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Torrance High School Interact Club Presents Social Mixer and Show



Wilson Park was the setting for the Club Interact! social mixer + variety showcase on September 14. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Council Responds to Power Outage

By Dylan Little

During Tuesday's Torrance City Council meeting, Mayor Frank Scotto spoke about Sunday morning's widespread power outage and complimented the City's Emergency Services for its quick adaptation to the loss of power in local facilities. The Council also named Saturday September 21 as Coastal Cleanup Day.

On Sunday, September 15 at about 7:30 a.m., Torrance and some surrounding cities experienced a widespread power outage which, according to Southern California Edison, was due to a transmission line failure on 190th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. Despite the sudden nature of the failure, Scotto said the City overall did an exemplary job in maintaining emergency services. "The City is proud to say we were prepared and did a great job," said Scotto. "I commend both police and fire for how well they handled this. I think they reacted well."

The outage impacted the Torrance Police Station, but it was able to run on emergency power and utilized its emergency operations center to maintain operation with electricity. Scotto said while citizens are right to be upset with the outage, the silver lining is that it served to test emergency procedures. "We absolutely agree that an issue should be made," said Scotto. "But I think this is a great precursor and a great experience for us to see where we stand in the case of a major emergency."

Scotto then asked staff to form a group of City employees to review the readiness plan for the possibility of complete power failure. There were some short fails Scotto believes the City should have addressed and would like to know the full extent of what a long-term power failure would mean for City services. "Some of the things that happened during this power outage we should've been prepared for. We lost the ability to e-mail and

use some other types of electronic equipment in the city," said Scotto. "We did everything really well, but we need to do a full study to see what the impacts of no power in the city would be."

Scotto also said he and the Council were disappointed in the speed with which Southern California Edison has been fulfilling its promise to update the City's power infrastructure. "I think some people... are very upset with Edison and so are we," said Scotto. "I think that they made promises and... we aren't happy with how far they've come with those

promises."

The Council also made a proclamation naming this coming Saturday as Coastal Cleanup Day and asking residents to come out to Miramar Park near Torrance Beach from 9 a.m. to noon to assist in removing trash from the beach. Sunny Lai, Beach Captain for the event, said the effort is part of a global initiative to keep trash out of the oceans. "Coastal Cleanup Day is dedicated to the improvement of beaches, coasts and surrounding areas

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Sunny
71°/59°



Saturday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
70°/60°



Sunday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
68°/60°



School Board Looks to Save Torrance Tykes

By Dylan Little

During the Torrance Unified School District's Board of Directors meeting on September 16, the members heard a report from Senior Director of Elementary Schools E. Don Kim about financial troubles at the Torrance Tykes preschool. Torrance Tykes was established in 1999 and has locations at five different school sites: Arlington, Carr, Lincoln, Wood and Torrance Elementary. Its staff of 28 serves 295 students, with most of the children from low-income households that receive subsidized or free preschool services. Funding for Torrance Tykes comes through a contract with the California Department of Education and in the past the Board asked that this and similar preschool programs not use monies from the District's general fund. In fact, three other preschool programs in Torrance were shut down because they were unable to maintain a balanced budget. "The Board gave clear direction that no preschool program should encroach on the general fund," said Kim.

"Therefore over the years, three of these programs that demonstrated deficits were closed down."

Currently, Torrance Tykes receives a maximum of \$1,137,000 in funding from the State, although its budget used to be larger. Over the last four years Torrance Tykes' funding has been cut by 21 percent, creating what Kim calls "a delicate balancing act" to make sure the program doesn't under-enroll (and lose funding) or over-enroll (and incur additional costs). However, this fragile balance was upset when the Board approved a 5.25 percent salary increase for all District employees, including those who run Torrance Tykes. As the raise was retroactive for last year, this immediately put the program \$88,000 in the red (\$44,000 per year.)

Initially, the preschool attempted to cover these expenses by enrolling more students. Torrance Tykes applied for and was granted an additional \$224,000

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Police Alerts

Felony Hit & Run Arrest

On Friday, September 6, traffic investigators with the Torrance Police Department arrested a Pomona man in connection with a hit-and-run traffic collision that occurred in Torrance on August 28. Edward Allan, 54, was taken in custody when Torrance Investigators were able to identify him as the driver of a grey Toyota Camry that had struck and injured a 10-year-old male in the

alley of the 3700 block of Del Amo Blvd. The juvenile sustained major injuries to his leg as a result from the collision and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. To date, the juvenile has undergone multiple surgeries to repair the damage to his leg. Anyone with further information on either of these incidents is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 618-5557. •

Police Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by a law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceedings are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes listed are as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, Auto: Theft: Auto: burglary, Commercial: burglary, Residential: burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with 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.

September 7

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST. Suspect(s) cuts garage door lock and takes bicycles.

September 6

Auto Theft-All: 2500 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Stolen vehicle: 2013 Mercedes Benz C250.

Vandalism: 17000 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) throws brick at victim's window, smashing same.

Burglary-Auto: 2200 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD. Suspect(s) disables alarm underneath hood, pries door for entry, ransacks and takes stereo.

Auto Theft-All: 17500 BLOCK FALDA AVE. Stolen vehicle: 1998 Honda Odyssey.

Theft: CRENSHAW PL & CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) unbolts and takes aluminum freeway sign from post.

September 5

Burglary-Auto: 2400 BLCOCK ANDREO AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes tablet.

Battery-Simple: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect pushes victim to the floor then kicks and punches her.

Auto Theft-All: 165TH ST & PRAIRIE AVE. Stolen vehicle: 1995 Dodge Ram.

Theft: 2900 BLOCK ROLLING HILLS RD. Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/wallet.

Theft: 5300 BLOCK CARMELYN ST. Suspect(s) takes property from victim's front porch/delivered parcel.

Burglary-Residential: 4700 BLOCK 191ST ST. Suspect(s) cuts screen, enters windows, ransacks and takes cash, computer, speaker,

camera equip, TV.

Burglary-Auto: 18500 BLOCK GRAMERCY PL. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes wallet.

September 4

Burglary-Auto: 2100 BLOCK 236TH PL. Suspect(s) defeats lock on truck shell and takes drill infrared camera.

Theft: 3700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) takes property forgotten by victim/purse.

Battery-Simple: 100 BLOCK VIA LINDA VISTA. Suspect punches victim in the face.

Auto Theft-All: 220TH ST & MARTINA AVE. Stolen vehicle: 2006 Toyota Tacoma.

Battery-Simple: 22900 BLOCK WADE AVE. Suspect repeatedly pokes victim, uses a belt to his victim's arm and punches out residence window.

Auto Theft-All: 19900 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE. Stolen vehicle: 2013 Kia Sol.

September 3

Robbery-StrongArm: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect employs ruse of repairing scratches on victim's vehicle for pay, then blocks victim's path and threatens to damage her vehicle if she doesn't pay him.

Burglary-Residential: 3200 BLOCK 187TH PL. Suspect(s) cuts screen, enters partially open window, takes check and cashes same.

Burglary-Auto: 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes CDL, bank card, paperwork.

September 2

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) takes unattended property from location/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto: 2500 BLOCK MARICOPA ST. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes purse, paperwork.

Battery-Simple: 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST. Suspect bites, scratches, punches and spits on victim.

Theft: 3300 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from unattended stroller/ wallet.

September 1

Burglary-Residential: 18200 BLOCK ROSLIN AVE. Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means, but flees when victim returns home/unknown if property loss at time of report.

Burglary-Auto: 2000 BLOCK MARTINA AVE. Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle, ransacks/no loss.

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Business Briefs

'Back to Healthcare' Ribbon Cutting

Back to Healthcare, located at 23377 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance, held a ribbon cutting for its staff, community and dignitaries from the City of Torrance and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce on September 11. Its motto is: "Feel Better, Move Better, Live Better," and its specialties include chiropractic, physiotherapy, sports medicine, yoga therapy, massage and nutrition. For additional info please go to www.backtohealthcare.com, or call (310) 371-3134.



The Back to Healthcare ribbon cutting was held in front of its office in Torrance. Participants included City of Torrance Councilman Bill Sutherland, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Sherry Kramer and TACC President & CEO Donna Duperron.

The Back to Healthcare staff includes (left



to right) Nancy Mayorga, Olga Manjang, Dr. Lisa Leary, Rita Wright, Dr. Brad Barez, Dr. Brian Shockney, Danyza Barez, Jennifer Chavez and Jennifer Avila.

Green Hills Pacific Terrace Mausoleum Opening

Green Hills Memorial Park celebrated the grand opening of the Pacific Terrace Mausoleum on September 12. Along with refreshments and wine tasting, it included a Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, art exhibition and live entertainment. Green Hills Memorial Park is located at 27501 S. Western Ave. in Rancho Palos Verdes, and additional information can be found at www.GreenHillsMemorial.com.



Enjoying the art exhibition are (left to right) City of Torrance Councilman Bill Sutherland, Green Hills Memorial Park Community Events Coordinator Jennifer Frew, Green Hills Memorial Park President/CEO Ray Frew and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Donna Duperron.

Club Interact!



On September 14, the Torrance High School Interact Club presented a Club Interact! social mixer and variety showcase at Wilson Park in Torrance. The afternoon's agenda included food, games, "The Show" hosted by Victor Gonzalez and Tijae Davis and a raffle with prizes.

Boogiezone Utopia presented "The Interact Showcase," which featured Beemo the Wonder Dog, Baneful Brew, Boogiezone Armada, The Academy of Gibbs, San Pedro Drill Team, Ricky Cole (Mos Wanted) + Soul, Fresh, JP

Goldstein & Starfleet and recording artists Primanelle and NYCE! Interact is a rotary-sponsored service club for young people aged 14-18 that provides an opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects and to develop their leadership skills while working together with club members and meeting new friends. Photos by Mai Lam and Boogiezone Utopia.

Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2013

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications from local businesses interested in participating in the annual Business Expo on October 23, 2013 at The Toyota Auto Museum. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to interact with other area professionals and showcase their products and services to over 400 attendees. This year's theme contest is for the Best Fall Theme. Participants are encouraged to decorate their tables accordingly. Two booth sizes are available. Sponsorship opportunities include benefit entitlements, special recognition, and promotion. Early bird reservation discount given if received by September 18. To make your reservation or become an event sponsor, please call (310) 543-3113.

"Networking at Noon" with Chamber of Commerce

Our next Networking at Noon event will take place on September 18 at Rock & Brews restaurant, 6300 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded business owners. To learn more and/or reserve your seat, call Reservations at (310) 543-3113. Space limited to first 50 reservations.

\$1.9 Billion New Tom Bradley LAX Terminal

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, City and LAX airport officials, and subject-matter experts will commemorate the grand opening of the \$1.9-billion New Tom Bradley International Terminal and completion of Phase I of the project.

Phase I includes nine of 18 new aircraft boarding gates, which can accommodate larger, new-generation aircraft such as the Airbus 380 and Boeing 747-8. Passengers will experience a first-class level of comfort and convenience with premier dining, retail shopping, airline lounges, a children's play area, spa, and other passenger amenities in the 150,000-square-foot Antonio Villaraigosa Pavilion. The New TBIT Project is creating nearly 4,000 construction-related jobs during the project's five-year schedule, and nearly 2,000 permanent new concession jobs.

Public information contacts: Nancy Castles, Marshall Lowe, or Katherine Alvarado at (424) 646-5260. Los Angeles Airport Police (LAXPD) officially launched its new Twitter Account @LAXPD_ALERTS. The account has been established to efficiently and effectively provide information to the public regarding LAXPD incident alerts and division news.

Area Disaster Centers

The City of Torrance has created locations throughout the city, which have been designated as focal points for communication to and from the city's Emergency Operation Center. These places are referred to as "Area Disaster Centers (ADCs)." The Area Disaster Centers were created so residents of the city of Torrance could communicate if the phones were not operating. Area Disaster Centers will be located at the branch libraries and other city buildings.

It is important for the city to get information relating to damage, number of people injured and the types of injuries that have occurred within the neighborhood as quickly as possible. Questions relating to the disaster will be communicated by the City's Public Information staff through the Area Disaster Centers. The City of Torrance is committed to ensure the community is not only prepared for a major disaster, but also has timely and accurate information should a disaster occur.

For the complete list of Area Disaster Centers in Torrance, visit <http://www.torranceca.gov/TPD/9950.htm> •

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Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

• Torrance Historical Society: 7 p.m. Historical Society Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information, email cityclerk@torranceca.gov

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

• The Interludes: Classical Music Recital, 3:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church of Torrance 2900 W. Carson Street, (310) 316-5574.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

• Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8a.m.-3 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information, call (310) 328-6107.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

• Story Telling & Art Workshop: 4-6 p.m. Children 7-11. Torrance Art Museum, 3220 Civic Center Dr. For more information, call (310) 618-2326.

• South Bay Ostomy Group Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical, 3300 block Lomita Blvd. For more information, call (310) 378-5331 or 548-8558.

• TeenZone: Teen Iron Chef Competition: 3:30 p.m. Katy Geissert Civic Center Library,

3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information, call (310) 618-5964.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

• The Squirm Burpee Circus, 8 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Classic Vaudeville. For more information, call (310) 781-7171.

ONGOING

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

• Art/Design Alumni Exhibition: September 18-October 9. CSU Dominguez Hills, 1000. E Victoria St. For more information, call (310) 243-3334.

UPCOMING

• Partners in Policing Community Awareness: Thursday, October 3, 6-8:30 p.m. Torrance Police, 3300 Civic Center Dr. For more information, call (310) 618-5529.

• North Torrance Homeowners Association Meeting: Board of Education Elections. October 3, 7 p.m. Toyota Museum, 19600 Van Ness. •

City Council

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throughout the world," said Lai.

Coastal Cleanup Day participants will also be able to take part in a contest to see who found the strangest piece of trash on the beach and students will be able to claim the hours worked for community service credits. Lai said he expects the day to be a fun way to help out the community. "We encourage everyone who appreciates our fabulous coast to come out and spend the day at Torrance Beach and help take part in preventing pollution," said Lai. "It will be a day of education, fun and community enrichment. We look forward to seeing you."

Councilmember Pat Furey asked the public to come to the Toyota Automotive Museum located at 19600 Van Ness Avenue on October 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn how they can help address a critical shortage of foster care facilities in Torrance. While a few residents have stepped forward to learn more, the need for foster services is great enough to seek more interested people. "Not only is there a shortage in the County of Los Angeles--there's a total void in the city of Torrance," said Furey. "A few months ago, it was reported that there were absolutely no foster homes in the city of Torrance. Since that time, a number of citizens have come

forward to do the training."

The October 16 meeting will explain the foster process and how it impacts the lives of the foster families and the children they help. "There's no obligation--it's not a fundraiser... it's an informational meeting," said Furey. "There's going to be a panel of foster parents and adoptive parents to explain the process that they went through and the experiences they had. There may even be a foster child or two, or an emancipated youth from the foster program to explain how important foster care was to that person."

Lastly, Councilmember Bill Sutherland invited the public to attend the City Employee Variety Show on September 28 at 7 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre. Tickets to the show are \$15 and proceeds go to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Last year, the group raised \$27,000 to benefit cancer research. "If you ever lost a friend, co-worker or loved one to cancer, you understand what fundraising can do to fight this dreaded disease in hopes of a cure," said Sutherland. In addition to the show, there will be opportunities to win prizes and the first 50 attendees will receive a gift bag. Tickets are available by calling the Armstrong Theatre Box Office at (310)781-7171. •

School Board

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in funding to take in more students for the summer. However, these additional students meant hiring more staff, which eliminated the budget surplus. "After analyzing the figures, there is little or no decrease in the deficit by

people in the program."

Instead, Lee proposed carving some money for the program out of the District's general fund. Citing the recent uptick in school funding, he proposed changing the Board's

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adding on students and classrooms," said Kim. Preschool education budgets have been hit particularly hard during the economic slowdown and Kim said the only area Torrance Tykes has room to cut is employee-related funding. "Tykes have already cut whatever non-employee costs that they could," said Kim. "The only other costs are employee-related and require negotiations with our classified union."

Kim showed the Board that by changing the hours, five Child Development Program Assistants who currently work eight-hour days instead of the typical three-and-a-half-hour schedule would save the program \$64,000. Tykes' staff members also work six pupil-free days during the school year, which other similar union members do not typically do. Cutting these days would save \$3,200 per day cut. However, Board member Don Lee wasn't happy with reducing hours as a way to fix the preschool's problems.

"I think it's not good that we gave someone a 5.25 percent raise, which made them happy, and now we're going to reduce their hours, which will make them unhappy," said Lee. "I've got a problem with that, I really do. I would think if you asked the people involved in this who are suddenly going to have their hours chopped by 60 percent, they would've forgone the raise. I think we've got to figure out a way so we don't reduce the hours of

policy of funding preschools. "I know what the Board policy was at the time because I was part of it--that we weren't going to take money away from K-12 for other things," said Lee. "Well, the financial climate has changed a bit."

Finding a solution to maintain Torrance Tykes makes fiscal sense for the District as well, as eliminating the program isn't without costs. The District's special education program and Tykes share an administrator who bills half her salary to Tykes. Also, some of the students in Tykes have special learning plans that the District would be responsible in replacing with private preschools. Combined, these factors would add an additional \$153,000 in costs for the District. Another reason to fight to keep the program is research showing the benefits of preschool education. Board President Terry Ragins said that ignoring early childhood education would be shortsighted of the District.

"It has been very hard for me to see all of these preschool programs fall by the wayside," said Ragins. "All of us know that there is research that shows that the more you invest in preschools. the less you'll spend down the road in terms of bringing those kids up to speed and getting them into normal classrooms. I think this [eliminating Torrance Tykes] is being pennywise and pound foolish." •



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Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Pre-Construction Underway
Crews are moving utilities along the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor to prepare for heavy construction scheduled to begin in Spring 2014. The project will bring Metro Rail service to the Crenshaw Corridor, Inglewood, Westchester and the LAX area with eight stations and two Park & Ride lots, and is expected to open in 2019. Latest updates at metro.net/crenshaw.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Ohhhh, Peter Sellers, where are you when we need you?

Who could forget Peter Sellers as the irrepressible Inspector Clousseau in the *Pink Panther* series, or General Jack D. Ripper in the classic dark comedy *Dr. Strangelove?* In the latter movie, Sellers played a deranged and bumbling general who ordered a nuclear strike on the USSR and then spent the rest of the movie dealing with his fumble-bumble-stumble.

Similarly, in today's sequel, Sellers could play the role of a fumbling, bumbling, stumbling president who first advocated a preemptive military strike followed by a call for military restraint. Sellers would be a perfect casting choice.

After debacles in Iraq, where sectarian fighting has resumed; to Libya where 400 missiles were "lost" and an American ambassador murdered; to Iran, which continues marching unimpeded toward nuclear capability; to Egypt, where we helped enthrone the Muslim Brotherhood; to Afghanistan, where we negotiate for peace with the Taliban to the exclusion of our ally, American Middle East policy is an interfering muddle. Russian Vice Premier Rogozin compared our policies to a "monkey with a hand grenade." Wouldn't Dr. Strangelove LOVE that description?

Sellers' genius was making the absurd look rational. For instance, if Sellers/Obama launched a strike, it could initiate a pan-Arab retaliation against the U.S. and Israel. Benjamin Netanyahu knows he has a huge stake in the US decision, but he could only shake his head and laugh at Sellers/Obama.

For politicians, nothing could be more painful than to be dissed and laughed at, so who better to play Obama than Sellers?

With a somber mien, Sellers/Obama would declare an attack as a defense of Syrian rebels...who have claimed their allegiance to al-Qaeda, the entity that bombed the World Trade Center, and which anniversary we will celebrate with a million-Muslim march on Washington, DC. Surely, worldwide al-Qaeda will commemorate this memorable day along with us. Wouldn't this irony make Inspector Clousseau proud?

Sellers/Obama absurdly claimed that he did not draw a red line in the sand, but was following the lead of Congress and world opinion that drew that red line. Really?!? Contradicting his leader, White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough admitted there are no allies willing to participate in a military strike, while more than 250 members of Congress are on record opposing the strike. Leading from behind again is classic Sellers/Obama.

Amidst the worldwide laughter and hooting, Russia and Syria gave him an escape route. They proposed a UN resolution in which the issue could be talked to death and no action would ensue. The passage of time would allow Obama to sheath his rubber sword while threatening and retreating at the same time. As in Benghazi, Sellers/Obama can run out the clock, depending on the short attention span of the news cycle to escape his own worst enemy--himself.

While blockbuster movies this summer have been a disappointment, *Dr. Strangelove Saves the President* would be a great silliness sequel. So settle back in your chair, grab a beer, butter your popcorn and roll the film. •

Another Man's Opinion

Law to Reduce Hit-and-Runs Seeks to Make U.S. Safer, More Accountable

By Cristian Vasquez

This week, the State Assembly voted 68-0 to approve a bill authored by Assemblyman Mike Gatto that seeks to reduce the amount of hit-and-run offenses in California. The State Senate also voted 37-0 in favor of this proposed legislation. Assembly Bill 184 will provide additional tools to law enforcement officers investigating hit-and-run offenses by extending the current three-year statute of limitations for such offenses to six years from the date of the offense. This simple piece of legislation is long overdue and even though the statute of limitations only extends to six years (should be longer), it is a good extension for law enforcement officials to find these offenders.

Each year, thousands of hit-and-run incidents occur throughout the state. These accidents cause pain and suffering to thousands of victims and in some cases the injuries lead to death. Only in instances where the hit-and-run ended in death would there be no statute of limitation, but that was because of the death and not the hit-and-run itself. Giving law enforcement agencies more time to investigate these crimes will hopefully result in not just the apprehension of these cowards, but a reduction of hit-and-run incidents.

One reason criminals break the law is because they think that they can get away with their actions. When accidents happen, it is normal to go through a moment of shock and fear. Unfortunately, people allow these few seconds of panic to overtake all common sense and they run with complete disregard for the well-being

of the person with whom they just collided. The Legislature's decision occurred a few just days after a deadly series of hit-and-runs in the state. A press release from Gatto's office stated that in the past three weeks, separate hit-and-run incidents took the lives of seven people in the City of Los Angeles while five others dies in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Among the victims were a three-year-old, several college students and two older men.

Criminal investigations take time--especially in a place like California where there are several big cities with populations of more than two million. Tracking down every criminal within a limited time structure only complicates the process. With gang violence, drug issues and other dangerous crimes happening, it is hard to believe that law enforcement agencies can or will prioritize solving hit-and-runs within a three-year span. It might even be a stretch to think that with a six year span, such crimes will be moved to the top of the list of issues to solve. However, giving investigators six years will at the very least provide the victims of hit-and-runs and their families an opportunity for closure.

Getting into an accident is already a stressful incident for everyone involved. Even when the incident doesn't end in tragedy or injury, there has to be accountability--and to have people run from their mistakes, leaving others to deal with the consequences on their own, is simply wrong. Hopefully with three more years to investigate these crimes, more offenders will be caught and less people will be inclined to hit-and-run. •

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Sports

Up and Adam

Torrance and West Showdown

By Adam Serrao

Normally, a showdown is a decisive confrontation in which all power and resources are used in order to affect the outcome of said showdown in one's favor. If you look at the Torrance Tartars' history against the West High Warriors, however, it would look as if Torrance has previously wanted no part in the showdown with its cross-town rivals. In the last nine years, the Tartars have beaten West High only two times. Both contests were won by only one point—once in the 2008-2009 season and the other in the '05-'06 campaign. With history clearly not on its side, Torrance took to the football field with the intent of bettering its all-time record against its foes from West Torrance. Last Thursday night on their home grounds of Zamperini Stadium, the Tartars not only succumbed to the powers of consistency, but also dropped their second game in a row when they lost their home opener to the Warriors by the final score of 46-7.

If this matchup were the showdown at the O.K. Corral, the outlaw cowboys who were gunned down by Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and the rest of them wouldn't have shown up until the battle was nearly over. The West High Warriors clearly came ready to play, but the Tartars didn't suit up and put their spurs on until after what must have been a harsh, yet invigorating speech from head coach Rock Hollis at halftime. "West dominated us up front completely," Hollis explained. "Oh my gosh, it was one of the best tail-whippings I've had in a while." That tail-whipping began on the opening drive of the game when West starting quarterback Zach Heeger hit wide receiver Craig Knaus for a 25-yard gain on fourth-and-12. "We saw their man coverage and we knew we had to take advantage of it," Heeger said. Running back Brett Ojiji subsequently took the ball two yards for a touchdown and this began the onslaught. With 15 points in the first quarter and 24 points in the second quarter, the Tartars were down by a score of 39-0 before they even had time to cock back their triggers. The sound of the buzzer signaling halftime provided some solace for Hollis and his team, but it would prove to be only momentary.

Torrance's only shining light of the night came toward the beginning of the third quarter when Sean Luna recovered a fumble and returned it one yard for the score to get the Tartars on the board with seven points. West responded almost immediately, however, with a touchdown of its own to bring the score to 46-7 in the Warriors favor—a place that it would ultimately rest after a scoreless fourth quarter. "Thank God they stopped when they did because they could have scored 100 points tonight if they wanted to," Hollis continued. Unfortunately, it did get worse for Torrance. After losing starting running back Bobby Wilson last week to a head injury, the Tartars were further frightened when the leader of the rushing attack left this game in the second quarter due to a leg injury. That may or may not have been the main reason

accounting for Torrance's total of 14 rushing yards on the night. The Warriors, on the other hand, received sensational performances from Heeger (who went 16 for 19 for 226 yards and two touchdowns), Knaus (five catches for 107 yards and a touchdown) and Ojiji (eight carries for 101 yards and two touchdowns).

The Warriors will continue on with their undefeated season as they trounce through the Pioneer League and take on the El Segundo Eagles next. Torrance will look to get one in the victory column as it goes up against a Palos Verdes Peninsula team that annihilated North High 51-0 in the season opener. Follow both Torrance and West all season long as they continue on their quest for a spot in this year's CIF playoffs.

South High

The South High Spartans took to the road in search of their first victory of the season, but were let down once they arrived in Rosemead and were overcome by a strong second half by the Panthers, leading to a 41-33 loss last Thursday night. The Spartans fell behind early when Rosemead took the ball into the end zone with a three-yard rushing touchdown to jump out to an early 7-0 lead. South would rally in the second quarter, however, with 20 points of its own, including a 15-yard touchdown pass by Anthony Peters, to take a 20-13 halftime lead. The Panthers rallied in the third quarter, putting up 14 more points before South attempted to cut into the lead once again by scoring first in the fourth on a five-yard rushing touchdown from Tanner Thompson to bring the score to 27-27. Rosemead quickly responded once again, bringing the ball into the end zone two more times before all was said and done to eventually outlast South by just eight points.

It was a gutsy effort by head coach Chris Hyduke and his team, but the Spartans will have to take to the road in search of their first victory of the season where they will land in Manhattan Beach to take on the Mira Costa Mustangs.

North High

The North High Saxons returned to the field for the third time this season, but in this game against the Leuzinger Olympians, they looked like a completely different team. Losses to both Redondo and Palos Verdes Peninsula had many questioning who this North High team really was. Being outscored 100-12 in the first two games of the season made the outlook of the football year look bleak for Saxon fans, to say the least. With a 61-0 victory over Leuzinger last Thursday night, however, North High came home for the first time this year and received the advantage that they had been looking for from the start. Mique Juarez was the hero for the Saxons, throwing for three touchdowns, running for two and returning the second half kickoff 93 yards for another score. Leuzinger was outplayed from beginning to end and stood no chance on the night. The Saxons have a lot of ground to make up before league play begins and will look to do so this week in another home matchup against Bishop Montgomery. •

Bruins Taking Control

By Adam Serrao

Motivation normally goes a long way in the sports world. If any team in the NCAA had the motivation to win last week, it was the UCLA Bruins. Not just because they're in a constant battle with USC for control of the Los Angeles college football scene. Not just because of the high expectations placed upon them this year. But two weeks ago, UCLA wide receiver Nick Pasquale was killed when he was struck by an automobile while he was doing nothing more than simply

before they channeled their true selves, rallied and eventually won the game.

When UCLA played Nebraska last year at the Rose Bowl, it was a coming-out party of sorts for Mora and his Bruins. Starting quarterback Brett Hundley tore up the Nebraska defense for 653 total yards en route to a 36-30 win that thrust UCLA into the national rankings and gave them the push they needed to finish off the year at the head of the Pac-12 class. This year, Hundley showed up once again, this time throwing for three

"While with the UCLA Bruins, Pasquale wore a number 36 jersey. Last Saturday during the game, all of the UCLA players wore number 36 patches on their own jerseys in memory of him."

walking down the street in his hometown. Going on the road to take on number 23-ranked Nebraska, the Bruins knew that they had a challenge in front of themselves. This game, though, was for Pasquale. When UCLA fell down by 18 points early on in the game last Saturday afternoon, they used the motivation fueled by Pasquale to score 38 unanswered points, secure the victory and remain one of the powerhouse teams in the Pac-12 conference.

While with the UCLA Bruins, Pasquale wore a number 36 jersey. Last Saturday during the game, all of the UCLA players wore number 36 patches on their own jerseys in memory of him. Even the Cornhuskers wore number 36 decals on their helmets, showing a great sign of sportsmanship to their foes of the day. Though the Bruins must have been undoubtedly motivated to win the game for Pasquale, UCLA head coach Jim Mora had a different point of view on the whole thing. "You can't believe how tough it was on them," Mora said. "You never want to say you won one for somebody. We didn't win one for Nick. What we tried to do today is go out and play with the type of energy, enthusiasm and passion for the game that would reflect what he meant to us." The Bruins certainly lacked that energy and enthusiasm early on, but it wasn't long

touchdowns and 294 yards through the air. "The first half there was so much emotion, I'm not going to lie," Hundley said. "I just had so much emotion going into the game. There were a lot of things that added up to it. After the first half, everything slowed down and we got back to playing football and came out with the win." The game really was a tale of two halves, as Hundley explained. The Bruins wound up scoring 35 points in just 16 minutes, including a 10-yard touchdown run by Paul Perkins to end the first half, giving UCLA the momentum that it desperately needed heading into the locker room for the break.

A break from all of the emotion is certainly what the Bruins needed. "We came in at halftime and there weren't a lot of adjustments that needed to be made," Mora said. "It was more of an adjustment in our mindset." Once they got their break over with at halftime, Hundley and the team got their minds right and never looked back. After Jordan James ran the ball in from three yards out for a touchdown, Hundley tossed a 28-yard touchdown pass to Shaquille Evans, a 12-yard touchdown pass to Phillip Ruhl and another three-yard TD to Nate Iese. Nebraska allowed 236 yards on defense in the third quarter alone, all while going scoreless in the second half.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

It's Too Darn Hot!

By TerriAnn Ferren

This will not come as a news flash to anyone, but it has been hot these last couple of weeks. Yes, very hot. Most of us don't have air conditioning in our homes near the beach and can probably count on two hands the number of days we wish we had it, but these past couple weeks have been scorchers. With children and adults back in school, I am sure they are doing as I once did--looking outside with a longing and asking themselves why they are inside when it still seems like summer outside. Maybe what makes the heat so miserable at the beach is when the humidity rises. You know--that sticky, sweltering, heavy heat we are not used to around here.

The malls are jammed, the beach is crowded and the movie theatres are busy with people trying to keep cool. Over the weekend, I stopped by to check up on the Torrance-employee singing group *The Torrelles* as they rehearsed for the upcoming *15th Annual Torrance Employee Variety Show*, which benefits the *American Cancer Society* and the *Torrance Relay for Life* and will be held on September 28 at 7 p.m. in the James Armstrong Theatre. This year, the *Torrelles* will be singing Cole Porter selections and the rehearsals are intense. Meeting in the break room at the City of Torrance, these dedicated employees take time from their weekends and after work to practice. When I joined them, they were working on *Did you Evah?* and the heat was indeed a topic at the break. Linda Cessna, the leader of the group, sang her response to me, "It's too darn hot," when I asked her what she thought about the weather. Then she started singing, "We're having a heat wave--a tropical heat wave..."

Carolyn Chun, who was blowing her nose, looked up at me with half-closed, watery

eyes and said, "Oh my gosh, it is so hot, it's creating--my sinuses are terrible!" Then I asked her what she was doing to stay cool, and she told me, "I am going to cool places."

said, "I am being very grateful that we put air conditioning in our house and it is 72-73 degrees in my house." Then she sang *Happy Anniversary* to us! I asked Hope Witkowsky,

warm," she said. "Torrance Beach--I went to Torrance Beach. The water was warm and I wished I had my bathing suit 'cause it was that wonderful." Jeffrey came over and added, "It was so hot, we slept outside without a tent."

While choreography was being blocked, I snagged Leslie Cortez and asked her what she did to keep cool, and she smiled and told me, "I use my fans and try and be eco-friendly and try not to use a lot of electricity during the day. I use my personal fan and my 'little mister' that keeps me cool throughout the day." I asked Leslie if she sprays herself with a squirt bottle and she said, "When needed, as necessary--which is often. Everyone wonders what my secret is. They will know now." Turning to Fred Richards, he calmly told me, "I stay living in Torrance because Torrance is quite cool. I am sorry--we live in the air conditioned city." Fred must live where the wind really blows because he is the only one who was not complaining about the heat. Both Leslie and Fred didn't seem to mind the heat as much as everyone else I spoke with that day. It was clear that the *Torrelles* were coping with the heat wave any way they could by seeking out air conditioning around town and even resorting to sleeping outside.

Rehearsals for the variety show will continue up until the day of performance, September 28. This year, the show promises to have some new surprises along with the usual fun-loving regular bits. So, grab a friend and head to the James Armstrong Theatre. You will not only see a fun show, but help contribute to the cause that brings the employees, friends and relatives together. Let the show begin! By the way, there will be air conditioning inside the James Armstrong Theatre. Yippee! •



Leslie Cortez and Fred Richards. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

When I asked Jeffrey Kidd what he was doing to keep cool, he told me, "Golfing." "Really," I asked? "Not too hot to golf--never too hot to golf," he added. Elizabeth Pose seemed relaxed and calm, and when I asked her what she was doing to keep cool, she told me she was staying inside with the air conditioner. Air conditioner? When I asked Dawn Switzer how she was doing with the rising temperature, she smiled and

who also hosts *Senior Scene* seen on Torrance CitiCable, how she was coping, and she told me, "Well, I've done something to keep cool because my house is very, very hot. So my husband and I went down to the beach--I haven't done this in 30 years--took off our shoes and everything off and walked into the water." I stopped Hope at this point and asked, "You took everything off?" "Not quite everything--but I will tell you the water was

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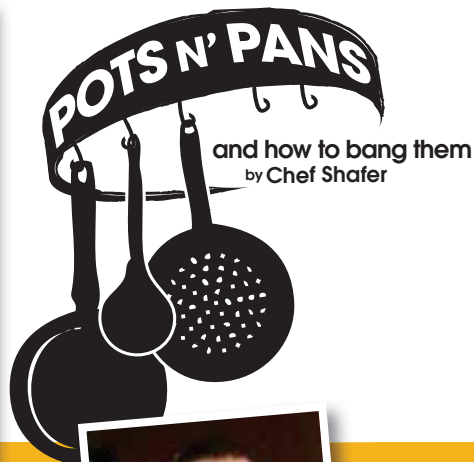
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It's almost fall. I know we just had a heat wave, but the apple season is here, and baked apples with cinnamon cream were always served in my house around fall. My mom would drive us to the farming area outside of Buffalo, an area called Dunkirk, and we would buy a bushel full of apples, some squash and fresh corn on the cob. This was, and still remains, the sweetest corn I've ever tasted. This week, I thought I would give you a mix of the two. This week's dish is a savory relish that you can serve with a roasted bird, pork or beef, along with a grilled salmon or seared Ahi.



The Chef

Sweet Corn and Apple Relish



- 1 cup diced onions
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 ears of corn (cut from the cob)
- 3 cups of diced apples {peeled and seeded}
- 1/8 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup chopped dates or raisin fig (or other dried fruit)
- Pinch of salt and black pepper

In a hot pan, sauté the onions in the oil till lightly browned.
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Alice

own. I am a female, Miniature Schnauzer mix who is less than a year old. My estimated birth month is January 2013. My previous owners turned me into an overcrowded, L.A.

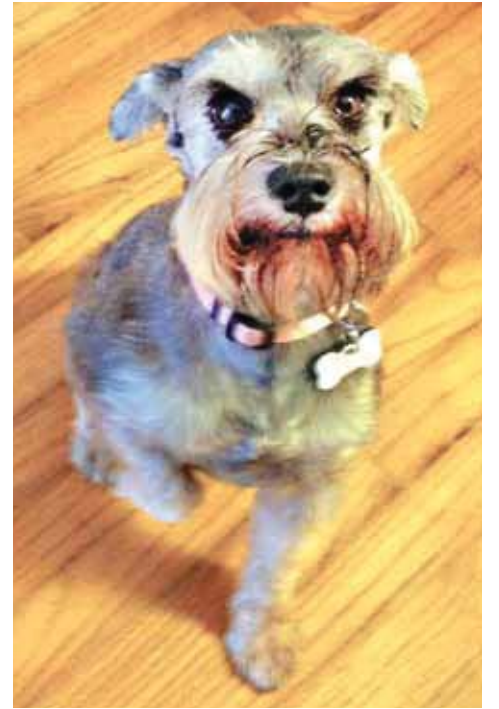
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Siri

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Trish

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Finance

Protect Yourself Against Credit Discrimination

By Jason Alderman

Have you ever been turned down for a credit card and wondered why? Or gotten approved for a car loan or mortgage but suddenly the interest rate and fees are much higher than in the initial quote?

There are many legitimate reasons why people are denied credit – insufficient income or a poor track record on past loan repayments, for example. But sometimes people are denied credit because of discriminatory lending practices – which are not always easy to spot.

Fortunately numerous federal and state laws



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“Sometimes people are denied credit because of discriminatory lending practices – which are not always easy to spot..”

prohibit lenders from discriminating in any part of a credit transaction on the basis of many personal characteristics. What’s more, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and other governmental agencies provide avenues for filing complaints if you feel you’ve been discriminated against. And, offending lenders face lawsuits and stiff penalties if found to be discriminatory.

Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) it’s illegal for creditors to discriminate against credit applicants based on their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age, because they receive income from a public assistance program, or because they have in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Based on those criteria, lenders cannot:

- Refuse you credit if you qualify for it;
- Discourage you from applying for credit;
- Offer you credit on terms that are less favorable than those offered to someone with similar qualifications; or
- Close your account.

Another federal law, the Fair Housing Act (FHA), prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing, such as landlords, real estate companies, municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowner’s insurance companies.

Warning signs. Red flags that may indicate credit discrimination include:

Your deal sounds too good to be true.

You feel pushed or pressured to sign.

If you believe a lender has discriminated against you for any reason, you can submit a complaint to the CFPB (www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint), which will review and route your complaint to the lender and work on your behalf to get a response. Once your complaint is logged, you will receive email updates and can log in to monitor the status of your complaint.

To better protect yourself against credit discrimination – or from pursuing credit products that aren’t right for you:

Learn about the various features and downsides of the credit product you want. Research current interest rates and compare products from several lenders.

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Sarcoma Awareness Month was recently commemorated in the United States and is an opportune time to raise awareness among those people unfamiliar with sarcomas, while also empowering patients living with the disease to be their own best advocates. One way patients can self-advocate is by using available digital resources to obtain information about their condition.

For example, for patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), a rare, life-threatening sarcoma that is primarily found in the gastrointestinal (GI) track and most often found in the stomach or small intestine, the journey to a correct diagnosis may take years as symptoms are not present in earlier stages of the disease. Once diagnosed, the journey has just begun, and patients should understand how to best manage their disease. Patients with GIST can use online resources to take charge of their health by following these steps:

Form a healthcare team: Form a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals (e.g., gastroenterologist, medical oncologist, surgeon, pathologist) to ensure that

patients and doctors are working together to help achieve the best outcome.

Continue the conversation: Keep the lines of communication open with a doctor. Don’t hesitate to ask questions or reach out to healthcare professionals between regular visits.

Connect with others: Join online or live support groups to connect with other patients and exchange personal experiences. A recent study from Japan showed that in today’s era, social media, including Twitter, are valuable resources for the sharing of psychological support among the cancer community.

To further assist patients with GIST with managing their condition, Novartis recently launched two new digital resources:

The GIST Network YouTube Channel: Featuring videos to support GIST patients and their caregivers with patient stories and tips from medical experts.

“Assess the Risk” Mobile App: Geared to educate healthcare professionals on how to assess the risk of recurrence of GIST and facilitate the discussion between healthcare professionals and patients.

“With the availability of new digital tools, such as the ‘Assess the Risk’ mobile app, new lines of communication are being formed between patients and doctors, which is truly remarkable,” says Dr. Robert Andtbacka of the Huntsman Cancer Institute. “Working with a team of physicians and connecting with other patients are both integral parts of the patient journey.”

As technology continues to evolve, it is important that patients living with a rare condition such as GIST continue to be their own health advocates and work with their healthcare professionals to determine a disease management plan that is best for them. •



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Vandalism: 26000 BLOCK CALMHILL DR. Suspect(s) etches victim's vehicle's paint, cuts upholstery, bends gas cap cover, scratches off registration sticker and takes rear-view mirror. •

Bruins

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"The second half was a lot like last year," Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini explained. "We made the tackles in the first half. I don't know how many tackles we missed in that second half, but it is a lot. We missed tackle after tackle after tackle." Maybe you can say that Pasquale was with the Bruins in the second half, or maybe you can't. Either way, the team gained strength enough to put away its ranked foes and climb up the top 25 ladder more than it has done in the past 10-plus years.

The Bruins are 2-0 on the year now, but go up against New Mexico State in

Pasadena to try to keep their perfect record intact this week. If that wasn't challenge enough, UCLA takes on Utah, Cal, Stanford and Oregon in consecutive weeks following New Mexico State. If the Bruins are going to take over Los Angeles, this is their perfect opportunity to do it, but they will have to go up against and beat multiple strong teams in order to gain that designation. Only time will tell what happens at this point, so keep following the Bruins all year long to see if they have what it takes to become the class of this year's Pac-12 conference once again. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

It's As Easy As...

ACROSS

- 1. Labor
- 5. Hot chocolate?
- 10. Spanish liqueur
- 14. Balcony section
- 15. Suffix with sect
- 16. Foofaraw
- 17. Nuclear alternative
- 20. Saw things
- 21. Peron, to friends
- 22. Open tract
- 23. Organic compound
- 27. Bibliophile's suffix
- 30. Copy cats?
- 31. Bookworm
- 35. O.T. book
- 36. Peter, Paul or Mary
- 39. "Brave New World" drug
- 40. Some political set-ups
- 44. Child of fortune?
- 45. La ____
- 46. Links prop
- 47. Radio format
- 50. Garden whistler?
- 51. Store posting: Abbr.
- 52. Wedding attendant
- 56. Paltry amount
- 59. Auto parts giant

- 60. Old Spanish coins
- 64. Family entertainment
- 68. Man Friday
- 69. Long key
- 70. Hole in the wall?
- 71. Part of BYO
- 72. Passed out
- 73. Work units

DOWN

- 1. Map
- 2. Unfrequented
- 3. Arch type
- 4. Profundity
- 5. Extreme
- 6. Neighbor of Wash.
- 7. Martial arts expert
- 8. Statistic, e.g.
- 9. Biased
- 10. 20s dispenser
- 11. Short fiber
- 12. Kind of talk
- 13. ____ bean
- 18. Hindu doctrine
- 19. Sister of King Arthur
- 24. Affix a brand to
- 25. Dweebs
- 26. N.C.A.A. tournament division

- 27. E'en if
- 28. Certain post
- 29. Duck
- 32. "A merry heart ____ good like a medicine": Proverbs
- 33. Eurasian wheat
- 34. Tears down, in the U.K.
- 37. Interpol song
- 38. Peter and others
- 41. Victorian
- 42. Hypothetical substance
- 43. ____ Books, digital library
- 48. River to Donegal Bay
- 49. Zoomed
- 53. Speculate
- 54. Kind of ray
- 55. Guts
- 56. Abide
- 57. Cairo's river
- 58. Pakistani language
- 61. Maple genus
- 62. Air bag?
- 63. Retired fleet
- 65. Occupational suffix
- 66. Come together
- 67. Computer monitor, for short

Last Week's Answers

SUDOKU Medium

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



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Fall into Great Tabletop Decorating Ideas

(BPT) - Saying goodbye to summer doesn't have to be a sentimental ending when you consider it's also a beginning - the kick off to autumn and the holiday season. The promise of fall is in the air. It's a great time to dress up your home for fall entertaining; whether that means friends gathered around the television rooting for your favorite team or the ultimate traditional



Thanksgiving feast.

"Decorating trends for this fall are really fun and functional," says visual merchandiser John Griffith. "Colors that evoke a sense of nostalgia and family are a really big part of the visual design message for autumn 2013. Reds, golds and oranges are trending this fall. These hues are not only warm and comforting; they're reflective of the season."

Griffith and teammate Julie Robbins add their own unique spin on the latest trends to create seasonal design vignettes

for Replacements, Ltd. Whether you are planning a casual family gathering or an elegant dinner party, Robbins suggests easy ways to mix in great fall colors. This can be as simple as adding a charger plate or colorful serving pieces.

"Using colored glass is fantastic way of infusing autumn colors to create a seasonal feel," says Robbins. "Amber colored glass is really popular this fall because the rich, warm color goes with so many patterns and designs. I'm big on the pressed vintage patterns; depression glass, coin glass and sandwich glass are all very lovely and nostalgic. We're actually mixing and matching patterns from historic American glassmakers including Federal, Indiana Glass and Fostoria on our tables. It looks great to mix designs which share the same colors or combine an array of colors within a place setting."

Metal serveware is another popular trend this fall.

"We're incorporating metal serveware into many of our displays because you can do so much with it from a design standpoint," says Griffith. "These are great accent pieces you can dress up or down, plus it is family- and football-season friendly. Metal serveware is also very functional. Once heated, the alloy retains warmth to keep food warmer longer or cooler if you chill these pieces. Plus it is easy to clean and doesn't have to be polished. We're using a lot of fun shapes, like leaf-shaped pieces and turkey platters."

Fall's bountiful harvest translates into the

home this season. Robbins is using natural elements in her table designs that evoke a sense of the first Thanksgiving.

"I suggest filling vases, glasses or serving bowls with dried beans, acorns or even kernels of dried deer corn. Not only does this look pretty, you can also mix in candles or flowers and use these natural elements to hold those

items in place."

Robbins adds apples, gourds, pumpkins and green pears are among fruits and vegetables you can use on your table or anywhere in your home to create a brilliant splash of color. She says you can find more decorating ideas at Replacements' YouTube channel and Facebook page. •

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