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## Dylanfest 2013 Comes to Torrance



Renee Safier and Andy Hill perform for the crowd. The fabulous Dylanfest is coming to Torrance for the first time. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5, 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. See story and more photos on page 8. Photo by Donna Butts.

## Torrance Resident Wins New Car in “Clean Green” Contest

By Cristian Vasquez

When stay-at-home mom Misty Noble sent in her entry for the contest promising to give away a new car, she was convinced she wasn't going to win but signed up anyway. Much to her surprise, she was announced as the winner of NBC4's Clean Green Giveaway Contest and received a brand new Nissan Leaf, a zero-emission vehicle.

"I was on Facebook and I had liked the NBC4LA page a long time ago to pick up news updates. All of a sudden they started posting on their page about your chance to win a car, so I thought I might as well," Noble said. "We had definitely been considering a hybrid since my husband drives a lot, but neither one of us had really considered electric. People think of an electric car and they think it might not have any power, or that it is going to be really small or unable to get you far. I actually have been driving it a lot. I have 795 miles now and it is amazing. It has so much power, the maneuvering is great and you can't even tell any difference."

Noble, her husband Jon and their 10-month-old child have two vehicles, however. Jon's car has been in the shop for a while now and he has been relying on Misty's car to make his daily work commute.

"He [Jon] is self-employed and drives to Bakersfield every day. He doesn't mind, really—he gets in the car and listens to sports radio," Noble said. "The car he is driving right now is actually my car and that is what prompted me to enter the contest in the first place. I am at home, I have my son and we were without a car because my husband had my car. It was

really difficult to be home alone with the baby. I was unable to get out of the house."

The Leaf was not only ideal for the Nobles, but was a perfect prize for NBC Universal to give away. "We wanted to do something 'green,' as we are conscious as a station and at NBC Universal about our footprint," Jennie Born, Director of Integrated Sales and Marketing for NBC4, said. "The Leaf from Nissan is a no-emission, all-electric vehicle and it represented a way to help a viewer with 'no gas payments' for the rest of the life of this car."

The car was awarded to Misty Noble during a ceremony on March 8 at the Music Center Plaza in front of Ahmanson Theater in Downtown Los Angeles. Invited to the event were other Leaf owners and people leasing similar but older models.

"It was really fun. I got to meet a lot of cool people that already have the car, and it was nice to be able to talk to them," Misty Noble said. "Getting information from Nissan does provide you all the great information about the car, but talking to people using the vehicle was amazing. They tell you things like how much more your electric bill is or how far you can actually go and how they actually like the car. It was great. The other fun thing was that I was interviewed by Fritz Coleman, which I thought was such a treat because I grew up here in the South Bay. I have always been a Channel 4 watcher all my life and being interviewed by him and to see it air the following week on the five o'clock news was a lot of fun."

For NBC, giving away the car became more of a special event than it had planned. "We

had a terrific response to the contest, close to a quarter of a million entries, and our Facebook page was reaching more than four million users daily," Born said. "The contest also generated a lot of new likes on our Facebook page and created a social media buzz. Awarding the vehicle to Misty Noble and to learn about their 'one-vehicle family' made giving away the Nissan LEAF very meaningful. She was so thankful, and every little extra piece including the Downtown L.A. Nissan dealer covering her tax, title and license, Aerovironment giving her the EV charging unit for her home, and the Ahmanson Theatre and their gift of theatre tickets took the prize over the top. It was an incredible promotion and we're grateful to Nissan and all of our partners for making Misty's day-to-day life a little easier."

Having signed up not expecting to win made the experience a little more surreal to Misty Noble, who found out she won because her husband was on Facebook as the couple's night was winding down. "I go running into the living room to check and I start running between the living room and dining room—I was so excited," Misty Noble said. "This contest took all of 10 seconds every day to sign up and enter, so when my husband got home from work I completely forgot about it. At the moment that I found out that I won, he had no idea what was happening. He did not know I entered the contest and he did not know what kind of car it was. I am running around the house and he is trying to figure out what is happening. We finally got the information, and at that point the messages star pouring in on Facebook." •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
85°/63°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
70°/59°



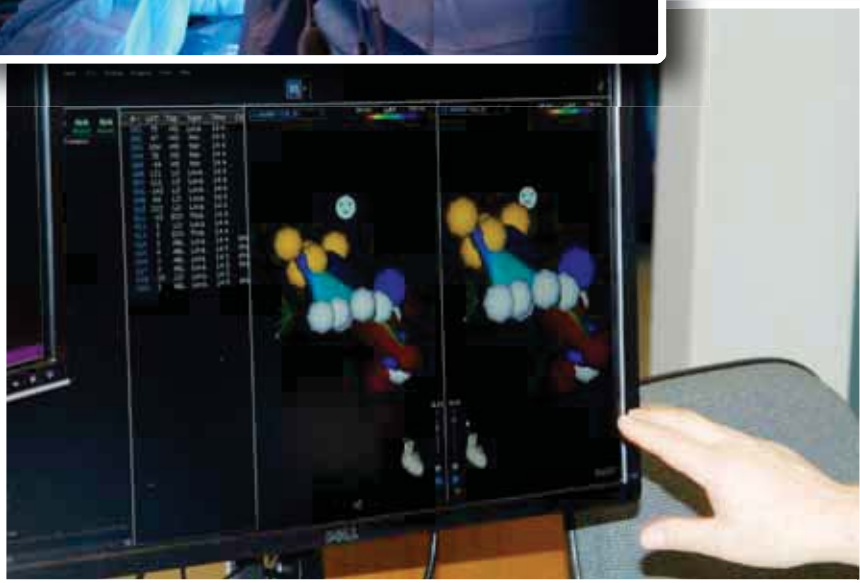
**Sunday**  
Drizzle  
65°/59°





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# Calendar

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

• “Fun Summer Singing” Sessions (through July 22) at Toyota Auditorium at 19600 Van Ness Avenue in preparation for “Sing For Life” concert on July 29. For more information contact David Burks at burksmb@msn.com or (310) 372-1380.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

• 8th Annual Rev’ved Up 4 Kids Charity Car Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vic’s Garage, 510 Madrid Ave. Spectator entry is free, however, The Edelbrock Family Foundation will be accepting any donations.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

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

• Artful Days: Post-Impressionism: After Monet, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 818-2326.

• “Operating Room Show & Tell”, 4-8 p.m., Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-4711.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

• “Do What Moves You” presented by West High Dance Dept. (also May 9 & 10), 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

• South Bay Republican Women Federated Luncheon Meeting, 11:00 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 2133 Hawthorne Blvd. Reservations: Call Vera: (310) 320-1431 or Gloria (310) 326-9340.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

• 14th Annual Senior Faire: “Unleash the Power of Age”, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Ken Miller Auditorium, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• YMCA Low Cost Vet Clinic, 10-11:30 a.m., Torrance-South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 325-5885.

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

• Cactus & Succulent Society of America, 1:30 p.m., South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., PV Peninsula. For more information call (310) 544-6815.

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

• City of Torrance 54th Annual Armed Forces Day Military Concert, 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• Torrance-South Bay YMCA’s 21st Annual “Send A Kid To Camp” Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., Los Verdes Golf Course, RPV. Saturday, May 18

• 54th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade 1:30 p.m., along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at City Hall.

• The Pregnancy Help Center’s 26th Annual Walk For Life, 8:30 a.m. start from Veterans Park. For more information call (310) 320-8976.

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

• Piano Festival 2013 presented by Japanese Musicians Assoc. of Calif., 9:30, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 371-5816.

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

• Calle Mayor Spring Concert, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**

• South High School Spring Concert, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 533-4352.

**ONGOING**

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

# A Student’s Perspective

## Technology in the Classroom

By Glen Abalayan,  
Torrance High School Student

There has been a recent trend in schools in which teachers attempt to implement technology into their lesson plans. This trend is causing schools to invest more money into adding more gadgets into each room. The new tools, which range from new projectors to having tablets on every desk, in theory will increase student involvement and raise scores. In some areas, this program proved to be very successful. However this is not always the case, as I have witnessed schools attempting the same process though resulting in a failed waste of money. Impulsively investing in new technology in the classroom is risky and should be dealt with very carefully.

The recent news over LAUSD’s proposal to invest in new iPads in its schools should strike a sour chord among both students and parents. Although the tablets are very versatile, they will most likely be used to perform simple tasks that can already be done on notebooks. The cost of this project is another pitfall, as the money invested in this could have been better used in other areas such the revitalization of the district’s struggling arts department. Implementing a gadget known to young students as a portable game console into classrooms will only distract them from learning, as they will focus on the gadget more than their teacher. On top of the project’s high cost, the fact that there will hardly be a process that will utilize the tablet’s full potential in

classrooms cements the claim of it being one of the worst investments the school district will have. Fortunately, the request to acquire the \$17 million for the project was rejected last year.

Another poor attempt at investing in technology in the classroom closer to home was my middle school’s and high school’s decision to invest in Smart Boards. In theory, the boards would replace standards dry-erase boards and bridge the gap between school and the Internet. The schools I attended then fell for this trap, bought dozens of units and set a goal for every classroom to be equipped with a Smart Board. Theory has never been so incorrect, as what was considered the school’s attempt at modernization is now a slab of plastic gathering up dust in classrooms. The boards were slow, unresponsive at times and always required a recalibration once moved. Hopefully, the schools that invested large sums of money into new technology will learn from the mistakes of others that unwisely invested without careful introspection.

Technology is a tool and will remain as such as long as there is a teacher and student in the classroom. Investing in cutting-edge technology in the classroom can yield great results or bring forth staggering debt. What may sound great in theory is not always the same in practice. The impulsive investments into classroom technology made by administrators should be avoided at all costs if they wish to not squander their goods on a very expensive toy. •

# Business Briefs

## Torrance Honors the Armed Forces at the 54th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade on May 17-19

Beginning Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation’s Armed Forces with its 54th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade – the City’s longest standing tradition. Each year, the City honors a different military branch; this year highlights the United States Marine Corps. Grand Marshal, Major General Melvin Spiese, Former Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 18 that will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Honorary Grand Marshals for this year’s observance will be Captain Edward Q. Hicks (USMC – Retired) and Master Gunnery Sergeant Robert D. Reid (USMC – Retired), both of whom are original Montford Point Marines that began their service between 1942-1949 and received their basic Marine Corps Training at Camp Montford Point, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The Montford Point Marines received the Congressional Gold Medal on November 23, 2011 for their service and sacrifices to this Country and their contributions to the Marine Corps and society as a whole. The sacrifices of these men paved the way for other minorities and women to be integrated into the Marine Corps and engineer social and cultural change in our Nation.

Major General Spiese, Captain Hicks and Master Gunnery Sergeant Reid will lead the parade of active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. The parade will also include military vehicles of all descriptions including: Humvees, armored personnel carriers, and support vehicles down the streets of Torrance. This year’s celebration is scheduled to include the largest mass swearing in ceremony in the history of our Parade with

over 500 future soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines taking the oath of office administered by the Grand Marshal. Additionally, military and elected dignitaries will honor the hundreds of military service men and women as they pass in review. Throughout the weekend, the following events will occur in the City as part of the celebration:

Military Exhibits: Vehicles, and support equipment on display at the north end of the Del Amo Fashion Center at the lower parking lot on the west side of the parking structure, Friday May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday May 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and on Sunday May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.


Free Concert: The 40th Infantry Division Band, California Army National Guard will perform for free at the James Armstrong Theatre on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m. There is a limit of four tickets per adult (18+). Ticket holders must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to concert time. There will be a line available for empty seats beginning 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start times.

Parade: Parade will run along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and end at the City Hall on May 18 at 1:30 p.m.

The community is invited to gather along the parade route and cheer for our sons, daughters, friends, husbands and wives who have been called to duty in defense of our nation’s beliefs and principles and to secure a more peaceful world.

Parade Route Street Closures May 18:  
7:00 a.m. - Arlington Ave between Marcelina Ave. and Post Ave., El Prado Ave. between Carson St. and Cravens Ave. and Cravens Ave. between Torrance Blvd and Marcelina Ave.

9:00 a.m. - All entry ways into Civic Center  
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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

On April 1, President Obama declared April to be "National Financial Capability Month" during which time his Administration will teach young people "how to budget responsibly." Among the other topics taught will be "Managing Debt

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and Credit;" "Getting the Most From Your Credit Card;" and "Stay Below Your Credit Limit." I believe he said these things with a straight face.

With his program in mind, let's play "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader." Here are the facts the fifth graders will be asked to understand:

According to the CBO, the Treasury Department will collect \$2.7 trillion in tax revenue in 2013, setting a record for the most money the government has ever taken in. However, the President has proposed spending \$3.8 trillion in 2014 and \$4.0 trillion in 2015, increasing spending in every year of his administration.

In 2012, the nation's economy grew by 1.8 percent, but to justify his spending, the President has projected our GDP growth rate to double to 3.6 percent and tax revenue to grow by 50 percent.

The President projects tax increases over 10 years to total \$1 trillion, transferring capital from the private sector to government.

While the top earners would pay two-thirds of the tax increases, everyone would pay more taxes, including the middle class on whom the President said he would never impose new taxes.

The President's plan caps everyone's IRAs, 401Ks and pensions at \$3 million. Obama

believes no one needs any more than that and the government has the right to establish everyone's limit of wealth.

On April 21, the International Monetary Fund representing 20 nations begged the United States, "For the sake of the rest of the world,

address your long-term budget deficit." Finance ministers and central bankers from around the world "called on Washington to develop a credible plan to deal with its spending and debts over the next several years."

In 2011, the GAO specified 162 wasteful government programs which, if corrected, would result in annual savings of \$250 billion, or \$2.5 trillion over 10 years. Unfortunately, the government has chosen to address only 16 of the 162 wasteful programs. U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, head of the GAO said, "My term goes to 2025. I hope I won't be reporting all these same issues in that year." Spending reductions of any nature are not within this administration's vocabulary.

Financial advisors almost uniformly agree that there is no hard and fast line beyond which a nation's debt cannot grow. Rather, on a case-by-case basis, when investors hit a tipping point and lose faith on a nation's ability to pay its debts, they will withdraw in an instantaneous BANG moment. No one will have any warning, so nations follow a course of debt growth at their own peril.

The questions for our fifth graders are these: First, is the Obama Administration qualified to teach this course? And second, how would you project our financial future? •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Adequate Information Only Helps Make Better Choices

By Cristian Vasquez

In recent years, many Americans have become more concerned with the source of the goods they consume. Farmers' markets, organic food and in some cases home gardens have become people's preferred options for food sources. The arguments regarding the benefits of organic food and the risks of genetically modified foods will vary depending on who you ask. What is hard to dispute is that with proper labels identifying foods as being organic or genetically modified, consumers can decide for themselves which type of product they would like to purchase. Recently, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and Congressman Peter DeFazio introduced a bill that would allow consumers to make such a decision by simply looking at a product's label.

The Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act would require the Food and Drug Administration to clearly label genetically engineered (GE) foods in an attempt to help consumers make informed choices about the goods they consume. This bipartisan bill is being supported by nine other Senators and by 22 members from the House. Groups opposed to forcing labels on GEs fail to realize or simply admit the risks associated with flooding the market with such foods without providing proper labels for consumers. Allergies to food products such as peanuts are very common among Americans and if a product has been genetically modified, consumers deserve to know for safety reasons.

There is a likelihood that many consumers will not look at these labels. Furthermore, there is a strong possibility that only a minority of consumers check for GE foods or research the products they purchase. However, if this small group of consumers is taking the time to know and understand the roots of their products, they deserve to have full disclosure on the items. When we go out to a new restaurant, it is common to ask what ingredients are in a dish that might look appealing. As a former food service industry employee, special requests with regards to food preparation were a daily occurrence--and to be honest, it wasn't a problem. It did not take away so much time from my other responsibilities that the company I worked for suffered a financial burden. So if the waiters and deli clerks of the world can tell their customers what is in a salad or sandwich, why can't the Monsantos of the world tell consumers what is in the tomato they want to sell us?

Senator Boxer's bill will not result in the general population becoming 100 percent informed on the roots of the products they consume. Furthermore, it will probably not inspire many more people to know. Yet for those of us who care to know and for consumers with allergies who need to know, this is a necessary bill. Those of us with a vested interest will always take the time to research what we purchase, where it comes from and how it is made. As a consumer, that is my responsibility. Still, as the producer of

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# Police Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceeding are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes are listed as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, auto theft, auto burglary, commercial burglary, residential burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with a weapon, theft and vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

## April 20

**Burglary-Residential:** 200 BLOCK VIA LOS MIRADORES Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/handguns, laptop, tablet.

**Theft:** 3300 BLOCK CANDLEWOOD ROAD Suspect(s) takes property from front yard/bench.

**Auto Theft-All:** 23300 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Stolen vehicle: '98 Nissan Sentra.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/stereo, knife.

**Battery-Simple:** 3700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect grabs victim and challenges him to fight.

**Auto Theft-All:** WALNUT ST & 237TH PL Stolen vehicle: '98 Nissan Sentra.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/purse.

**Theft:** 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) forces open locker and takes property/jewelry, cell phone, cash.

## April 19

**Burglary-Residential:** 2000 BLOCK 234TH ST Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry, ransacks/unknown p.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 3700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) cuts storage container locks for entry and takes property/copper wire, concrete hammers, pipe benders, bolts, drill, drill bits.

**Battery-Weapon/Agg:** 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect picks up victim and throws him to the ground, causing serious injury.

**Theft:** 4900 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from employer during course of employment/lottery tickets, liquor, cash.

**Burglary-Auto:** 800 BLOCK MAPLE AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

## April 18

**Burglary-Auto:** 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/air

compressors, power drills, nail guns.

**Burglary-Residential:** 2400 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

**Battery-Simple:** 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect intentionally runs in to victim, knocking him down while fleeing school administrator's office.

**Theft:** 1800 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) takes unattended property from alley/laptop, notepad, canning jar.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) forces open locker and takes property/cash, cell phone.

**Auto Theft-All:** 19100 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '00 Isuzu truck.

## April 16

**Burglary-Auto:** 2300 BLOCK 180TH PL Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

**Burglary-Auto:** 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LA CONCHA Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/laptop.

**Burglary-Auto:** 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LA CONCHA Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/purse.

**Burglary-Residential:** 25800 BLOCK MATFIELD DR Suspect(s) pries sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/shotgun, jewelry boxes, jewelry.

**Auto Theft-All:** 2700 BLOCK SKYPARK DR Stolen vehicle: '12 Ford Explorer.

## April 15

**Robbery-Strong-Arm:** 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect attempts to forcibly take victim's property from her possession/no loss.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2400 BLOCK 236TH ST Suspect(s) pries door lock/ no entry, no loss.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) pries door lock/no entry, no loss.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 300 BLOCK AVE I Suspect(s) smashes window for entry/no entry, no loss.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/laptop, hard drive, case, paperwork.

**Burglary-Commercial:** HAWTHORNE BLVD & DEL AMO BLVD Suspects enter location, work in concert to distract employee, enter office and look in employee's purse before being interrupted by employee/no loss.

**Burglary Residential:** 3200 BLOCK WINLOCK ROAD Suspect(s) removes door from its hinges for entry, ransacks and takes property/iPods, stereo, laptop, camera, gift cards, credit cards, jewelry box, jewelry.

## April 14

**Burglary-Auto:** PASEO DE LA CONCHA & PASEO MIRAMAR Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/wallet.

**Burglary-Auto:** PASEO DE LA CONCHA & PASEO MIRAMAR Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/wallet. •

# Finance

## Insurance You Can Probably Do Without

By Jason Alderman



I'm a big believer in having the appropriate amount of insurance, especially when it comes to your health and personal liability. But if money is tight and you want to get the most bang for your buck, there are a few types of insurance you can probably do without – or that may duplicate coverage you already have elsewhere:

**Extended warranties.** When you buy a car, appliance or electronic device, the salesclerk usually will try to sell you an extended warranty. These policies often

purchased with their card.

**Child life insurance.** Life insurance is intended to provide economic protection for a provider's dependents, so unless your children are movie stars supporting you, this coverage is probably unnecessary. You can better protect their future by stowing those monthly premiums

in an emergency savings account or buying additional term life insurance for yourself.

**Pet insurance.** With veterinary treatments now rivaling human medicine (organ transplants, chemotherapy, etc.), you could easily spend a small fortune keeping Fido alive.

*“Monthly premiums increase with your pet’s age, deductibles and copayments are typically higher than for human coverage and there are usually predetermined per-year and per-condition caps.”*

duplicate coverage already provided in the manufacturer's warranty. Plus, many credit cards provide an additional warranty on items purchased with the card.

**Smartphone insurance.** After shelling out big bucks for a smartphone, you might be tempted to buy replacement insurance. Just be aware that you'll probably pay a hefty deductible and likely receive a refurbished phone, possibly not even the same model. My advice: Keep your old phone to reactivate in case you drop or lose the new one.

**Flight accident insurance.** The risk of dying in a plane crash is miniscule and already covered by regular life insurance. Also check your credit card cardholder agreement, since many cover such accidents for tickets

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**Rental car insurance.** In most cases, the optional insurance offered by car rental agencies duplicates existing coverage you already have. However, before automatically rejecting agency coverage, ask your insurance company and credit card issuer whether

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# Sports

## Injuries Plague L.A.

By Adam Serrao

As if an injury to Kobe Bryant wasn't devastating enough for the city of Los Angeles, local sports fans have had to hold their breath all year long in hopes that yet another big name player doesn't bite the dust. Whether it happens to the Lakers and in the sport of basketball, or on the Dodgers or Angels in baseball, big name players across the county of Los Angeles and even beyond continue to drop like flies. Maybe it's best that L.A. doesn't have a football team just yet. With this injury plague going around, all of the teams' players would most likely be hampered and forced to sit on the sideline anyways. From L.A. to Anaheim and even beyond the state of California, injuries have been forcefully

*"To understand the injury bug even better, all we need to do is look across the city at the Los Angeles Dodgers."*

plaguing professional sports lately with some of the biggest names, with the biggest contracts, noticeably absent from the respective game that has made them millionaires. The players earning the hefty salaries aren't the losers, though. Neither are the organizations paying them the money. The fans, on the other hand, are the ones who have to suffer through a season that might have otherwise seemed so promising, yet has deflated due to some of their biggest icons being ripped away from competition.

Kobe Bryant is the prime example of a sports injury that has devastated Los Angeles. Beyond being the biggest talent in all of L.A., Bryant's name resonates worldwide--as he is known as a player who not only transcends the game, but also pushes himself to play through any and every little nagging injury that he may incur. As Kobe's light got dimmer, so too did the Lakers' as he slipped away off of the court and into the hospital--a place where the entire Laker roster has frequented of late and a place where they may need to check themselves into again following their first round playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs. A ruptured Achilles tendon meant ruptured title hopes for the Lakers and now their \$31 million man who clearly could not play through this injury has been forced to consider an earlier retirement date than what was first expected. Kobe wasn't the only one who was hurt by his injury, though. Laker fans everywhere must now deal with the stark reality that their team is not nearly as good as it was with him on the court, all "ball-hogging" aside. It was just the first in the line of this year's biggest injuries that has ruined the hopes of fans that have stuck by their team's side all year long.

Bryant isn't the only one on the Lakers' squad that has been plagued by injury, however. To start the , Dwight Howard was injured and it is unclear as to whether or not he is fully back to 100 percent yet. Steve Nash has battled injuries all season long, while Pau Gasol has also been sidelined with his share of ailments. Then there's Metta World Peace, Jodie Meeks, Steve Blake, Antawn Jamison and Jordan Hill making it a total of 10 of the 12 players on the roster who have missed games this season due to injury for the Lakers. "It's difficult

because we have lineups out there that we're not accustomed to and it's hard to get on the same page," said Gasol, who is one of the last remaining Laker All-Stars on the court. To put their injuries in perspective, the Lakers have used 20 different starting lineups this year and have had the entire roster healthy for just one game this season (the opener).

The Lakers aren't the only ones affected, though. To understand the injury bug even better, all we need to do is look across the city at the Los Angeles Dodgers. In the offseason, Zack Greinke was signed to a \$147 million contract to be the team's second best starting pitcher. Now, he is in the process of being sidelined for two months because of a broken collarbone. Hanley Ramirez hurt his finger in

the World Baseball Classic and is also in the process of missing two months of his own. Chad Billingsley was lost for the year to Tommy John surgery while Chris Capuano has recently found himself on the DL, leaving a star-studded Dodgers' pitching staff in shambles and the team near the bottom of the NL West. Down the road a bit, even the Angels find themselves struggling as Jered Weaver, the team's best pitcher, broke his elbow and is out four to six weeks. Don't even look at other big name organizations like the Yankees. Jeter, A-Rod, Granderson, Teixeira and now Youklis are all injured. At least they have Mariano Rivera back in the bullpen and healthy for the last season of his career. Other NBA teams find themselves down in the dumps too. David Lee, a consistent double-double man for the Golden State Warriors, has been lost for the playoffs, making his team's chances of winning a title that much smaller--and Russell Westbrook, maybe the Oklahoma City Thunder's only chance at beating the Miami Heat in this year's championship series, is now done for the year with a torn meniscus.

So who's to blame for all of these injuries and what can be done? Certainly, you can't blame the players. They're not trying to get themselves injured to sit on the sidelines and take advantage of their lucrative salaries. At least one would hope not. Perhaps their workout habits aren't up to par, but then you would have to look at pointing the finger at the coaching and training staffs. Maybe it's the fault of the commissioners. Certainly 162 games in baseball and 82 in basketball seem a little excessive, especially if you're expecting your star players to go out there and give it all that they have every single night and on into the playoffs. Maybe 21- and 22 year-olds can do it, but it seems to only have been a matter of time before a 34-year-old, injury-riddled Kobe Bryant hurt himself more than he probably should have. No matter what the cause or who is to blame, it is clear that the fans are the ones suffering. When you are unable to see your favorite players or witness your favorite team at its peak potential, the passion in the game is instantly diminished and a sport just simply ceases to be a sport. •

## Up and Adam

### Saxons Sweep South

By Adam Serrao

The South High Spartans have been struggling all season long to keep up with their counterparts from across the city, the North High Saxons. A successful, yet still inconsistent season has landed head coach Grady Sain and his Spartans in third place in the Pioneer League standings, but one series against the Saxons could change that in an instant. The Spartans finally got their wish when the schedule dealt the team the series that they have been looking forward to all year--as Sain and South High were building momentum just having come off of a two-game sweep of Lawndale in which they outscored the Cardinals 25-1. The Spartans were able to keep both games close against their bitter rivals, but unfortunately close doesn't count in the box score. North wound up taking the first of two at South High by a slim 2-1 margin and later finished off the sweep at home with a 6-5 win to further solidify their dominance over the Spartans this year.

The story of game one was on the Saxons' side of the field as Jacob Peck took the mound for North in the Wednesday night opener. Peck was up against South's dynamic pitcher Matt Mogollon, so the game figured to be a pitchers' duel and that's exactly what it was. Scoreless until the fifth, North finally got on the board first when Joey Gomez walked and Brandon Conner singled with two outs to put two on for Peck. Peck helped his own cause by slamming the ball into the left field gap, bringing both runners around to home plate to give the Saxons a late 2-0 lead. South would answer back in the very next half-inning. Cameron Crowell

run in the bottom of the seventh to end the seesaw battle and give his team the eventual 6-5 victory. "He's a leader and he definitely put us on his back today," Demaria said of Hernandez. "The home run was huge, but the triple was just as big." Hernandez finished the game two for four with a home run, a triple, four RBIs and a run scored.

The loss for the Spartans (13-9, 3-3) dropped the team into a tie for third place with the Torrance Tartars. South will finish the season off with a series against Centennial and key series in the last week of the regular season against the first place El Segundo Eagles (14-11, 5-1). The two wins for the Saxons (16-7, 5-1) puts their team two games in front of the Spartans in the Pioneer League standings and keeps them in a tie with El Segundo for first place. The Eagles are coming off of a sweep against Lawndale, but will be engaged in an epic battle for first place this week as they take on the Saxons in the second-to-last series of the season for both teams. El Segundo finishes against South as the Saxons finish things up against the Tartars.

#### WEST HIGH

The West High Warriors (13-11, 2-4) have fallen into a rut at the bottom of the Bay League standings after starting off the season winning nine of their first 10 games. There is some solace to be found on the baseball diamond at West High, however, as they still have the opportunity to make a run--and if nothing else, play the spoiler for the top teams in the division. That's exactly what the Warriors did against Redondo as they let out all of the frustration of an inconsistent season

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reached third base on a single by Nick Cohan before Kyle Henmi grounded out, but not before scoring Crowell from third. From there, Peck only got stronger as he became more focused in the game. "Peck was outstanding," North head coach Mike Demaria said of his starting pitcher. "He pitched to contact and used his defense. He had the big hit. It was his game." Peck allowed only one more single all game as he finished with two strikeouts, one walk and one earned run. Peck pitched a six-hitter while also driving in his team's only two runs.

The win by Peck separated his team from South High in the standings as the Spartans, Saxons and El Segundo were all tied for first place going into the game. "It's a huge win, especially here [at South]," continued Demaria. "This is probably our biggest win of the year. We need to go for the sweep on Friday." That's exactly what the Saxons did, riding the momentum from their previous game--but once again, it wasn't easy. The Spartans got on the board first in the third and once again in the fourth, but the Saxons responded with two of their own in the bottom of the fourth. South fought back with another two in the top of the fifth, but once again North scored twice when Jorge Hernandez tripled with two outs to tie things up in the bottom of the fifth. The Spartans scored again in the top of the sixth before the Saxons came from behind once again as Hernandez came up big with a two-run home

with a 15-0 victory over the Sea Hawks. Scott Butland pitched a four-hitter for the Warriors with four strikeouts and no walks in the complete game effort. The Warriors put up eight runs in the fourth inning and another three in the fifth to break the game open. Tommy Oslund went three for four with three RBIs and three runs scored, while Kevin Clausen also went three for four with two RBIs and three runs scored. Their victory drops Redondo out of first place and into a second place tie with Palos Verdes in the Bay League standings.

#### TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars (9-12, 3-3) came away with a key sweep over their division rivalsthe Centennial Apaches last week to move into a tie for third place in the Pioneer League standings with the South High Spartans. Kyle Ulanday had a two-run home run to lead the Tartars in a come-from-behind victory over the Apaches to finish off the sweep last Friday. Centennial got on the board first, with a 3-0 lead over Torrance going into the fourth. Behind Ulanday, however, the Tartars came back with three in fourth, two in the fifth and one in the sixth to take the ultimate 6-3 victory. Torrance has four games left this season, including a set with Lawndale this week before finishing the season off next week against the first place Saxons. Should the Tartars go streaking, they may be able to sneak into playoff consideration. •

## Another Man's

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# Sports

## The Tide is Up & Coming for South Swimming

By Kelly Kemp. Photos by Shelley Kemp.  
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It's taken years, but now the tide has turned in both Boys/Girls High School Swimming. South Torrance, by virtue of double-dual meet wins this past week, is now rising toward the Pioneer League Swimming Championships.

The Spartans had some great individual efforts (notably Tiana Pugliese in the 50 and 100 Free, Michael Susman, 500 Free), but it was depth and Relay Teams that won it!

For South, undefeated in League duals, the meet started out with a bang on both the Boys and Girls Medley Relays. Golds were won by Yining Chen, Daria Peck, Samantha

Sannes and Pugliese on Girls "A," then Kevin Spiekerman, Jon Li, Zach Phillips and Garrett Horton on Boys "A."

In the end, it was four straight wins Chen and Spiekerman in 100 Backstroke followed by Peck and Li in 100 Breaststroke, then the dominance of the 4x100 Freestyle Relays to do it.

Coaches Sharon Thompson, Chris Cunningham and Sam Sandt were generally pleased with the result prior to the Team's final taper for the League Championships at Beverly Hills this week. According to Ms Thompson, Head Coach, "You need to be at Beverly – witnessing us win League!" Go Spartans! •



Jon Li surges to a first place finish in the 100 Breaststroke. Li also swam the breaststroke leg of the winning Medley Relay.



South Swimmers cheer for their teammates.



Yining Chen backstrokes to a first place finish in the 100 Backstroke. Chen placed second in the 200 Individual Medley and the backstroke leg of the winning Medley Relay.



Tiana Pugliese launches the blocks in the 50 Freestyle which she won in a time of 25.13. Pugliese also nabbed first in the 100 Freestyle and anchored the winning Medley Relay.



El Segundo and South Boys neck and neck on the Freestyle Relay.



# TerriAnn in Torrance

## Dylanfest 2013 Comes to Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

What exactly is *Dylanfest* 2013, you might ask? The name Bob Dylan might conjure up music from a time gone by, but as it turns out the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Dylanfest is a celebration of Bob Dylan's still growing voluminous work in an all-day celebration coming to Torrance May 5. Because of that, I was determined to speak with the leaders of the band *Hard Rain*, Andy Hill and Renee Safer, to find



Renee Safer and Andy Hill Photo by Donna Butts out about this special event.

The story began one month before college graduation in the spring of 1982 at the University of Denver when Andy Hill, a Canadian hockey player on full scholarship in the States studying music, met Renee Safer, a political science and communications major, and the world was never quite the same. Renee was singing in *Siarra* (a trio group) that was playing at the local Holiday Inn when Andy, who was in the audience, ended up on stage playing the guitar. Andy told me, "Those were more innocent days and somehow I got up on stage and played with them. I remember it happened quite easily. We played Bob Seger's *Night Moves*." Renee added, "And I went to see him--he played a show [at] Draft Board, like a pub, and I remember you [she looks at Andy] were playing Springsteen's *Badlands*." As things worked out, Renee was involved with a big concert at the end of the school year called *Centennial Tower's Jam* at the university and Andy lent the group one of his acoustic guitars. "Somehow the cord got wrapped around the stand and when our guitar

player moved, his guitar fell off [the stage] and broke during the show," said Renee. "It was horrifying obviously and Andy runs up on stage and says, 'It's okay, don't worry about it you guys.' He was very gracious and Canadian about it." After that, Renee and *Siarra* did a few more shows to raise money to buy Andy a new guitar. That is the short version of how Andy and Renee met. But how did they get to Torrance playing a special festival of Bob Dylan music?

Renee graduated, headed to Europe and then came back and was singing in an all-girl band while Andy made his way back to Canada and began a three-year gig playing music professionally with a band named *Badge*. Andy and Renee stayed in touch through "snail mail" and Andy added, "Renee was a great correspondent--still is."

In April, 1985 on his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, Andy came to Los Angeles to meet with a friend to write music. On a chance, Andy called Renee who happened to be planning a trip to Los Angeles at the same time. By October of that year, Andy and Renee were a team. In the beginning Renee wanted an all-girl band, but she couldn't find the players--so Andy filled in for the girl keyboard player. "Didn't speak too well for my manhood," he said. But by the mid '80s, Andy and Renee

were playing in a duo and then a band called *The Management*, which put out two albums. Actually, the duo has been recording since 1990. "We have 11 CDs and two albums on

three accompanying her Uncle Al Safer as he played the piano. Her voice was like an angel even when she was small and her repertoire at the time consisted of *More* and



Poster for Dylanfest

cassette, a DVD, and 12 CDs we finished the music for and will probably be out this summer," Andy said.

Renee Safer began singing at the age of

*Moon River*. Legend has it at the age of eight years old, she won a talent contest singing that self-reflective song *Both Sides Now* by

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At Dylanfest - Photo by Donna Butts

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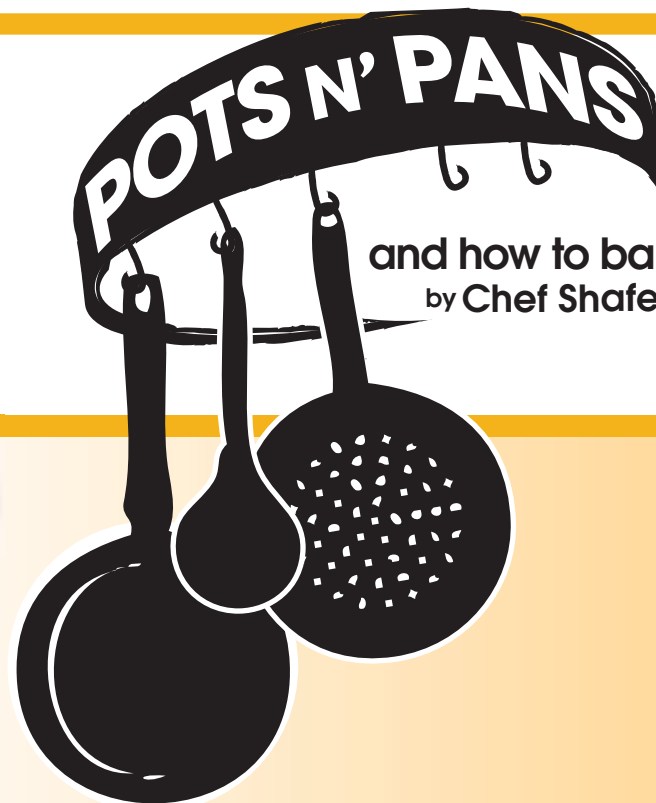
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## Looking Up

### Newly Discovered Comet Imaged On Way to Inner Solar System Arrival

By Bob Eklund

Scientists eagerly await the arrival of a recently discovered, highly active comet that will skim 730,000 miles above the Sun's surface on November 28 and has the potential to be readily visible from Earth. The comet, C/2012 S1 (ISON), is highly unusual in that it comes to the inner solar system for the first time and will skirt around the Sun within less than two solar radii from its surface.

Comet C/ISON was discovered in September 2012 when it was farther away from the Sun than Jupiter and was already active at such a great distance. This is distinct from most other sungrazers—comets that pass extremely close to the Sun—which are usually only discovered when they are already very near the Sun. At such a close perihelion distance from the Sun, sungrazers are expected to be intensely heated by the Sun and sublimate not only ice, but also silicates and even metals—releasing a tremendous amount of dust. The expectation is high that Comet C/ISON will be much brighter and more spectacular than most other sungrazers when it puts on a show late this year.

“As a first-time visitor to the inner solar system, Comet C/ISON provides astronomers a rare opportunity to study a fresh comet preserved since the formation of the solar system,” said Planetary Science Institute Research Scientist Jian-Yang Li, who led a team that imaged the comet. “The expected high brightness of the comet as it nears the Sun allows for many important measurements that are impossible for most other fresh comets.”

Comet C/ISON was imaged with the Hubble Space Telescope on April 10 using the Wide Field Camera 3 when the comet was slightly closer than Jupiter—386 million miles from

the Sun and 394 million miles from the Earth. The team is using these images to measure the activity level of this comet and determine the size of the nucleus in order to predict the comet's activity when it passes perihelion, or closest to the Sun, later this year. Preliminary measurements from the Hubble images suggest that the nucleus—the solid, icy body at the center of the comet—is no larger than three or four miles across. This is remarkably small considering the high level of activity observed in the comet so far. This small size also means that the outcome from its close perihelion passage near the Sun is extremely hard to foresee.

The comet is active as sunlight warms the surface and causes frozen volatiles to sublimate. The comet's dusty coma, or head of the comet, is currently approximately 3,100 miles across, or 1.2 times the width of Australia. A dust tail extends more than 57,000 miles—far beyond Hubble's field of view.

A detailed analysis of the dust coma surrounding the nucleus reveals a strong jet blasting dust particles off the Sunward-facing side of the comet's nucleus. This jet, as projected on the sky, extends at least 2,300 miles.

More careful analysis is currently underway to improve these measurements and to predict the possible outcome of the sungrazing perihelion passage of this comet.

Whether Comet C/ISON will become a “Comet of the Century” and outshine all other bright comets in the past still remains to be seen. But the new Hubble images of Comet C/ISON have revealed much valuable information about this highly unusual comet.

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## TerriAnn

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Joni Mitchell. Renee sang her way through school, church choirs and backyard concerts and was predicted to be a “singing sportscaster” when she grew up. Renee actually sang at the age of 12 in her guitar teacher's band. “I wore these groovy purple with a cool print, very narrow corduroy pants with one of those big belts with a vest and a white shirt,” she said. “I was very sporty and I played *Joy to the World*.” She smiled and Andy told me, “She is a singer-sport zealot and knows as much about basketball and football as any testosterone-filled weightlifter.”

Andy Hill grew up the youngest of four siblings in Canada and began taking piano lessons in the first and second grade. He hated it. He longed to play rock and roll and finally persuaded his parents to allow him to be involved in sports and take up guitar. His first band *Midnight* was formed by the sixth grade and along with three other guys they

sing at house concerts as well. They bring the sound system and set up a bunch of chairs and perform. They told me this has been their most rewarding musical experience. “We tell stories about the songs and they sit and listen and get a lot more out of it as opposed to a bar where there are a lot of distractions. A concert is totally different,” said Renee.

But how did this duo begin singing Bob Dylan? Andy began, “In 1985, Bob Dylan released a five-album piece of work with about 18 previously unreleased tracks.” Andy told me that was pretty astonishing considering so much material wasn't available to the public, so to Dylan fans this was a big deal. In the album booklet was a description of a party that someone had once thrown in New York where the theme was to come dressed as a character from a Bob Dylan song—and you can guess that they had lots of *Tambourine Men* and people dressed *Just*

*“Dylan's playbook is so rich and extensive that every year for 23 years, someone has performed at least one song that has never been performed in any previous Dylanfest.”*

played *Wipeout*, *House of the Rising Sun*, *Maggie May*, *Up Around the Bend* and two original songs over and over again. Andy remembered playing *House of the Rising Sun* four times in a single gig. When Andy was 14, his parents sent him on an educational music cruise that changed his life. He saw a boogie woogie piano player work the keys without the aid of sheet music. After that, he knew music was to be his life.

Andy makes Torrance his home and Renee is close by in Redondo Beach. They play at the *Buffalo Fire Department* in Downtown Torrance on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and then at *On the Rocks* on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. But the duo also

*Like a Woman* and a *Rolling Stone*. It was at this point Andy and Renee, who already knew and played a lot of Bob Dylan songs, decided to have their first *Dylanfest*. In the beginning, people would dress up in lyrics from Dylan songs. “The wildest, funniest interpretations of these lyrics mis-purposely and intentionally misconstrued,” added Andy. The gathering became an annual event that began in Andy's backyard and has grown and will be held this year at the *Torrance Cultural Arts Center*.

I asked Andy what if you're not familiar with Dylan's songs. He told me that there are over 500 Dylan songs so far—remember he is still composing—so there is something

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# Seniors

## Safety Tips for Seniors: Reducing Risk, Increasing Peace of Mind

(BPT) - If you're just entering retirement, chances are you have many years of good health and independence ahead. But the normal aging process still brings limitations that we all need to prepare for - such as slower reaction times and declining vision - which can lead to accidents and injuries.

both the top and bottom of the staircase) and sturdy handrails (preferably on both sides). Attaching nonslip rubber treads is a good idea if the steps are potentially slippery.

The kitchen presents a slightly different set of potential hazards. To reduce the risk that you'll cut or burn yourself, make sure

limitations and avoid situations that make you uncomfortable - for example, you may decide to avoid driving at night or on extremely busy roads.

Have your car checked regularly by a trusted mechanic to make sure it stays in good working order, and keep a cellphone with you so you're prepared in case of an emergency, which can't be emphasized enough. It's good to have a cellphone on hand for any type of emergency - not just in the car. In a 2011 survey by the Pew Research Center, 40 percent of respondents who owned cellphones said that in the past 30 days they had found themselves in an emergency situation in which having their phone with them helped.

Knowing that you can call for help at any time provides great peace of mind, and a cellphone doesn't need to be complicated or expensive. Consumer Cellular (www.consumercellular.com), the exclusive wireless provider for AARP members, is one carrier that provides no-contract, cost-effective wireless service and cellphones. Their senior-friendly Doro PhoneEasy 618 is an easy-to-use feature phone with a one-touch emergency button and a feature to store all your I.C.E. (in case of emergency) information.

Most accidents don't just happen. If you follow these simple safety tips, you'll decrease your risk of injury - and increase your chances of enjoying a long, happy retirement in the comfort of your own home. •

*"The normal aging process still brings limitations that we all need to prepare for - such as slower reaction times and declining vision - which can lead to accidents and injuries."*

Many accidents are preventable though, and you can take simple measures to enhance your safety as you age.

### In Your Home

Falls are one of the greatest age-related risks inside the home. One in three adults older than 65 falls each year, and the risk of injury rises with age, according to the National Safety Council. Many falls are caused by hazards that are easy to avoid if you know what to look for.

To prevent tripping, eliminate clutter on floors, remove throw rugs or tack them down with double-sided tape, and make sure electrical and phone cords are kept out of the way. You might need to rearrange some of your furniture as well, to ensure that there are unobstructed pathways into and out of every room.

In the bathroom, use a nonslip rubber mat or stick nonslip adhesive strips to the bottom of the bathtub or shower. You may also want to consider installing grab bars. Keep a night light on in the bathroom at night, and remove any obstacles in the path from the bedroom to the bathroom.

If your house has stairs, make sure they have good lighting (with light switches at

there is bright, nonglare lighting over all food preparation areas. Also, it's better to store sharp knives in a knife block or rack rather than loose in a drawer. And make sure any hazardous substances (such as cleaning supplies) are well marked and stored in a place where they're unlikely to be misidentified or come in contact with food.

### Outdoors

To make your yard safer, replace or repair any broken or loose paving stones and clear the walkways of overgrown branches or any other potential tripping hazards. Make sure all handrails are firm and secure. Mark the edges of steps with reflective tape and check that there is enough light to see obstacles at night.

You might want to consider a timer or motion-detector light near the front door so you don't have to fumble with your keys in the dark. And, just in case, make sure your house number is visible and lighted so emergency personnel can find it quickly.

### In the Car

To increase your safety on the road, have your vision and hearing checked every year, and, if you need them, wear your glasses or hearing aid when driving. Know your



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Coverage through your auto policy often expires after 30 days or less of renting the car.

Sports cars, luxury models, SUVs and trucks are often excluded.

Travel outside service areas typically is forbidden – especially across foreign borders or in rough terrain.

If you don't carry comprehensive and collision coverage on your own car, your insurance may not cover a rental. Also, ask whether such coverage is limited to your own car's value, since most rentals are new.

Ask what happens if you violate rental agreement terms (e.g., driving recklessly or

allowing unauthorized drivers).

Specified disease insurance. Some people take out supplemental health and life insurance against specific conditions such as cancer, heart disease or stroke. Before buying, make sure you have adequate major medical insurance, which already covers such conditions. And carefully review the policy for restrictions. For example, many cancer insurance policies won't pay for outpatient care or cover skin cancer, and impose fixed-dollar limits on specific procedures.

When it comes to your budget – and your family's security – it pays to know which insurance is essential and which you can probably skip. •

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for everyone. The dressing up has diminished over the years. "I think he [Bob Dylan] is identified a lot with the '60s, but he is still performing now," reminded Renee. Dylan's playbook is so rich and extensive that every year for 23 years, someone has performed at least one song that has never been performed in any previous *Dylanfest*. Andy added, "We constantly hear, 'I knew so many of the songs and never realized Bob Dylan wrote them,' because his voice is a polarizing performance vehicle... Many people that can't stand him, but all of them say, 'I love him as a writer' whether they know him or not. The more you know about him, the less enamored you are. But you can't get away with dissing his writing." Renee noted, "You might say, 'I don't like Dylan'—so we always say, 'Well, he's not going to be there.'" Andy chimed in, "There are two different things—the artist and the art. We're here to celebrate the art."

I find it interesting that there is one fellow in Pakistan who has been having his own annual *Dylanfest* since 1969. Each year,

Andy and Renee perform 60 to 65 songs at *Dylanfest* and with the magnitude and depth that one person wrote all of that and that there are 400 tunes that they don't play... that is amazing. Joining Andy and Renee this year are several multi-talented musicians including the fabulous Marty Rifkin on pedal steel who has played and toured with Springsteen, Elton John, Jewel, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and many more. People come to *Dylanfest* from Alaska, the East Coast, Northern California, Australia, Germany, Texas and Italy, along with locals from Torrance, Redondo Beach and the rest of the South Bay. The fabulous *Dylanfest* is coming to Torrance for the first time. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5, 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the *Torrance Cultural Arts Center*, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and kids are \$10. For tickets and information, access [www.andyandrenee.com](http://www.andyandrenee.com) and for a house concert, call 310-346-9383. I will definitely see you at the concert for a groovy time! •

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complex off Torrance Blvd.: Madrona Ave., Maple Ave. and Civic Center Drive.

10:00 a.m. - Fashion Way between Madrona Ave. and the four-way stop on the west side of the Marriott Hotel.

11:00 a.m. - Torrance Blvd. between Western and Crenshaw Blvd. (including all North and South side streets between Van Ness Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.).

Maricopa Street between Crenshaw Blvd. and Maple Ave.

12:00 p.m. - Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave. (including all north and south side streets between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave.).

Northbound Madrona Ave. between Carson Street and Emerald Ave.

Southbound Madrona Ave. between Del Amo Blvd. and Carson Street

12:30 p.m. - Southbound Madrona/Prairie Ave. between 190th Street and Del Amo Blvd.

Suggested Routes: Crenshaw Blvd. alternate north and south routes use Hawthorne Blvd. or Western Ave. Torrance Blvd. alternate east and west routes use Artesia Blvd., 182nd Street, 190th Street, Sepulveda Blvd., or Carson Street.

Torrance Transit Bus Lines: Lines #1, #2, #5, #7, and #8 will be affected on May 18th starting at 11 a.m. Affected streets include: Torrance Blvd., Madrona Ave., Crenshaw Blvd., and Fashion Way.

The City encourages the Torrance community and visitors to use alternate routes. For more information on the Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration, please visit: [www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm).

### Torrance Memorial Medical Center's Transitional Care Unit Receives Five Star Rating By Federal Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services

Torrance Memorial Medical Center's Transitional Care Unit (TCU) has received an

Overall Quality rating of five stars (the highest possible) from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), putting it among the top 10 percent of nursing homes nationwide. The Overall Quality rating is based on performance measured in four categories: Health Inspections, Quality Measures, Staffing and Registered Nurse (RN) Staffing.

The rating system was created to help customers, families, and caregivers make informed decisions when looking for a nursing home. Ratings are calculated from points that are assigned to the results of nursing home surveys over the past three years, as well as complaint surveys. More recent surveys are weighed most heavily. The state ranks nursing homes based on their score and then assigns the appropriate number of stars based on that ranking. The top 10 percent of nursing homes nationwide receive five stars.

The nursing home inspection reports—complete with information about health code and fire code deficiencies—are available at [medicare.gov/NursingHomeCompare](http://medicare.gov/NursingHomeCompare). The website is run by the federal Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services. The app version can be found at <http://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes> and enables customers to conduct easier database searches of nursing home deficiencies and comparisons with other homes. The TCU's role at Torrance Memorial is to optimize the patient's quality of life and to help the patient transition out of the hospital. Patients may go directly home from TCU or transition again to another level of care for continuing support, such as an acute rehabilitation unit, a lower level skilled unit, a custodial care situation or hospice care. The team assesses each patient and sets goals for discharge upon arrival into the unit. The care teams at the Torrance Memorial TCU include physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers,

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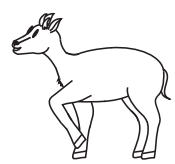
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## What's Blowing in the Wind?



A gentle breeze is refreshing. A hurricane wind causes destruction. Wind and rain cleanse the air. Wind spreads the pollen and seeds of trees and plants. Many things are carried by moving air. **Can you use the 12 clues to fill in this crossword with the names of things blowing in the wind?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ bursting
2. \_\_\_\_\_ sinking
3. \_\_\_\_\_ flapping
4. \_\_\_\_\_ whipping
5. \_\_\_\_\_ blowing
6. puffs of \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ lifting
8. \_\_\_\_\_ whirling
9. climbing \_\_\_\_\_
10. splendid \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_ turning
12. \_\_\_\_\_ racing

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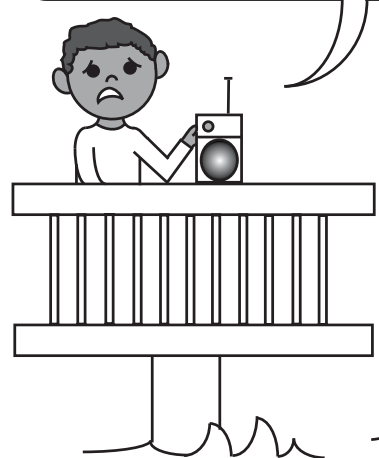
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- huff
- catch it
- glide
- wheeze
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- gasp
- blow
- inhale
- throw it
- float
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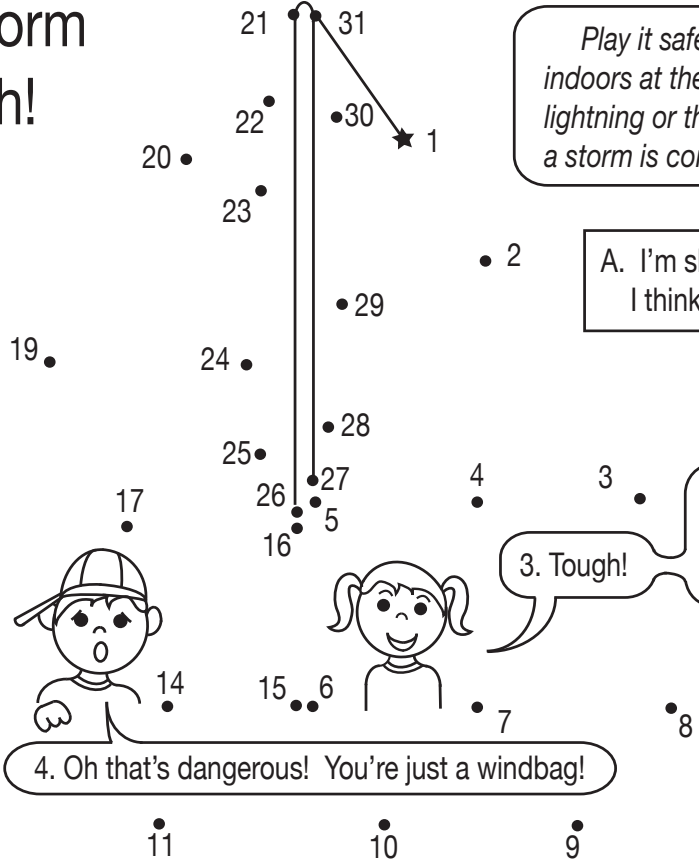
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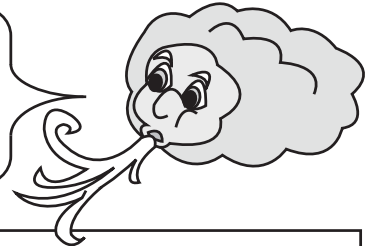
1. Uh-Oh! Get wind of this stormy weather report. I guess our chances of winning the race are gone with the wind.



2. Gosh, just when I was getting my second wind. This sure takes the wind out of our sails!



Play it safe! Head indoors at the first sign of lightning or thunder when a storm is coming.



A. I'm sharing news of bad weather with the others. I think our chances of winning are lost forever.

B. I think this person is too daring and talks too much.

3. Tough! That's the way the wind blows. Let's throw caution to the wind and try to outrun the storm!

C. Too bad about the storm. I say we take the risk and race no matter what.

D. I felt refreshed and ready to race. This sure slows us down.

### Directions:

These kids are using expressions that have the word "wind" in them. Can you draw a line between what they are saying and what they mean?

### Windy Names!



The wind has many names! The names are based upon the strength, speed and location of the wind. **Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some "windy" names:**

1. forceful rush of air that comes and goes in an instant
2. violent, destructive funnel-shaped storm, usually over land (40+ mph)
3. violent wind storm, especially one with rain, hail or snow
4. spiraling wind, as small as a bunch of leaves swirling or tornado-sized
5. it begins over warm water and has winds moving 72 mph and faster
6. gentle, mild breeze
7. sudden, very strong blast of wind
8. small gust or puff of wind, air, vapor or smoke



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Stuff, Clothes, Electronics, Household Items, Tools and Raffle. All Money goes to Charity. Donations Welcome.

**700 Block West Palm Ave. ES. Sat.,** 5/4, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Spring cleaning yard sale. Seven Families.

**206 W. Oak Ave. ES. Sat., 5/04,** 8 - 12:00. No Early Birds! Furniture, clothes, baby items.

**HOUSE FOR RENT**

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## Business Briefs

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activities specialists, nurse assistants, nutrition specialists, and others who will work with patients to devise a plan while in the TCU and for the next step in their continuing care.

### National Take-Back Initiative Drug Drop off

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10 am-2 pm, the Los Angeles Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate a nationwide one-day collaborative effort to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nations' homes. The National Take-Back Initiative will provide those who have accumulated unwanted and unused prescription drugs a great opportunity


to dispose of them safely.

This year, the Torrance Police Department is partnering with DEA to help support this initiative and increase awareness about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Turn in your unused or expired medication at the Torrance Police Facility:

Torrance Police Department  
 3300 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA. 90503  
 (310) 328-3456

**Drop off area is in front of the police facility. No needles, syringes or over the counter medication please. Prescription medication only.**

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## WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

Walking on Air

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
13			14				15						
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- Across**
- 1. Ancient Hebrew unit of measure
  - 4. Party acronym
  - 8. More talented
  - 13. Part of a cell nucleus
  - 14. U.N. agency acronym
  - 15. Horse-drawn vehicle
  - 16. Ecstatic
  - 19. Desolate
  - 20. Minor
  - 21. Founded: Abbr.
  - 22. Deer sir
  - 23. Really bad
  - 26. Gumbo
  - 28. Drop
  - 32. Asian language
  - 35. Green land
  - 37. Adulterate
  - 39. Ecstatic
  - 42. Ear inflammation
  - 43. Contrived
  - 44. Classic rock band
  - 45. Like some decrees
  - 46. Starting point
  - 48. Persuasive one
  - 53. Pool site, maybe
  - 57. Small amount
- Down**
- 1. Plagiarizes
  - 2. City in Scotland
  - 3. Iraqi port
  - 4. Bank of Paris
  - 5. Settings
  - 6. Johnson or Morrison
  - 7. Eccentric, British
  - 8. Sacramento's Arco \_\_\_\_
  - 9. Wrap
  - 10. In play
  - 11. \_\_\_\_ out (manages)
  - 12. Diatribe
  - 15. Unnamed ones
  - 17. "Cogito, \_\_\_\_ sum"
  - 18. Cock and bull
  - 24. Regurgitate, slangily
- Across**
- 60. Asian buffalo
  - 61. Antimony and bismuth
  - 63. Ecstatic
  - 66. Zeno followers
  - 67. Authority
  - 68. "Take \_\_\_\_"
  - 69. Coll. course
  - 70. Mellows
  - 71. Abbr. after a name
- Down**
- 25. Western wolf
  - 27. Cap
  - 29. Pietà figure
  - 30. Archipelago part
  - 31. Sen. Stevens and others
  - 32. Nut
  - 33. Fighting
  - 34. Elevator inventor
  - 36. Abbr. after a comma
  - 37. Deem
  - 38. Porcelain piece
  - 40. Suffix with neur-
  - 41. Extremely popular
  - 47. Ragnarok, e.g.
  - 49. Devise
  - 50. Urdu poet
  - 51. Ex-Yankee Guidry
  - 52. Fruit residue
  - 54. Blair's predecessor
  - 55. Copy
  - 56. Still
  - 57. Recipe amt.
  - 58. Election losers
  - 59. Ilium's alternative name
  - 62. Logan postings
  - 64. As written
  - 65. Joker

### Last Week's Answers

C	A	R	A	T	F	L	I	T	G	L	U	M				
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H	A	V	E	A	G	R	E	E	N	T	H	U	M	B		
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P	O	L	E	R	S	K	U	A	S	A	C	E				
S	E	A	A	I	L	G	L	A	C	E	H	O	G	A	N	S
B	E	G	R	E	E	N	W	I	T	H	E	N	V	Y		
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D	A	T	A	T	I	P	S	S	T	O	I	C				

### SUDOKU Medium

1			6		4	5			
			5		7			3	4
4	2			3				7	
	7						1		
			8					5	
	9				3			2	8
8	1			2		7			
			2	8		6			9

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.



# PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

## Pets Without Partners

Adopt a “pet without a partner” and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.



Riley

**Bandit** is a love of a dog. He is sweet, gentle, kind-spirited and knows how to rock those airplane ears. He loves to hug you as he snuggles in around your neck and will hang onto you with his paws. Bandit is happiest snuggling up to you or on your lap. Sadly, his owner died unexpectedly at only 45 years old and Bandit is now homeless. His life has been turned upside down, as he has been sitting in a boarding kennel for over a month until we took him in. This darling guy would make

a great addition to any family situation. He loves everyone he meets and is great with children and all other dogs. Bandit is not shy about giving out kisses and has a spectacular little personality. He is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and housebroken.

**Riley** is a great little guy who was owner-surrendered because he was being bullied in his home by the other dog he lived with before. He is seven to eight years old and very small at five pounds. Riley has personality plus and is fine with all other dogs. He loves his little doggie beds and sleeps underneath a t-shirt. Riley loves to burrow under towels, blankets or whatever is laying around for him to curl up in for warmth. He is as sweet as pie and a love of a little guy. He currently has three teeth and no problems eating whatsoever. He would like nothing more than to be your constant companion, purse or lap dog. Riley is very animated during play and just darling, to say the least. He is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, housebroken, and good with other dogs and with children.

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

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



Bandit

## Purrrfect Companions

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

**Fan** is a beautiful girl with a stunning coat of pale orange and dark gray lines mixed upon a soft gray background. Her fur is very soft and she adores being petted. Gentle green eyes that border on golden offset her unique coloring perfectly. Fan loves to sleep on the bed with you when she isn't hanging out at your side or snuggling on your lap. This sweet little girl also gives nose rubs to show her affection, all the while purring away like a motor. She's a big cuddle bug and is super outgoing. Fan loves other kitties and is okay with small, calm, cat-friendly dogs. Because she is so bonded to her brother Rahmi, a handsome Russian Blue mix, she would like to be adopted into a forever home with him.

Although **Linus** looks like an adult, he is still very much a kitten and curious about everything into which he can stick his nose. Linus is energetic and needs to go to a home with other cats. He loves to wrestle with other cats, hunt other cats and play with laser lights, balls and anything on the floor. He also plays with humans and is very gentle. Linus, “Mr. Personality,” is super sweet and loving. He loves to climb up on you when you are sitting and have you hold him. Linus would be great with children and also might be okay with dogs.

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

and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check



Fan

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.

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



Linus

## Happy Tails

### “Spots” Has His Forever Home

Spots was left behind in a job relocation, but he kept his chin up and looked ahead to a brighter future. He found that bright “spot” in his new life when he was adopted at the OC Pet Expo. His new “fur-ever” family sent us this update...

“Spots has fit into our family well. So far, he still has the same name and likely will keep it as of right now. He is a sweet little boy who loves us both. He met our other dogs the first day and they all love each other! I didn't have any doubts since our

dogs are dog-friendly, as is Spots. He has been a good boy. He is a house doggie and goes to the door and whines a little to be let out. We also let him out about 10 minutes after he eats and he goes potty every time. He loves people and has only barked at a guy delivering advertisements at the front door. He stopped when the guy left. He is the cutest little guy! Spots is very silly, but so calm in the house. He runs when I throw a toy for him. He picks it up, squeaks it and runs back and forth a few times. He already

sits and stays fairly well. Spots seems to be very smart. Thank you so much for letting us adopt him. He will have a lifetime home that will always love him and take good care of him. We love our little guy. He had his first bath at our house today just to start getting him used to it. He did well in the kitchen sink. Thank you again!”-- Janie and David.

**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. •**





# Real Estate

## Three Ways to Give Your Home's Curb Appeal A Boost

(BPT) - Homeowners only get one chance to make a first impression. That's one chance to impress potential buyers, family, friends and neighbors with the first thing they see: your home's exterior.

From simple upgrades to meticulous landscaping projects and replacing an outdated roof, there are dozens of options to enhance the appearance of your home's exterior. Improvements don't need to break the bank

and color in the same container. By sticking to perennial plants native to your environment, you will not have to worry about replanting every year.

### 2. ROOFING

Redesigning the style and color of your roof is a dramatic and effective strategy for improving curb appeal.

Start by evaluating roofing choices for compatibility with your existing siding as

off in the end.

If your budget is more limited, focus on the areas that catch the eye. Give shutters and trim a fresh coat of paint, or paint the front door a bright shade of red or blue.

You don't have to make a large investment to make a large impact. Focusing on key areas of your home's exterior will refresh the entire appearance of the home and provide a facelift that's within your reach. •

*"By focusing on three simple areas, you can change the entire look of your home that you'll appreciate every time you pull into your driveway."*

or take a year to complete. By focusing on three simple areas, you can change the entire look of your home that you'll appreciate every time you pull into your driveway.

### 1. LANDSCAPING

The key to curb appeal is balancing what makes you happy with what works in your community. Take a moment to observe the types of trees, plants and flowers in your surroundings and look for ways to incorporate them into your yard.

Planting flowers is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways to make an impact. Flowers along the sidewalk, in front of the house, inside flower boxes, pouring out of hanging baskets, or even in berms and raised garden beds, provide a giant boost to your curb appeal. Exercise your creativity by combining plants of different height, texture

well as the style of your home. If your home has a busy exterior with more than one contrasting color, try adding a classic, rustic color.

If your home's exterior is a more neutral shade, try adding a vibrant colored shingle to stand out in your neighborhood.

### 3. PAINT

Whether you're updating your color scheme or applying a fresh coat, painting is an easy way to update your home's look from the street in a big way. Depending on your budget, this project can be big or small. To make the most significant impact, consider painting the entire house. This will bring new life to paint that has lost its luster or possibly a new palette of color to incorporate into your yard. Although this project can call for a larger investment, the result will pay



### Lively Decorating Trends

(BPT) - Look for accent pieces in emerald and other shades of green to create a sense of wellbeing, balance and harmony.

Patterns - Bold, bright florals make a big statement or florals on white backgrounds for a softer, romantic touch.

Stripes - In fabrics, carpets, artwork and other design elements, stripes can create the sense of movement and energy in a room.

- When selecting a floor color, consider the tones of furniture you have, but don't feel that everything has to match. Contrasting tones make for a more pleasing design.
- Brown, gray and white floor tones work with a greater variety of furniture colors and paints.
- Light, neutral floor colors brighten a room and make it feel more spacious. •

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