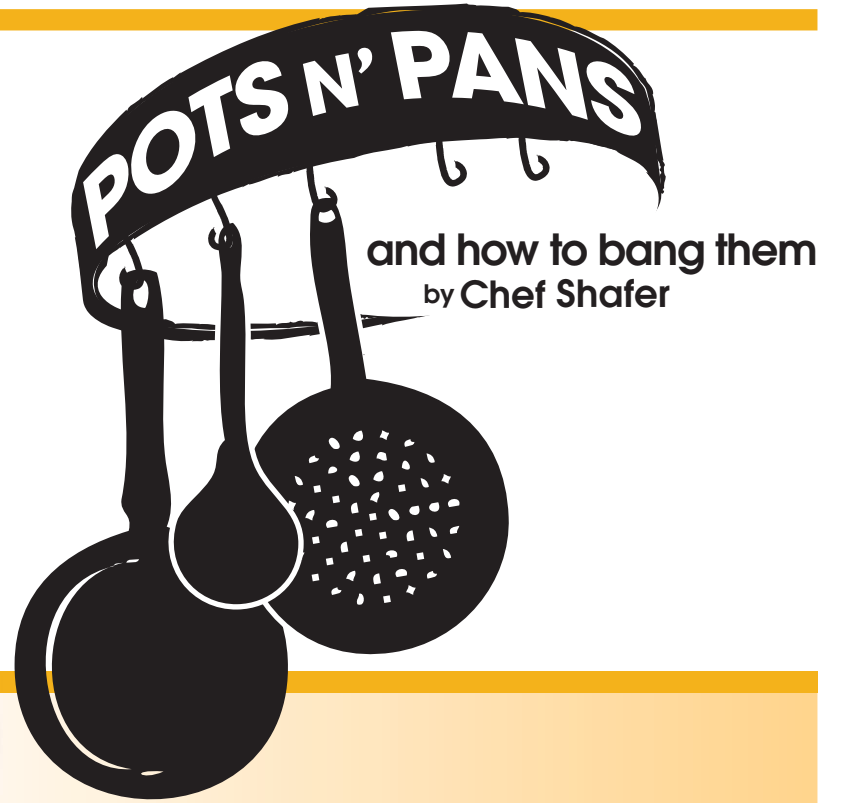


Brian and Dali Higa show off the certificate presented to them by City of Torrance Councilman Bill Sutherland, Councilwomen Susan M. Rhlinger and Councilman Gene Barnett.

This week we have changed the clocks and are getting ready for spring. With that in mind I thought it would be great to make Southwestern style vegetable soup. This full-bodied soup can become a meal by adding seafood, chicken, pork, or beef. This is also a wonderful soup that can be made in advance and will taste even better after the flavors get a chance to meld overnight. Try this one and send me some feedback.



The Chef



Southwest Vegetable Soup



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- 1/4 cup vegetable oil*
- 6 cloves of garlic chopped*
- 1 cup diced onions*
- 1 cup diced carrots*
- 1 cup diced celery*
- 1 cup diced red bell peppers*
- 1 cup diced squash zucchini or yellow squash*
- 2 to 4 chopped fresh jalapeños-depending on how hot you like it*
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander*
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin*
- 4 tablespoons chili powder*
- 1 15 ounce can of diced tomatoes*
- 1 gallon chicken stock or broth*
- 1 15 ounce can of hominy drained*
- Salt and pepper to taste*
- Garnish with Chopped cilantro*
- Tortilla chips*
- Lime wedges*
- Chopped onions*

In a hot soup pot sauté in oil the garlic onions celery carrots and bell peppers for 2 to 3 minutes.
 Add the dry spices and jalapenos and stir together with the other veggies.
 Add the tomatoes stock and hominy and simmer for 10 minutes.
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the North High Saxons are looking good. After losing the opening day game against Palos Verdes, the Saxons have won three straight games including a close 4-3 victory over Redondo Union. Redondo led 3-2 in extra innings before Kevin Cole drove in Jorge Hernandez in what was a two-run 10th inning to eventual seal a come-from-behind victory for North. Andrew Cabrera allowed only one earned run in eight innings of work in the Saxons' win. Currently, North sits in third place in the Pioneer League standings, but there is a lot of time before all is said and done. With league play starting towards the end of March, the Saxons will have ample time to increase their standing in the Pioneer League.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars have begun their season in a rather inconsistent fashion, losing four of their first six games and going out in the first round of the El Segundo Tournament. With key victories against both Mira Costa and Pioneer already this season, the Tartars have shown signs of life but currently sit in last place in the Pioneer League standings. Head coach Ollie Turner will have to rally the troops together to get this season turned around, but time is on his side and Turner certainly has the experience to get the job done. A key game against the Warriors awaits this week and that will be a good barometer for the Tartars and their current talent level. •

Sandman

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in 107.2 innings of relief while allowing only one home run all season long. Rivera allowed only one run in 14.1 postseason innings that year, setting up for John Wetteland to assist the Yankees in winning their first championship in nearly 20 years at the time. In 1997, he finally became the team's closer and his career was written in stone from then on. "He is the greatest closer of all time," manager and former teammate Joe Girardi said. "There is no question in my mind. I have had the thrill of catching him. I was really there when he burst onto the scene and he was a dominant setup man, and then to see what he did as a closer was a thrill for me." It was not only a thrill for Girardi, but also for Yankee fans alike

as the team went on to win five championships in 13 years with Rivera bringing up the rear. Rivera now boasts a career ERA of 2.21, giving him the second best average in history behind only Eddie Cicotte (2.20) amongst pitchers who have thrown 1,000 or more innings in their careers. Rivera has become known as one of the most feared pitchers in baseball. With his dominant and distinct cutter, he has learned to effortlessly strike out even the fiercest of opposing hitters. "A lot of people over the years have asked, especially when I go back to Japan, 'Who is the guy that you don't want to face, or the toughest guy to face?'" said Ichiro Suzuki, formerly of the
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Police Briefs

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Torrance cases involving DNA samples that have been collected when he came across a blood sample belonging to Kevin Kemp. Kemp was a suspect in a 1990 Torrance attempt kidnap case when he tried to kidnap a female in front of her residence in the early morning hours of September 30, 1990. The victim was able to retrieve a handgun from her purse during the kidnapping and shot and killed Kemp as he placed a canvas strap around her neck and tried to pull her into the street. Since Kemp was positively identified as the lone suspect and now deceased, he was never convicted of the crime so his DNA sample was never automatically entered into any database. Due to the severe and violent nature of the case, Sergeant Turrentine believed that Kemp was possibly involved in other similar crimes so he contacted Senior Criminalist John Bockrath of the Los Angeles County Department Scientific Services Bureau. Utilizing Bockrath and the many resources from his office, coupled with the help from the Los Angeles County Coroners Office and Department of Justice, Kemp's DNA was placed into CODIS under the Known Suspect Index and on January 9, 2013, a match was obtained showing Kemp as the suspect in the 1990 murder of Luis Herrera as it was his DNA that was left at the location. Known Suspect Index lets investigators enter a known suspect's DNA profile into CODIS prior to any felony arrest or conviction and the sample remains in the database for two years. Currently, there are over 1,000 known suspects in the California CODIS Known Suspect Index. The closure of this 22-year-old cold case would not have been possible without the Known Suspect Index and the relentless work and keen investigative sense by Sergeant Scott Turrentine of the Torrance Police Department.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ARREST DR# 120073809

After a three-month long investigation, Torrance Police Detectives charged four adults from the Los Angeles area with multiple counts of commercial burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and possession of stolen property stemming from several commercial burglaries that occurred throughout Torrance and Los Angeles County. Javon Zachery, 21-year-old from Compton, Dean Hampton, 26-year-old

from Lynwood, Reginald Wilson, 20-year-old from Compton and Avion Speed, 21-year-old from Bellflower, were charged after Torrance investigators were able to pin them to 16 commercial burglaries in Torrance and over 50 commercial burglaries total throughout Los Angeles County. The subjects would enter a department store that was open for business, select a large amount of women's clothing and/or accessories, conceal it on their person and leave the location while making no attempt to pay for the items selected. The suspects would target women's dress shoes and purses when entering each respective store. Warrants were later served in the cities of Compton and Bellflower and additional stolen property was recovered which helped investigators link the suspects to additional commercial burglaries. Torrance Investigators were also able to tie all four suspects with a criminal street gang based out of the City of Compton which now allows the District Attorney's Office to add gang enhancements to all of the suspects' charges. Gang enhancements allow for suspects to be given longer sentences and makes them ineligible for early release under Assembly Bill 109. AB109 was enacted by the state in 2011 and allows for low-level inmates to be released early from their respective sentences as the state attempts to reduce the state prison population. This case could not have been culminated without the assistance from other local law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office and the relentless follow-up by Torrance Gang Investigators. The Torrance Gang Unit is comprised of three Gang Enforcement Detectives and 12 Gang Enforcement Officers that was formed when the city identified the need to conduct regular checks with these early release inmates who are on parole or probation and who live in or impact the City of Torrance. Torrance City Council was instrumental in the addition of the three detective positions and the re-formation of the Gang Unit which has shown immediate results. This investigation is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Rodney Irvine of the Torrance Police Department Patrol Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this arrest is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at 310-328-3456. •

Finance

Must-Have Insurance Plans

By Jason Alderman



Many people adopt a "penny wise, pound foolish" mentality when it comes to buying insurance. When trying to lower expenses, some will drop or reduce needed coverage, gambling that they won't become seriously ill, suffer a car accident or fall victim to a fire or other catastrophe. But all it takes is one serious uncovered (or under-covered) incident to potentially wipe you out financially.

Here are insurance policies no household should be without:

MEDICAL

This is the most critical – and unfortunately, the most expensive – coverage you need. When comparing plans, consider:

Are your doctors in their provider networks? If not, can you afford out-of-network charges – or are you willing to find new doctors?

Are your medications covered under the plan's drug formularies?

Do they restrict specialized services you might need like maternity, mental health or weight reduction treatments?

If you choose catastrophic coverage to lower premiums, can you afford the high deductible in case of an accident or major illness?

HOMEOWNER/RENTER

Faulty plumbing, theft and home-accident lawsuits are only a few catastrophes that could leave you without possessions or homeless. A few tips:

"Actual cash value" coverage repairs or replaces belongings, minus the deductible and depreciation, whereas "replacement cost" coverage replaces items in today's dollars. Depreciation can significantly lower values, so replacement coverage is probably worth the extra expense.

Jewelry, art, computers and luxury items usually require additional coverage.

Review coverage periodically to adjust for inflation, home improvements, new possessions, change in marital/family status, etc.

The market is competitive, so compare your rate with other insurance carriers. Get "apples

to apples" quotes since policies may have varying provisions.

VEHICLE

You probably can't even get a driver's license without demonstrating proof of insurance. Consider these coverage options:

"Liability" pays if you cause an accident that injures others or damages their car or property.

"Uninsured motorist" pays for damage caused to you or your car by an uninsured motorist.

"Collision" pays for damage to your car resulting from a collision and "comprehensive" pays for damage caused by things like theft, vandalism and fire. However, they only pay up to the actual cash value (ACV) minus deductibles. Because the ACV for older cars is low, repairs often cost more than the car is worth.

Common ways to lower premiums include: Raising deductibles; discounts for good drivers, exceeding age 55 or installing security systems; comparison shopping; and buying homeowner and car insurance from the same carrier.

LIFE INSURANCE

If you're single with no dependents, you may get by with minimal or no life insurance. But if your family depends on your income, experts recommend buying coverage worth at least five to 10 times annual pay. Other considerations:

Many employers offer life insurance, but if you're young and healthy you may be able to get a better deal on your own.

After your kids are grown you may be able to lower your coverage; although carefully consider your spouse's retirement needs.

You probably don't need life insurance on your children, but you might want spousal coverage if you depend on each other's income.

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South Bay Ballet Guild Hosts 'Storybook Tea'

The South Bay Ballet Guild will host its fourth annual 'Storybook Tea' on Sunday, April 7, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

"Our guests will arrive and be enchanted by the woodland atmosphere that compliments the costumes, props and sets of the performing company's upcoming storybook ballet," said Kelly Ward, Guild member and tea chairperson. "What's fun about our annual Storybook Tea is that it is family oriented - from children to teenagers and parents to grandparents. It is a fundraiser, but we want

When: Sunday, April 7, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina · Palos Verdes Estates

Information and Ticket Sales, advance purchase required:

\$55 Individual

\$45 Children and Guild members

If you enjoy ballet, you will love being a member of the South Bay Ballet Guild. Members support South Bay Ballet through fundraising events, patron parties with company members, boutiques and other promotional

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it to be a fun tradition for Southland families year after year."

The company's pre-professional dancers will drop by in costume as characters from the upcoming production of A Midsummer Night's Dream on stage at the James Armstrong Theatre in Torrance on June 1 and 2.

Guests will enjoy an enchanting tea luncheon, as well as an afternoon filled with fun activities including storytelling, photos with costumed dancers, and a spring boutique.

Reservations for the Storybook Tea are \$55 each for individuals and \$45 each for children and Guild members. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. Reservations may be made online at <http://storybooktea-efbevent.com> or phone event chair Kelly Ward at 310-465-1055.

events - while enjoying the company of other fine arts supporters. For information about joining the South Bay Ballet Guild, email southbayballetguild@yahoo.com.

The South Bay Ballet is a non-profit organization providing quality artistic performances to the community as well as outstanding training to young and pre-professional dancers. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Diane Lauridsen, and Assistant Artistic Director Elijah Pressman, the Company's mission is to provide a nurturing environment for serious dance students to develop their skills while offering artistic excellence to the community. The Company is dedicated to providing performance opportunities that build character and confidence. The ultimate goal is to carry young dancers into their professional lives. •

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Battery Weapon/Agg: 2500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect throws a hot beverage in victim's face before hitting him over the head with a ceramic mug, causing injury.

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MARCH 1

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FEBRUARY 28

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FEBRUARY 27

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Residents Gather for Second Annual Cherry Blossom Festival

By Cristian Vasquez

Food, exhibits and traditional Japanese music and dance were all part of the festivities at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival celebrated in the City of Torrance's Columbia Park.

The free cultural event included a musical performance by Matsutoyo Kai, who performed old Japanese songs, and dance performances by O-Edo Ichi-Za and the Soka Gakkai International-USA Elementary Fan Dancers.

"I am excited and I believe this is going to be a lot of fun. People really just enjoy coming out here and it is a beautiful day for them to have something like this where they can listen to music, walk around and check out the exhibits and enjoy the food trucks," Jay Williams, co-producer of the Cherry Blossom Festival, and member of Soka Gakkai International, USA said. "This whole thing with this festival is that diversity is such a

cherry blossom so significant. I understand when we get there later this month we will see cherry blossoms."

This Cherry Blossom Festival is only the second to be hosted in the City of Torrance. Making the event possible was the gift of more than 200 cherry blossom trees by SGI-USA, an international Buddhist organization.

"It is really a pleasure to celebrate the park, the trees and the coming of spring," Cultural Services Manager Community with the City of Torrance and Co-producer of the festival Eve Rappoport said. "It started as part of the Centennial Celebration and it also started as a celebration of all these cherry blossom trees from Soka Gakkai International. It was a nice way to celebrate the gift and Japanese culture. We used to have a festival called Oodles of Noodles and that was canceled since we could not fund it anymore. With

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wonderful strength and it is great that we can somehow come together and celebrate all the different cultures rather than looking at the negatives. It is better when we can celebrate each other's sensibilities and it makes for much better dialogue and peace making."

The Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the City of Washington, DC. During a small and simple ceremony on March 27, 1912, First Lady Helen Herron Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the first two trees from Japan on the north bank of the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park.

"The cherry blossoms, as you probably know, have a lot of symbolism with Japan. In 1912 Japan gave the United States cherry blossom trees as a way to celebrate the nations' then growing friendship. This year we continue our celebration and expand our friendship with our sister City Kashiwa, Japan," Councilman Gene Barnett said. "In fact in the coming weeks I, along with Mayor Scotto and several of my colleagues on the city council will be traveling to Kashiwa to celebrate this anniversary. Over the years Kashiwa and Torrance have had some meaningful exchanges: exchanges of students, teachers, government officials and members of our respective communities. To me, that is what makes the symbolism of the

this we are trying to have a less costly-to-produce, more community involved festival that is still a cultural festival."

SGI-USA President Daisaku Ikeda and his wife Kaneko Ikeda donated the trees in 2000 with the objective of continuing the planting process all the way through 2020. For the festival SGI-USA hosted an exhibit sponsored by Moorehouse College featuring the work and struggle toward building peace by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi and Daisaku Ikeda.

"In Buddhism we talk about a teaching which pretty much indicates that winter always turns to spring and it gives us that hopeful outlook where in the end you will win: you might be going through the struggle but we know that winter turns to spring," Stephanie Sawyer, Mistress of Ceremonies for the festival and SGI-USA member said. "I think I might just want people to enjoy today all while making sure that everything flows nicely. I do want people to leave feeling like they were participating in something great. The cherry trees hold a lot of symbolism. They bloom in March when it is still cold and it is almost the end of winter. Cherry blossoms represent struggles, in a way. It might be winter but to see cherry blossoms bloom, it is almost like a hope that whatever struggles you have they are going to turn out okay, just like the cherry blossoms blooming." •

Council

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to step forward like you two have done and parents hopefully appreciate all your work and kids appreciate what you've done."

Councilmember and Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) President Tom Brewer spoke about the organization's annual Celebrate Education dinner that will be held on March 29 at the Torrance Marriott with tickets costing \$100 (\$125 after March 15). All proceeds will go directly to the Torrance Unified School District's students, as the dinner and venue were donated by sponsors. The event will feature cuisine by Torrance chef Michael Shafer, a performance by comic Debi Gutierrez and a silent auction featuring a guitar signed by the Rolling Stones and sheet music signed by Taylor Swift. The winner of TEF's ninth annual hybrid car raffle will also be selected at the dinner. Brewer mentioned that tickets are still on sale (with Councilmember Pat Furey and City Treasurer Dana Cortez confirming they have extra tickets to sell) and are \$30, with \$20 of that going directly to a school organization of the purchaser's choice. "You can designate \$20 to go to the entity of your choice--whether it's a band, a sports team or any other group in the district," said Brewer.

The winner of the raffle will get the keys to a 2013 Lexus CT 200h hybrid along with the satisfaction of helping Torrance's students. More information on the dinner and hybrid raffle can be found at www.torranceeducationfoundation.org/.

Lastly, Carol Gilles of the Torrance Rose Float Association asked the public to come out to the Marie Callender's restaurant located at 21211 Hawthorne Boulevard on March 28 for a fundraiser to help cover the costs for a Torrance float in the 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade. The restaurant will donate 20 percent of both food and pie sales when you present the Rose Float Association's flyer. The group hopes to raise \$150,000 to maintain Torrance's nearly 60-year tradition of having a float in the parade. Gilles said her association is also looking for more members to assist in reaching their goal. "Everyone in the city of Torrance and outside the city are welcome to be members," said Gilles. "We need to raise \$150,000 and we need all the help we can get."

More information on the Torrance Rose Float Association and a printable flyer for their Marie Callender's fundraiser can be found at www.torrancerosefloat.com. •

Community Briefs

YMCA HOSTS \$20 FIVE-DAY SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN

As part of its community outreach and social responsibility, the Torrance-South Bay YMCA is hosting the national YMCA SPLASH Program. This program is designed to show children, ages 3 and up, and parents the unique YMCA swim lessons in a fun and caring environment. Children can learn swim skills to improve their stroke, water safety, and water fun. This fun five-day SPLASH program costs \$20, and each 60-minute



lesson is taught by caring, knowledgeable and certified swim instructors. Membership of the YMCA is not required to sign up for SPLASH. Walk-in registration for non-members will begin on Saturday, March 16. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 310-325-5885 or download our Spring SPLASH brochure and registration forms at <http://www.ymcala.org/torrance-south-bay/programs/youth-swim-lessons>.


COMMUNITY INVITED TO 'SEND A KID TO CAMP' TOURNEY

The Torrance-South Bay YMCA's 21st Annual "Send a Kid to Camp" Golf Tournament gives the community's youth the life-changing opportunity to attend summer camp, where they build confidence, make lifelong friends, and explore the great outdoors. The event will take place on Friday, March 17 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Los Verdes Gold Course in Rancho Palos Verdes. Activities of the day include lunch, mega putt contest, shotgun, reception, auction, dinner and awards. As the Y's largest event that raises funds to provide camperships to those


in need, this event has raised more than \$1 million and benefited approximately 4,000 local children, giving them the wonderful opportunity to unplug from their everyday lives and reconnect with nature and friends. For more information, contact the Y's Assistant Director of Development JC Bass at jcbass@ymcala.org or 213-639-7630 or our website www.ymcala.org/tsb.

WELLS FARGO TO LEND \$55 BILLION TO WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES BY 2020

March is National Women's History Month, and Wells Fargo has a rich history of working with women business owners and providing them access to capital and financial services. Since introducing the women's lending commitment 18 years ago, Wells Fargo has provided more than \$38 billion in capital to women business owners, a group that grew in size by more than 20 percent from 2002 to 2007, according to the latest Census data. Today, approximately 30 percent of businesses in the U.S. are owned by women, according to the National Women's Business Council. Wells Fargo & Company, America's No. 1 small business lender and a leading lender to women- and diverse-owned businesses, today announced a commitment to lend a cumulative total of \$55 billion to women-owned businesses in the U.S. by the year 2020, updating its lending commitment first established in 1995. Wells Fargo's first lending commitment in 1995 established a goal to lend \$1 billion to women business owners over three years. Fueled by the continued growth of women business owners, the goal was increased three times, most recently in 2003. In addition to the lending goal, Wells Fargo supports numerous outreach efforts to build relationships with women business owners and help them to succeed financially. Wells Fargo is a proud supporter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) and the Women Presidents' Organization, as well as several other organizations focused on the education, growth and advancement of women business owners. Wells Fargo provides the full array of financial products and services to satisfy all of the financial needs of women-owned businesses, such as banking, business loans and lines of credit, credit cards, payroll, merchant services, insurance, retirement planning, and online resources. •



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Seattle Mariners. "He was probably the guy who would come up at the top of my list." Other closers have had their successes too--Trevor Hoffman, Brad Lidge and Dennis Eckersley, to name a few. In fact, in both the '89 and '90 seasons, Eckersley had more saves than base runners allowed--a remarkable stat, to say the least. Rivera, however, has been at the top of his game for a longer, more extended period of time than any of the other all-time great closers and has done so on a bigger stage by dominating in the playoffs and in the World Series. His overall career body of work makes Rivera the best player at his position ever.

Mariano Rivera's retirement from the game of baseball and from the New York Yankees may just symbolize the end of an era for the club. He brought them to championship success just

one year after joining the team in '96 and his departure from the game may just signify the passing of the torch in the AL East as well. With the passing of George Steinbrenner, the downfall of Alex Rodriguez and the seeming brittleness of Derek Jeter nowadays, the Yankees as we used to know them seem to be all but gone. Rivera's appearance in the back of the bullpen may give the Yankees a spark of hope for this upcoming season, but his retirement at the end of the year will surely mark the end of a championship period. Without Mariano Rivera, there would not have been an "Evil Empire" that ruled the American League for years. Without Mariano Rivera, the league would have never known the look of an exceptional and irreplaceable pitcher who helped to build a kingdom right in the middle of New York City. •

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- 60. Call off
- 61. Biddy
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SUDOKU *Medium*

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Pets Without Partners

These beautiful dogs and their friends are all wishing that you will be the pot of gold waiting at the end of their rainbow. Adopt a "pet without a partner" and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Bonnie is a beautiful little Beagle girl who is 10-12 months old and weighs 15 pounds. She came from a breeder who got into trouble with animal control for having too many dogs on her property. Bonnie is now safe at our rescue. Bonnie is an inquisitive, sweet little Beagle mix. She is fine with other dogs and loves to be on your lap for love and attention. Bonnie is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and good with other dogs.



Bonnie

Jackson's prior family needed to move and for some reason could not bring him along, so they left him at a high-kill shelter. We pulled him right out! He is a stunning purebred Harlequin Great Dane. The Great Dane is an impressive creature who does best around people. They are powerful, energetic and athletic--yet lazy, loyal, gentle, understanding, sensitive and caring. We were told he is good with other dogs his size and fine with children. Jackson can sit, shake and lay down. He is totally housebroken and he will chase toys and throw them around. This guy is very playful with a lot of energy, so he would be best placed with larger dogs--he is not fond of cats. In public, Jackson is fine

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at 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.,



Jackson

around little dogs, but would be best placed in a home without them. Jackson will make a great addition to any family. He is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with dogs his size, and would be best with older children due to his large size.

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Purrrfect Companions

Add a little luck and a lot of love with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

If **Brad Kitt** were a human, there's no doubt he'd be a leading man in the movies. He's beyond handsome, muscular, very smart, elegant and graceful. He's also an alpha male and should probably be an only cat, considering he prefers the limelight all to himself. With his humans, he's very affectionate and *loves* attention. He's also quite vocal, but then what actor isn't? Now all he needs is a home of his own, with humans all to himself and lots of well-deserved admiration and love.



Brad Kitt

Uma's first guardian was a college student who for some reason turned her outside at only a few months of age.



Uma

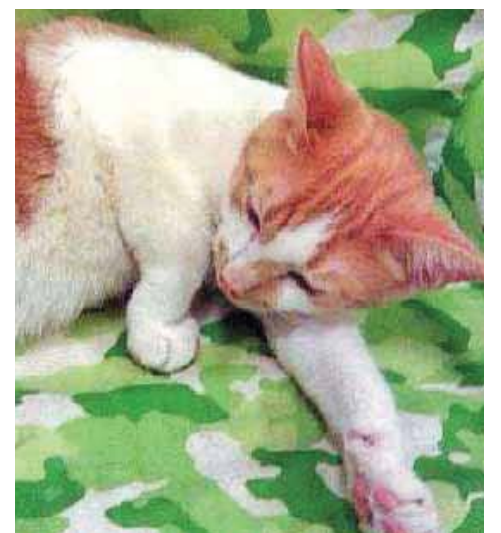
Unspayed and left to fend for herself, Uma was pregnant at 10 months old. Spayed, she is now ready to go into the care of someone who will never abandon her. A silver Tabby whose coat shades delicately from pewter to platinum, Uma is a masterpiece in subtlety. From a confused young cat too quickly pushed into adulthood, she has grown to an elegant, poised lady. She will be the adornment of your home and the gentle companion of your life.

Fudgecicle is a kitty who loves people and other cats! He loves to sit on your lap and purr while you watch TV. He also loves to play with other kitties, so he would enjoy having at least one other cat in his new fur-ever home. If you're looking for a sweet, playful boy, then Fudgecicle is waiting to

come home with you.

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, or email us at 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 3:30 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.



Fudgecicle

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

Happy Tails

Bunnies Bring Hop-piness to New Loving Families

Each of one these adorable bunnies found "fur-ever" happiness in their new homes. And from the look of their faces, so did their adopting families. They found their perfect matches thru LA Rabbit (www.larabbit.org), which has many more bunnies awaiting their own "Happy Tail." So if you're looking for a little "hop-piness" this spring and for many years to come, please don't shop--adopt from a shelter or rescue group. Give an abandoned bunny a springtime to remember.

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. •



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Year-Round Backyard Safety Tips For Families

(BPT) - Your backyard is a space where you enjoy quality time with your family - from running around with your kids in the fall leaves to playing catch with your furry friend in the snow. It's a place to escape, but remember accidents can happen anywhere at any time, and just like you childproof your house, you need to ensure your backyard is safe as well.

Keeping your backyard safe begins with your fence. A yard without a fence is a little like a house without walls. Fences help protect children from danger, keeping toddlers out of swimming pools, hot tubs and ponds or keeping them in the yard, away from busy traffic or strangers. Fences can also help keep your own pets in your yard, and other animals out. They can reduce your liability

Technologies, which manufactures gate latches and hinges made of ultra-strong engineering polymers. "In our research, we found that when homeowners consider their fencing needs, rusty metal gate hardware that no longer functions properly or becomes a threat to children was their top concern. Rust-free and adjustable gate hardware is available."

Seasonal weather, ground settling and other factors can cause a gate to become misaligned over time and not function properly. It's important to have gate hardware that can be easily adjusted to overcome this.

Additional precautions to take when childproofing your backyard:

* Tighten and cover any protruding bolts on swing sets and do not attach ropes or cords,

the reach of children.

* Eliminate access to lawn equipment and chemicals. Put these items completely out of the reach of children.

* Keep a first aid kit and a rescue kit for those backyards with water features easily

accessible.

Your backyard can be one of the most exciting places for your children through the entire year. A little prevention along the way will keep it safe and provide wonderful memories for your family. •



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by preventing injuries to uninvited guests on your property, or damage or injury caused by escaped pets.

"A good weekend winterizing project is making sure your fences and gates are functioning properly and are protected from rust, a destructive force that can render gate hardware useless or dangerous," says Jim Paterson, senior vice president of D&D

which could become strangulation hazards.

* Remove old tree stumps and rocks, level concrete footings to avoid tripping.

* Seal wooded items such as decks, swing sets and picnic tables before inclement weather sets in.

* Completely fence pool and spa areas with adjustable self-closing hinges and self-latching gates, ensuring latches are out of

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