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A Big “KISS” for Torrance



Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, of iconic rock band KISS, were on hand at the Grand Opening of Rock & Brews in Torrance, where they served 100 military veterans. KISS co-owns the Rock & Brews franchise, which has plans to grow internationally. Go to page two for more photos. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Residents Give Feedback on City Budget

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council met on Tuesday May 14 for the first of its budget workshop hearings. During the hearings, Finance Director Eric Tsao gave a brief overview of the City’s financial health and the Council listened to Torrance residents ideas on how to shape the budget.

Unlike previous year budgets, the proposed document for 2013 though 2015 wouldn’t ask for cuts, but instead provide a fiscally balanced road map for government operations. City Manager LeRoy Jackson said this is the first budget without cuts the Council has seen in years. “This is the first time in quite a few budget cycles that we haven’t had a cutback budget,” said Jackson.

Councilmember Pat Furey said that working on this year’s budget was far less stressful without the weight of cutting jobs or services hanging over him. “I think this is the most pleasant budget hearing I’ve been through since we weren’t looking at whose job to ax,” he said.

A hot topic for the public was funding better noise abatement enforcement for Zamperini Field. Currently, the City has an employee handling noise concerns part-time, but many residents think this isn’t enough to enforce the noise ordinance. Resident John Bailey asked the City to prevent pilots from operating during curfew hours and from making immediate left turns after taking off to the west--both of which are prohibited under the noise abatement ordinance. “We do need to increase our staff so that we can enforce our noise [abatement] ordinance,” said Bailey. “We can’t continue to operate short-staffed and get the job done.”

Community Development Director Jeff Gibson said the city is going after noise violators, but that actively enforcing all parts of the ordinance would place a strain on the airport’s resources that could be used more

productively. “It’s a question of prioritization of resources at the airport,” said Gibson.

However, Councilmember Susan Rhilinger thought that making sure pilots aren’t annoying residents should be a high priority for the City. “Concerning the airport noise issue, I’m very much in favor of additional staffing there,” she said. “We need to enforce the ordinance.”

The budget also adds two more officers to handle increased stress on the Police Department due to the effects of AB 109 (the

criminal realignment bill). Torrance resident Mark Stevenson was skeptical about the necessity of hiring additional police officers in the face of a trend of declining crime rates. Police Chief John Neu responded by explaining that crime is changing as criminals realize what violations they can commit while serving very little time. He said that realignment has thrown 35,000 more inmates at the County’s already overcrowded jails. This is leading to early releases for prisoners--many of whom

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
68°/60°



Saturday

Sunny
67°/60°



Sunday

Sunny
69°/62°



Mayor Scotto Shares Optimism About Torrance’s Future During State of the City

By Cristian Vasquez

For Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto, the State of the City Address on May 9 was an opportunity to share the good news regarding the recovering economy, outstanding schools and top-quality healthcare. At the core of the Mayor’s address was the city’s rising employment numbers, 2.2 percent during the past year, and money being generated by sales tax revenues and new business licenses.

“Torrance retailers generated \$937.9 million in taxable sales during the third quarter of 2012--that was an 8.6 percent increase from the third quarter in 2011,” Mayor Scotto said. “Our economic base continued to blossom in 2012 with an average of almost 170 business licenses [issued] per month.”

The Mayor, who is in his last term in office, also highlighted Torrance’s ability to outpace the county in retail job creation since 2011, which included Home Goods and

Orchard Supply Hardware at the Torrance Promenade as some of the recent businesses moving to the city. Scotto reminded those in attendance that the ability of Torrance to remain fiscally solvent and a business-friendly destination is part of the city’s tradition.

“Our roots run deep. Torrance began as a great plan to be laid out as a city of industrial relevance and since its establishment, it has remained the city of hometown people and our industrial roots have allowed for the widening of our business base as times have changed,” Mayor Scotto said. “Roots anchor a tree, keeping it straight and stable--and much like a tree, our history, great community and our roots keep our city stable.”

Many of the surrounding cities were forced to lay off public employees due to the ongoing budgetary cuts. However, Torrance was able to get through the past

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Rock & Brews Opens in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

It was an exciting day with finishing touches going into the preparation of the opening of Rock & Brews in Torrance. Ribbon cuttings were planned and many politicians presented

capacity or another. Any chance we have a chance to highlight what these people do for us is the least we can do. They served us--we owe them everything. We take for granted this freedom we have here. These people



Color Guard present colors. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

certificates of appreciation to a business that entered our city. This special opening was attended by the Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto, Council members and Chamber ambassadors. But the honored guests were wounded veterans and money was also raised for the Torrance Education Foundation.

During lunch after a stirring rendition of Jimi

come back heroes and should be treated as such." Then Gene said, "We unfortunately forget that the world isn't like here...and that while everybody's having burgers and salads and diet cokes and everything, the world is volatile and everybody's not a good guy. There are some bad guys out there and very few of us--relatively few of us relative to the



Opening of Torrance's Rock & Brews PCH.

Hendrix's National Anthem after the colors were brought in by four Marines, I asked Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley about their feelings about our veterans. Paul said, "On previous KISS tours we gave \$1 from every ticket to the Wounded Warrior Camp Project, which is an organization that works to rehabilitate these great men and women when they fight overseas, and their families. To help them get through the ongoing trauma. So we have always been involved with wounded warriors in one



Wounded Warrior Project Honored.

population--are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to volunteer. There is no draft. The people who put on a uniform are walking targets. They go out there for an idea and an ideal called America and the rest of us go through life oblivious to the fact that the people that make our life possible aren't even interested in parades or anything like that. They quietly do what their heart tells them to do. It is the highest honor we have for them. They are the real rock stars." Rock on. •



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Calendar

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

• 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. <http://www.MinistrySync.com/event/?e=6078>.

• "Turn a Pen for a Serviceman" Event, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Rockler Woodworking and Hardware Store, 20725 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call (310) 542-1466. Free and open to the public.

• Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade, 1:30-3:30 p.m., beginning at Crenshaw Blvd, west on Torrance Blvd and ending at Madrona Ave.

• Torrance Armed Forces Day Exhibits,

3 p.m.-8 p.m. (also 5/19 11 a.m.-3 p.m.), lower parking lot Lifestyle Wing parking structure, Del Amo Fashion Center.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

• Torrettes: Alice in Wonderland, 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. •

The Mattucci Project Continues to Clean Up

The Volunteer's Hard Work Benefits the Community

The Mattucci Project is a group of volunteers who personally clean up the streets by picking



Aurelio Mattucci, owner of Mattucci Real Estate in Torrance.

up trash, removing weeds and trimming any overgrowth and were hard at work again on a section of Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance on May 4th. Formed in June of 2011 and the brainchild of Mattucci Real Estate owner Aurelio Mattucci, his philosophy is that "it doesn't matter whose trash it is or who is responsible — we just take care of it and encourage others to do the same." They specifically want to help those who are not capable of taking care of their front lawns and assist both resident and commercial owners and occupants. They also pass out educational material regarding how clean streets positively impact business, curb appeal and property values. Additional information is available at www.mattucci.com/mattucciproject and interested volunteers can sign up at info@mattucci.com. •



The Mattucci Project volunteers include (left to right) Francisco Bermejo, William Ho, Nick Donato, Eduardo Peres and Nicole Vallery



Before and after. The Mattucci Project cleaned up a section of Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance on May 4th.

Letters

Loved TerriAnn's "Dylanfest 2013 Comes to Torrance"

After digesting TerriAnn Ferren's thorough story my husband Chuck and I desired to trade in our hard earned tokens to become among those fellow souls enrolled for the magical Bob Dylanfest afternoon. Nevertheless, though ever so slight a faint cloud dampened the now senior enthusiasm from our youth. We recalled Bob Dylan concerts from our pictures when we were in our thirties; and further visualized our fellow 'folkniks' crowded in with us they were also in their thirties. The last time Chuck and I looked thirty was 43

years ago. But for Chuck and myself Dylan is a Psalmist for our generation, and Psalms evoke truth and truth follows from generation-to-generation thus making us all one in age.

What a cornucopia afternoon of joyous emotions Chuck and I listened to both the old and the young converse in Dylan'es. Dylan's songs are styled for the Dylan commonwealth sovereign to esoteric translation. With newly generated enthusiasm Chuck and I look forward to next year getting on our bicycles and rejoicing the annual Dylanfest '2014.

Thank you ever so much, TerriAnn Ferren
- Dora Perez-Meyer

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.

May 4

Theft: 22700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from table as victim dines/cell phone, wallet.

Burglary-Auto: 3300 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, takes property from interior and engine compartment and flattens one of the tires/purse, scooter, vehicle battery.

Theft: 1800 BLOCK GRAMERCY AVE Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from bed of truck/case of camera equipment.

Burglary-Auto: 21000 BLOCK AMIE AVE Suspect(s) pulls window seal in an attempt to enter vehicle/no entry, no loss.

Theft: PACIFIC COAST HWY & OCEAN AVE Suspect(s) takes property victim accidentally leaves on counter/wallet.

Auto Theft-All: ANDREO AVE & SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '04 Chevrolet P/U.

May 3

Burglary-Auto: 21000 BLOCK AMIE AVE Suspect(s) pulls/ forces down window for entry and takes property/ID, bank card, registration, insurance.

Auto Theft-All: 3400 BLOCK FASHION WAY Stolen.

Burglary-Auto: 20900 BLOCK AMIE AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/backpack, iPod.

Burglary-Residential: 3700 BLOCK 172ND ST Suspect(s) enters closed, but unsecured garage door and uses hidden key

to open safe/rifles, shotguns, ammo.

May 2

Burglary-Residential: 200 BLOCK PASEO DE GRANADA Suspect(s) enters unlocked sliding glass door, but flees upon realizing someone is home/no loss.

Burglary-Commercial: 3400 BLOCK 168TH ST Suspect(s) enters location by unknown means, damages electronics, ransacks and takes property/books.

Theft: 23500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary-Auto: 3600 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/stereo, eyeglasses, registration, me.

Burglary-Residential: 200 BLOCK CALLE DE SIRENAS Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/safe, cash, documents, jewelry box, jewelry.

May 1

Vandalism: BORDER AVE & PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect(s) tags vehicle, sign and exterior wall.

Robbery-StrongArm: 182ND ST & DOTY AVE Suspects approach victims, demand their property and reach in their pockets to take same/cell phone, cash.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from front of location/bicycle.

Burglary-Residential: 3600 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) attempts to pry open locked garage door/no entry, no loss.

Burglary-Residential: 1900 BLOCK 237TH PL Suspect(s) pries open exterior door for entry, kicks in interior bedroom door, ransacks and takes property/safe, cash, jewelry, watches, documents.

Battery-Simple: 800 BLOCK MAPLE AVE Suspect punches victim in the face.

Battery-Simple: 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/speakers, audio processor.

April 30

Vandalism: 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) breaks out victim's vehicle's window/no entry, no loss.

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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.

Military Exhibits will be on Friday, May 17: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 18: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 19: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.

Free Concerts will be on Friday, May 17: 1:30 p.m. and Friday, May 17: 7:30 p.m.

The 40th Infantry Division Band, California Army National Guard will perform a free concert at the James Armstrong Theatre. 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. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be cablecast live on Torrance 22 (Time Warner)/ 35 (Verizon FiOS).

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

Edelbrock celebrates 75th



Since 1938, Edelbrock has proudly manufactured their core automotive aftermarket products in the USA and is celebrating their 75th anniversary. As part of the celebration, a ribbon cutting was held in front of Edelbrock's Torrance headquarters on

May 1st. Chairman Vic Edelbrock welcomed dignitaries from the City of Torrance and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce with a lively discussion of the company's early years. A complete history and information on Edelbrock products targeting the automobile enthusiast can be found at www.edelbrock.com.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center Earns An "A" In Patient Safety By Hospital Safety Score

Torrance Memorial Medical Center was recognized with an "A" Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. The A score was awarded in the latest update to the Hospital Safety Score <http://www.hospitalsafetyscore.org> SM, the A, B, C, D or F scores assigned to U.S. hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries accidents, and infections. The Hospital Safety Score was compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety* (April 2013), Hospital Safety Score is designed to give the public information they can use to protect themselves and their families.

To see Torrance Memorial's scores as they compare nationally and locally, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at www.hospitalsafetyscore.org, which provides information on how the public can protect themselves and loved ones during a hospital stay. Local hospitals' scores are also available on the free mobile app, available at www.hospitalsafetyscore.org.

Calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's nine-member Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries, and medical and medication errors. The panel includes: John Birkmeyer (University of Michigan), Ashish Jha (Harvard University), Arnold Millstein (Stanford University), Peter Pronovost (Johns Hopkins University), Patrick Romano (University of California, Davis), Sara Singer (Harvard University), Tim Vogus (Vanderbilt University), and Robert Wachter (University of California, San Francisco).

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Once upon a time, there were three brothers. Each was born of exuberance, but two have died of excess. The first brother was named "Dot.Com." In the 1990s, he created instant millionaires by the mere formation of companies whose names started with the letter "e." In March of 2000, he died of a massive heart attack.

The second brother was named "Housing." As values grew faster than the cost of borrowing, legions of unqualified buyers leapt into the fire pit, and by 2008, the second bubble burst.

Today, we are watching the excesses of the third brother and have no doubt that he will meet the same end as his brethren. His name is "Liberalism."

His excesses are everywhere. His primary potentate is a President willing to outspend his revenue by trillions of dollars without an iota of conscience. In 2013, the government will reap its largest revenue in history--\$2.7 trillion--but the President proposes spending \$3.8 trillion in 2014 and \$4.0 trillion in 2015. Without foundation or precedent, he predicts the economy over 10 years will grow at twice its current rate and that tax revenue will leap by 50 percent.

While some countries go into debt by reducing tax rates and improving its infrastructure in order to grow its economy, our money goes to waste with regulatory growth and artificially supported consumerism for which there is no long-term benefit--only the hangover of debt.

In 2011, the GAO reported 162 wasteful programs costing \$100-\$200 billion per year. Yet, two years later, the government

has addressed only 16 of these wasteful programs and the cost has ballooned to \$250 billion per year. There are 82 separate programs to improve teacher training; 80 programs to assist the physically impaired; and ironically, 56 programs to assist citizens with understanding budgeting. Of the \$509 billion spent on Medicare in 2010, \$48 billion went to fraud. Squandered money is everywhere.

This year, the President had asked each agency to account for its purposes and costs, but a problem arose when it was discovered that no one knows how many agencies we have.

As government grows larger, it does things more poorly, more excessively and more irrationally. Consider the U.S. Treasury sells government bonds at an interest rate of one quarter of one percent per year--but since inflation is running at 2.5 percent, they're a tough sell. We therefore sell them to ourselves! The Federal Reserve prints money at the rate of \$85 billion per month to buy our dead-man bonds, expanding its inventory of debt by trillions of dollars. Since those bonds lose money to inflation each year, they have little resale value without selling at a loss and further exacerbating our debt problem.

Irresponsible debt creation carries many adjectives: frightening, irrational and wasteful come to mind. But what ties this liberal bubble to his two brothers is the characteristic of rampant excess. Economists worldwide agree that this greatest of all bubbles will burst and it will do so without warning and with devastating impact. The question is not "if." It is only "when." •

Another Man's Opinion

Ban on Gay Conversion Therapy Serves Step in Right Direction

By Cristian Vasquez

In September of 2012 the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 1172, which sought to prohibit a mental health provider from "engaging in sexual orientation change efforts" with a patient under the age of 18. The bill indicates that any sexual orientation change efforts attempted on a patient not at least 18 years of age by any mental health provider will be considered unprofessional conduct and expose the provider to disciplinary action by their licensing entity.

The bill, introduced by State Senator Ted W. Lieu, does more than set additional guidelines to existing laws regarding the licensing and regulation of healing sciences including physicians, surgeons, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, educational psychologists, clinical social workers and licensed professional clinical counselors. Commonly addressed as "gay conversion therapy," the idea is that a person can be cured of their homosexuality. The law seeks to put an end to the therapies aimed at changing a minor's sexual orientation by labeling such actions child abuse of a psychological nature.

Arguments can be made about the scientific validity of such therapies in favor or against these treatments. Despite the law being challenged in the courts, what must not be overlooked is that the law reminds us that homosexuality is not a disease. Homosexuality is not mental disorder--it is simply part of the human condition. It is a factor that has been present in society and

that mankind has lived with since the times of the Romans. Trying to change someone into a person they are not is not only wrong, but it is heartbreaking--especially when that someone is a minor. Do people forget how difficult it is to be a teenager?

The high school years are difficult enough for every teenager in America. The last thing they need is to see their friends being victimized by a therapy that promises to make the person someone they are not at heart. Even worse is seeing that child forced into a treatment that is unnecessary because the truth is they are not sick. What is sick is the idea that because someone is different, there are a group of people willing to rely on a non-proven science to promote an ideal of morality within their kids. People can argue that a person chooses to be gay or that they are born gay. The truth is, that doesn't matter. Gay by choice or gay from birth should be left alone. That is who these people are and nobody has the right to impose treatment aimed at forcing a change.

There are men who like short women, and women who like tall men. Some people are very attracted to blondes while others go crazy for redheads. There is not a therapy in the world that will ever change that. So why buy into the notion that a therapist can change the dating preferences of our homosexual brothers and sisters? Why torture these teenage kids who already have to deal with the anxiety of teenage-hood. Who are we trying to save? And

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7 This month's cooking class at the Depot is all about One Pot Meals (O.P.M).

Everywhere in our country we have regional versions of one pot meals.

From New England's clam bake to New Orleans Gumbo to

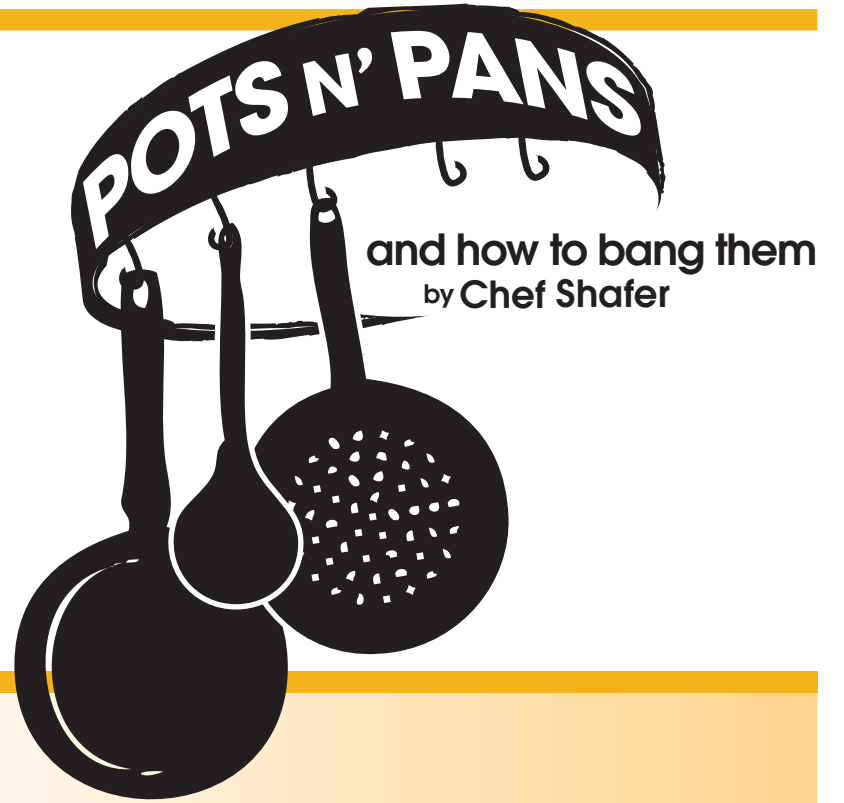
a Southwest Posole. They all tell a story of the culture and

history of the area. I have always loved one pot meals for

its easy preparation...and only one pot to clean up!

Here is one of my favorite O.P.M.

The Chef



Hungarian Paprika Chicken Goulash



- 12 chicken drumsticks
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 2 cups diced onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 10 red skin potatoes cut in 4
- 3 tablespoons paprika
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 1 quart chicken stock or broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 bunch green onions chopped finely

Dredge the chicken in the flour with the salt and pepper.
 In a hot sauté pan add the oil and brown the chicken on all sides about 2 to 3 minutes.
 Remove from oil and set on a paper towel to drain.
 In the same pan with the remaining oil sauté the chopped onions and carrots till golden brown, 2 to three minutes.
 Add the paprika and tomato puree. Stir for 30 seconds.
 Add 1/4 of the stock to deglaze the pan.
 Place the chicken in a large casserole dish or roasting pan.
 Pour the onion mix and remaining stock into the pan. Place the potatoes in with the chicken.
 Make sure the chicken is covered with the stock mixture. Note- if too dry, add more stock.
 Roast in oven for 25 to 35 minutes or till chicken is cooked.
 Stir in the sour cream and garnish with the chopped green onions.
 Don't forget to taste it to see if you need more salt or pepper.

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Sports

Kings Keep Their Crown

By Adam Serrao

While the Lakers and the Dodgers continue to stumble and bumble all over the Los Angeles area, there remains one team that continues to win over the hearts of fans. In the backyard of Hollywood, huge names like Dwight Howard, Kobe Bryant, Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier (to name a few) continue to struggle on stage and under the bright lights. All the while, a few local boys from the beach cities are carving up the ice at the Staples Center and making a run at an unprecedented second Stanley Cup title in a row. As we all sat at home during the NHL lockout, salivating over what the Lakers and Dodgers may or may not do with their respective seasons, the Los Angeles Kings had four more months than any other Stanley Cup champion to parade their trophy around town and show us all what a real champion looked like. While the rest of the city's teams are now grasping at straws, Dustin Brown, Anze Kopitar, Jonathan Quick and company are writing a sequel to last year's summer blockbuster that brought the Cup to L.A. After last Friday's 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues, the Kings not only won their fourth game in a row, but also took the series from their first round opponents and began the production of their next show.

With a long slap shot that seemed more like a prayer rather than anything else, Dustin Penner scored a goal for the Kings as time ticked off the clock in the second period of play that wound up winning the game for his team. "You might as well try," Penner told reporters. "You never know if you don't throw it on the net." That "just do it" attitude is exactly what brought the Kings a championship a year ago. It's also what brought them back from an 0-2 hole to take a bruising first round series against the Blues in their quest for a second straight title. Penner's goal entered the net with 0.2 seconds remaining on the clock and in doing so, it brought life to the Staples Center crowd while taking it out of the St. Louis Blues' team. But the Blues didn't go away weeping easily. Every game in the physical series was decided by only one goal. "These types of games bring out the best in this team," Penner continued. His words certainly rang true, as Quick allowed just 10 goals in the six-game series while stopping 167 of 177 shots and the Kings won a playoff series after trailing 2-0 for just the second time in franchise history.

The Kings have now won 10 straight games at the Staples Center dating back to March and with their win over St. Louis, the team became the first Stanley Cup champion in

three years to advance to the second round. All of these stats do their part to bring fans' minds back to last year's Cup-winning team, but the last thing that the Kings want is to have this season be compared to last. "Last year, we came in as the eight seed and I don't think anyone outside this room had us beating Vancouver," team captain Dustin Brown said. "Other teams know now that they can't take us lightly." Last year's run to the playoffs wasn't easy for the Kings. The team became the first eight seed in NHL history to defeat the number one, two and three seeds just to get to the Stanley Cup Finals and eventually win it all. The team certainly made it look easy, jumping out to an improbable 3-0 lead in each and every series played. The Kings didn't lose two straight games in the postseason or a single road game until the Finals. This year, however, is different. "Last year was last year and it doesn't matter what happened," Kopitar said. "We certainly gained some experience from that, but it doesn't matter what happened last year. We have to look ahead and get ready for the next series now."

The Kings will have to use all of the experience that they have gained from last year and this one to take on their next opponent, the San Jose Sharks. Fans all around Los Angeles were hoping that the Anaheim Ducks would fit that spot on the schedule, but the Ducks ultimately fell short in their series against the Detroit Red Wings and were eliminated from the playoffs last Sunday night when the Red Wings beat Anaheim by a final score of 3-2 at the end of regulation. The matchup might be a better one for the Kings statistically, as the Sharks finished behind both the Ducks and the Kings in the Pacific division standings. A freeway playoff series, though, would have certainly been something to see.

All of that aside, the Sharks will come into their series against the Kings having swept the Vancouver Canucks in four straight games. San Jose has also taken four of the last five meetings against the Kings, so the team is coming in with confidence, to say the least. After dropping the first two games of the postseason, however, the Kings strung together four straight wins and are now playing with some confidence of their own. They look to be back to the playoff form of a year ago that got the team the Stanley Cup title. But as Kopitar said, last year was last year. It's time for the Kings to establish an identity for themselves this year. So far, that identity has them skating into the second round of the playoffs with their crowns firmly planted atop their heads. •

Up and Adam

South Win Forces Pioneer League Tie

By Adam Serrao

After the South High Spartans beat El Segundo in the first game of their doubleheader last Wednesday night in El Segundo, it looked as if the Spartans were poised for a miraculous sweep of the Eagles that would create a logjam atop the Pioneer League standings. After El Segundo scored six runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 6-2 lead in the second game of the doubleheader at South, however, it looked as if all of the Spartans' dreams were crumbling right before their eyes and first place would be nothing more than a figment of their imagination. Then, as if summoned by the baseball gods, the Spartans' bats awoke with a furious rumble and refused to go silently into the night. Seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning gave South High a 10-6 lead going into the final inning of an intense game that would see the Eagles ultimately come up two runs shy of the tie in the seventh and last inning. The Spartans won by a final score of 10-8, completing the sweep over their division rivals and thus ending the season tied atop the standings of the Pioneer League division.

The final week of the season always seems to end with a bang. Even South High head coach Grady Sain tends to agree. "Based on recent years, it's been absolutely crazy the last week," Sain said. Calling upon last year, Sain sat and remembered as those same El Segundo Eagles knocked the Spartans out of the playoffs in a crazy last game of the season that ended with a final score of 14-13 in El Segundo's favor. "I think we were able to draw upon those experiences and realize that every out is precious and things could go either way," Sain continued. "Today, we just had a few more things go right than them." One huge thing the Spartans had go right was their production in the sixth inning. Konnor Provin walked to lead off the inning before Joe Aldape singled and Cameron Crowell was hit by a pitch to load the bases just like that. Daylon Black tallied an RBI on a pinch-hit appearance by drawing a walk and Perry Richmond singled to drive in a run for the second run of the inning. Nick Cohan walked to force in run number three and Gunner Johnson took aim for the left side of the field where he hit a single to bring around two more runs. Kyle Henmi hit a sacrifice fly, Provin was intentionally walked in his second plate appearance of the inning and Aldape singled again--this time for an RBI--to eventually bring the Spartans to their 10 runs. El Segundo scored twice more in the seventh to attempt a valiant comeback, but Sam Camacho, who was pitching in relief, forced a groundout to end the game and solidify the sweep. "We had our opportunities," El Segundo coach Steve Shelvin said. "Our pitching let it slip away."

The sweep for South (17-10, 7-3) means that the Spartans get a share of the Pioneer League title and will finish not only tied with El Segundo, but also with Torrance High, which miraculously turned its season around under head coach Ollie Turner and took the final two games of its season against North High to finish on a high note. The three-way tie, however, works in favor of South High since it has the best head-to-head record against both El Segundo and Torrance. El Segundo will enter the playoffs as the second place team out of the division and Torrance the third. The Spartans, with their gritty performance down the stretch, will look to damage in the CIF Southern Section Division IV playoffs as the league's first place team.

Torrance High

In an extraordinary turn of events, the Torrance Tartars have turned their season around and battled their way back into a tie for first place in the Pioneer League standings. After starting off league play by losing three of their first four games after going 6-8, the Tartars rallied off seven wins in a row to end the season, including a two-game sweep in their last series of the year against the North High Saxons. Torrance outscored North 19-4 in the series, coming off of a series against Lawndale in which it batted around for a 25-4 advantage on the scoreboard. Clearly, the Torrance bats are hot and the pitching is resilient as head coach Ollie Turner has found a way, as he always does, to bring his team together.

Cody Den Beste had a home run and three RBIs to lead visiting Torrance in an 11-4 game two victory last Friday night. Kyle Ulanday also had a home run and two RBIs, while Roman Luna went two for four with two doubles and two RBIs to round out the Tartars' scoring. Though the Tartars (14-12, 7-3) have battled back into first place, South holds the tiebreaker and El Segundo will technically finish second because of the head-to-head matchup records. That leaves the Tartars in third place for playoff seeding, but the team is white hot, clicking on all cylinders and ready to make some noise in this year's playoffs.

West High

The West High Warriors have finally completed a rollercoaster of a season and finished it off just as they started it--by winning. After starting the season off by winning nine out of 10 games, the Warriors then proceeded to lose nine out of their next 11. West rallied towards the end of the season, though, winning seven out of eight including two-game sweeps over both Palos Verdes and Leuzinger to finish off the year. Tommy Oslund went three for four with two RBIs and Joey Notch went two for four with three RBIs to lead visiting West in beating Leuzinger by a final score of 14-3 in the final game of the season last Friday night. In its final four games of the season, West (18-11, 6-4) outscored its opponents by a commanding 43-8 margin to move into a three-way tie for second place in the Bay League standings. Fortunately for the Warriors, they won a coin flip to take the second place seed outright going into the playoffs. Opponents better be wary as the Warriors are hot and gunning for a CIF trophy.

North High

While it seems like there is good news all around Torrance as of late, there unfortunately had to be one team that faltered out of the bunch. That team was the North High Saxons. The Saxons got in the way of a steamroller that was the Torrance Tartars to drop their final two games of the season and fall clean out of the running for first place in the Pioneer League standings. North was the powerhouse in the league early on, winning five of its first six games of league play. Since that point in the schedule, however, the Saxons fell flat in getting swept by both El Segundo and Torrance High to end the season in what was a key four-game set. The offense just stopped clicking for North, as it was outscored 34-7 in those last four games. The Saxons (16-12, 5-5) have an outside shot at still making the playoffs. Where they once sat alone in first place in the Pioneer League, however, they are now looking up at three different teams and will struggle to gain any prominent positioning in the bracket, if any at all. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Part of a Balanced City

By TerriAnn Ferren

Torrance has always prided itself on being a “Balanced City” almost since it was founded



Multi-sized cases

in 1912 by Jared Sidney Torrance. The balance is between residential, commercial and industrial. In the city’s history, there may have been more industrial companies within the community in years past, but manufacturing still thrives today. One of the top 10 world-class manufacturing companies in Torrance is located smack dab in the middle of the city. *Pelican Products, Inc.* is a global company that manufactures protective cases of all kinds and flashlights of all shapes and sizes, and for all sorts of uses. The first time I remember hearing about *Pelican* was the night citizens of Torrance joined together to make a birthday card in Wilson Park with flashlights. Those flashlights were donated by *Pelican*. (See *Torrance Tribune*, “History in the Making an Evening of Lights,” November 9, 2011.) My bright orange flashlight stamped with “Torrance Centennial 1912 – 2012” sits on my desk ready at any moment to light up my way.

I decided to visit the corporate headquarters of this remarkable company that sits across from Torrance Memorial Hospital not far from the Torrance Airport. Inside the lobby of the main headquarters, I was directed to a sign in machine. This machine took my picture, logged when I checked in and then printed out a badge for me. This was the first time I have ever used a mechanical check-in machine. The lobby was filled with awards and photographs on the walls, and high above me a video was playing that told about the company.

Keith Swenson, Marketing and Advertising Analyst, arrived and escorted me back into the offices to meet with the *President and CEO* of *Pelican*, Lyndon Faulkner. Coming into the meeting I knew *Pelican Products* produced flashlights and cases of all kinds, but I wanted to find out about the captain who steers this global ship.

Asking Mr. Lyndon Faulkner how a British-born engineer came to the United States turned out to be a very fascinating story. “I came here—I was involved in a company in the UK as an engineer that was in the design of compact discs and I was literally working in the shop floor in a tour building and designing equipment to make compact discs ‘cuz in those days CDs were embryonic—hadn’t been launched yet and you couldn’t buy equipment to make it, so we had to make equipment to make the CD,” began Lyndon. “And it all exploded under our feet—meaning that it just took off as a format and then I was sent to the States to create both a market and facilities and customers. I was like 27. At that age you can do it, can’t you?” He proceeded to tell me he began building facilities and employing people as the company became very successful. Then the owner died tragically and Lyndon then had the opportunity to purchase the business. No longer was he only working for the company—he was the owner. And

as part of the deal he moved to the United States, which is how he leaped over the “the pond.” The company did very well—this was

in 1987. Then in the mid-’90s, he took a company called *Technicolor®/Nimbus CD International* public. By 2000 Lyndon was CEO, had worked with the company for 13 or
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Looking Up

Sunjammer to Sail the Solar Breezes Next Year

By Bob Eklund

The UK Space Agency has announced that British scientists are now working with NASA to develop a spacecraft, known as Sunjammer, which will use a 13,000-square-foot solar sail to propel itself nearly two million miles towards the sun. The sail will then help control the spacecraft in a steady position in orbit around the star at the center of our solar system.

Sensitive instruments on board will provide scientists with an early warning of solar storms that can produce streams of particles capable of damaging satellites and power grids on earth.

Dr. Jonathan Eastwood, a lecturer in physics at Imperial College London, said the mission’s main aim is to demonstrate the use of solar sails as a way of powering and controlling a spacecraft on long missions. He said it would also give scientists a greater understanding of the solar wind—the stream of particles ejected from the sun—and its impact on the Earth.

Sunjammer will have two UK instruments onboard, flying on the largest solar sail ever constructed. Due for launch in 2014, this NASA-led mission will fly towards the sun demonstrating solar sail technology and a range of other technologies. UK scientists at Imperial College London are developing the

mission’s magnetometer and wind analyzer—instruments that will study space weather and prove new technology in that field.

While in space, the instruments on board Sunjammer will monitor different aspects of space weather, paving the way to a better understanding of its processes and their influence on space-borne and ground-based systems and assessing its potential to harm property or human health.

Sailing to the Stars? Meanwhile, The Planetary Society, based in Pasadena, is also interested in the solar sail as a means of space travel over very long distances. One of its current projects, called *LightSail-1*, is designed to test this concept. A solar sail propelled by light pressure—from lasers rather than sunlight—is the only known technology that might carry out practical interstellar flight, helping pave our way to the stars.

The idea of light-pressure as a means of space travel has been around a very long time. In the 17th Century, astronomy pioneer Johannes Kepler observed that comet tails point away from the sun and suggested that the sun caused this effect. In a letter to Galileo in 1610, he wrote, “Provide ships or sails
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14 years and grown the business, having taken the company public with 27,000 employees in facilities all over the world. It was then that he got a call from Microsoft®, which at the time was launching a new technology and



Lyndon Faulkner President and CEO of Pelican.

thought Lyndon would be a good addition to the team. This move took him up to Seattle to work on Xbox®, Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2000. Amazing!

At this point, Lyndon walked toward his bookcase to show me his bright Xbox sitting on the shelf personally signed by Bill Gates. Wow. "It was all very exciting stuff--being involved in compact discs and then the launch of that and their transition to CD-Rom and then we were very early adopters of DVD... so we got into adaptation for movies to the home using DVD, so we were into those technologies very early and fortunately those technologies became mass market and we rode pretty sizable waves. Music industry, computer industry, home entertainment..." said Lyndon. At this point I felt like I was being filled in on the "business" of the age of the CD that

was going on behind the scenes and allowed me to watch movies at home. But there were skeptics. Lyndon told me he remembers sitting with people with a CD player under his arm with wires sticking out and people telling him it would never be successful. He had "big wig" music people and executives telling him that the cassette had so much penetration that CDs wouldn't work. Lyndon added, "Every vehicle had a music cassette player. Your home--you had devices with two and four decks... music cassettes and you could record. We had people say this will never take off."

After hearing about the background of this remarkable leader, I asked him about his leadership style and he said he creates an atmosphere that encourages innovation. Lyndon shared, "I think that's what we foster here. People are not fighting to fail in something. We'll let 'em get up and have another go, so people I think regardless of where you work here...people are encouraged to push the envelope--do the next best thing." Lyndon told me that this "can-do" attitude he strives to foster is something that was already part of the culture of *Pelican* before he came on board. He continued, "You have people that have worked here 25 to 30 years. I've only been here six. So that legacy of it being a good place to work frankly was created by the founder Dave Parker and the management around him where I think they did make it a good place to work and they were good to the employees where they could be and that was a legacy that I think we carried on--not that we've introduced."

Lyndon explained that the "people respect" and "can-do" attitude was something he did

not have to bring to this company and the atmosphere of innovation and product quality is alive and well at *Pelican*. But *Pelican* is dedicated not only to the quality of its

I asked Keith Swenson how he likes working for *Pelican* and he told me, "I've been here a little over nine years. It's great. I am born and raised in the South Bay. When he [Lyndon]



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products, but also to the people who work at this 200,000-square foot manufacturing plant. One year ago, the company had the opportunity to move to the southern part of the United States. It didn't. Valuable experience--the people who are the cornerstone of the company--would be lost and so in the end, the decision to stay in Torrance was quite easy (and good for Torrance). The culture of the company is being open to new ideas and change. Lyndon told me, "One thing I'll take away from here is instead of having to fight everybody to make change, everybody has absolutely embraced change and run themselves and helped drive change--and that is very unusual."

Mr. Lyndon Faulkner lives with his family in the South Bay and loves it. He smiled and told me, "I love it...the quality of life, great place to work. We have a great environment here. What I love about it is accessibility to everything, but you're not fighting the 405 every day. We pooled a great workforce. Our workforce is second to none and that is all from the locality. Not all from Torrance, but it's from the surrounding areas and we've got exceptional people and that is derived from this area. And we have a great working relationship with the City." *Pelican* has a group that is very involved in the community in many projects. It helps support Anza Elementary School and also fosters budding engineers when it opens up its doors to engineering classes from the surrounding high schools so students can see what *Pelican* is doing in real life and observe engineering skills at work. "So that is encouraging [kids] to stay in school and go on to college. I wish somebody had connected for me in high school to push to do this in high school and then in college and then real life. I would have loved to have seen that in real life," said Lyndon.

first came, he took the time to say hi to me when they were taking the tour and I never forgot that."

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Cases used for medicines.

the "secret" of his success and he told me, "Hard work. Not the least of them. There is a saying--and I didn't make it--'Ninety percent perspiration, 10 percent inspiration [by Thomas Alva Edison].' So in the end, there is no substitute for hard work."

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 - 14. Hodgepodge
 - 15. Confounded
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 - 17. Red River, to the Vietnamese
 - 18. Addict
 - 19. Copacati worshipper
 - 20. Aims high, like a TV host?
 - 23. Low islands
 - 24. Heads up
 - 25. They meet in the middle
 - 28. Self-image
 - 30. Accords
 - 34. Myanmar natives, e.g.
 - 36. Piz Bernina, e.g.
 - 38. Indeed
 - 39. Appeared on TV host's show twice?
 - 43. Be up
 - 44. Inits. on a rocket
 - 45. Sportsman's guide
 - 46. Feature of some photo layouts
 - 49. Chinese brew
 - 51. Finish lines
- Down**
- 1. Prominent Danish physicist
 - 2. Insect repellent ingredient
 - 3. Stage area
 - 4. Syllogist, e.g.
 - 5. Sweet confection
 - 6. Of no use
 - 7. Tech support caller
 - 8. Landlord's paper
 - 9. Hindu holy man
 - 10. Odd idea
 - 11. City north of Carson City
 - 12. Big name in oil
 - 13. Hymn of praise: Var.
- 21. Angel
 - 22. U.S.N.A. grad
 - 25. Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
 - 26. Assoc. of nations
 - 27. Fare reductions
 - 29. Loud Australian bird
 - 31. African antelope
 - 32. Rhodes of Rhodesia
 - 33. "Land ___!"
 - 35. Pittance
 - 37. Hard throw, in baseball
 - 40. Onion plant
 - 41. ___ owl
 - 42. Record holders
 - 47. The Supreme Court, e.g.
 - 48. Child's play?
 - 50. Erode
 - 53. ___ Tower
 - 55. Expressed pleasure
 - 56. ___ Canyon
 - 57. Snap request?
 - 58. Plot unit
 - 59. Pipe type
 - 60. Hypothetical substance
 - 61. 90's party
 - 62. De novo

Last Week's Answers

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City Council

from front page

are not officially monitored after release. Not preparing for these newly released prisoners would have dire consequences for residents and businesses in Torrance. "What this comes down to is we are given a warning about what's coming and we don't want to be caught on our heels," said Neu. "We have a tough job and we need the resources to do it."

Another realignment-related expense is that the City Attorney's office would like another lawyer to assist in prosecuting cases—a responsibility that cities will be asked to shoulder more often post-realignment. Because it wasn't a budgeted addition, other cuts to would have to be made to create the position. And while Torrance Rose Float Association Vice President Georgean Griswold applauded the Council for keeping money in reserve for the New Year's Day parade float, Rhilinger thought that money could be better used to defray the cost of adding an attorney. "I'd like to keep the \$20,000 for the Rose float, but I think we need the attorney more," she said.

One item notably absent from the budget discussions was employee raises. The City

has had a salary freeze for five years since the harsh economic downturn in 2008. While the situation is improving enough to not require cuts, there is no guarantee that the rosy outlook will last. Tsao said that while improving the global financial climate is still too fragile to confidently approve salary increases, the City might not be able to sustain. He hopes that by May 2014, the fiscal outlook for the City will be clear enough to discuss increased salaries for employees whose wages have been stagnant. "Even though the economy is doing much better than before, there is still uncertainty abroad," said Tsao. "The economy is still quite fragile."

The meeting concluded with a list of items related to the budget that City staff will research more and bring back to next week's round two of talks. Scotto warned that coming to a conclusion on the City budget might take longer than the two meetings scheduled. "After this meeting, we will have another budget hearing on May 21 and maybe at the end of that budget meeting, we should have a budget," he said. "But it might have to go on for a third night." •



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State of the City

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five years without reducing its workforce. "Our being fiscally prudent has helped us maintain," Mayor Scotto said. "The City has continued to meet the challenges of the past five years by prioritizing how we spend our money to ensure the core services that we pay in taxes and I would like to thank the Council for that. We are all in good spirits about the financial future of our city. Currently, our budget remains balanced and we are going to have our first budget hearing workshop on May 14 to plan the 2014-2015 budget."

Community partners and the local school district were also highlighted during the Mayor's speech and given credit for the success of students, such as a 97 percent high school graduation rate. "Our community partners are a large part of how strong our community will grow," Mayor Scotto said. "That is why nurturing our community from youth into adulthood is very important and Torrance Unified School District does just that. As our teachers continue to do more with less, it is amazing that they do so well and George [Dr. Mannon], I would like to thank you publicly for doing that."

Businesses have had a huge impact on the local school district and through donations from events like a charity gala hosted by Rock & Brews which raised \$25,000 for the Torrance Education Foundation, schools have been able to survive the State's financial restrictions. In addition, the Mayor congratulated and thanked Torrance healthcare facilities for their services

and ongoing success.

"For the second straight year, Providence Little Company of Mary was named among the nation's 100 top hospitals by Truven Health Analytics in its annual study aimed at improving the cost and quality of healthcare," Mayor Scotto said. "It was the only hospital in the Beach Cities to be included in the 100 top hospitals."

From Del Amo Fashion Center plans to upgrade its food court among other renovations, to the newest brewery in the city, to Smog City's official opening this month, and even a Ferrari and Masarati dealership scheduled for a fall ribbon-cutting ceremony, Mayor Scotto is optimistic and proud of what the City has accomplished and what it is in line to see as far a business growth and development. With an estimated 780 volunteers in the who have contributed more than 49,000 hours to the community, the Mayor is thankful for the work and commitment to the City by everyone who works, lives and contributes to its well-being.

"Ronald Reagan once said, no matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it will never take the place of volunteerism," Mayor Scotto said. "I bring volunteerism in the State of the City Address because historically I believe it has enabled us to keep our hometown feel. As a city, we should extend our roots to different areas in the community. Organizations are branches and individuals are leaves and we both make it possible for the life of the tree to bloom." •

Looking Up

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adapted to the heavenly breezes, and there will be some who will brave even that void."

And in a 1984 novel titled *The Flight of the Dragonfly*, science fiction writer Robert L. Forward proposed using a light-sail propulsion system—pushed not by sunlight, but by an earth-based laser—to send a spaceship and a crew of 20 on a 40-year voyage to planets orbiting Barnard's Star, 5.9 light-years away.

For now, travel to the stars, whether by light-sail or any other means, hasn't progressed beyond the realm of science fiction. But we mustn't forget how few years have passed since

space travel itself was only a dream in the minds of authors like Jules Verne and Edgar Rice Burroughs. "Imagination," wrote Albert Einstein, "is more important than knowledge."

Sunjammer

*Set me on a course
That will beam me to a star,
O wild setting sun!
—Bob Eklund*

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El Camino College to Present 31st Annual Spring Fashion Show

El Camino College will present "Timeless," the 31st Annual Spring Fashion Show at 7:30 p.m. May 31 in Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

"Timeless" will feature the designs of El Camino College students and is produced by students in the Fashion Show Production and Promotion class. To produce the show, students in the class are divided into six committees: design, merchandising, modeling, promotion, finance/secretary, and staging. Students learn event planning principles, and producing the

fashion show is their final project.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, with discount prices for police officers, firefighters, and seniors. Advance sale tickets are available at the Marsee Auditorium box office.

All proceeds will benefit scholarships and funding for next year's show. A book donation drive will also be sponsored by ECC fashion students, benefitting the Children's Hospital Los Angeles' "Literary Healing" program.

For more information, contact fashion adviser Vera Bruce Ashley at vbruce@elcamino.edu. •

Police

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Burglary-Commercial: 4300 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) takes property from motorcycle saddlebag/jacket.

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK 180TH PL Suspects pose as Edison workers and work in concert to distract victim in an attempt to take valuables from victim's residence, but are interrupted by victim's husband returning home and flee/no loss.

Theft: 18100 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from front of location/bicycle.

Battery Simple: 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect repeatedly punches victim in the face.

Theft: 18600 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary-Residential: 3100 BLOCK 178TH ST Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked door and takes property/laptop.

April 29

Theft: 2300 BLOCK 178TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Theft: 2800 BLOCK 178TH ST Suspect(s)

takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Vandalism: 20600 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) shoots BB at window, shattering same.

Burglary-Auto: 2300 BLOCK 228TH ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property.

Burglary Residential: 24500 BLOCK FALENA AVE Suspect(s) enters unsecured sliding glass door, ransacks and takes property.

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) etches kiosk, damaging same.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property.

April 28

Theft: 1900 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from truck bed.

Theft: 18000 BLOCK ATKINSON AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

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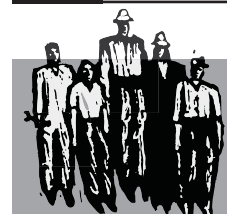
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from what are we saving them? Everyone is a child of God with the right to be happy by being true to one's self. In the end, God will judge us by how respectful and loving we

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Nikki

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Bondi

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Cheetos

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Home Improvement Tips To Help You Breathe Easier

(BPT) - One in five Americans suffer from allergies, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA). As the 2013 allergy season begins, experts warn that it may be one of the worst in recent years, with people experiencing an unusually strong reaction due to increased tree pollen.

But little attention is paid to the impact of indoor air on allergies, asthma and general health. We spend an average of approximately 90 percent or more of our time indoors, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA reports that "indoor levels of pollutants may be two to five times higher, and occasionally more than 100 times higher, than outdoor levels."

How does this impact your next home improvement project? A survey by Angie's List revealed Americans spend more than \$300 billion annually on remodeling projects. Yet these endeavors typically focus solely on a home's aesthetics while ignoring one important consideration: Is your home healthy?

Start at the Bottom

We all want beautiful floors in our homes. Many people, however, don't realize that some new flooring can threaten your indoor air quality. When flooring is installed, you may notice an odor for a few days or even weeks. The odor might mean noxious gases are emitting from the materials used during installation. And these emissions, particularly those resulting from volatile organic compounds (VOCs), could potentially have serious, long-term effects on your health - as well as an immediate impact on the health of family members with asthma

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- The flooring has a low capacity for retaining allergens.
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Manage Mold and Mildew

If you're noticing moisture or mold building up on your windows, have your home checked by an energy rater or a building analyst. To prevent moisture from getting in your windows, select windows made with double pane, insulated glass to create an insulating barrier and keep moisture, mildew or mold from developing. For added energy savings, you can opt for a Low Emissivity or "Lo-E" coating to keep heat from radiating beyond the side of the window where it originated. You'll save on your heating and air conditioning bills while also minding your health.

Home improvements should be a proud reminder that your home is your castle and you treat it well. This year, consider investing in simple projects that can also improve the health of the castle's residents. •

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