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Historical Society Honors Those Who Gave Their Lives



Sgt. Lorry Vaca from the Marine Corps, who served in the Korean War along with her husband, who was also in the Marine Corps, attended the Torrance Historical Society's Memorial Day service along with her daughter Mary Martinez and granddaughter Melissa De La Vara, who both live in Torrance and attended North High School. See article, below, and more photos on page 9. Photo by Chris Nishimura.

Torrance Remembers Its Veterans

By Dylan Little

On Memorial Day at 2:00 PM, the Torrance Historical Society held its third memorial service for the Torrance service personnel who gave their lives in conflicts during the last 100 years and throughout the world. The service was held at the Veterans Memorial Plaza near City Hall on the corner of Maple Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. The memorial consisted of seven readers reading each of the 146 names on the wall, each name belonging to a service member who lost his or her life in conflicts dating back to World War I or as recent as the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The readers were: Bob Chiota, who served in the Army in Vietnam; Gene Hassan, the widow of a Vietnam veteran; Ken Miller, an Army Air Corps veteran from World War II and the Korean War; Paul Nowatka, who served in the Army during the Korean War; Dave Pierson, who served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and the Korean War; Charlie Saulenas, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam; and Jim Standifer, who served in the Navy during both World War II and the Korean War.

Torrance Historical Society President Jamie Ruth Watson said she was moved by the number of people who came to honor those who died protecting this country. "Your presence here today respects these soldiers and shows your deep appreciation for those who served and sacrificed their lives for their country and our freedom," said Watson. To close the ceremony Watson echoed last year's closing remarks that no more names be added to the wall. She also shared a bit John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields," which was written after McCrae presided over his friend and fellow soldier's funeral. Watson told the audience that as a child she didn't know about the macabre red

poppies dotting the field, creating a symmetry with how the cost of war is sometimes hidden until one is forced to confront it. "When I was a child I was a Californian kid, I thought all poppies were golden," said Watson. "I had to travel with my father to . . . see the Flanders poppies which are bright red like drops of blood in the field."

The reading of names from Torrance's memorial wall was started three years ago by Gerald Ronan during the city's centennial celebration, but the response to the simple dignified ceremony was so positive the Historical Society decided to hold the memorial every year. "The idea of this program is to have it very simple, no bad music, no

bad poetry, just the names," said Ronan. "This is all about those 146 names. The 146 people – a good many of them died at the ages of 19, 20, 21. These names, in many instances, are people right out of high school." Ronan modeled the remembrance ceremony after a similar program he was working on with some students from South Dakota. He thought that Torrance should have a similar way to recognize its service men and women killed in combat. "I was involved [remotely] in South Dakota and a group of students were doing something similar to this," said Ronan. "It seemed like a good project and they were very successful."

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Mark Steffen, an Everyday Leader in Torrance Schools

By Charisse Kubr

Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) serves over 25,000 students. The elected TUSD Board of Education represents the educational values and priorities of the citizens of Torrance. During the monthly Board of Education meetings, which are open to the public, the Board is able to engage the community in a two-way conversation on the subject of education policy in Torrance. The five board members are longtime Torrance residents with wide-ranging backgrounds, which include business and finance, PTA and community volunteer groups, municipal experience, and education. The seat of president rotates yearly, with the current President of the Board being Mark Steffen,

an elementary school teacher. He and his wife have two children who graduated from Torrance schools. Going to work everyday with hundreds of children gives Steffen a unique perspective on the inner workings of a school district. Along with his heartfelt devotion to children as an educator, he also has a background working as a framer in the construction industry, which contributes to his down-to-earth personality.

How did Mark Steffen come to serve on the board? He said he remembers sitting around the kitchen table talking with his wife. They were discussing the fact that there was a seat open on the board. Steffen said, "Then my wife asked me, 'why don't you run?' So I did." Now in his fifth year

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
73°/58°



Saturday
Sunny
72°/57°



Sunday
Sunny
72°/59°



Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- 2014 AYSO Region 15 Player and Volunteer Walk-in Registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., J.H. Hull Middle School, 2080 W. 231st St. For more information call (310) 817-4700.
- Free kids dance day and DJ party, Noon-6 p.m., Boogiezone Utopia, 1951 West Carson Street. For more information call (949) 742-3567.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

- Artful Days: A Survey of Art, Just the High Points, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- California Retired Teachers Area VII Division 46 June luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Hometown Buffet, 3520 W. Carson Street. For more information call (310) 375-2492.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- City of Torrance City Yard Open House and Car Show with the Disaster Preparedness Expo & Environmental Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., City Services Facility, 20500 Madrona Ave. Free parking and shuttle service located at Court House, 825 Maple Ave. www.TorranceCA.Gov/18336.htm
- Torrance Art Museum Opening Reception and Panel Discussion of "Watchmen", 5-9 p.m. For more information call (310) 618-3846.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- "Plant Hormones and Why Our Plants Look the Way They do!", 1:30 p.m., South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City

Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- Free Concert: The 300th Army Band of Los Angeles, California, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- Free Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup in the City of Torrance, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., American Honda, 1919 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 781-6900.

- South Bay Republican Women Monthly Early Luncheon Meeting, 10 a.m., Double Tree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call (310) 326-9349.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- LC and All That Jazz (Los Cancioneros Master Chorale), 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 779-3072.

Tuesday June 17

- Community Focus Group: current state of library services, and some possible future endeavors, 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Katy Geissert Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5950.

ONGOING

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

- "Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals" hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970.

Letters

Tabakian Inspired

Much of what Dr. John Paul Tabakian aspires to improve within our communities' educational system is similar in belief to what many of my focuses are. Being a political science major it seemed to be the law of attraction that directed me to have JP as a professor. After having attending his classes his students were provided academic and professional guidance that I have not seen matched by any professor or administrator before or after being acquainted with him.

At the conclusion of one of his lectures I approached him and we spoke about my aspirations. I can honestly say that without his guidance I would be lost in the confusion we call *Higher Education*. We spoke of how to realizing my incentives. In contrast to most other educators of mine in the past, he spent the time to understand who I was. He lead me to build my, as JP says, "inner-entrepreneur." JP guidance allowed me the opportunity to build the neighborhood coalition, New Generation New Mindset – Nueva Generación Nueva Mentalidad (NGNM). This type of mentorship towards how people work to promote themselves in a professional manner, within both academia and the workforce, is a concept completely foreign to me until that time. A person needs guidance in order to reach a particular path in an efficient manner. Otherwise, you could compare the same situation without that guidance to hiking at night with no flashlight. You might eventually reach the destination, you might not.

– *Julian Makara, NGNM President*
Thanks Former Teacher

As a former student of the Dr. John Paul Tabakian I would love to tell you about how he has influenced my life. He is one of the hardest working professors that I know. He is so passionate about teaching students that he is the only professor I know that created a website dedicated to his coursework and

his students so that they can grab as much information as needed for his course.

My goal is to be a Medical Doctor, I got to a point where I didn't know if it was the right path for me to take. I asked him for some counseling advice. He took the time from his busy schedule to buy me dinner and talk about me and possible ways to confront my situation. He suggested I get into a hospital setting and see if I would love it. I currently volunteer at two hospitals, I needed a reference from a person who knew me well, and I asked Dr. Tabakian to give me reference letters for the hospitals.

From volunteering at the hospitals I learned that my passion is helping people and taking care of their needs, I owe that passion in part to Dr. Tabakian for his advice. It has been years since I took his class and when I need him he is there for me ready to hear my problems and suggest solutions to them.

– *Juan Loza*

Road Rejuvenation

Throughout the heart of Torrance remarkable history, her personality has always had abundant reflections of charm and quaintness emulating as a photo perfect town framed into the pristine presentation of a glossy paged calendar. It is without exaggeration that Torrance is selected by senior citizens, such as my husband Chuck and myself as the choice place to live. However, Torrance's blue ribbon conceptual demeanor was flawed by streets of terminal deterioration; some of the residential streets such as Sartori Street are so rough to ride upon that avid bicycle riders such as my husband Chuck and myself are forced to ride on the sidewalks. Aurelio Mattucci a prominent real estate broker vigilant to the good interests for Torrance has for years taken active issue to encourage the resurfacing of our deteriorated streets some of which have been neglected for

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It has been a privilege to serve you. I feel I have conducted our city's business with openness and respect and as Mayor, I pledge to continue to do so.

I will be totally immersed in the City and always aware that our decisions affect you and your children's daily lives, because that is where my heart is.

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ELECTION 2014



City Council Candidates

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minor repairs, etc.) via Home Improvement Program (HIP). These programs and others are promoted via the Torrance Commission on Aging – and I would support and advocate continuing and enhancing these programs for our Torrance Seniors.

Why should voters elect you?

Heidi Ashcraft: My family has made Torrance our home for 36 years. I've been involved while raising our 4 children in PTA, Little League, AYSO and Scouts. I have run a successful business for 28 years, been elected to the T.U.S.D. Board of Education 3 terms, served on the SCROC Board of Education 11 years and been a member of West Torrance Homeowner's Association, Torrance So. Bay YMCA Board of Managers-elected as first woman chair, Sister City Association, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Advisory Board, Human Relations of Torrance, Torrance Historical Society and numerous other boards. I volunteer as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children. I had the honor of being appointed to Torrance City Council last December. City Government is a partnership with residents, I have a proven governance record, I listen and find solutions. With the majority of council seats up for election June 3, I have the necessary experience to lead Torrance. A partial list of those who believe in my ability to lead Torrance: Mayor Scottto; Former Mayors Hardison & Miller; Supervisor Knabe; Councilman Barnett; Entire TUSD Board of Education; Former City Council and TUSD Board Members-O'Donnell, Rossberg, Witkowsky, Applegate, Guyton, Numark, Messerlian, Sargent, Driskill, Ernst; Senator Lieu; Torrance Fire Fighter and Police Associations; Torrance Chamber of Commerce PAC; BIZFED PAC; Daily Breeze. I love Torrance I'm dedicated to helping our city thrive! Please vote Heidi Ann Ashcraft June 3!

Tim Goodrich: With four open seats on our City Council, it's imperative we elect people who have the education and experience necessary to lead on day one. I have a Masters in Public Administration from USC and while there, I was trained by the best city managers in Southern California as a City and County Management Fellow. My experience is our community is also extensive: I volunteer with our Police and Fire Departments, I serve on the Board of the Torrance Education Foundation, and I'm a Board Member of my local Homeowner's Association. Because of my education and record of service, I've been endorsed by the Torrance Police and Firefighters Associations, Former Mayor Dee Hardison, Former Councilmembers like Cliff Numark and Hope Witkowsky, Torrance School Board Members, nearly two dozen Torrance Commissioners, the Sierra Club, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and the Daily Breeze. Once elected, I will fight for a "back to basics" approach that improves public safety, focuses on our roads and infrastructure, and utilizes technology to create more open, transparent, and efficient government. I hope to have not only your vote on June 3rd, but also your participation after the election to make Torrance even better.

Michael Griffiths: Voters should vote for me as one of their 4 votes for City council because of my extensive and broad experi-

ence. My experience as a business owner is one of the main reasons so many Torrance leaders have endorsed me. They believe that a councilperson with business ownership experience is critical. Business common sense and fiscal responsibility is something I know will benefit the City. My experience as a City Commissioner is very important, as it has given me the opportunity to better understand how things get done at City Hall. I've learned how to work with the public and to hear and act on their concerns. I have more years of City Commission experience than any other candidate. And lastly, my experience doing community service shows my long-term commitment to the City I care so much about. Among many other things, I've served the Torrance-South Bay YMCA as a volunteer in many capacities for over 17 years. I'm most proud of the last 5 years there where I have led the YMCA's annual fundraising, raising millions of dollars to support programs such as childcare, summer camps, and senior meals and programs here in our community. It's more critical than ever to have council members with experience, since a majority of our council seats are changing. I've lived in Torrance for over 31 years, and I know firsthand we have a great City. As your next councilman, I will strive to help keep it that way.

Milton Herring: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: I have experience in four key areas: Finance, Business, Government, and Community Service. I have served on the Torrance Commission on Aging for 6 years and on two City Ad Hoc Committees. Those include the Strategic Plan for Transit and the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. These experiences have taught me how to form connections within key areas of City government and to work in teams in order to accomplish great things. My volunteer service activities have enabled me to keep my finger on the pulse of the community and to forge relationships with both business and community leaders. My diverse cultural background allows me to blend in with the population and current makeup of the City. I have both the time and energy to devote to the position.

Ryan H. Mand: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Aurelio Mattucci: For those that know me on a personal level, they know that I get things done. I am a team player, and I consider myself a great listener. It is very important to me that City Council always remembers the fact that they are there to represent the people and not city hall. We are chosen as representatives, not employees of the city. We should be there to reflect the will of the people and deliver the public's message, loud and clear. I think the people of Torrance should vote for me because I am one of the candidates that will fight to restore the relationship between city hall and the public. Come June 3rd, vote Aurelio Mattucci, a truly Independent Candidate. I'd also like to thank the Torrance Tribune for allowing all of us candidates to express our feelings. The Torrance Tribune has leveled the playing field. Thanks again.

Omar Navarro: When I attended the last council meeting Frank Scotto tried cutting off several citizens in Torrance including myself. I feel that as a Mayor or councilmember you need to have an open mind to listen and learn from the constituents within Torrance. I strongly accept and appreciate any person that has a voice. When elected, I will be the voice of the voiceless. I believe in open and efficient city government. On June 3rd please support candidates that are truly independent from special interest groups. That is why during my campaign I refused to accept money from developers and unions or endorsements from the failed leadership of Torrance that pushed 4,000 Toyota Jobs away. Remember Toyota left Torrance, not California. Long Beach and Newport continue to have the business of Toyota. I find it amusing that anti business candidates keep getting endorsements from the Daily Breeze and Frank Scotto, yet they never talked about Toyota leaving and never spoke against the huge \$390 Million in unfunded liabilities in Torrance. Many candidates think that Torrance does not have a pension issue or that Torrance will never go into a bankruptcy. I believe these claims come from empty suits that take money from special interest groups. There is also a candidate named Tim, whose organization which he co-founded burns an American flag on video. We cannot have someone who is tied down to an extremist organization who burns American flags and encourages soldiers to defy the president's orders. I believe that's the question people should have about Tim. On Election Day vote for Omar Navarro. True, Honest and Independent from the establishment.

Clint Andrew Paulson: Even with all of the good people here in Torrance doing great and positive things, I am concerned about the future of our city. I believe that the corrupting influence of money in politics is destroying our democratic process and slowing ruining our city. Special interests groups such as unions and developers are spending huge sums to ensure their positions take priority at City Hall. Our politicians are indebted to organizations such as these that cut them the checks instead of the voters that put them in their positions. This has resulted

in leaders that are aloof, unresponsive, out of touch, and all too often working against you instead of with you. I want to change this. I want to stand with all of the amazing Torrance residents that are truly making a difference for the better in our community. I will hear your voices and work to ensure your concerns are addressed. I will make sure your money goes to critical needs like fixing our roads and streets instead of being wasted on pet projects. More than anything, I will ensure city government is working with you again, instead of against you. Please help me prove your votes can't be bought and that you don't need to take money from special interests to win an election. Vote Clint Paulson June 3rd. Thank you.

Geoffrey Rizzo: I believe I am the right choice for Torrance City Council because I share your passion for our city, I have a clear vision for our future, and I possess the know-how to deliver results. Who better to represent your voice than a lifelong Torrance resident, retired police lieutenant with three decades of service to our city and current chair of the Torrance Planning Commission? Keeping our citizens safe, our economy robust and preserving our quality of life should be City Hall's biggest priorities. I vow to keep the focus on the issues that matter to you, like ensuring that our first responders are well equipped, attracting and growing businesses and keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean. I have a very personal stake in safeguarding our city. My wife Donna and I have proudly raised our two children in my childhood home in Southwood. I've dedicated my life to protecting our citizens and I've worked hard to gain expertise in our city government. As your councilman, I have a lifetime of service behind my pledge to fight for your concerns, keep our community safe and ensure Torrance remains a great place to live.

Alex M. See: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Norm "Opa" Segal: I would like to thank the Tribune for this series of questions and you, my neighbors, the readers. On a recent walk, I met a gentleman who had served on a city commission for 8 years. His first question **See City Council Candidates, page 6**



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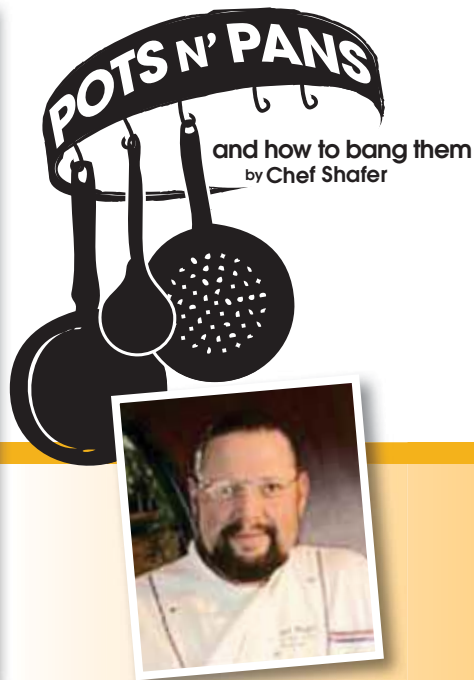
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Just got back from the market and bought some of the mini watermelons. The last couple of years the watermelons have not been very sweet. But I thought I would give the new crop a try. Boy, am I glad I did. They are very sweet and firm.

I always love the sweetness of watermelon and balsamic vinegar in a salad. I know it sounds a little weird. But when I was traveling through Europe I once had a salad made from wild strawberries, a drizzle of aged balsamic vinegar and a farmer style goat cheese. The combination of the sweet, sour and creamy was a culinary euphony.

Here is my version of that salad.

The Chef



Summer Melon and Beet Salad

Ingredients:

1 each small watermelon or about 2 pounds of peeled melon meat, diced
1 large red and 1 large yellow beet cooked in boiling water; peeled, chilled and diced

8 to 10 fresh basil leaves, chopped coarsely
1/4 cup good aged balsamic vinegar
8 to 10 oz. goat cheese
Freshly ground black pepper and sea salt to taste



Directions:

- Arrange the diced melon and diced beet on a large platter so the colors intermingle.
- Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.
- Sprinkle the basil leaves around.
- Crumble the goat cheese on top.
- Season with the salt and pepper.

Have fun!

P.S. Correction from a previous article:

The Meyer lemon pie had incorrect baking time and temp. The correct temp is 300° and the correct baking time is 25 to 30 minutes.

Thanks to Ralph for keeping me honest. •

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Sports

Your Dodgers, Your LA SportsNet

By Adam Serrao

So far this season, the Los Angeles Dodgers have already had their fair share of highlights and drama on the field. From a grueling trip to Australia, to the disappearance and reappearance act of Clayton Kershaw, to Yasiel Puig's heroics and well -- hazards, and even one of the team's most highly touted prospects getting his ear bitten off by a teammate; this baseball season has already been something to see. There is only one problem: the Dodgers are nearly one-third of the way through a season in which expectations already have them in the World Series, but more than 63 percent of the market has been unable to watch them. Time Warner Cable, which operates SportsNet L.A., has yet to strike a deal with any other cable or satellite provider, but change has the opportunity to be on the horizon. The power to get your very own Los Angeles Dodgers back to being seen and heard all across L.A. may just lie in our very own hands.

For those who have yet to familiarize themselves with the Dodgers' new channel, Time Warner Cable SportsNet L.A. (SportsNet L.A.) is a new, around-the-clock, regional sports network that launched on February 24th, 2014 and is entirely dedicated to the Los Angeles Dodgers. The channel is different than most other sports channels in that it gives you more than 140 live regular season games, behind-the-scenes access to the Dodgers, and extensive team coverage by some of the all-time greats who have ever donned the white and blue. In other words, if you're a Dodger fan and you truly bleed Dodger blue, you need to get this channel. It offers an unmatched amount of in-depth Dodgers programming while also conveying countless numbers of hours of exclusive content, for you, the Dodgers fan, that will, in turn, make you feel like you're right there behind Don Mattingly in the Dodgers' dugout, sending signs to Yasiel Puig in right field that he will undoubtedly ignore anyways.

If you're already familiar what I've described above, then chances are you already have Time Warner Cable and have witnessed SportsNet LA's unique programming for yourself. If you're one of the 63 percent left hopelessly in the dark, however, then you must be wondering how to get it. As of right now, Time Warner Cable is the main cable provider that carries the network. The deal was made with Time Warner because the network was tasked with creating a channel for the Los Angeles Lakers in the same light, and did so very successfully. From building the studios, to hiring the on-air talent and much more, Time Warner, by default, came to be the only cable network to carry SportsNet LA at launch. Thus, Time Warner was tasked with building the network, making it come alive, and negotiating with other cable

providers to carry the channel.

The negotiations thus far have been the toughest part of the deal with the all-Dodgers, all-the-time channel. While Time Warner Cable customers are happy and have no gripes about their services, other networks like Direct TV, Verizon, Charter, and AT&T have been left in the dark. Nadia Gonzalez, Manager of Communications for Time Warner Cable, explained the intricacies of making a deal and all of the effort that Time Warner has been putting into making a deal that would make the channel more readily available take place. "When the cable providers sit down at the table, they take a lot into consideration. Negotiations are never easy, but we do our best as a company so that every single cable provider will find value in what we are doing." Gonzalez went on to describe the status of negotiations at present time. "Right now, everything's still in the process of negotiation. We want the community to know that we're in active negotiations with all of the cable providers and we want the community to be part of the process." In other words, you, the fans of the Los Angeles Dodgers, have the opportunity to let your voices be heard. The more unrest that the cable providers hear from the general public about not having their Dodgers, the faster they will work to reach an agreement on a deal.

The entire situation seems eerily similar to the one that was lived through almost two seasons ago with the Los Angeles Lakers. The negotiations followed a similar pattern where people were missing out on their pre-season Lakers games and coverage, but suddenly a deal was struck very early on in the regular season between Direct TV and Time Warner that allowed the general public of Los Angeles to see their Lakers. "We, from the very beginning, gave everyone the same exact message," Gonzalez explained. "If you had Direct TV and you were unable to see your Lakers, we urged you to call Direct TV and demand they give you the network." That demand from the public seemed to have worked.

Unfortunately, the same deal has yet to be struck with the Dodgers. More than two months into the season, most people in Los Angeles are not able to see their home team. Not only are fans missing the live games, but they are also missing the resources that the channel would bring along with it and all of the information on the Dodgers that a true fan would not want to miss out on. Clearly, it is just bad for everybody. While the situation has thrown a curveball at Los Angeles fans and even business owners, alike, there is still something that can be done. Let your voice be heard and demand your Dodgers and do it soon. Who knows, this could be the next championship season. •

Up and Adam

First Round Playoff Wins

By Adam Serrao

Besides Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers, there may not be any other pitcher that you'd want to take the mound in a playoff game than Torrance's very own Kyle Smith. Smith has been outstanding this season, and in the Torrance Tartars' first round playoff matchup against the St. Bonaventure Seraphs, he was no different. Smith led his team for the entirety of the game, throwing a four-hit

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shutout to improve to 10-1 on the season. Behind Smith, the usual suspects got the job done on offense, helping the Tartars cruise to a smooth 4-0 first round playoff victory at Kendall Field in Torrance last Thursday afternoon.

Normally when you can't pick which side of the ball is getting the job done the best, it's a good thing for your team. Torrance head coach Ollie Turner will probably tell you the same. He is currently living through that exact situation: his Tartars are stingy when they take the field and explosive at the plate. "We've been rolling like that," Smith said of his team. "It's good to know when you come out here to pitch, you're getting run support. It's a big confidence booster." Smith, as the starting pitcher, probably didn't need much of a boost in confidence with his pure inherent talent, but he will surely take all he can get. Ryan Eastburn, Robbie Sylvester and Manny Olloque have been doing everything necessary this year to give Smith that added confidence and made sure not to let their pitcher down last week in the first round of the playoffs.

With one out in the first inning of play and Sylvester on base, it was Olloque who got the ball rolling for the Tartars with an RBI single to score the game's first run and stake his team to an early 1-0 lead. Not to be outdone, Eastburn came up in the very next inning and with two outs and the bases loaded, doubled to center field to clear the bases and score three more runs. Four runs is really all the Tartars would need, but Sylvester wanted to get the last laugh amongst his teammates and came around to score again in the fourth inning to bring the game to its final score of 5-0.

"We're just doing what we need to do at the plate," Eastburn said. "Everything our coaches tell us to do, we're doing. We're just ambushing the fastball, looking for those fastballs, and it's been working." It worked for Eastburn to the tune of a 2-for-3 day with three RBIs. Sylvester and Olloque each had two hits apiece, with Sylvester scoring twice and Olloque tacking on an RBI. Smith pitched another near perfect game, working seven full innings of four-hit ball while striking out eight batters. The Tartars now advance to the second round of the Southern Section Division IV playoffs to take on La Sierra.

South High

With all of the talk about Kyle Smith this week, the South High Spartans thought it only fitting that they throw out an ace of their own from their deck of pitchers. Last Thursday night at South High, Matt Mogollon took the hill and

pitched a gem, helping to hand the visiting El Rancho Dons a first round, 4-1 playoff loss. Mogollon was on point all day, allowing just four hits through seven innings while striking out four and walking just one batter.

"I felt comfortable," Mogollon said of his outing in front of his very own South High crowd. "I'm just having fun out there. This could have potentially been my last game but we're all having fun, so I wasn't too shaken

up by it." Along with Mogollon, Andy Rojas and Matt Mavrosakis made sure it wouldn't be South's last game of the season by driving in a pair of runs between themselves to give the Spartans the early jump with a 2-0 lead in just the second inning of play. The Dons would answer back with a run of their own, but in the sixth inning Rojas stepped to the plate again and did more damage by driving in another run to extend South's lead to 3-1. "We stayed after it offensively," South head coach Grady Sain said. "We had that nice sixth inning where we just kind of broke through and were able to get a significant lead going into the seventh."

The fourth run of the day was scored in the sixth, again by Mavrosakis, who walked with the bases loaded to draw in the run. The win means that South will advance to the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division IV playoffs where they will take on the Victor Valley Jackrabbits, who were also winners in their first round playoff matchup.

West High

After an incredible run in league play in which the West High Warriors won their last four games in a row and five out of their last six, their postseason life came to an abrupt end with a first round loss against Diamond Bar last Friday afternoon at West High. The West High offense wasn't able to get going until the seventh and final inning of the game, but by that time it was too late. Playing from behind virtually all night, the Warriors came up short with a 4-3 loss and elimination from the playoffs. Angel Mora was 3-for-4 on the day with two RBIs, providing mostly all of West's offense in the loss.

North High

While the North High boys' baseball team has unfortunately dropped out of playoff contention this season, the girls are causing quite a stir on their side of town. After winning easily in their first round playoff matchup against Rialto (12-2), the girls were back at it again versus Chaminade. Taylor Cairns got it done on offense, going 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Meghan Romero and Lauren Sabihon each had two RBIs, and Shonnie Baker came away with two hits and a run scored in the Saxons 8-1 victory last Thursday afternoon at North. The Lady Saxons will now advance into the third round of the playoffs to take on La Serna. With only two more victories needed to arrive at the championship game, things are looking optimistic for this year's Lady Saxons. •

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Torrance honored its hometown military personnel on a beautiful Memorial Day by a reading of the 146 names of those who gave their lives in service to their country during the past 100 years. The Torrance Historical Society hosted the reading of the Names on the Wall at the Torrance Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue.



Torrance High School graduate Dave Pierson, summer class of 1941, went on to serve in the Army Air Corps during the World War II and Korean War.



Another alumnus of Torrance High, winter class of 1945, included Jim Standifer of the United States Navy who served his country in World War II and Korean War.



The Memorial Day ceremony readers included (front row L to R) Dave Pierson who served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and the Korean War, Ken Miller who served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and the Korean War, Jim Standifer who served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War, Bob Chiota who served in the Army in the Vietnam War, (back row L to R) Gene Hassan, widow of Morrison Cotner who served in the Air Force in WWII, Korea and the Vietnam War, Paul Nowatka who served in the Army during the Korean War and Charlie Saulenas who served in the Army in the Vietnam War. All photos by Chris Nishimura.



Ken Miller, who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War, was also a Torrance High School graduate, winter class of 1941.



Vietnam Army Veteran Bob Chiota continued the reading of the 146 names of those who are honored on the Torrance Veterans Memorial wall.

School Board

from front page

...serving on the Board, Steffen enjoys the collaboration most of all, and is encouraged by it. "The people with whom I work have really been great," said Steffen. "We have a good variety." The Board members share knowledge, learn from each other, and build consensus. Where they may not always agree off the bat, he said, constructive discussion always leads to more balanced decision-making.

Steffen is energized by the collaborative nature of education as a whole. He always looks forward to working with students, parents, other teachers, and community members. Along with serving on the Board for the past nine years,

Mark Steffen is a strong role model because of his own philosophy of community service and his ability to understand the needs of TUSD parents, students, faculty, support staff, and administrators. Many can relate to Steffen's story of hard work and success. As a young man, like some of today's kids, he liked school, but it was not easy for him. He recalls math being a difficult task. "I remember that I never understood geometry until I started working as a framer," he said. After graduating from Redlands University with a bachelor's degree in History, he began working as a framer, and thought that was what he would do for the rest

"During the monthly Board of Education meetings, which are open to the public, the Board is able to engage the community in a two-way conversation on the subject of education policy in Torrance."

Mr. Steffen is now in his thirty-second year of working as a classroom teacher. By rolling up his sleeves, and working side by side with people, he has sustained his long career as an educator. Currently he works in the Hawthorne Unified School District as fourth grade teacher. He has also taught at the middle school level, served as Director of Maintenance, and helped with the teacher's association. Seeing students arrive in the classroom every morning is one of his favorite motivations for leadership as a TUSD Board Member. "You have to think of the kids first," said Steffen. "Overseeing a district with such a large and diverse student body is not a task to be taken lightly." Understanding the unique nature of Torrance and its diversity is what makes Steffen an approachable and effective leader. His work in education is pragmatic, seeing the basic needs of the students as a whole. His focus is building educational foundations early-on and setting infrastructures in place to support learning.

of his life. It was not till an injury prevented him from continuing in construction that he sought a different livelihood, a different passion. Steffen said it was one of those situations that turned out to be a blessing in disguise. He decided to go back to school and earned a teaching credential from California State University, Los Angeles.

As a teacher, he feels challenged and inspired every day. "In carpentry, you get immediate feedback," said Steffen. "You know if you have built something correctly right away. In teaching, the feedback is not immediate, but progresses over time. That is what keeps you coming back every day." He feels teaching is inspiring because a teacher sees the growth of children over a whole year and he hopes to have had a positive impact on their lives. Now, with the experience of many lessons, Steffen feels community leadership needs to continue to focus on all the children equally. "We look

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Metro crews are scheduled to begin foundation work for underground stations on Metro Rail's Crenshaw/LAX line at Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard. The new line is slated to open in 2019. Check the latest project and construction schedules at metro.net/crenshaw.

I-405 Carpool Lanes Open

The Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has opened 10 miles of new carpool lanes on the northbound I-405. In addition, southbound on- and off-ramps at Skirball Center Drive and final configuration of north and southbound ramps at Sunset Boulevard will be completed this summer. More information at metro.net/405.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Too Darn Hot

By TerriAnn Ferren

"How are you?" is a common greeting we all use to make conversation. But how many times have we responded with any 'real' information? These past couple weeks, it wasn't unusual for many to respond, "I am hot!" When the temperatures hit upwards of 90 degrees, we here at the beach flinch. We say 'uncle' and we give up. Most of us don't have air conditioning in our homes so the only relief we have during the day is the office. And if we work outside, we are limp noodles by the time we finally get



The Bartlett Senior Center is one of the Cooling Centers where overheated citizens can get a break from the heat.

home. And I admit that some of us actually get a bit cranky, which is unusual for the easygoing beach crowd. It is no wonder that everyone had an opinion of the weather in these last few weeks. One would think we have no other problems in our lives: but I believe that something the weather is a great unifying icebreaker. Pardon the pun. Bumping into people at the grocery store can spark conversation when it is hot. And don't you notice more people hanging out with their grocery carts in the frozen food section? I have been guilty of that one.

Looking into the records broken during the heat wave was interesting to me. All sorts of

measuring including that of humidity, dew point, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, and heat index played into the documenting of the temperature. In fact, weather is a huge subject. There is a whole field dedicated to it and our farmers, pilots, astronauts, truck drivers, insurance agents, and even the fashion industry to name a few are tied to the weather. I used to think being a weather person or meteorologist was a slam dunk gig: not anymore. Our first rate meteorologists in the Southland really have a handle on world weather and how it



Deborah Lewis affects us here in Southern California. Some of my friends in the east tease me and say that we don't have 'weather' but I beg to differ: we have plenty of weather. One of the many things that makes where we live special is that we can drive to the ocean, the mountains, the desert, or to the valley within a day. That makes experiencing different weather within a relatively small geographic area. And it is now possible to click on some websites and actually find the record of heat and cold on any given day since the 1940s. Yes, weather is indeed tracked, recorded, studied, and debated.

When I did the story on earthquakes and earthquake preparedness in August of 2012

and interviewed Dr. Lucy Jones, who was the Senior Science Advisor for the National Hazards Mission of the US Geological Survey at the time, she told me that there is no such thing as earthquake weather, which was a relief. Also, I might add that there is no scientific evidence that Aunt Martha's rheumatism has a bearing on how long either cold weather or a heat wave will last. This evening I ran into Deborah Lewis who told me how she felt when it was hot, "Miserable, hot, humid, and sweaty." When I asked her how she kept cool she told me she drank,



The Civic Center Library is another "chill spot." Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

"Lots of water." She also added that she can breathe better now. She went on to say, "I am enjoying this cooler weather. I was cranky because when you're going through PMS...you have that - and you feel much better now - so I am enjoying this cooler weather now."

One of my friends told me this was just the beginning of a very hot summer. That was not the forecast I wanted to hear. Instead, I began thinking about things I should remember when it is hot. There are all sorts of things you can do to keep cool when the temperatures rise including; drinking lots of water, avoid jogging in the heat of the day,

making sure you wear appropriate clothing including a hat, and don't your sunscreen. It is very important to slather on the sunscreen whether you think it is sunny and hot or not. Frankly, I use sunscreen every day.

You might not think about the Civic Center when it comes to finding a cool place to go but yesterday, I found out that the city of Torrance has set up two 'Cooling Centers' where you can 'chill' if you get super hot. One Cooling Center is located at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. And if it is very hot, the library Cooling Center will also be open on selected Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second location is the Bartlett Seniors Center located in downtown Torrance at 1318 Cravens Avenue. This facility will be open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

My sister, Linda told me, "It was over 100 for a few days and I felt I am not ready for the heat yet 'cuz it's not summertime yet. I felt like we didn't get spring and the trees are all confused." She is right. The flowers and the trees are sort of confused. Maybe I should feed the plants again to help them out? On Tuesday morning, I asked my exercise/stretch class how they liked the heat last week and 99 per cent said they hated it and used words like stifling, horrible, and sweltering or just told me it was way too hot. That is, all but one. Bonnie Gay told me she liked it. With all the weather talk everywhere I go, one thing is for sure - everyone has an opinion. Test it. Ask someone about the weather and you will find that person turning into an expert with lots of forecast information. We may have an early summer and it may get hot again but with the knowledge of 'Cooling Centers' and a bit of preparation we can be ready. So grab your sunscreen and remember to drink plenty of water. Happy early summer! •

Business Briefs

Boys & Girls Club Essay Winners Receive Bicycles

On Sunday, May 18, the PVG Group, a wealth management advisory team based in Rolling Hills Estates, teamed up with Jay Wolff of Helen's Cycles and Michael Shafer of The Depot Restaurant in Torrance to give 100 bicycles to children ages 7 to 18. The lucky youth from San Pedro, Wilmington and Carson who received new bikes participated in an essay competition hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH). Essay judges read works by children wanting to learn how to ride a bike, teens anticipating taking a bike to college and many youth hoping for a bike that would help their families with limited transportation options.

Bicycles were handed out by members of the Torrance Fire Department and Torrance Police Department who taught some of the children how to safely ride and bike. Former Los Angeles Lakers star, Rick Fox addressed the crowd and shared what he told his son when he taught him how to ride a bike. "As long as you get up and try again, your journey continues."



Former LA Lakers star Rick Fox addressed the crowd. Photos courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles.



An essay winner with his first bike, courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club and PVG Group.



BGCLAH Executive Director Mike Lansing with Larry Prutch, Alan Goldstein and Cengiz Volkan of The PVG Foundation, Michael Shafer of the Depot Restaurant and Jay Wolff of Helen's Cycles with some very happy bicycle owners.

AgnewBrusavich Presents Scholarships to Torrance Students



AgnewBrusavich awarded 22 college-bound students from 13 local high schools with scholarships at the firm's 20th Annual School Scholarship program at the Doubletree Hotel in Torrance.



AgnewBrusavich Partners Bruce M. Brusavich (left) and Gerald E. Agnew (right) presented the second annual Community Service Award to JJ Hendershot (center), founder and creator of Cycle for Heroes and Climb for Heroes, which raised more than \$500,000 for military veterans and their families. Photos by Brad Jacobson.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center to Host Free Hands-Only CPR Training

In recognition of National CPR Week, Torrance Memorial Medical Center will host its own Sidewalk CPR event from 9 a.m. to noon in front of its two campus cafeterias: Jared's Café (on the second floor of the Main Patient Tower) and Helena's Café (on the second floor of the West Tower). During the event, staff will teach adult Hands Only CPR to the public. Adult "Hands Only" CPR can be taught quickly (in less than 10 minutes) and effectively by health care personnel. Torrance Memorial is located at 3330 Lomita Blvd., Torrance. The event is free and no reservation is required. For more information, call Cheryl Osborne at 310-784-4873. •

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Is this a joke? Flipping through the news with my evening glass of wine makes me think I need to either increase my wine intake or cut it out entirely. This one glass stuff is making me giggle at our tragi/comedy. Take for example, the news that on May 20, 2014, the Pentagon is preparing to evacuate Americans out of Libya because another political crisis threatens Americans (!)

"Ironically, on the eve of Memorial Day, the Administration must confess at least 26 VA offices cannot manage healthcare for its most valued citizens."

The Defense Department reports helicopters and Marines are now poised for action at Sigonella Air Base in Italy and Spokeswoman Jen Psaki said "the security of Americans is our highest priority. . . ." Hmm, these preparations seem a tad late to me, but perhaps someone has gotten wind of a new YouTube video that could offend al Qaeda's sensitivities.

Giggle News Item #2: The Government Accountability Institute revealed that Obama's whereabouts during the Benghazi attack remain a mystery, but not surprising since the President had also failed to attend his daily intelligence briefing for the five consecutive days preceding the Benghazi attack. In a speech before 60 Democrats in another fund raising dinner, the president said the Benghazi investigation "is not serious." As the nation's CEO, of course, he had every right to rely on his Secretary of State to answer that dreaded 3:00am phone call. She did, didn't she?

Giggle News Item #3: The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation quoted the State Controller's Office as follows: "As of March 31, the State's cash balance stood at -\$16.7 billion. Fiscal year to date, the State

budget continues to outperform expectations. . . ." WOW!

Last week, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office reported California has a debt of \$340 billion! Then Governor Brown notified us that implementation of Obamacare will add \$1.2 billion more than had been anticipated. The total debt then is \$8,500 for each of the 38 million Californians. But that debt would have been

worse if the governor had not imposed additional taxes on us today to save us from more debt tomorrow. Thank God for his foresight. Is it any wonder then that when 500 CEO's across the country rated the business climate among the states, the 5 worst were Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois, New York, and . . . ta da . . . California . . . dead last. (Goodbye, Toyota).

Giggle News Item #4: On May 3, USA Today blared, "Jobs Boom!" The economy added 288,000 jobs. HOWEVER: that statistic should always be combined with the number of workers who had left the labor force (806,000) and the number who had filed for unemployment compensation for the first time (297,000) to understand the job market's condition. Seriously, we're told this is a growing economy!

Giggle News Item #5: Ironically, on the eve of Memorial Day, the Administration must confess at least 26 VA offices cannot manage healthcare for its most valued citizens. Now close your eyes and envision its administration of Obamacare. Well, my wine glass is empty, so I'll pour myself another one in order to appreciate these cosmic jokes and our government are one and the same. •

Another Man's Opinion

Gun Issue Back in the News but Common Sense Still Absent

By Cristian Vasquez

A few weeks ago the Denver-based company Chipotle released a statement requesting that customers not bring firearms into stores. The request stemmed from an incident in a Dallas location where gun rights advocates entered the establishment carrying firearms, such as military-style assault rifles. While the restaurant, known for its tasty burritos, didn't come out against or in favor of open carry gun laws and noted that they are inclined to comply with local laws regarding open and concealed firearms. However, some gun rights activists, especially open carry handgun activists are displeased and angry that their Second Amendment rights are being restricted when Chipotle indicated that the display of firearms in their establishments create an environment that is "potentially intimidating or uncomfortable" for many of its customers.

I am in favor of law-abiding citizens being able to own and carry guns. Personally, I would not feel uncomfortable if a fellow customer had a gun at his hip as he ate his meal. However, when people walk into any establishment with assault rifles, posing for pictures and gloating about their prized possessions, it is going to make anyone with common sense uncomfortable. Granted that in this particular situation, the people walking into the restaurant were part of a pro-gun demonstration in the area. So, it makes absolute sense that these advocates would be hungry and had no choice but to walk in to get some food with their firearms in hand.

Even so, the request by Chipotle is not unreasonable in terms of a "for future reference" scenario. What is unreasonable is the crying and whining by certain gun rights advocates whom believe that because the Constitution give us the right to bear arms, that we should all bear arms. That is absurd. As Americans we do have every right to own guns but that also means that we have a right not to own firearms. Much like I have the option of eating at Chipotle, or not; we can each decide for ourselves whether it is a good idea to carry assault rifles in public. Anyone's decision to not own a firearm is no more an attack on the Second Amendment than would eating at McDonalds be an attack on Jack in the Box.

Furthermore, if an establishment asks that you not bring guns into its locations, why not just listen? Are these gun rights activists so insecure that they can't go 20 minutes without a weapon? Are these advocates so insecure that there is a need for everyone to know that they have gun and are willing to use it? These attitudes come across as nothing more than a bunch of gun fanatics trying to bully the non-gun owning population. If we can accept wearing a shirt when we walk into a restaurant; if we can comply with wearing shoes in any establishment, and if we can accept not smoking in a restaurant, why can't we order a burrito without carrying an Ak-47? Once again, everyone is too busy shouting at each other to apply common sense to this situation. •

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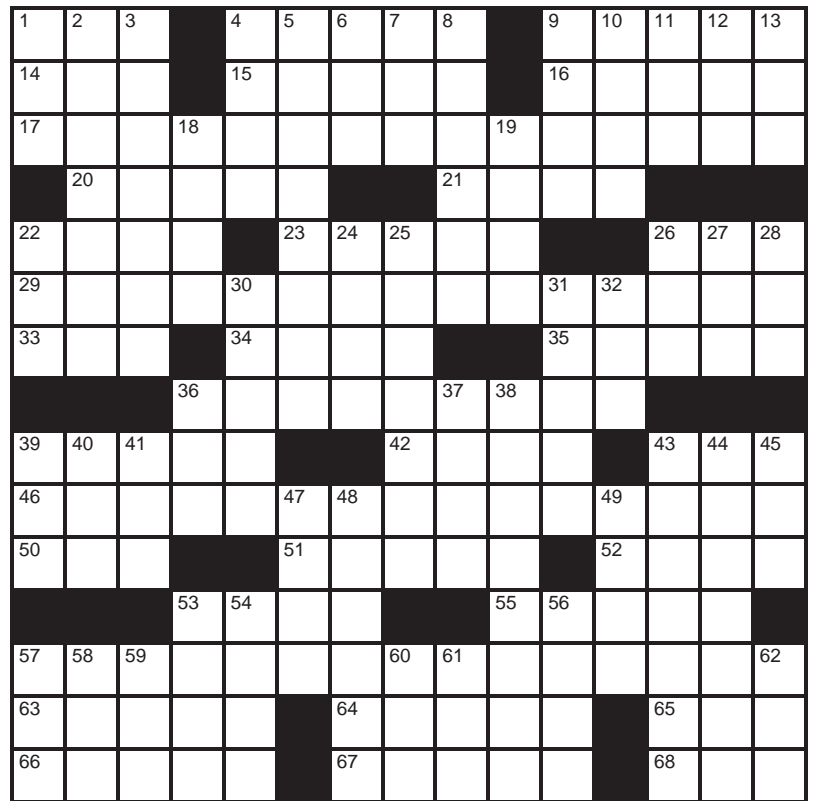
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Looking Sharp



Across

- Bird-to-be
- Supports, in a way
- Bluenose
- Grazing ground
- Being deficient in moisture
- Moves like honey
- Not getting it
- Refine, as metal
- Coffee choice
- Burn
- Skirt sound
- Kind of fingerprint
- Possesses a perspective
- "Don't ___!"
- Certain apartment
- Mike holder
- Don Juan
- Very, in music
- Crowd sound
- Health resort
- Place where turning back is impossible
- Drop
- "It ___ All Velvet" (Mel Tormé autobiography)
- Got gray
- Traveler

Down

- "Slippery" tree
- Japanese entertainers
- Respirator
- Angle
- Shaped furniture material
- A little bit of work
- Small bird
- Metamorphic rock
- Bishop of Rome
- Cross
- Arm of Israel
- Cubby hole?
- Best guess: Abbr.
- Word repeated after "Que"
- Close imitation
- When doubled, a dance
- Old 45 player
- "ER" extras

- Decline
- Known formerly as
- Carpentry tool
- Braid
- Danger signal
- Delivery vehicle
- PC linkup
- Sometime today, say
- Strict disciplinarian
- King Kong, e.g.
- Cry loudly
- Bro, for one
- Sweetened
- Foreshadow
- "Go on"
- Has a tab
- Electrical units
- "Soap" family name
- Buzzing pest
- "How to Make an American Quilt" author Whitney ___
- Cruel person
- Part of a litter
- Japanese sash
- Charge carrier
- Lucrative
- Bank offering, for short
- Kind of truck

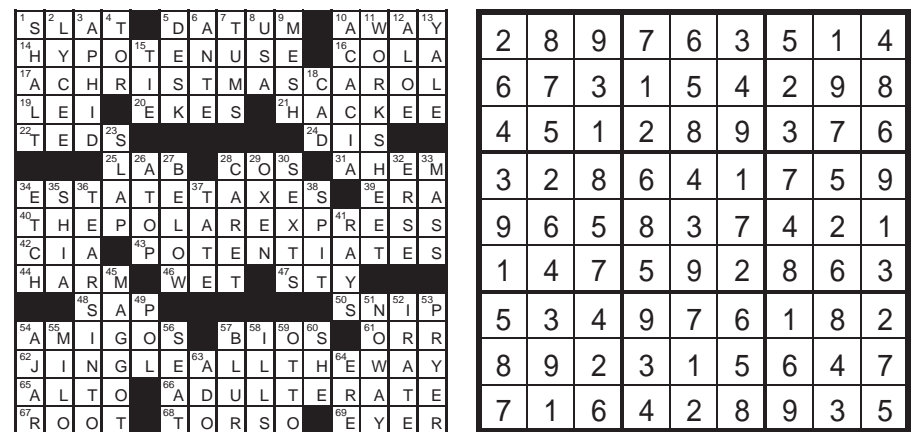
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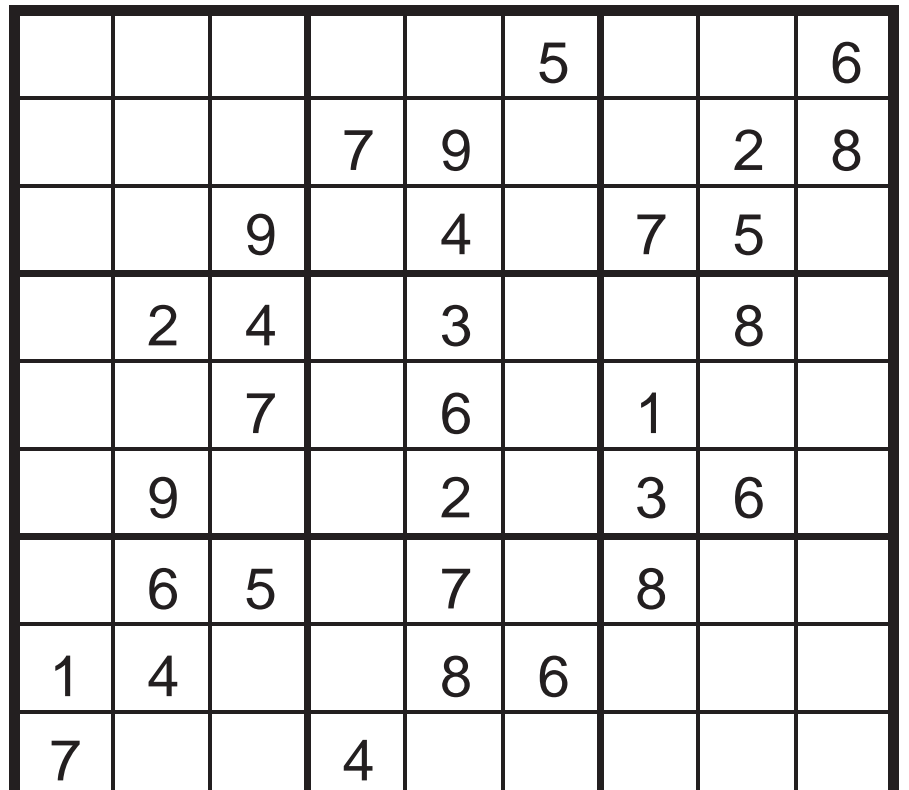
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Last Week's Answers



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School Board

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at our schools in terms of community," said Steffen. "We go to school with our neighbors. In Torrance, with such a large area, you have several communities and neighborhoods under one district. You try and address the needs of all students."

The focus this school year has been on implementing the new Common Core State Standards. "From intensive teacher trainings to technology upgrades, TUSD is well prepared to fully implement Common Core next year," said Steffen. With thirty-two school sites, the District is far reaching. "The District is like running a major company," said Steffen. "If we approach this from a business point of view, professional development and a reliable technological infrastructure are essential to our future success."

Steffen also sees the basic daily needs of each child who walks into a classroom every day. Curriculum aside, other priorities for him and the Board are clean classrooms, clean restrooms, and the maintenance of buildings. "Custodial maintenance is stressed," said Steffen. "It makes a difference when the student walks into class and sees a clean room. We want them to take pride in their class and

their school." Statistically, Torrance is one of the top school districts in the state in terms of dollars spent in the classroom rather than on administration. In restoring certain positions, the District has had the opportunity to restructure departments and services for greater efficiency, using dollars in an effective and streamlined manner. In the next school year, parents will see lower class size and the opening of a new Student Services and Enrollment Center.

In the shadow of major state budget cuts, student success has continued to grow in Torrance Unified schools. The collaborative efforts between the community, the Board, and the district have shown results in Torrance. "The fun part is collaborating on the fly," said Steffen, "It's not that you are reinventing the wheel, it's that together, you are constantly making the wheel rounder, making it better." The next scheduled meeting of the TUSD Board of Education is Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7 pm. This meeting is one of two recognition meetings for the school year and will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 3031 Civic Center Drive in Torrance. For a current schedule of meetings and other TUSD related news, please go to their website at www.tusd.org. •

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The good news is that Americans are becoming increasingly aware of the need to conserve water, both for the good of the environment and to save money. Many are finding a solution in technology that contributes to conservation through innovation. From shower heads that employ air pressure to deliver a satisfying shower using less water, to high-efficiency dishwashers and water-sipping lawn irrigation systems, conservation technology has found a place everywhere in the home where water is used.

In the Bathroom

Nearly 17 percent of total household water use is consumed in the shower, according to the EPA. In addition to awareness of conservation tactics - such as taking shorter, cooler showers - consumers are also turning to high-efficiency shower heads to save water and still enjoy the refreshing experience of a good shower.

Accounting for nearly 27 percent of household water use, toilets are also becoming more water efficient; some clear the bowl completely using a mere 1 gallon of water per flush. TOTO's UltraMax II 1G toilet does its job using gravity, two innovative jets in the bowl and just a single gallon of water. The position of the two water jets on each side of the bowl's interior deliver powerful swirls of water to accomplish flushing tasks effectively as they cleanse the bowl and rim. Owners will need fewer harsh detergents, which are expensive and harmful to the environment.

In the Kitchen

Dishwashers that predate 1994 cost homeowners an extra \$40 in annual utility bills and waste more than 10 gallons of water per cycle, according to EnergyStar.gov. By contrast, newer, technology-driven washers that have earned the Energy Star rating save an average of 1,300 gallons of water over their lifetime.

Modern dishwashers have a range of features designed to conserve both water and energy. Some use specially designed jets that spray dishes with detergent or water during the cleaning cycle to maximize efficacy. Others feature soil sensors that automatically adjust the wash cycle to best handle the level of grime on dishes. Temperature adjustments

allow users to choose high-temperature water when needed and a lower water temperature for lighter loads.

Overall improvements in dishwasher technology have also virtually eliminated the need to



pre-rinse dishes - a dated practice that once wasted hundreds of gallons of water every year in the average household.

Refrigerators have also gone eco-friendly. With improved temperature controls, super-efficient compressors, thicker insulation and

high-performance coils, modern refrigerators demand far less electricity than older models. Many incorporate innovative energy-conservation features along with user-friendly amenities like touch-screen controls. Still, some manufacturers are taking the conservation message to heart and offering attractive, well-designed options that do not include in-door water dispensers, which can consume both water and energy.

In the Laundry Room

With nearly 22 percent of a home's water use attributed to clothes washing, demand is high for washing machines that are both water and energy efficient. Americans wash about 300 loads of laundry per year, Energy Star says, and Energy Star-rated appliances use 35 percent less water and 20 percent less energy than older models.

From simple timers that allow you to automatically start the machine when water and power demands are lowest (typically at night), to machines that make use of tumblers rather than agitators, a range of features can help homeowners use less water and energy - and reduce utility bills. Replacing agitators with tumbler action has allowed manufacturers to offer machines - both top-load and front-load - that need significantly less water to clean the same amount of clothes. •

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