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Toyota Moves Operations From Torrance to Plano, Texas



Mayor Frank Scotto addresses a crowd at a press conference last night; behind him stand City Councilmembers Kurt Weideman, Pat Furey, Bill Sutherland, and Heidi Ann Ashcraft. Toyota has announced that, in a move planned to last at least two years, it is relocating employees and operations to Plano, Texas. According to 66th District Assemblyman Al Murasutchi, "Toyota representatives have personally informed me that this is strictly a business decision that has nothing to do with California's business climate. This is a nationwide corporate decision to consolidate their operations in one location. As part of this consolidation, Toyota will be moving manufacturing jobs from Kentucky as well as sales and financial jobs from Torrance." When the move is completed, all of Toyota's American operations will be centered in the South. See story below. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Bocce Courts Project Given Boeing Employee Grant

By Dylan Little

The Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes (FTEA) have been working on building three handicap friendly bocce courts at Columbia park, and thanks to the donations of a group of Boeing employees, they are much closer to accomplishing their goal. Long-time FTEA and South Bay Bocce Court Project volunteer Bob Chiota helped the group submit a grant proposal to the Boeing Employees Community Fund, an employee-owned organization that charitably funds community organizations. On April 28, Boeing employees decided to contribute \$5,000 to building these bocce courts, the maximum the organization can fund any one project. "I was beside myself," said Chiota. "We were a first time requester and they rarely give the maximum the first time around."

The Bocce Court Project doesn't just solicit donations; the group has hosted numerous fundraising events. One of the most notable was last month's Charity Bocce tournament held in Hawthorne. The event drew in teams from as far as San Diego, with the SNAFU team from Downey and the Andiamo Bocce team from San Pedro winning first and second place respectively. More importantly, the event brought in \$3,400 in donations to help construct the courts through entry fees, bake sales and a raffle.

The proceeds from this tournament and other fundraising efforts of the South Bay Bocce Court Project are pledged towards turning an unused basketball court at Columbia Park into three handicap- and elderly-accessible bocce courts, which will be available as a safe and

convenient place for Torrance's aging, physically challenged and general populations to enjoy the sport. The group hopes to raise between \$55,000 and \$60,000 to create three unique bocce

courts at the park. These courts are especially important to those with mobility difficulties because according to the South Bay Bocce

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
89°/62°



Saturday
Sunny
76°/57°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
71°/54°



Toyota Moves to Texas

By TerriAnn Ferren

At 11:06 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2014 in front of the Torrance City Hall, Mayor Frank Scotto announced that Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. would be moving their complete operations including management, sales, and marketing divisions to Plano, Texas. Toyota came to Torrance in 1982 settling on 101 acres of land in downtown Torrance. Toyota has been a great partner with the city of Torrance and employs near 5,000 people who live in and around the South Bay area. According to Mayor Scotto, "The process starts at the beginning of 2016 and they say they will complete it by the end of 2017. So it will be a 2 year period of time to expect to make the move in entirety." Mayor Scotto also said that the City of Torrance would take a 1.2 million dollar hit to its budget, but because Torrance is fiscally conservative, that is less of a blow than the blow to the whole economy of the South Bay. "The emotional aspect is - I have family that work for Toyota personally and I'm hoping they don't move to Texas...families,

extended families are part of this thing and we know it will be a big deal. This is not a simple thing," added Mayor Scotto. He ended the press conference saying he will work diligently to, "...get somebody to replace them as soon as we can. We are saddened about the news and we hope that everybody understands that Torrance has done everything it can to keep them here - we're hoping to attract another company like that..."

Fran Fulton, Senior Management Associate and Director of Economic Development said, "We are very disappointed that this decision has been made. Toyota is a huge part of our community. Torrance is a business friendly community - a very well rounded community. We're open for businesses that want to come to the city and we're happy to help. We're disappointed with this news. We wish we could do something to change their minds to keep them here, but again we want everyone to know that Torrance is a business friendly city and we encourage any and all businesses to come and give us a look about coming here." •

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- TeenZone: Juggling With David Cousins, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- National Day of Prayer breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Torrance Marriot, 3565 Fashion Way. Tickets are \$30/person. For more information call (310) 541-8108 or visit www.stpeterspres.org.
- Torrance "State of the City" mayoral address, Torrance Marriot (3565 Fashion Way). Check-in at 5:30. Tickets are \$75/person. Reservations are required: please call (310) 543-3113.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- Bach's Lunchtime Recital, 12:15 p.m., First Lutheran Church of Torrance, 2900 W. Carson Street. For more information call (310) 316-5574.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- AYSO Region 15 Registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., J.H. Hull Middle School, 2080 W. 231st

Street. For more information visit ayso15.org.

- Power of the Commission Hearings: First Person Voices of Japanese American Incarceration, 1-3 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center, 3301 Torrance Blvd.

- 15th Annual Louis Zamperini Youth Track Meet, Torrance Elementary School, Zamperini Stadium, 2125 Lincoln Ave. For more information call (310) 283-1878. <http://www.thstf.com/>

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- Korean American Music Academy's 24th Annual Concert, 6:30 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.
- Artful Days: Aztecs Before The Spanish Arrived, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more

information call (310) 618-2326.

- "Breaking Through" (West High School Dance Department), 7:00 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- South Bay Republican Women Monthly Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Double Tree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call Gloria at (310) 326-9349 or Vera at (310) 320-1431.

- Bubblegum Bonanza, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information please call the Henderson Library (310) 371-2075.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 15th Annual Senior Faire, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Auditorium, 3341 Torrance Blvd.
- Mother's Day story and craft program, 2 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 S. Arlington Ave. For

more information call (310) 530-5044.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- Mother's Day Concert (Palos Verdes Symphonic Band), 5 p.m., South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard. For more information call (310) 792-8286.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 27th annual Walk For Life, "Every Step Matters" (The Pregnancy Help Center), starting at 8:30 a.m. from the south side of Veterans Park in Redondo Beach. For more information call (310) 320-8976 or email info@phttorrance.org.

ONGOING

- Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.
- "Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals" hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970.

Torrance Relay For Life Honors Cancer Survivors

The 2014 American Cancer Society's Torrance Relay For Life was held on a clear and breezy weekend at South High School starting on April 26. The 24-hour annual event honors cancer survivors and raises awareness and money to help end cancer. 68 teams were registered to take their turns around a marked track and was led by a large group of cancer

survivors in purple t-shirts who jump started the event with a Survivors Lap. The energetic crowd included participants and their families and friends, several city dignitaries, volunteers who manned the many booths which raised additional monies and several groups of entertainers who performed for the crowd throughout the day. *Photos by Charlene Nishimura.*



ELECTION 2014

Questions for the City Council Candidates

The Torrance Tribune compiled a number of questions from Torrance residents and businesses to pose to the candidates for Mayor and City Council. We will publish two questions per week. Each candidate has a 200-word limit per question. Herald Publications does not edit or change any candidate's answers.

We have a lot of pending retirements coming up in Torrance including the Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Manager, City Clerk, in addition to a new Mayor and 4-5 open council seats. What are your ideas on how to make this as seamless a transition as possible?

Heidi Ashcraft: The election on June 3, 2014 is critical because it is the first time Torrance will have 4 city council seats up for election at the same time. It will require a leader with a firm grasp of the mechanisms of city government if and when retirements take place in the near future. I have the experience of participating in and developing the criteria of hiring 3 superintendents for 2 different school districts. My first priority would be to look within the current city employees as potential replacement leaders before looking outside. The City of Torrance has developed a model leadership-training program that gives opportunities for employees to take classes in management and leadership skills to advance their employment. I would look for the most qualified candidate to meet the needs of our unique and diversified city.

Tim Goodrich: Of these many changes in Torrance, the first one to happen will be the turnover of the City Council with the election on June 3rd. Because so many seats will be changing, it's imperative we elect people who are ready to serve on day one. With a long record of service to our community (Police and Fire Department volunteer, Board Member of the Torrance Education Foundation, Member of the School Bond Oversight Committee, etc.) and an education to match (Master of Public Administration and City and County Management Fellow at USC), I feel that I'm up to the task. In terms of filling any vacancies left by retiring city staff, I think it's important to make sure that current staff members are eligible to apply for the openings. This is important because I believe we have current staff members who may already be qualified for the higher level positions.

Michael Griffiths: From the information that has been shared with me in my meetings with our department heads, I've learned that our departments have worked hard to set up a succession plan so-to-speak, where the key employee works closely to groom one or more potential successors. As what just happened with the replacement of our Police Chief John Neu

after his recent retirement, the City Manager ultimately picked Mark Matsuda who had been 'groomed' as a likely successor by the chief well prior to his retirement. This results in a replacement who already is trained and well familiar with the issues, traditions and history of working in that department. My preference would always to try to hire from within as the first choice. And I feel that the voters should use this same thinking when voting for new councilmembers. To choose candidates who have the experience and training to step in and be productive councilmembers as quickly as possible.

Milton Herring: Succession planning is a part of every organization and government. Torrance has a process in place and it worked well most recently with the hiring of a new Police Chief. The decision was made by the City Manager to hire within the department and several qualified applicants applied. City Manager, Leroy Jackson, announced the appointment of Mark Matsuda as the new Police Chief after serving as acting Police Chief. The process was seamless. The same process would be applied to the position of Fire Chief. In regards to City Manager, the Councilmembers would make the decision to hire from within the department or seek qualified applicants from outside. The City Manager is currently training others who would be qualified to fill his position when he retires. Regarding City Clerk, Mayor and Council seats, the residents of Torrance will decide and there are job descriptions in place for a smooth transition.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: The Fire Chief position has already been filled by acting Police Chief Mark Matsuda. He had been filling in until a replacement was named and has extensive knowledge and experience and the respect of the Police Department. The City Clerk position will be decided in the election on June 3. Two of the candidates have been working in the City Clerk's office for some time and should have no problem in assuming the duties that the position requires. In regards to the Fire Chief position, the Fire Department already has a system for succession planning and has candidates in place who are capable of assuming the position. The City Manager's office has many qualified candidates to choose from who have the experience and tenure that the City Manager position requires. There is no need to go outside the city as we have qualified candidates within our city departments for these two critical areas.

Ryan H. Mand: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Aurelio Mattucci: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Omar Navarro: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Clint Andrew Paulson: This transition period is critical. More important than the transition, however, is to focus on electing leaders that will move Torrance in the right direction for the next eight years and beyond. If you elect the right people, they will get the job done in the short and long term. There has been a lot of talk about experience during this campaign. Many candidates are touting their past experience guiding this city on the School Board, one of the Commissions, or even the Council itself as reasons why you should vote for them. I applaud those that have served in these roles. Nonetheless, the question every voter should be asking is whether our city is better off because of that service. Reckless spending has brought us to the brink of financial instability. We have no money to fix our streets and sidewalks. Critical businesses such as Toyota are rumored to be moving out of Torrance. Our schools have been on the decline for at least a decade. Torrance is still an amazing city, but I question whether things have been moving in the right direction with our current experienced leadership. I believe it is time for fresh faces with new ideas. There are many experienced candidates whose entire campaign platform seems to amount to no more than I am endorsed by such and such Mayor, former Mayor, etc. I believe Torrance deserves better than that.

Geoffrey Rizzo: As far as the city staff, succession planning is the key. I think the recent appointment of the new Police Chief points to this in that a qualified individual was promoted from inside the organization. I believe this will be true for the Fire Department as well as the City Manager. For the elected positions (Mayor, Council, and Clerk) I believe the fact that all three of the Mayoral candidates have prior experience on the council will aid in a transition of this position. The council positions will be more problematic inasmuch as who will fill these positions is an unknown. Hopefully the electorate will select individuals that they believe have the experience, knowledge, and expertise necessary to be effective. This along with mentoring from the Mayor and sitting council member or members and the orientation training provided by staff will go a long way to ease the transition of the new members. The same is true for the City Clerk. Two of the current candidates have prior experience within the Clerk's office. Should one of these two be elected I believe the transition will not be difficult. As far as the remaining candidate with no prior experience, I would propose providing this individual with training - perhaps through City Clerk's Association of California.

Alex M. See: Torrance will be facing many changes in the upcoming months and in order to maintain the quality services that Torrance residents deserve and expect, we need to elect

leaders who have been involved with the community and understand the way our city government operates. As a water commissioner for the past 8 years and local business owner, I've dealt extensively with each of the city departments and I am prepared to work hard to preserve the legacy of our retiring city leaders while ushering in a new era of Torrance government.

Norm "Opa" Segal: Torrance is a well run city. The new Police Chief was chosen from within the department and rightfully so. The new Fire Chief will most likely follow the same pattern. These two retirements should be seamless. Our Police and Fire Departments are highly professional organizations. The City Manager, City Clerk and new Councilmembers will have a lot of work ahead of them to learn our systems, our people and our culture. Good people can come up to speed fast. I think the most critical is the new City Manager. I would want the City to hire a competent individual with a substantial resume. I would want to assure that this individual had the full support and backing of the various Directors and Chiefs. As a new Councilmember, I would be one of these persons with a lot of work ahead of me. I would hope that the existing Councilmembers would assist me as I would any Councilmember that would follow me. These transitions take time and should not be forced.

Charlotte Ann Svolo: We have appointed a replacement for our Police Chief in Mark Matsuda. This was done from within the ranks of our currently serving officers, specifically a Deputy Chief. This decision is an example of smooth transition. In general, there should always be succession plans for such important positions. For the Fire Chief and City Manager, I would recommend having hiring panels that include the men retiring. They are aware that they intend to retire in the future and they should be drafting notes on current practice and procedures. What is usually lacking in such manuals is the rationale for why certain things are done. This would not bind a replacement to using all of the prior practices but it would make certain that a replacement understood current practice before making changes. Mayor and Clerk are different matters in some ways because of the fact that they are elective offices. I hope that all who intend to aspire to these offices have read back through past agendas and decisions, as I have. I hope that those moving on would sit down with those elected during the transition and beyond for the good of the city. I believe they will as several have already offered insight or knowledge to me as a candidate.

John Paul Tabakian: Toyota is leaving Torrance! This is proof positive of a total failure of current and past city executive and political leaders, to prepare for a funding
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City Council Candidates

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apocalypse. I have stated from the start of my political campaign for Torrance City Council, that the city is facing a future bankruptcy, because of our unfunded pension and benefit liabilities, along with a declining business environment. Do not be fooled into believing that Toyota's departure is solely a result of Sacramento incompetence. There is plenty of blame to go around: Mayor Scotto, every City Councilmember, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, public employee unions, Sacramento, and all of the above! Voters demand accountability and not continuing "business as usual." Every new hire requires the recruitment of pro-business candidates, who are serious about protecting taxpayers from government abuse. The local political establishment, has been busy collaborating with anti-business and anti-voter politicians, who seek to harm our community. "Seamless transitions" is code for keeping the status quo. Toyota is leaving just as Nissan did in 2005. Honda is on its way out as well. I ask every voter to research the background of every candidate. Do not vote for candidates who are the pawns of big union bosses and extreme organizations, that seek to eradicate every last business from our great city.

Kurt Weideman: The recent retirement of Police Chief Neu and the subsequent naming of Mark Matsuda as Police Chief, is an excellent example of how by hiring the best and most talented personnel we can obtain seamless succession by internal promotion to the fullest extent possible when filling staff positions. The City Council will have to give their most serious consideration to the hiring of a new City Manager when the day comes that LeRoy Jackson decides to retire. This is the most important non-elected government leadership position in the City of Torrance - A

position that guides our government into the future through implementation of the strategic plan. As a Councilmember, I believe that the best interests of Torrance would be served by looking first within our current City government employees when the time comes to fill LeRoy Jackson's boots. With regard to the elected positions that will be filled on June 3rd, we need the right experience and leadership in the coming years to flourish and grow into even a better City. All three candidates for Mayor have experience on the City Council, two of the three City Clerk candidates currently serve in the Clerk's office, but of the candidates for the four City Council seats, I believe I have the most experience serving the community and greatest knowledge of how government functions.

How would you support our police and fire?

Heidi Ashcraft: The Torrance Fire Department has a Class 1 rating given by the Insurance Services Office, which is the highest rating given to fire departments in the nation. This also means residents and businesses can save money on fire insurance. The Torrance Police Department is rated 10th safest mid-sized city in America. Each day these men and women put their lives "on the line" to keep our city safe and secure. We have work to do with AB109, the criminal early release program. The police department has taken steps to increase officers to handle the increase in crime and to follow the released criminals that reside within our city. I will work with both departments to make sure they are fully staffed, have ample resources and training to maintain the superior status they have attained and we depend on.

Tim Goodrich: Actually, I already do support our police and fire as I am a volunteer

with the Police and Fire Departments. I've also started a neighborhood watch and graduated from the Partners in Policing course. For these reasons, I have been endorsed by our Police Officers and Firefighters. To support our public safety personnel, I will make sure they have the resources they need to be the best at what they do. To improve our public safety, I also propose improving the City's web-based interactive crime map. The current map comes with a 7 page user manual and I'd like to implement a map that is easier for our residents to use so they can better protect themselves by seeing the crime trends in their neighborhoods. Finally, I'd like to see the City establish a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC). When the big earthquake we're overdue for hits, it doesn't make a lot of sense to have to spend 1-2 hours setting up an EOC while lives are on the line. So, let's establish a dedicated EOC that can be more readily available in times of crisis and utilized for regular training.

Michael Griffiths: I would support our Police and Fire by considering their requests and needs based on what is happening at the particular time. For example, we are seeing increased crime in our City as a result of AB109, the early prisoner release program imposed upon us by the State. I would consider support for personnel and tools to allow us to better combat this issue, and would work hard to see if the City could secure funding for such changes via State or County funding sources to help fund these needs. And when funding creates challenges to our internal funding sources, then it's especially important to secure the buy-in of the residents of the City. But as with any requests for support from Council from any department, there must be good justification for the request.

Milton Herring: I would support both the police and fire departments by first of all meeting with the chiefs and their staffs to learn about their mission. I have met with former Police chief, John Neu and current Chief Mark Matsuda. In light of the passage of Assembly Bill 109, which has released more criminals into our community, I would work with the Police Department to enhance our Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out programs as well as look at ways to strengthen neighbor relationships. I would work with Fire Chief William Racowski to maintain our Class One rating, ensuring our residents and businesses enjoy higher property values and lower insurance premiums. Secondly, I would familiarize myself with every agenda item that comes to the council to ensure that I make an informed vote.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: I would make sure that they have the tools, training, and staffing in order to do their jobs. I would maintain an open door policy to discuss any problems or needs to be addressed. I think we should work collaboratively to find efficiencies and economies of scale. We must maintain our Class 1 rating for our Fire Department and our fast response time to 911 emergencies. If it is within our budget, I would like to see at least 2 more police officers hired in order to mitigate the effects of AB911 and the damage that the early release of prisoners programs has caused. The residents of Torrance expect a safe and secure community and we must maintain our continuity of service.

Ryan H. Mand: Answer not submitted by deadline.

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Omar Navarro: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Clint Andrew Paulson: Supporting our police and fire is something all the candidates agree on. Everyone wants the best when it comes to our public safety employees and I want to ensure we maintain a competitive workforce as well. To do so, however, we need to start being more disciplined in how we manage our budget. With an increase in residential burglaries, not to mention the many other needs we have within the city, I'm not sure that building a \$4 Million dollar soccer complex on a leased piece of property whose term expires in 5 years should be at the top of our priority list. In the last few weeks alone, there has also been a lot of money wasted on the unnecessary imposition of street sweeping signs and paying for putting up 300 AYSO banners on city streetlights. We need to fix our spending priorities.

Geoffrey Rizzo: I would support these departments by ensuring that the city offers competitive pay and benefits the will allow them to hire and retain the highest level of police officers and firefighters. I would also ensure that they have the necessary equipment and training to get the job done.

Alex M. See: Our city's public safety officials are charged with the most important role of keeping our residents and businesses safe. I

will make sure that we have the resources to retain and recruit the best talent and provide the most modern training tools on the market. I will work with the new police and fire chief to create a city plan and identify the areas that we need to focus on and preserve our status as the 10th Safest City in California.

Norm "Opa" Segal: I believe that the principal function of local government is to provide for the safety of its citizens. Everything else comes after this as funds are available. By safety, I mean that the people are protected from each other and from the acts of nature. Police and Firefighters are our first line of defense for the above. I want our Police and Fire Departments to continue to be ranked at or near the best in the Nation. I want them to have the most modern equipment available. I want them to have the best training so as to protect them as well as our citizens. We must assure that they go home each night uninjured. I also want to make sure that they have a pension plan that will be there when they retire. This may require modifications to their present plans. A plan that will not be there is not a plan that anyone would want.

Charlotte Ann Svolos: Our Police and Fire personnel are some of the best and brightest. We have and should continue to keep high standards for selecting them. I have attended our Open House events for the Fire the past couple of years. I attended briefings by Chief

Neu about realignment and the unique investigative training we give our uniformed officers. If elected, I would ensure correct staffing ratios. If it's more responsible to hire than to require overtime to get the job done, then we should do so. I would work with departments in determining needs while considering cost. It's a balancing act to keep cost and public safety in equilibrium. We all want a safe city and these individuals make it happen. The delicate issue here is how we address our retirement obligations with these individuals. We need to work together with creative solutions such as replacing longevity bonuses with early retirement incentives. We structure replacement of individuals on the old plans to employees on new plans, who contribute, so that we balance our responsibility to the public with our desire to thank the men and women who serve.

John Paul Tabakian: Endorsements from the police and fire department unions do not equate to supporting police and fire personnel. These public employee unions are asking candidates to sacrifice safety protections for current personnel, by maintaining unfunded pension and benefit liabilities for legacy employees. These union bosses are living in fantasyland, if they believe that Torrance can continue to pay the entire pension contributions for legacy employees. New employees have to contribute a small percentage towards their pensions, while legacy employees do not. Voters need to ask

themselves three questions: (1) Do you have to contribute towards your own pension? (2) Do you want your city to go bankrupt? (3) When are voters in this city and state going to stop the madness? I do not agree that our city should sacrifice its financial security, in order to recruit and maintain the best police and fire personnel. The notion that Torrance must pay the most outrageous salary and benefit packages, is an insult to those safety personnel who live in our city, but work in surrounding communities. Big union bosses are acting like mafia hoods demanding protection money.

Kurt Weideman: For over 50 years in Torrance my family and I have benefited by and appreciated the protection and safety provided by our Police and Fire Departments. Torrance enjoys its high safety ratings (i.e. Class 1 Fire Department, Top Ten in the USA for Public Safety) because the residents insist on the "best". Our Public Safety Departments (Police and Fire) make the real contribution to these ratings, but this only comes about through a combination of many factors, including strict hiring practices, constant training, and up-to-date equipment. Yes, this costs money, but while making tough decisions I never forget those brave guardians who put their life on the line for all of us. Torrance has excellent Police and Fire Departments and our task is to make sure they get the support and equipment needed.

— Thank you Candidates! •

Police Reports

Auto Theft 4/20/2014 1:00:00 PM 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Stolen vehicle: '04 Ford van

Burglary-Residential 4/19/2014 7:42 AM 4100 BLOCK 175TH ST

Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property while residence is tented for fumigation/unknown loss at time of report

Burglary-Residential 4/18/2014 8:54:37 PM 1700 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE

Suspect(s) enters victim's residence by unknown means and takes property/ game

console, controller, laptop

Burglary-Auto 4/19/2014 8:00:00 AM 4700 BLOCK DEELANE ST

Suspect(s) enters victim's vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ wallet

Burglary-Auto 4/18/2014 5:34:00 PM 2000 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD

Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/cameras

Theft 4/18/2014 5:05:00 PM 2100 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE

Suspect(s) takes plant from pot in alley

Burglary-Auto 4/18/2014 2:12:27 PM

3400 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) pries door handles for entry and takes property from two victims' vehicles/backpack, laptop, mouse, paperwork, ID, sunglasses case, backpack, headphones, ID

Burglary-Commercial 4/18/2014 4:00:00 AM 24200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ computer, monitor, hard drive, documents, printer, fax machine, business cards, TV, cash

Burglary-Commercial 4/17/2014 4:55 PM 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST

Suspect(s) enters multiple classrooms by unknown means, damages a computer and takes property/ food, calculators, clock radio

Theft 4/17/2014 7:30:00 PM 4100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect(s) defeats lock securing property and takes same/ bicycle

Burglary-Auto 4/19/2014 12:00:00 PM 21300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ cell phone, sunglasses, garage remote

Auto Theft 4/17/2014 1:52:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST

Stolen vehicle: '03 Cadillac Escalade

Theft 4/17/2014 9:37 AM 24500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter

Auto Theft 4/17/2014 2:45:00 PM 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST

Stolen vehicle: '03 Chevrolet Suburban

Battery-Simple 4/16/2014 10:35:00 PM 3300 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD

Suspect repeatedly punches victim in the face

Burglary-Auto 4/16/2014 10:00:00 PM 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) bypasses door lock, ransacks and takes property/ backpack, bag, laptops, chargers, cash, bank cards, headphones, sunglasses, jacket, watch, passport

Battery-Simple 4/16/2014 6:30:00 PM 4800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect slaps victim in the face

Theft 4/17/2014 12:00:00 PM 5800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from

parking structure/ bicycles

Battery-Simple 4/16/2014 2:45:00 AM 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST

Suspect charges at victim, pushes her and repeatedly punches her in the face and head

Theft 4/15/2014 10:00:00 PM 16800 BLOCK ELGAR AVE

Suspect(s) takes property from victim's residence without permission while there with permission/ wallet

Battery-Simple 4/15/2014 7:32 PM 3700 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD

Suspect kicks victim and headbutts her

Theft 4/15/2014 7:00:00 PM 21700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) takes property from ATM counter while victim is distracted/ wallet

Burglary-Residential 4/14/2014 11:16 PM 3600 BLOCK FASHION WAY

Suspect(s) enters victims' hotel room by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ camera, wallet, chargers, purse

Burglary-Auto 4/14/2014 6:35:00 PM 4100 BLOCK HICKMAN DR

Suspect attempts to enter victim's vehicle via a partially open window, but flees without taking any property when interrupted by a witness

Burglary-Commercial 4/15/2014 5:45:00 AM 3700 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD

Suspect(s) pries open storage shed/ unknown if property loss at time of report

Theft 4/14/2014 4:05:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) takes property from victim's bag as she changes in locker room/ purse

Vandalism 4/13/2014 11:38:48 PM 1800 BLOCK 220TH ST

Suspect(s) tags window and sign with blue ink

Burglary-Commercial 4/13/2014 7:00:00 PM 2600 BLOCK SKYPARK DR

Suspect(s) pries open storage unit lock and takes property/used car batteries

Vandalism 4/13/2014 11:00:00 PM 23800 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE

Suspect(s) smears caulking on victim's parked motorcycle

Theft 4/20/2014 1:00:00 PM 4800 BLOCK CARMELYNN ST

Suspect(s) takes property from backyard/ propane BBQ •



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Sports

Up and Adam

Tartars, Smith Shine Again

By Adam Serrao

We have all heard of the ace pitcher in the game of baseball. Los Angeles Dodgers fans are fortunate to have one of their own in Clayton Kershaw; the Detroit Tigers have Justin Verlander; and the Seattle Mariners have Felix Hernandez. Our city's very own Torrance Tartars seem to have found an ace of their own this year and are confident that they will get a victory every time he takes the mound. Kyle Smith is that ace for the Tartars and has been virtually unbeatable all season long. Last Wednesday night at Kendall Field in Torrance, that trend continued. Allowing only one run in seven innings of work, Smith helped get his team a 4-1 Pioneer League victory over the visiting rival El Segundo Eagles.

While Smith was dealing all afternoon long, the Torrance offense did its part to back him with enough runs to take a lead in the game comfortably. In the bottom of the second inning that Tartars struck first and scored a run without even getting a hit. Hunter Lewis, the starting pitcher for El Segundo, struggled with his command early on. In the second inning he hit two batters and walked two more to give the Tartars their first run and their first lead of the game. It was more of the same in the third inning as another walk and this time, an error, gave Torrance their second run of the game to make it 2-0. The bats finally got a chance to fly in the fifth inning when Ryan Eastburn doubled to right-field and Smith helped his own cause with a pop-fly single that scored Eastburn from second base to give the team a 3-0 advantage.

It wasn't until the sixth inning that El Segundo got something going. A single and a double had runners on first and third against Smith, who then surrendered a sacrifice fly to Connor Underwood to give up the shutout. "Smith didn't have his best stuff, but he had good stuff," Torrance head coach, Ollie Turner explained. "He just has good poise and good mound presence and he battled well." Even Smith believes he struggled a bit on the afternoon. "I wasn't really on tonight," Smith said, "but I was able to get the help of my defense and make the pitches when I needed them. I didn't have really good control of my fastball, but luckily I was able to get my off-speed over when I needed to." Through Smith's apparent struggles, the ace gave up only five hits and struck out nine in the complete game victory to improve to 6-1 on the year.

The Tartars were able to rally with nine hits and 11 runs in the next game, last Friday afternoon against El Segundo and their ace, Willem Mostert who was 6-1 (now 6-2) on the year as well. With the two straight victories and series sweep, the Tartars (14-8, 3-1) were able to overtake the Eagles (11-10, 2-1) for first place in the Pioneer League standings. A

battle against the last place Centennial Apaches awaits coach Turner and company as the Tartars look to pad their record and take control of the Pioneer League crown this season.

South High

The team that handed the Tartars their sole Pioneer League loss thus far this season was in action last week against the Lawndale Cardinals. The South High Spartans ace, Matt Mogollon, was on the mound and did his usual work, allowing just one run on two hits and struck out seven batters in six innings of work last Wednesday afternoon at South High. With three runs in the second inning, two in the third, and two in the fourth, the Spartans offensive explosion was enough to help them cruise to a 8-1 victory over visiting Pioneer League opponent, Lawndale. Sam Camacho and Kyle Henmi led the way on offense for South, each scoring two runs en route to the victory.

West High

The West High Warriors have been streaking since league play started. Coming off of a two-game sweep over league rival Mira Costa and non-league victory over St. Bernard, the Warriors welcomed Palos Verdes Peninsula to town and were unfortunately brought back down to earth. Two runs in the bottom of the second inning were all West could muster as they surrendered a two run top of the seventh inning that broke a 2-2 tie and ultimately gave the Peninsula Panthers the victory last Wednesday afternoon on the road. West responded in the second of back-to-backs against the Panthers, however, though they trailed for almost the entire game. Down 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, the Warriors were able to tie things up and send the game to extra innings. In the top of the ninth, the Warriors (11-10, 5-6) sealed the victory with one run for the 3-2 win. The Warriors are currently tied for first place in the Bay League standings with the very same Peninsula Panthers.

North High

The North High Saxons took a week off from league play last week and took on the visiting Royal Highlanders from Simi Valley. North scored first in the game, getting on the board in the first inning for an early 1-0 lead. A home run, two RBI's and two runs scored from opposing center fielder Jake Edwards, however, got Royal rolling in the middle innings of the game. Jacob Peck had a triple, a run scored and two RBI's, Jon Narimatsu went 2-for-2 with a walk, a double and two runs and Gota Tamasaki drove in three runs on a 2-for-4 effort, but it wasn't enough to overcome the seven run output by Royal. With their 7-5 loss, North dropped to 8-11 (2-2 league) on the year and into fourth place overall in the Pioneer League standings. •

Cheating in Baseball

By Adam Serrao

Last Wednesday night at Fenway Park, the baseball world was put on notice when Yankees pitcher Michael Pineda was ejected from the game in the second inning of New York's 5-1 loss to the Red Sox. Boston manager John Farrell complained that pine tar was blobbed on the side of Pineda's neck. The embarrassing part was, for Pineda, that this wasn't the first time that he had been seen with the obvious print of pine tar on one part of his body or another. Despite Major League Baseball's clear stance

for everyone to see, but he did it in his very next start against the team that he should have been caught for using it against not even two weeks previously. "Guys look to create a grip," opposing manager John Farrell said, "but typically you're not looking to be as blatant."

Despite the idiocy of it all on Pineda's part, other players, including those on the opposing team, don't seem to have much of a problem with what he did. Red Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski thinks that it could help with the safety of the players coming up to the

"Drugs like steroids and HGH are so heavily frowned upon, substances like pine tar have recently seemed to have been given a pass by both players and fans alike."

on the use of illegal substances in the game, however, most players and coaches didn't seem to mind. Many instances of cheating have arisen throughout the years in the game of baseball, but while drugs like steroids and HGH are so heavily frowned upon, substances like pine tar have recently seemed to have been given a pass by both players and fans alike.

Once officially caught, Pineda was suspended 10 games by Major League Baseball "for possessing a foreign substance on his person." 10 games may, at first, seem to be a little excessive, but as Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations Joe Torre stated, "We just felt that, with the ten games, it was necessary for him to miss two starts instead of just one." On top of the suspension, however, Pineda should have been more embarrassed than anything. Just a week and half prior, in an April 10th game against the Red Sox, Pineda had attracted the opposing team's attention by using a substance that looked eerily similar to pine tar on his mitt and later on the palm of his hand. Since the opposing manager never came out and said anything to the umpires, he was never caught and got away with the infraction. In the very next series against one another, almost like a robber breaking into the same house two nights in a row, Pineda was seen using pine tar again, except this time, more obviously. While most players and coaches choose to just let it go, Red Sox manager John Farrell was forced, this time, to bring it to the attention of the umpires.

"I think we are all embarrassed," Yankees General Manager hat I feel stupid," Pineda told ESPNDeportes.com. "It was a last minute decision when I went out in the second inning, and since I was unable to see myself, I did not know how much I put on until I saw the video." Those watching Pineda on the mound probably couldn't help but feel embarrassed for the guy. Most people who cheat do so indiscreetly: Pineda, however, chose not only to put a huge portion of the stuff on his neck

plate. "I don't have a problem with guys that do it," he said. "I know as a hitter, I want to get in there and know that the guy has a grip. Put it on your hat, put it on your pants, your belt, put it on your glove, whatever you have to do. You just can't do it that blatantly. That was what the biggest issue was. No one has an issue with him doing it. It's just more of the fact that it's so blatant." Sure, it's not steroids, stealing signs, a corked bat or, heaven forbid, betting on a game (see Pete Rose), but it is plainly written in the rules of the game that the use of illegal substances is just that: illegal. If Pineda wanted to get away with it, he perhaps shouldn't have put it on his neck. Maybe a little on his forehead to keep his cap on straight would have been a better idea.

Pineda's recent gaffe has brought to light some of the other biggest cheaters in baseball and has given us the opportunity to take a look back. For instance, the 1919 Chicago White Sox. Who could forget about the Black Sox World Series scandal and the involvement of the mob to fix what was, at the time, the biggest sporting event on the planet? Certainly 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson wouldn't. There was Albert Belle and his corked bat and distinct predisposition to running into second baseman with the clear intent to injure them. Of course, the aforementioned Pete Rose makes the list with his gambling tendencies. John McGraw hid balls in the outfield, spiked opposing players with his cleats, watered down base paths, grew out the infield grass and even started a riot. After getting into a fight with the opposing third baseman, a riot begun that eventually destroyed 170 neighboring buildings in 1894. Ty Cobb sharpened his spikes, George Brett has a pine tar incident named after him and who could possibly forget about Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds and the many, many other that have made baseball the game it is today. Now Pineda's pine tar incident doesn't sound like such a terrible offense after all. •

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Business Briefs

North High Senior Wins Edison International Scholarship



North High School's Justin Kim, surrounded by his AP Physics classmates, proudly displays the check presented to him from Edison International, parent company of Southern California Edison. Justin was one of 30 Southern California high school seniors who were awarded a \$40,000 Edison Scholars scholarship which will be paid over four years to further their education in the science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) fields. Justin plans to attend UC Berkeley.



Joining in congratulating North High School's Justin Kim for winning a \$40,000 scholarship from Edison International were (L to R) North High School Counselor Jessica Quevedo, AP Physics Instructor Stan Masuoka, Southern California Edison Region Manager Ronald Garcia, Torrance Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft, North High Principal Dr. Ronald Richardson and Torrance Mayor Frank Scott. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.

Absolution Brewing Company Opens Its Doors in Torrance



Absolution Brewing Company, located at 2878 Columbia Street in Torrance, held a well-attended ribbon cutting. Absolution's (L to R) Head Brewer Wes McCann, Chief Consumption Officer Steve Farguson and Chief Tasting Officer Nigel Heath are pictured at their ribbon cutting on April 25. Absolution features craft beers "using Old World styles and New World ingredients." Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 100 Years



Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman of the Board Sherry Kramer served as mistress of ceremonies at the 100th anniversary special luncheon. The Torrance chamber also accepted a special recognition award for their continued work promoting locally based businesses.

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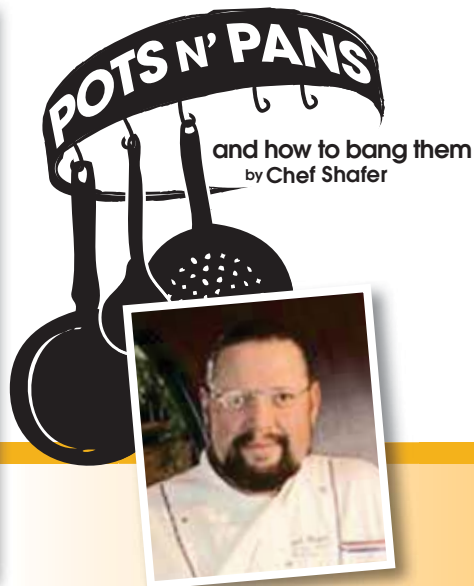
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The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce marked their 100th anniversary with a grand luncheon at the Torrance Marriott South Bay on April 24th. The celebration included honoring 15 Torrance business leaders. Recipients included: Mark Applegate, Mark E. Applegate Insurance Agency; Bob & Laurie Brandt, Red Car Brewery & Restaurant; Chris Braun, Convoid Products; Dr. Tei-Fu & Dr. Oi-Lin Chen, Sunrider International; Vic Edelbrock, Edelbrock; Joe Giacomin, Martin Chevrolet; Michael Hunn, Providence Health and Services; Craig Leach, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; Richard & Melanie Lundquist, Continental Development Corporation; Steve Morikawa, American Honda Motor Co., Inc; Kurt Robinson, Robinson Helicopter Company; Kirk Rossberg, Torrance Bakery; Michael Rouse, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.; Frank Scott, Frank Scott Towing; and Michael Shafer, The Depot & Buffalo Fire Company. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.

The Meyer lemons are coming in and they are very juicy this year. I love to use them to make a Meyer lemon key lime style pie. If you don't know what a key lime pie is then you've got to go to the Florida Keys and try one. When I was a kid I would go down to the keys and dive into the pie that is made out of the limes that grow in the region. It's pretty easy to make. It just takes time to squeeze the lemon juice. You know what they say "if life gives you lemons... make lemon pie!"

The Chef



Meyer Lemon Pie



Crust

2 cups graham cracker crumbs • 1/2 cup sugar • 6 tablespoons melted butter
Mix together in a bowl then press into a 10-inch pie pan.
Bake in the oven at 350° for 20 minutes then cool.

Filling

2 x 4 oz. cans condensed milk • 1 cup fresh squeezed Meyer lemon juice • 2 eggs
Mix together; pour into cooled pie shell and bake at 350° for 15 minutes then cool.

Topping

1 cup sour cream • 3 tablespoons powder sugar • 1 teaspoon lemon zest
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Sprinkle with the zest, chill and eat. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Celebration by the Shore

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last Wednesday, I toured Pediatric Therapy Network in downtown Torrance with the Leadership Torrance Class of 2014. Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN) offers many programs

showcased students with amazing musical talent who have benefited from PTN. Dr. Gary Twiggs, President and Chief Medical Officer, Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc., Pacific Region was quoted in the program as saying, "Pediatrix

performed against a backdrop of stunning sky and sea. On the sideboard of one of the rooms sat several works of art by Christian Risser, age 8. One that particularly caught my eye was a piece entitled, Jerry the Jellyfish. In the large room overlooking the ocean I spoke with Sunny Beutler of Sunrider who smiled and told me, "At Sunrider we have supported PTN for many years now. We think it is a really great cause."

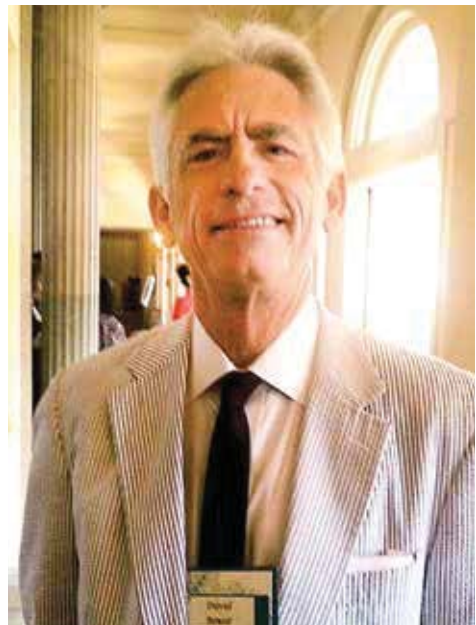
Terri Nishimura, CEO and original co-founder of PTN nearly eighteen years ago, was busy greeting everyone who arrived at this special event and I had a chance to speak with her. "We had met Carolyn Elliott and she had toured through the clinic and she just embraced our mission and what we did, and she offered to host a celebration at her stunningly beautiful home and that is really how it started. It really snowballed. We wanted to celebrate the art and music of our current clients and our former clients and David Benoit got involved and our spokesperson Curt Rambis and Linda Rambis - and they look at the professional athletes and compare the athletes to the children that we see.

everyone. The original ambassador was Rachel Handlin, an accomplished photographer, who has Down syndrome and now lives in Hawaii. What does an Ambassador do? "Each year we select a child at PTN who is getting services and that [person] represents the youth at our community events," she said. "Rachel Handlin epitomized what PTN is all about. She just loved coming to events and she loved saying hello to you and so when her parents moved to Hawaii we said, we miss Rachel - and we have to keep this going. Rachel served for six years. We have five of the past former Ambassadors that are here also," added Terri.

As I was in the foyer of the home, professional basketball player and current Assistant Coach of the Lakers Curt Rambis arrived with his wife, Linda told me, "I am here because I have for many, many years supported PTN, obviously a very good cause - children with special needs. We as athletes always get a lot of accolades for everything we do on the court and the work that is put into it, but nobody sees the amount of work that these children put into it to perform daily tasks.



Heather MacPhee, Vocalist.



Jazz pianist, conductor, composer, producer David Benoit.

to children with special needs in our community. They have an incredibly skilled staff that works hard to help children even during their earliest years. Days later, I was honored to attend an event showcasing the artistic talents of some of the children that have gone through the clinic to achieved amazing heights.

Medical Group and Pediatric Therapy Network are both dedicated to the care and treatment of our most vulnerable citizens..." The mission statement of PTN is, "Leading the way in helping children, families and communities reach full capabilities through innovative therapy, education and research programs."

It was Saturday, and the setting was more

This was an evening set aside to celebrate the



Father and son Alfred and Andrew Garcia.



Curt and Linda Rambis.

than perfect and was sponsored by Pediatrix and Obstetrix Medical Groups. Philanthropists Carolyn and Julian Elliott graciously opened up their absolutely magnificent home to provide the venue for the celebration. The event

children who had achieved incredible heights and overcome obstacles. The excitement in the air was bubbling up at every turn. Outside the house on one of the patio areas, the Asia America Youth Symphony Woodwind Quintet

It just became this whole energizing group of people that kicked this off within less than two months to put this together." Terri also told me the students would be performing and that the Junior Ambassadors were at the event greeting

The progress they make is sometimes very small but the smile on their faces their work ethic never stops and the therapists that work with them on a daily basis - there isn't a whole

See TerriAnn Ferren, page 14



Jonathan Beutler, Khryste Langlais, Britt Huff, and Steven Griswold with PTN children on the playground. All photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



Rosalinda Garcia, Chief Programs Officer at PTN

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Just went a'flippin' through the papers this morning, hoping against hope that this is the day.... the one day the government that wants to make all decisions for us

"In 35 states welfare paid more than the minimum wage, and in some places like Hawaii, welfare paid over \$60,000 per year!"

individually, can finally do something right. My good old boy buddy from Texas often laughed and said, "Even a blind pig finds an acorn once in a while" so keep your hopes up. Maybe today is the day.

Anyway, on to page one: it seems President Obama said he would respond to the Ukrainian crisis in a measured way, with no boots on the ground. Well, guess what? Today the Pentagon announced 6,000 U.S. paratroopers would be sent to Eastern Europe in response to the crisis. Maybe these troops won't wear boots, thus rationalizing the president's prior message. Seems to me most people would want a president to respond in a clear and unequivocal way, but this president wants to so nuance his message that there is no meaningful message.

Well, on to page two we go. The IRS had given \$2.8 million in bonuses to 2,800 employees who had not paid their income taxes. While that is a violation of federal law, it is not a violation in the union contract so the government must enter a grievance procedure with the union to require employees pay income taxes. Otherwise they can keep their bonuses for their good work.

Now to news about the environment: Having tracked cows for years, the EPA

has concluded methane is a greenhouse gas that pollutes the environment, and that cow flatulence is a major source of methane. In late March the EPA has proposed cutting methane by 25% by 2020, no doubt laying

the groundwork for a new federal law requiring cows to conduct themselves in a more ladylike manner. After all, the human race depends on it.

Flip the page again to state and local news: 26 states have found a win-win solution to the growing cost of paying for their prison population while promoting government health insurance. First, prisoners are enrolled in Medicaid so their costs are transferred to the Feds. Then when prisoners are released they will be automatically enrolled to a healthcare plan at taxpayer cost. Voila! Fewer uninsured people so it's a "two-fer"one winner.

And finally, on to the last page of the paper: The Cato Institute released its report entitled "The Work versus Welfare Tradeoff," which concluded that in 35 states welfare paid more than the minimum wage, and in some places like Hawaii, welfare paid over \$60,000 per year! Yet, The New York Times bemoans the fact that the poor and middle class are falling behind the rest of the world in per capita revenue. Clearly the solution to poverty is to raise the minimum wage to the level of welfare.

Oh, well, I'll just throw today's paper in the trash, and hope tomorrow we'll see stories of the government's successes. •

Another Man's Opinion

In Need of Trustworthy News Outlets

By Cristian Vasquez

This week there has been a feud going on between two cable-television stars. Anchor of Comedy Central's The Daily Show Jon Stewart and Fox News anchor Sean Hannity have been in the middle of an entertaining back-and-forth that was triggered by comments made by Stewart. Naturally, Hannity responded and now we have an entertaining exchange between one of the loudest conservative voices on television and one of the funniest late-night comedians on TV. As funny as it is to see Stewart and his team of writers tear Hannity apart one clip at a

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time, it is a reminder that the biggest sources of news for Americans are beyond inefficient.

In honor of full transparency, I will admit that I am not a fan of Fox News. They are irresponsible in using fear to reinforce conservative principals with their viewers, with absolute disregard for honesty. Also, I do enjoy The Daily Show because it makes fun of the absurd flaws in the media, among conservatives and liberals, and anything pop culture related. Yet, this exchange highlights what a short attention span we have as a society and the desperate need for real fair and balanced news. Considering MSNBC, Fox News, or even CNN, as unbiased, fair, or balanced news sources is a horrible mistake. The truth is that when a 30-minute news satire can accurately ridicule and highlight the hypocrisy and inefficiency in our major news outlets, then we have a huge problem. In this world of the 24-hour news

cycle, a half-an-hour comedy show is infinitely better at sorting out the lies and propaganda packaged by these news outlets.

However, because Stewart and his staff of writers are in it for the comedy and entertainment value of things, they are not the answer to this lack of efficient information. The Daily Show's writers compile some great investigative pieces that are informative and worth the 30-minute investment each night, four times a week, 40 weeks out of the year. Still, the show airs on a network that is home to comedian Daniel Tosh and his collection of internet videos

featuring people falling off roofs, getting hit by cars or anything resembling a typical frat party on a Saturday night. So we have to take their programming for what it is: entertainment.

The frustrating thing is that the biggest news outlets that exist on cable television are a failure. They fail to simply provide the news and instead serve to promote liberal or conservative agendas. MSNBC is to the liberals what Fox News is to conservatives: a source of information meant to reaffirm their beliefs and biases. So instead of giving us quality news coverage, productive analysis of events, or constructive criticism of any sort, these news agencies provide all of the material needed for The Daily Show to succeed. I am sure the Hannity/Stewart feud will eventually settle down; each side will believe they won the feud but Americans will continue to lack a dependable news source. •

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- Enter uninvited
- Cleaning cabinet supplies
- Penn. is one
- 1956 Elvis song
- Possessive pronoun
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- Twisted one
- Start of North Carolina's motto
- Pulitzer Prize-winning play

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- Village of huts
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- Smoke
- Mother of Ares
- Appeared
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- Busy bee in Apr.
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Across

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

Bocce Courts

from front page

Court Project all the existing bocce courts in the South Bay are inaccessible to wheelchairs and are difficult to navigate for people who are unsteady on their feet. They are also, for the most part, poorly lit, which makes it hard to have matches that last past sundown. The courts they are planning on building would fix these issues. The proposed designs include lights and other features to make them more accommodating to people with limited mobility, with measures like doors in the backstops to allow wheelchair access, smooth turf instead of dirt to make the lanes less cumbersome.

While all these components add to the cost, the South Bay Bocce Courts Project is determined to build them at no cost to the City. They are instead relying on tax-deductible donations. Chiota hopes the community will be generous with the project and see the benefits not only for older residents and special athletes, but for all of Columbia Park's visitors. He also explained that the group has set up a method so donors can make a tax-deductible gift to the organization anytime they want, so they can help special-needs athletes and get a tax write-off. Already several individuals have written a check to the city of Torrance, with an explanation in the memo field that the money is

to go toward constructing the bocce courts. Any funds donated in this manner will make their way to Torrance Community Services director John Jones and will be earmarked until the project has enough funds to start construction. "This makes it a win-win-win for the athletes, the community and the taxpayers," said Chiota. "It's the simplest thing in the world."

A game of bocce is played between two players, or two teams of up to four players each. A match is started by having one side throw a smaller ball called the pallino from one end of the court into a zone near the far end of the court. The side that threw the jack is then able to start bowling. Once the first bowl has taken place, the other side has the opportunity to bowl. From then on, the side which does not have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining balls. The team with the closest ball to the jack is the only team that can score points. The scoring team receives one point for each of their balls closer to the jack than the closest ball of the other team. The length of a game varies, but is usually between seven and 13 points. Unlike more physical sports like

football, soccer or basketball, Bocce can be played by anyone who knows the rules and can throw a ball. The easy to learn, difficult to master nature of the sport has made it popular with the FTEAs and older athletes who are no longer able to participate in strenuous contact sports. While not quite the workout that a game of basketball is, Bocce is still a good way of staying active and healthy, and allows its players a setting for being social and building self-esteem. Chiota says the

game can be played by anyone, regardless of disability, including the wheelchair-bound and the blind. Currently there are over 50 athletes participating in FTEA's bocce program. To help make these handicap and elderly accessible courts a reality, Chiota says it will take more than just donations, it will require community outreach. "Keep sounding the alarm," said Chiota. "It's important that the Mayor and city officials know that we want to make this project part of our community." •



Players in the middle of a bocce match during the South Bay Bocce Courts project's Charity Tournament held in April. Photo by Dylan Little.

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 Current File #2013084654
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 INGLEWOOD NEWS: May 01, 08, 15, 22, 2014. **HI-1086**

TerriAnn Ferren

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lot of articles written about them in the paper, and they don't hear their names mentioned in the news but they get rewarded with the smiles on the children's faces and it takes a lot of hard work – a lot of dedication in order to accomplish some of the smallest tasks but it is very rewarding opportunity for them.”

Rosalinda Garcia described herself to me as “Chief Programs Officer and proud mother of a Junior Ambassador. My son is Andrew Garcia. [He is 16 years old and a client at PTN since he was 4 and he stayed there until he was about 12 ‘cuz he got too big for the equipment and he had met his needs and he is now a sophomore at Redondo Union High School in the Junior ROTC Program there having great success.” Rosalinda explained to me that her son, Andrew admires his dad, who is a marine and Andrew helps out now at PTN as a ‘white shirt’ during Camp Escapades and one of the volunteers who work with the younger ones with social skills. It is a great way for Andrew to give back. Not long after speaking with Rosalinda, I met her son, Andrew Garcia, and found out why she was so proud of him. Andrew Garcia is an articulate, handsome young man who was more than happy to speak with me. “I am 16

this year and what I do is represent PTN. I started when I was little, now I work with the younger kids in Leaps and Bounds, I work with all the kids that have disabilities. I am a tenth grader at Redondo High and I got myself involved with the USMC program there and am an assistant officer and help the kids, the incoming freshman. I have gone to orientation; I have spoken to the incoming freshman and am part of the leadership group in my school which is great. A great opportunity. My dad [Alfred] served our country so I take part in that,” beamed Andrew.

Before the entertainment began, Kurt Rambis spoke to the guests and said, “I have been involved with Pediatric Therapy Network for 15 years when I was invited into the clinic and that following summer to Camp Escapades, to watch what goes on in the clinic and see how much joy and fun the kids had at Camp Escapades. I do not know how anybody could not get involved. The physical therapists, the occupational therapists, speech therapists do a fantastic job working with kids and being around athletes my entire life and seeing rewards from hard work and effort – there is nobody that puts more effort, more work in doing some of the smallest little things that we all take for granted on a daily

basis and the therapists are to be applauded every single day, the students, the children with special needs, the effort they put into it, it's phenomenal. It is a joy to watch and their strength and determination should be an inspiration to all of us.” Then I asked Linda Rambis about how she feels about PTN and she told me, “When we first started with PTN many, many years ago one of our most touching moments came when my children who were camp counselor volunteers with the young people – how they would come back feeling from the camp and how impressed they were and how hard the kids worked and how much fun it was to be with them and how the effort they put in to get a basket or just the activities that were all based for the children there really made them appreciate the services that are provided and the blessings that they have and it pushed them to want to give more and do more in the community and that is what it's all about.”

Then we made our way to the large salon to be entertained by some of the finest talent around. First, aspiring musician Grant Acker was introduced by his mom who explained how Grant has risen above his multiple challenges and now is a senior at Mira Costa High School. His piano playing is the outlet

Grant chose and what a lucky thing for us: he is truly gifted. Grant played two selections on the piano; “He's a Pirate” and “Attack on the Titans.” Then vocalist Heather MacPhee delighted everyone with her renditions of “Let it Go” and “Don't Rain on My Parade.” Heather is from Torrance, performs with Encore Entertainers, and will play Elf in Shrek, the Musical this June. Heather brought the house down with a rendition Barbra Streisand would now envy. Earlier in the afternoon, Heather told me, “Honestly, I haven't had this much experience. It is my first solo performance, my first gig so I am a little ... it's really nice.” Oh, Heather, if this is nervous – watch out world! A special performance by David Benoit, three-time Grammy-nominee and conductor of the Asia America Symphony Orchestra rounded out the evening.

As I left this incredible event I was thankful - thankful for the opportunity to meet wonderful artists and performers. From the young novices just starting out to the quintessential professional in David Benoit, the entire afternoon was inspiring. Clearly, Pediatric Therapy Network holds every child in their hands with not only care but encouragement for succeeding beyond what anyone might expect. Bravo! •

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Jackie loves walks and family time.

is great with kids, Jackie will be a great family addition. Jackie is spayed, current on vaccinations, dewormed, and microchipped.

Spurs is one in a litter of 5 week old puppies we found being sold on the street corner: three boys and two girls. We DNA'd two puppies from this litter, so about the time they are 8 weeks old we will know what their breed is. We do know that they will be medium to large in size since they weigh



Spurs is a puppy who needs a family to love.

Happy Tails

With a little dog like **Radar**, what's not to love! His new family is totally smitten and as well as everyone who meets him.

"Radar is settling in great. He played, chased his ball, ate well and has more energy than Jim and I combined. Radar loved Jim from the moment we walked in the door and even though Jim looked at him and said "he's a Chihuahua," it didn't take long for Jim to fall in love too. He is the happiest, sweetest, loving, and funny little dog we've ever had! When he takes off running, he skips the first few steps...so funny to watch! He's great at meeting people too. Our contractor stopped by, too, and was instantly smitten. Radar greeted him with



Radar is settling in and loves his new family and all the friends that he is meeting there!

his little waggie tail and lots of kisses. I got him a booster seat for the car so we can start going for rides and coming to Animals Rule in the mornings. Bud the cat is not happy but that will come in time. Radar just doesn't understand why this guy will not play with him!

He's sleeping well. He has a bed in the living room and one in the den, but, of

course, he sleeps in bed with us lying flat on his back with all four feet in the air. He's managed "sit" several times, but Jim says it's accidental. I know better: he is so smart and so very eager to please. All it takes is a gentle "no" and he stops whatever he is not supposed to be doing. Did I mention he loves his back yard? We play ball with him, but he's great at throwing the balls around himself and chasing them. Yesterday a butterfly landed on one of the balls and he was totally in awe: stopped, stared for the longest time and when the butterfly flew away, he was in hot pursuit. I like to think it was Roxy welcoming him home.

And his name will stay Radar: he walks around half the time with one ear up and one down. Radar suits him nicely. Thank you both for rescuing Radar and for all the other dogs you have rescued and will continue to rescue. What you do is incredible! Love, Mary, Radar, Jim and Bud."

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Arwen is a gorgeous little brown tabby and white girl with soft golden eyes. This sweet girl was rescued from death along with her 4 less than one week old kittens. In her foster home, Arwen has four playmates, and she loves them all! She is very playful and runs around with the 6-month-old kittens; it's a good match- she's a small cat! Arwen loves to be petted, and she will purr up a storm if you let her. Arwen needs patience, love, and understanding as she continues to gain confidence from whatever made her so scared before being rescued and would be best suited in a calm household. If you're looking for a kitty who is low maintenance, but is a good playmate for your cat, Arwen would be your girl!

JellyBean is one very lucky kitten. He was discovered in a car engine, and his foster mom fished him out and cleaned him up. With his fluffy black coat, Jellybean is going out of his way to prove that black cats are lucky! And as if his handsome licorice coloring wasn't enough, he has developed hints of a white undercoat giving him a smoky appearance that is just too adorable for words. JellyBean absolutely loves other cats and even dogs. He is the perfect companion for a lonely cat as he is very high energy due to his youth. If you don't already have a kitty companion for him, Jellybean would love be adopted with Charleze, a gorgeous black female kitty who has adopted JellyBean as her baby or with fluffy grey kitten Constantine, who became his kitten companion upon his own rescue.



Arwen loves to be petted in a calm environment.

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Decorating with Light Captures the Fresh Spirit of Spring

(BPT) - Something about spring seems to inspire us to lavish attention on our homes. Whether enthusiastically cleaning or freshening decor, Americans seize spring as an opportunity to breathe new life into interior spaces. While painting and decluttering are great ways to revitalize home decor, for sheer spring-like impact it's hard to beat decorating with light.

Incorporating light into interior design can go far beyond a few strategically placed, attractive lamps and some upgraded overhead lights. It's possible to use both natural and artificial lighting to complement other decor and architectural elements, and to create a brighter, upbeat mood that's perfect for warm weather. Not sure where to begin? Here are a few concepts to keep in mind as you begin decorating with light:

Natural Beauty

There's no debating the benefits of natural light for boosting mood. After dark, short winter days, spring brings abundant sunshine, and you can put all that natural light to work in your home. Boost daylighting by lightening up window treatments to admit as much sunshine as possible, choose fresh paint colors that interplay well with the direction from which light enters a room, and consider adding skylights to rooms that demand drama or where adding a window isn't practical.

A relatively low cost home improvement that can be accomplished by a professional in a day or two or over a single weekend, adding a skylight not only enhances home decor, it delivers energy-saving benefits as

well. Skylights can help reduce dependence on artificial lighting - saving money on electricity bills. And, if you choose an ENERGY STAR certified solar-powered, fresh-air skylight like those made by Velux America and add remote-controlled, solar-powered blinds, you can improve the skylight's energy performance rating by as much as 45 percent while improving indoor air quality through the venting effect of open skylights (which close automatically in case of rain). Solar-powered skylights and blinds qualify for a 30 percent federal tax credit, as does the cost of installation. Visit www.whyskylights.com to learn more.

Lightening Colors

Some hues absorb more light, making them appear darker which causes the room to look dark as well. Spring is a great time to lighten colors throughout the home, and not just wall colors. Fresh paint brightens any room, but to amplify the effect, choose lighter, less intense colors such as pastel yellows, peaches and soft blues.

Continue the color upgrade through key decorating elements such as upholstery fabric, accent rugs, window treatments and wall art. Choose colors that speak to you of spring, whether it's an Easter egg pale purple, a cheerful sky blue or a bright grass green. Replace heavy winter drapes with translucent sheers that admit natural light and give rooms an airy, open feeling.

Upgrading Other Light Sources

While you take steps to maximize the amount of natural light that enters you home, artificial lighting will always be needed,

especially when spring showers darken the skies for a while. Choose light fixtures - including floor and table lamps - that continue the bright, easy atmosphere you've already created with color and natural light.

Keep in mind the importance of layering light with a mix of sources throughout a room, and choose lighting styles that fit the room's purpose. For example, in kitchens where a lot of work gets done, overhead and under-counter lights provide the best illumination for cooking and other chores.

In bedrooms, wall sconces and table lamps provide softer, more soothing light.

Don't overlook energy efficiency when you're revamping your artificial lighting. Spring is a great time to boost your home's energy efficiency by replacing old, electricity-guzzling incandescent light bulbs with energy-sipping CFLs and LEDs. While these bulbs may cost more to purchase, you'll save money over their usable life. Energy.gov says these bulbs use 25 to 80 percent less energy than incandescents, and can last three to 25 times longer. •



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