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Turner Leaves Racing to Live the Life of Riley in Torrance



Hi, my name is Turner and I am a pure-breed racing greyhound. Recently, I was adopted by a wonderful family after two long years of racing in Mexico. I am four years old now and can you believe it I'm retired! But I still have many other buddies in Mexico and across the U.S. who still are working and want this "couch potato" life. Maybe you can tell other people that we make great house pets, we don't need much space, we don't eat much, we are very loving, and best of all we come house broken, you know we do it outside. Boy, Greyhound Pets of America has saved me and made my life the life of Riley! Photo courtesy of Tom Lancaster.

Author Discusses Book, Details of Seedy Human Organ Market

By Cristian Vasquez

Torrance's Katy Geissert Library hosted another of its successful Meet the Author events. However, the September 27 event brought to the city's residents a topic that is usually only read about or seen in special investigative reports: the trafficking of human organs.

"I think that what he [Carney] has to say is very important for a community and as a library, we are here to provide information on a variety of topics for our diverse community," Principal Librarian of Operations for the Torrance Library Dana Vinke said. "While we do tend to have a lot of programs that are more mainstream, something like this is important to discuss. I think that based on the attendance, it shows that people are interested in the topic and they want to be intellectually stimulated and they want to have more of these types of programs for discussion."

Journalist and author Scott Carney discussed some of his experiences while researching the intricacies of the human organ market and which led to the publishing of his book *The Red Market: On the Trail of the World's Organ Brokers, Bone Thieves, Blood Farmers and Child Traffickers*. As described by Carney, the human organ market is as complex as any other business, legal or illegal. Laws currently exist to try and prevent the selling and buying of human organs. However, the author notes that there is a lackluster effort at best to enforce these laws.

"I think I have found some stuff that is very obnoxious and should be ended, but unfortunately there is no guarantee that anything gets fixed," Carney said. "Ultimately, it is difficult to find very horrible things happening in the world and then being powerless except to say something about it. Sometimes you're put at risk while you're doing this. I personally

was never seriously threatened for the work that I have done on this topic, but you are putting yourself out there."

Carney's investigating was based in India and lasted almost six years. During his research, Carney discovered that human organs and bones have been trafficked for years in the name of medical science. From grave robbing

of recently deceased bodies to buying human organs from willing sellers caught in desperate situations, the human body and parts that make it up has always been a valuable and lucrative commodity around the world. Such markets continue to profit because of the poverty that exists and creates human misery.

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City Lobbyist Reports to Council on Earmarks

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday night, the Torrance City Council heard a report from federal lobbyist David Turch on the importance of earmarks. While earmarks have been demonized by federal politicians as an expensive drain on the country's resources, Turch believes that they have been given a bad rap, as their purpose isn't to add to spending but to direct those expenditures to places Congress thinks need the money. That impacts communities nationwide that might otherwise be overlooked for federal spending.

"In any event, why do earmarks relate to this community?" said Turch. "First of all they involve dollars. And I do want to make the point that earmarks do not increase federal expenditures by one penny. It's a question of who gets to decide. There is an overall cap decided by the budget committee of how much money each appropriations subcommittee gets to spend."

Because earmarks are for the moment prohibited, it keeps lobbyists like Turch from asking Congress to send money to clients like the City of Torrance. In Turch's opinion,

that keeps small communities from being able to decide how their money is spent. "In the end, if you have a real difficulty specific to this area with a regulation...I am now powerless to change that action legislatively because as soon as I specify an individual entity or community, it is now an earmark," said Turch. "If you believe that the government that governs best is the government that's closest to the people, let's keep those decisions closest to the people."

Turch mentioned that because of the relatively recent backlash against earmarks, his firm (David Turch and Associates) has had to shift its focus away from making sure money is appropriated to Torrance and towards researching broad grants and figuring out if Torrance would be eligible--then notifying City staff to help secure those subsidies.

"Life is so much more complicated for [firms like mine]. I have restructured...I now assign, and am large enough to do it, one person full-time who does nothing but analyze the federal bureaucracy for grant opportunities," said Turch. "I'm hoping it'll

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
72°/64°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
73°/63°



Sunday
Mostly
Sunny
70°/62°



Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Relive Torrance's Opening Day with the Torrance Historical Society and the North Torrance Homeowners' Assoc., 6:30 p.m., Torrance Historical Society, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

- Free Workshop: Greening Your Home with Energy Upgrade California & Water Reliability 2020 at the El Segundo Library, Friends of Library Room, 111 Mariposa Ave. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call (310) 371-7222.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Studio Cabaret Series: Dala, also Sat. Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Theatre Box Office: (310) 781-7171.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

- The Attic Swap Meet, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., The Attic, 2320 W. Carson Street. For more information call Melissa Lynch at (310) 782-8828.

- Start Climbing Your Family, 2 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

- Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Flying Utensils, 6-9 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- South Bay Republican Women Federated

monthly luncheon meeting. 11 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call Gloria at (310) 326-9340 or Vera at (310) 320-1431.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Torrance High School Class of 1982 30th Reunion Celebration, 7- 11 p.m., Portofino Hotel & Yacht Club, CA Oceanfront Ballroom, 260 Portofino Way, RB. Last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 8. For more information contact Michelle Brydenhall at (714) 724-0351 or <http://brydenhall.com/th-reunion.html>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Original Fall Tour of Historic Homes in Old Torrance, also Sunday, - 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. both days, self-guided tour begins at the Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call the Museum at (310) 328-5392.

UPCOMING

- The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. of Southern California Area "38th Annual Bethune Recognition Luncheon", October 20 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Double Tree Hotel Penthouse, 21333 South Hawthorne Blvd. For ticket information call Carlin at (310) 838-7107.

- Southern California Live Steamers 25th Anniversary on October 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Wilson Park, ribbon cutting for new depot, free train rides after ceremony. <http://www.SouthernCaliforniaLiveSteamers.com>

ONGOING

- Downtown Torrance Market Place, every Thursday, 3-7 p.m. For more information call (310) 787-7501 or (310) 328-6107.

September 2012 Winner

SMILE awhile



Our Staff Pick for September is Benjamin Shertzer, walking to school for his first day of preschool at Eagles' Nest. Photo taken and submitted by Amy Shertzer. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser "Rock & Brews". Congratulations.

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Email your photos to: Management@heraldpublications.com. We will only accept emailed photos and they must be in jpg form.



What Is the Difference Between Religions?

Though some people would like to believe all religions are the same or all religions lead to God, I have to respectfully disagree with these two notions. The idea that all religions are the same because they refer to "God" is like calling a tank and a bike the same because they both have wheels. The *questions* that religions try to answer are the same but the *answers* are different. They are questions that make you go to the beach and stare out and wonder – "Is there more to life than this?" "What happens after I die?" or "Is there a God?" Most of the time, life is so busy we push these questions out of the forefront of our minds. Then something happens to make these questions rush to the

front of our thoughts. Maybe it's a medical test that came back positive, an accident, or the loss of a loved one.

God sent Himself into the world. We don't have to wonder what God is like, He was here in the flesh - Jesus. Jesus tells us that our "rule following" will not save us. Only His death can make us right with God because His sacrifice is the only thing that can take our sins away. He tells us when we believe, He will change us from the inside out so we will want to obey Him by the power of His Spirit. Contrary to other religions, we cannot earn our way to heaven.

—Lisa Lait,

First Baptist Church of El Segundo

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~ Paulo Coelho, *Alchemist*

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Police Reports

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SEPTEMBER 22

Burglary-Residential: 1400 BLOCK CRAVENS AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door and takes property/TV.

Burglary-Residential: 1600 BLOCK ACACIA AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/camera, watch.

Theft: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/wallet.

Vandalism: 1400 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) etches letters on glass door.

Theft: 22000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Burglary Auto: 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/iTouch.

Burglary Auto: 1100 BLOCK FAYSMITH AVE Suspect(s) cuts off toolbox hinges for entry and takes property/tools.

Vandalism: 2300 BLOCK DESCANSO WAY Suspect(s) knocks down multiple mailboxes.

SEPTEMBER 21

Burglary Auto: 3600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) forces down partially open window for entry and takes property/wallet.

Burglary Auto: 100 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/electronic equipment.

Burglary Auto: 21000 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/cash, knife.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes property from unsecured locker/cell phone, cash.

SEPTEMBER 20

Auto Theft-All: 2700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Stolen vehicle: '91 Honda Accord.

Robbery-Strong Arm: 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect jumps on victim's bicycle as he is unlocking it and rides off on same.

Burglary-Auto: 2400 BLOCK ANDREO AVE Suspect(s) pushes down window for entry and takes property/stereo.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 3600 BLOCK 227TH ST Suspect throws glass bottle at victim's foot, causing injury.

Auto Theft-All: 4500 BLOCK DARIEN ST Stolen vehicle: '08 Ford van.

Auto Theft-All: LADEENE AVE & 239TH ST Stolen vehicle: '90 Toyota Camry.

SEPTEMBER 19

Vandalism: 16900 BLOCK DAPHNE AVE Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Burglary Residential: 3700 BLOCK NEWTON ST Suspect(s) removes screen and enters open kitchen window, but takes no property.

Robbery-Weapon: TORRANCE BLVD & AMAPOLA AVE Suspects use their vehicle to cut off pedestrian victim, exit vehicle and demand property at gunpoint/wallet. •

Community Briefs

SPIRITUALLY-BASED CANCER SUPPORT PROGRAM AT PROVIDENCE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY TORRANCE

A free prayer program for cancer patients and their families of all faiths is offered by the Spiritual Care Department at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance. The goal is to help cancer patients be reminded that they are not alone on their journey. The program provides a spiritual resource to help patients and families face devastating challenges, encouraging participants to pray silently as they walk the hospital grounds. These monthly meetings include support sessions following individual prayer experiences. The meetings take place every third Thursday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for more information, interested persons may call 310-303-6180. The Chapel is located at 4101 Torrance Blvd. in the city of Torrance.

TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAS PRESENTS: POSITIVE PARENTING & SUCCESSFUL KIDS

The Torrance Council of PTAs is proud to present a series of workshops for parents. The Positive Parenting & Successful Kids program is designed to provide parents the tools to deal with the emotional and social development of their children. Topics like communication, positive self-esteem, and behavior issues, are discussed during the workshops. The workshop presenter is Peggy Tremayne who is a noted educator and Individual, Marriage, and Family Therapist. As a former teacher and principal (at North High School), she has a wealth of experience in dealing with families, children, and teenagers. The Positive Parenting & Successful Kids workshops will take place at the North High School Library over four Tuesdays – October 2, 9, 16, 23. The entire series of workshop cost only \$10. These classes are for adults only, no babysitting will be available. North High School is located at 3620 W. 182nd Street in Torrance. To register for the workshops or for more information please contact Adele Kaplan at 310-539-8464 or email her at adelekaplan@gmail.com.

CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH: BE PART OF A ROARING GOOD TIME

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the Torrance Centennial Celebration will culminate with a bang and a bash. This finale event, in a year-long commemoration of the City of Torrance's Centennial, is sure to be a roaring good time. There are two opportunities for residents

and community members to get involved in the festivities – the Community Stage and Kid Zone Booths. The Community Stage will be an area at the Birthday Bash where local artist, young and old, can showcase their talents. If you have a favorite song you sing especially well, or dance your friends love you to perform, or any other hidden talent you might possess, the Birthday Bash is the perfect place for you to share and have fun. Kid Zone will be an area at the Birthday Bash where non-profits can hold a game or activity booth. This is the perfect place for school boosters, clubs, and other community organizations to have fun and raise funds for their group. For more information on how to be part of the Community Stage or how to get a booth at the Birthday Bash please download applications at the Torrance Centennial website at www.torrancecentennial.org. If you have additional questions regarding the Community Stage please contact Mackenzie Fitzpatrick by email at kenziefitz95@aol.com and for questions regarding the Kids Zone contact Kimi Polcari by email at sandkimmom@aol.com.

CONGRESSWOMAN HAHN TO DELIVER STATE OF THE REGION

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host the annual State of the Region Address being delivered by Congresswoman Janice Hahn. This will be the Congresswoman's second address to our region and unfortunately the last in coordination with the TACC due to redistricting. She currently holds positions on the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Small Business.

She has championed the creation of a green technology incubator at the Port of Los Angeles to create more green jobs at the Port. She secured affordable health care for LAX workers, and helped hotel workers earn a living wage and respectable working conditions. She believes in after-school programs and job training as a way to combat gang violence. As a member of Congress, she founded and co-chairs the PORTS Caucus, a bi-partisan group of Representatives working to highlight the economic importance of America's ports and how we can better ensure their security. The event will take place at the Doubletree by Hilton Torrance – South Bay on October 17, 2012. The program will start at 12:00 with the Congresswoman delivering her address shortly after. The TACC has begun taking registration requests at \$40/person and/or \$400 for a table of ten. You can reach the TACC at (310) 543-3113. •

City

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be a more favorable place for me in January because I'd like to do things a lot more easily than I am now."

Councilmember Cliff Numark asked staff about what grants Turch's firm has helped the City receive. Public Works Director Rob Beste said, as an example, that the City received a \$300,000 WaterSMART grant that has been used to cover shortfalls in local water and drainage projects.

While admitting the grant information has been helpful, Turch made it clear that he would prefer a change back to the earmark system. He said that if Obama is reelected, a Republican House (and possibly Senate) could end their hard line stance against earmarks and possibly support reinstating them. The reversal wouldn't be unprecedented. Turch noted that after Bill Clinton was elected, the Republican legislature asked for more earmark power in order to make sure its constituents continued to receive federal funding. "I'm thinking, you know history could repeat itself and I'm doing my best to make that happen," said Turch.

Several on the Council agreed with Turch's

sentiments regarding earmarks. Mayor Frank Scotto said that he would like to enjoy the benefits of Torrance-specific earmarks the City had before they were banned. "We hope come January we'll get those earmarks back," said Scotto. "We have been the recipient of those earmarks in the past."

The Council also named October 2012 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Torrance. The Council's proclamation applauded the numerous arts groups in the community, such as the Arts Council of Torrance, the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium and the Torrance Artist and Craftsman's Guilds. The proclamation stated that the arts "enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans" by engaging the youth, encouraging economic development and raising the quality of life. A framed copy of the proclamation was presented to the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission and a representative of that group thanked the Council for the recognition and encouraged everyone in the audience to see the latest Torrance Theatre Company play *The Complete History of America (Abridged)* showing until October 25 for \$25. •

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Sports

NFL Takes Fault, Throws in Flag

By Adam Serrao

An organization as big and as powerful as the NFL has grown to think that it can pretty much get away with anything. The most attended domestic sports league in the world, the NFL attracts an average attendance of 67,000 people per game, not to mention the massive amounts of fans who also watch each game from home or at a restaurant or

The penny-pinching NFL only regrets the situation it created because it didn't work.

bar every weekend. The commissioner of the National Football League, Roger Goodell, knows of his league's worldwide acclaim and therefore makes decisions that he believes will benefit his sport in the long run. One of those decisions that he and the league made recently was to lock out the referees from working in lieu of paying them more money as well as supplying them with a pension and retirement benefits. Sounded like a good idea to Goodell at the time. There was no way he was going to all of a sudden give up more money from his billion-dollar league to appease a group of referees. Well, the referees that Goodell assumed to be so insignificant quickly drew worldwide attention once their backups made a mockery of the NFL. The hiring of replacement officials quickly brought a black eye upon the league and it wasn't long before Goodell and the rest of his cohorts were forced to take fault and throw in the flag once and for all.

Now that the regular officiating crew is back in action, Goodell and company have begun the process of trying to sweep the whole nasty experience under the rug. Now instead of telling the referees that they cannot have the money and benefits that they once asked for, Goodell is instead telling football fans across the world that he is sorry and that we "deserve better" than games worked by the previous replacement officials. Well, fans, players and coaches around the league already knew that, but it's about time the NFL realized it too. In an open letter released by the league last Friday, Goodell said, "I regret we were not able to secure an agreement sooner in the process and avoid the unfortunate distractions of the game." Expressed regret, but sincere? Probably not. The penny-pinching NFL only regrets the situation it created because it didn't work. The letter that Goodell released last Friday was made public only a day after the regular officials returned to the field and the fans, coaches and players alike were made witness to the seemingly perfect way in which the game was run in stark opposition to the mockery that was continuously displayed by the replacements.

What the NFL did was not only put people's jobs on the line and lessen the quality of the game being played on the field, but also put people's lives at stake to a certain degree. The replacement officials had absolutely no control over the players, the coaches or the game being played and because of that, tempers flared and injuries mounted. The distraction on the field took away from the game and made the environment that

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Up and Adam

Warriors Reign Supreme Over Saxons

It was a game for the ages that pitted two Torrance rivals against each other for city supremacy. But West and North High weren't only out for bragging rights. These were two teams that were looking to stay atop their respective divisions and get into league play with a first place standing. The hype was at an all time high at North High as the school conducted a "blackout" just for this game. All students and fans attending were asked to wear a black shirt to show solidarity and root the Saxons on to victory. The crowd was certainly large as fans all across Torrance came out in droves to witness the epic battle taking place on the football field. In the end, however, the game that took place on the field was larger than the amount of fans that showed up, as those who came rooting on North High were sent home with somber sentiments when they witnessed their Saxons take a last-minute 30-27 loss.

It was perhaps the best game of the year in Torrance in what was only the fifth week of the season. North came into the game in first place in the Pioneer League with a 3-1 record having only lost in week one by one measly touchdown. The Warriors, on the other hand, were on a six-game winning streak dating back to last season, taking their flawless record into first place in the Bay League. The Warriors, though, haven't just been winning this year, but they've been trampling over opponents. With seasoned quarterback Joey Notch at the helm and the powerful running of Barry Thomas behind him, the Warriors' air and ground attacks have both been on

par to start the year. Notch was the one who got things started in this one, connecting on a 13-yard scoring pass to Matt Boesen, the tight end who is slowly emerging as his quarterback's favorite target. North was not going to lay down that easily, though. On the very next play, stud quarterback Jorge Hernandez connected on an 80-yard bomb to Michael Jurado to equalize the game at 7. That was just the start of it all.

In the second quarter, North would take charge as Hernandez once again connected with Jurado--this time on a 24-yard touchdown pass to jumps start the Saxons to a 14-7 lead. This time the Warriors would answer back, but chose to take to the ground to do so as Thomas capped off an incredible night by ending an over four-minute and 65-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown to cut into the Saxons lead at 20-14. "We knew we had to pound Barry a little bit to get some momentum going," West head coach Greg Holt said of his running back. "That's the biggest thing for us. And the offensive line sucked it up a bit." The game would go into the half at 20-14, but Thomas and his offensive line made sure that the momentum would change coming out of the locker room.

Nearly halfway through the third quarter, it was Thomas who pounded the ground game some more to take the ball in from two yards away to tie the score at 20 apiece after a missed PAT. Thomas would amass 114 yards in the second half alone. The momentum gained by his tough running style led to

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So, as veteran column readers may remember, when I was first commissioned to write this missive, my initial foray into the world of government and world events was a penning about the dirt bag Somalian Pirates. Who had been terrorizing the innocents on the high seas, doing their best Captain Jack Sparrow imitation.

Except these outlaws were a tad bit more sober and menacing than the swish-swashing Johnny Depp character who has graced the silver screen in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* flicks.

The first *Penguin*, which graced these pages back in April of 2009, congratulated the heroic U.S. Navy snipers who had bullet-riddled three Somalian pirates who had hijacked an American cargo ship and were threatening the life of the boat's captain, pointing a gun at his back as they held him captive.

Well, the high seas lunacy and thuggery has abated. Seems the scallywag dirt bags aren't living so high on the hog. May have to actually go out and find the dreaded "real job." Can't even afford \$1,000 a night hookers, as they did back in the heyday of high seas piracy. What the heck has this world come to?

Pretty sure that the soon-to-be-re-elected POTUS has claimed credit for the downturn in saltwater mayhem.

Times are tough for water thugs. Said scallion Hassan Abdi, as he lounged around a bunch of empty whiskey bottles and haggard hookers: "There's nothing to do here these days. The hopes for a revitalized market are not high." And for affording overly priced escorts for a night of...hijinks.

So, about a month left until the general election, and it was nice to see the disgraced

ex-Governator of the Great Bankrupt State, cheesy action movie actor and alleged steroid user Arnold Schwarzenegger, resurface recently, speaking to the folks at USC. Not sure what Arnold was doing there--more info later if necessary. Just felt the need to take a gratuitous shot.

If you are paying any attention to the election, you should be astute enough to have figured out that Mitt "The Glove" Romney is grasping at straws as his handlers try to figure out a conceivable way to make the electoral math work so that he can achieve a miracle victory over the hard-campaigning and fundraising President Obama.

Romney has made a couple of gaffes recently, but in this day and age of Twit this and that, who can possibly campaign anywhere and go unscathed? Romney recently noted, correctly, I may add, that a certain percentage of Obama acolytes are beholden to Big Government to take care of them. And he isn't going to get their votes. No way.

Finally, doing my best to scare up some Palin news, but the Princess has been out of the limelight recently, so the only Palin news that I have been able to locate involves her lovely daughter Bristol, who is making a return appearance on the hit boob tube show *Dancing With the Stars*.

According to numerous reports, and my own eyes, 21-year-old Bristol has shed a few pounds since her first appearance on the popular franchise. Now I am not sure how Bristol Palin is considered a star by any means, but in today's society, a universe that glorifies a bunch of illiterate morons from the *Jersey Shore* and makes 'em millions, what the heck do I know? •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The brilliant and soulful poet Maya Angelou was raised in a segregated America and therefore understood more than most the cost of freedom lost. In her autobiography *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Angelou describes "a free bird as one that leaps on the backs of winds, floats downstream, dips his wings and darts to claim the sky."

By contrast, "the caged bird stalks his narrow cage, can seldom see through the bars. His wings are clipped and his feet are tied, so he opens his throat to sing. He sings a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still...the caged bird sings of freedom."

Freedom. We started as a free country, but are we still?

Freedom. We started as a free country, but are we still? Five different organizations, each using different criteria, have shown the degree to which we have meekly surrendered our freedom.

The Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom of the World, 2012 ranked countries based on the degree of regulation, respect for property rights and the size of government. In 2000, the U.S had ranked third. It fell to eighth and is now a lowly 18th. Eighteenth!

The Heritage Foundation and the *Wall Street Journal* completed their 2012 ranking on economic freedom and found the U.S. ranked only 10th. Hong Kong had a base score of 89.9 points, while the U.S. lagged at just 76.3--down 1.5 points from 2011. We aren't close to the top and we're sliding.

Freedom House ranked the U.S a shocking 48th out of 193 countries based on political

and civil freedom.

The World Economic Forum ranked the most productive economies in the world and found Switzerland ranked first and the U.S. only seventh. Moreover, we have fallen lower each year for the past four years. Clearly there is a direct correlation between freedom and prosperity.

Why are we doing so poorly, you may ask? In California, the legislature passes 1,000 new laws a year! Imagine, three new laws every single day and every new law infringes on personal freedom in some way.

Nationally, the Federal Register records each new regulation created by government. By August, bureaucrats had already written 42,000

pages of new regulations, each expanding the reach and power of the Executive Branch at the expense of Congress and the individual.

In three years, the Administration has expanded Obamacare from 2,700 pages by 13,000 pages of regulations. The expectation is that it will reach 25,000-30,000 pages by 2015, when all regulations for this law must be completed.

The international rankings show that many other countries believe more strongly than we in their citizens' ability to handle the responsibilities that are inherent in a free nation. In our growing government dependency, we ignore the fact that each new law, each new tax and each new regulation welds another bar onto the cage that imprisons us, and we morph from the free bird "darting to claim the sky" into a caged bird singing a shrill lament of freedom lost. Are we on the right track or wrong track? •



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A Student's Perspective

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The Importance of Knowledge

By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

Regardless of a person's net worth, knowledge is the greatest investment towards the improvement of any individual. Knowledge is one of the few things a person can gain that can never be taken away. But the United States isn't just having an economic recession, but is also facing a knowledge recession in which students are losing their hunger for learning. The importance of knowledge and education cannot be stressed more today, especially during a time when our country is searching for the next best thing to revive its economy.

According to *Insead's* Global Innovation Index, the United States is far behind from being the leader in education and is now outranked by countries such as Great Britain, Ireland and Uzbekistan. In fact, one of the reports, which focused on K-12 education, ranked the United States 31st compared to Japan, which is ranked 25th, and South Korea, which is currently ranked 21st in the world. These statistics are not the only indicator of our country's dropping education ranking, as *College Board* also reports the country experiencing its greatest drop in SAT scores in over 40 years. This news should be a shock to people who would want to invest in America's long-term growth.

In past centuries, the United States ran on innovation. The country is cemented in history as making monumental inventions like the airplane, light bulb and the iPhone. Inventions such as these were mainly due to their inventors' knowledge of the world around them. This extraordinary understanding of the world could never have been gained without their prior education from their teachers. For centuries, the innovations that drove the country attracted knowledgeable

folk and continued to produce "the next best thing." Reports that display the United States' decline in education should be startling news to its citizens because of how the country can potentially lose future innovations that can create new markets to boost the country's struggling economy.

A reason for this sudden downturn is how today's young generation views books and education. Unfortunately, today's generation perceives books as a monotonous exercise and school as a mere place to be with their friends. The negative view of teenagers in school depicted in films is gradually coming true as students are paying more attention to the latest gossip as opposed to real history. The introduction of social networking sites has made matters worse as students are now wasting their free time, which could be spent learning, searching for a status on which to comment. With the increasing popularity of having a negligent attitude towards education, it is getting more difficult to have a knowledgeable conversation with another student without having to revert to gossip.

As an immigrant to the United States, I was brought up with the idea that if I work hard and am accepted to a prestigious college, I can make it anywhere in the world and do the things I want. I have lived to this notion regardless of the United States' current education ranking. But what I found interesting was how such a large amount of students have taken education for granted and aren't taking full advantage of our country's free world-class resource. In the Philippines, a majority of students are enrolled in private schools and pay top peso to acquire an education similar to their American counterparts. In my homeland, some families struggle to make ends meet just to pay off their children's

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"The things that we are up against are enormous--the challenges that we have to overcome are immense and I am not going to be the one to solve the problem. What I am hoping is that at some point, enough people start saying that they do want to know where the organs come from," Carney said. "Just because you need your knee to be operated, the doctor will come up and tell you that you need a knee operation or you'll never walk. What they don't say it is that you need someone else's ligaments or else you will never walk again. They don't personalize it and I think that is where it has to start. If we start saying that you need someone else's kidney to live, that is really the first step to start the conversation. Right now we treat organs as meat. We treat other body parts as if they're not personalized and they don't come from anywhere. When we do that, we do a disservice."

The book discusses elements of the trafficking of human organs such as kidneys, but also touches on the market behind corneas, human bones, blood supplies and even children becoming victims of kidnappings for the profit of adoption agencies. Carney does believe that at some level there is a rational argument to be made that if a person is allowed to sell their kidneys, the kidney problem will go away. However, he personally believes that if two people who are social equals are to discuss the selling and buying of a kidney, these two individuals will reach an agreement that is acceptable to both parties.

"Let's say instead we just built up and ran this industry with all the horrible exploitation that can occur through industrial capitalism--we globalize the market," Carney said. "Kidneys will not be coming from people like you and me. They will be coming from the most destitute and desperate people of the world. Why should we take advantage of human desperation? We do it all the time. We put people down in coal mines and we throw people into war. We take

advantage of desperation. Desperation is not a commodity and I don't believe that we should create systems of exchange that take advantage of absolute human desperation."

In the audience, which reached almost 100 attendees, one gentleman briefly shared his experience traveling to a European country for cornea surgery. Unlike the market that Carney probed where anonymity allows for the market to thrive, the unnamed gentleman was aware of the source of his treatment and the work by the institutions behind his treatment.

"That was a complete surprise--we did not have him as a plant in the audience, but to have someone who was actually the recipient of a donor-type program made it real for everyone in attendance," Vinke said. "Scott can get up and talk about his investigation, but this is the type of programming that we really enjoy because people can take the book and take it a step further. That was a pretty interesting surprise to have someone who was actually part of the topic discussed."

Transparency is fundamental for Carney in order to be able to significantly alter the way in which the human organ market operates. "The first thing that we need to do is not play with the economics of this issue and we really just need transparency--we need to know where your kidney comes from," Carney said. "We cannot allow anonymity. If you're buying a kidney from an Indian slum dweller, you have to know that it is from an Indian slum dweller. You cannot and we should not buy and sell organs like you do my book. We have to think about the human body and where it comes from. Everything is an interpersonal relationship and you cannot erase that. When you do erase that, you allow inhumanity to begin. My first recommendation is absolute transparency in the supply chain for our human body parts."

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Dancing in Squares



Dance in full swing. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

By TerriAnn Ferren

The *Boots & Bows* square dance club has been meeting in Torrance for 53 years. Last Wednesday, I dropped in on their dance practice at the Torrance Woman's Club at 1422 Engracia Avenue and had the surprise of my life. There were two gentlemen outside who greeted me as I made my way up the steps into the club. A table was set up on one side of the back of the room with two women handling the sign-ups. The sweet and smiling 90-year-old Rosemary Walters dressed in a white blouse and a long jean skirt told me she has been with *Boots & Bows* for 30 years. Rosemary said, "We have a beginner's class every Wednesday, but we meet once a month at the Baptist Church in Palos Verdes and that is when we have our big dances. Dancing keeps me in shape. It's the dancing. I dance two to three nights a week. This is one of our leaders, Mervis." At that point I spoke with Mervis, who has

been involved with the club for two years. "I am getting to be a senior citizen and wanted to find some activity, and dance was the right thing--and of course, all of us used to square dance when we were in high school and I thought, 'Okay, square dancing or tap dancing?' I have been here ever since and it is the most fun and best exercise of anything I have ever done. My grandkids laugh at me, my daughter laughs at me, a lot of my friends laugh at me but I laugh right back. It is a blast," she said.

At this point I remembered my neighbor Becky and Dr. Knowles Curwen, who began square dancing through a program at the Torrance Adult Education System way back in 1984. Becky told me she and Knowles loved the dancing and she even began making skirts for herself and matching shirts for Knowles as they got more and more advanced. Becky and Knowles still square dance Mondays and Tuesdays and Knowles has been handling the

finances for their new club for years. Becky went on to share, "We have met and made lasting friendships with people we would never have crossed paths with otherwise. Now we still dance for those reasons, but also because we dance challenge level 3A. It is mentally challenging, good exercise and keeps us learning and stretching our brains." Sounds like a good reason to me!

Taking me by the hand, Rosemary introduced me to the caller for the night, Dave Donaldson, who was dressed in black complete with a cowboy hat. American Square or Round Dancing is done with a caller--a person who calls out the steps. A square dance consists of four couples in a square facing the middle of the square. Dave told

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Dave Donaldson and Rosemary Walters.



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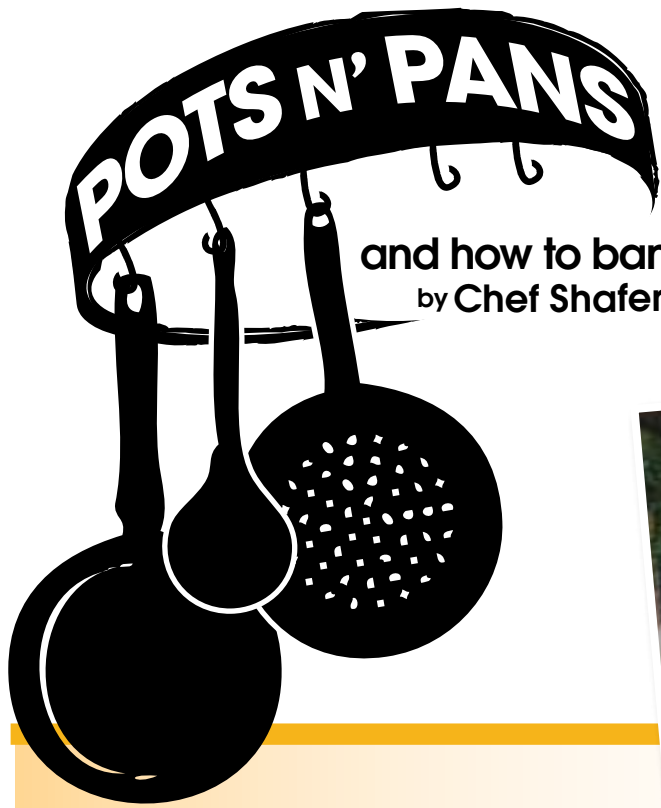
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me, "I have been calling for 32 years and I have been calling for the *Boots & Bows* for most of that time. We rotate, I do it for six years and then somebody else comes in. I have been associated with *Boots & Bows* from the very beginning. Wednesday is the beginning class."

Rosemary then said to me with that twinkle in her eye, "We would love to have you get in." I told her that I didn't think I would dance and didn't even wear the right shoes. I was wearing sandals. "No, you're fine," encouraged Rosemary. "Now I am going to have you sign in and I'll make you a name badge and then I am going to find a gentleman for you and we're going to put you in," said Rosemary. Slacks and sandals were not what I would imagine would be great for square dancing, but Rosemary and her friends made me feel so welcome and assured me I would be just fine, so I decided to give it a try.

A little bit later Rosemary introduced me to my partner (which she located for me), Fritz Milis. He smiled at me and was encouraging from the beginning, especially when I told him I never square danced before. Rosemary then announced from the stage the beginning of the meeting and thanked the "angels" from the club who attend the beginning classes on Wednesdays to provide partners and help teach new members how to square dance and enjoy themselves.

Dave the caller began by asking us all to smile at our partners and our corner. Fritz helped me and guided me gently around as we listened. Obviously, Fritz was experienced with inexperienced square dancers. Now I know how to dance other kinds of dance and am not a beginner to movement, but learning something new right off the bat with experienced square dancers was a challenge. As we moved in a circle and shook hands alternating, one experienced gentleman whispered, "Relax." I guess I was a bit tense. But I kept moving and



Mervis showing off her petticoat. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

after a few minutes, the banter of Dave's calls was comforting and I was beginning to understand what he wanted us to do. Calls including promenade, do sa do, circle left, bow to your partner, pull-by, and bow to your corner didn't sound so foreign as we went along. All of a sudden I was having fun! The two steps I was having a bit of trouble with were the couples promenade and the swing. Maybe I was trying too hard and I didn't want to be too much of a challenge for Fritz. But I loved learning the dance and more than that, I was having fun. This was a workout!

Rosemary pointed out that square dancing is great exercise and will burn off 300 to 800 calories, strengthen bones, lower blood pressure, is a low-aerobic exercise and equals three to four miles of jogging.

As the dance ended, I thanked my partner and the others in our square and headed to the back of the room. Rosemary greeted me and I told her I had fun, but didn't do very well and she said, "Don't worry dear--when you first start, nobody knows what they are doing." Somehow that was comforting.

"We have to reserve the Women's Club every Wednesday night," said Rosemary. "Sometimes we have more [people] because we have new enrollment. Then we close it because we get so advanced. We have a wonderful graduation party and during the year we will occasionally have a party. It costs six dollars a night." The *Boots & Bows* meets September through June. If you would like to keep in shape and have loads of fun, I encourage you to contact Rosemary at 310-372-9263 and join this remarkable group of wonderful people.

As I walked back down the steps of the Women's Club and headed to my car to leave, I could still hear Dave calling out the steps on his microphone. And I thought of all the good and decent people I had met who opened up their hearts to me--and everyone else who came to dance that night. •



Rosemary Walters with her partner ready to dance.



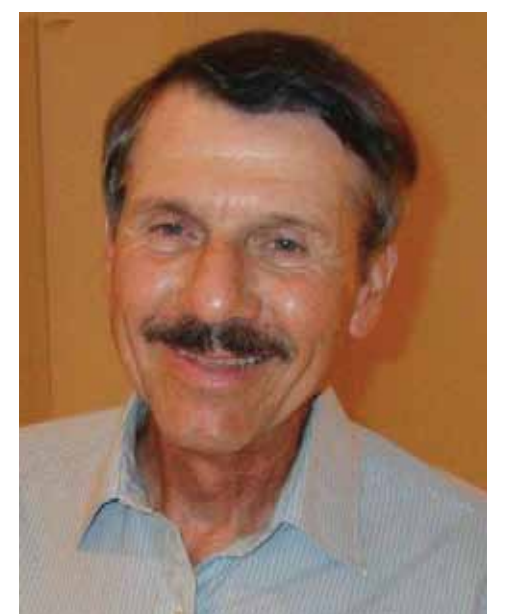
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Fritz Milis, my partner.

NFL

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the players were working in utterly unsafe. That's why players like Chris Kluwe are happy that the regular officials are back on the field. "It was a noble experiment, but I think an ultimately failed experiment," Kluwe so elegantly stated. "It'll be good to not to have to worry about that when we're on the field. It's good that it won't be a distraction anymore." Kluwe's sentiment wasn't expressed alone. Players from all across the NFL spoke out welcoming the regular officials back. The list included Calvin Johnson of the Lions, Matt Hasselbeck of the Titans and Josh Cribbs of the Cleveland Browns.

The players weren't the only ones in danger, however. The replacement officials themselves stated that they felt "demonized" by all. Jeff Sadorus, a replacement official for the three weeks that the regular officials were out, expressed the fact that refereeing an NFL game wasn't exactly what he expected. "Honestly, sometimes during this whole thing, it felt like the national pastime in this country had changed from football to bashing replacement officials," Sadorus stated. It clearly wasn't his fault either. The NFL enlisted him to do a job that he wasn't 100 percent ready or qualified to do and he did what any of us would have done--take the money and step on the field with real-life NFL players. Sadorus felt the same way. "Working these games was something I'd wanted to do forever," he said, "and there were some incredible moments. But there were also parts

of this that I don't think anyone could have expected." Sure, the regular officials make mistakes too, just like the mistakes made by the replacement officials. The difference was, however, that everyone was waiting for the mistakes to be made with the replacements. Once they made those mistakes, they were brought to center stage--and with that, the replacements were scrutinized.

Obviously, the NFL is a business and the owners as well as the commissioner need to fight for what they believe is right, as do the referees. The only thing that the NFL failed to do was weigh out the consequences. Even though the officials that referee the games are only part-time employees, they are entitled to go after and negotiate benefits for themselves, especially when they are part of a multi-billion-dollar business--just as we would be entitled to do with any of the businesses with which we are involved. Conversely, the NFL should have realized before many incorrect, game-changing calls were enacted that the referees who train themselves to learn the game inside and out were a bigger part of the league than originally estimated. No matter now. The regular referees are back and already impacting the game in a positive manner and hopefully the NFL has learned its lesson. Now all that's left to do is hope that none of the ridiculous calls like the one made two weeks ago on Monday night in Seattle will impact the end of the season for a team like the Green Bay Packers. •

Warriors

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a field goal to start the fourth quarter that gave West the lead at 23-20. The Saxons, still unable to get anything going, were held scoreless until two minutes remaining in the contest. "We had some third downs where we just didn't convert," said North head coach Todd Croce. "We didn't keep the chains going." The Saxons could only watch as Thomas and the Warriors capped off their victory with a four-yard touchdown run that occurred with just over four minutes remaining in the game to bring the score to 30-20. Hernandez would throw for one more touchdown with two minutes remaining to make it 30-27, but by that time it was too late as the contest ended there.

Thomas was the star of the night for West, rushing 32 times for 187 yards and three touchdowns. Hernandez did his best for the Saxons, completing 25 of 46 passes for 346 yards and four touchdowns. His main receiver Jurado came away with 155 yards on seven catches with three touchdowns. It was the last game of the nonleague season for both teams. The Saxons will now head on to play Centennial, which has won only one game so far this season. The Warriors, however, will face another juggernaut as they start league play with a matchup against the Mira Costa Mustangs. Both teams will be playing at home on Friday with a game time of 7 p.m.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans rebounded nicely

from last week's disappointing loss to West High with a 32-18 victory over Palos Verdes Peninsula last Friday night at Peninsula. The Spartans used their running game to exact revenge on Peninsula, which beat South on a last-second field goal to win the game last year. Brandon Chavez racked up 99 of the Spartans' 256 total rushing yards that paid dividends for South on the night. The Spartans feature a three-headed rushing attack that is the crux of their offense. Led by Chavez, the ground-and-pound game also features Ryan Bowman and Ian Van Natta, who each added 61 yards on 10 carries apiece.


With the victory, the Spartans move to 3-2 on the season and into a three-way tie for first place with North High and Lawndale. The Spartans will start league play this week with an inner-city rivalry game against the Torrance Tartars.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars are having a rough start to the season this year, but were coming off a nice 26-7 victory at Leuzinger to face the Inglewood Sentinels. Torrance led by a score of 10-6 going into the half, thanks to a fumble recovery in the end zone to score the game's first touchdown. The Tartars held their own until late in the game, still owning a 17-14 lead with just under 12 minutes remaining in the contest. That's when Inglewood blew up. The Sentinels scored 20 unanswered points in just over six minutes

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Seniors

Home Security Updates for Aging-In-Place Remodeling

(ARA) - It's hard to think about getting older, but it's even harder to think about having to move out of the comfort of a beloved home when advanced age makes it difficult to get around your space easily and safely. But with today's technologies, it's easier to update your home in ways that make it possible for you or a loved one to age in place gracefully, without being forced to make major changes in the home's structure or decor.

Aging-in-place remodeling - adapting a home to live in it safely, comfortably and independently regardless of age or accessibility level - is becoming more prevalent as the population matures, and seniors overwhelmingly prefer to stay in their own homes as they grow older. Indeed, we are at the dawn of a new day: The number of adults age 65 and older is expected to nearly double over the next 20 years, and more than a third of American households already include one or more residents over the age of 60, according to AARP and the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition, many in the 76-million member baby boomer generation are not only thinking ahead for their own future housing needs, but more than 60 percent are providing some kind of support for their parents. This can be especially challenging, given the current housing market and the fact that many seniors are either living on fixed incomes or delaying

retirement to make ends meet.

The good news is that there are many easy-to-install, personalized products that can be incorporated into a very subtle remodel that fits the way people want to live now as well as later in life. Today's tech-savvy seniors are increasingly embracing new technologies, enabling greater independence.

Here are some tips for incorporating technology updates into an aging-in-place remodel:

INSTALL EASY-ACCESS LOCKS

Doorknobs and house keys can be difficult to grasp and turn for people with arthritis or limited dexterity, so install door locks that provide easier access. For example, Schlage offers electronic keypad lever and deadbolt locks that deliver an easier, secure and flexible solution. To enter the house, simply enter a unique four-digit access code on the touch keypad, then press down the lever to open the door.

For added convenience, the keypad locks have backlit keypads, making them easy to see in the dark. They come in attractive styles and finishes, blend beautifully with a variety of design motifs, and can be installed easily with just a screwdriver.

INCREASE HOME SECURITY

Another easy upgrade to consider is an alarmed lock, a cost-effective way to detect

activity at the door. An alarmed lock will sound an alert if someone starts to exit the home unattended. This can be a great help to those who not only need to look after their parents, but their grandchildren, too. Alarmed locks can also sound alerts for a variety of activities at the door, to increase overall home security. For example, the alarmed lock from Schlage will sound three distinct alarms to alert to various activities:

1. When a door is accessed, such as someone leaving the house
2. If someone is tampering with the lock
3. If someone is kicking or putting undue pressure on the door in an attempt to break-in

The easy-to-install alarmed lock is battery-operated, requires no wiring, and can be retrofitted to fit an existing door.

Monitor for safety using technology

One of the challenges being alone at home is the possibility that something will happen without anyone knowing or being able to help. For added peace of mind, a Nexia(TM) Home Intelligence system makes it easy for someone such as a relative or caregiver to check in or monitor home functions from anywhere, using a smartphone or Web-enabled computer.

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heating and cooling with a Trane thermostat; turn lights on and off at different times; open or close window shades for privacy; and view any activity around the home via indoor and outdoor cameras. They can even receive a text alert when a window/door sensor or motion detector identifies a situation at home that needs attention. Visit www.nexiahome.com or more information. •



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you have the philosopher's stone."*

~ Benjamin Franklin

Finance

How to Stem the Tide of Junk Mail

By Jason Alderman

Here's more than you ever wanted to know about junk mail: Each year, direct mail creates 10 billion pounds of solid waste in the U.S. and costs local communities more than \$1 billion in collection and disposal expenses - not to mention putting you at greater risk for identity theft if you don't shred personalized mailings before tossing.



that is sent to DMA's 3,600-plus members to check against their mailing lists.

It's important to note that not all marketers belong to DMA, so registering won't stop all such mailings. Also, it won't stop mailings from companies you already do business with or to which you've made a donation in

the past. To get off their lists you'll have to contact them directly.

You can also register with DMAchoice.org to stop mail from being sent to a deceased individual or if you want to manage mail being sent to a dependent in your care. And, they have an email preference service where you can opt out of receiving unsolicited commercial emails from DMA members for six years.

A third opt-out option to explore is www.CatalogChoice.org, a free service that helps you submit opt-out requests for catalogs, coupons, credit card offers, phonebooks, circulars and more. Catalog Choice also offers several paid where they do more of the legwork to get you off third-party mailing databases.

One last suggestion: If you've got elderly parents, you might want to screen their mail for an overabundance of direct mail - especially catalogs and solicitations for money. If they're on a fixed income and susceptible to strong sales pitches, the combination can be devastating to their bank account. You can help them register with the organizations mentioned above.

No matter how diligent your efforts to get yourself off unwanted mailing lists, you're probably still going to get some junk mail. But it's good to know there are ways to significantly scale back the amount.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney. •

So how can you stop the flood of junk mail you receive? You could try moving or changing your name, but as you've probably noticed, a lot of what's delivered to your mailbox is addressed to "Occupant." In fact, the U.S. Postal Service relies heavily on such deliveries, which now outnumber first-class postage mailings.

Here are a few more practical suggestions for stemming the tide:

A good way to significantly reduce the number of offers you get for new credit accounts and insurance is to register with www.OptOutPrescreen.com, a secure website created by the leading credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, Innovis and TransUnion).

By completing a simple online form, you can request to be removed from marketing lists the bureaus supply to lenders and insurance companies for use in firm (preapproved) credit or insurance offers. The electronic opt-out is valid for five years. If you want to opt out permanently, you must mail the form to the address provided. You can also opt back into such mailings electronically through the website. And, if you prefer, you may opt in or out by phone at 888-567-8688.

Another good method to curb the amount of direct mail you receive is to register with www.DMAchoice.org, a program run by the Direct Marketing Association, the leading trade organization for businesses and non-profits that send direct mail. When you register, your name is put in a "delete" file

Looking Up

Mars Rover Targets Unusual Rock En Route to First Destination

By Bob Eklund

NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has driven up to a football-size rock that will be the first for the rover's arm to examine. Curiosity is about eight feet (2.5 meters) from the rock. It lies about halfway from the rover's landing site, Bradbury Landing, to a location called Glenelg. In coming days, the team plans to touch the rock with a spectrometer to determine its elemental composition and use an arm-mounted camera to take close-up photographs.

Both the arm-mounted Alpha Particle X-Ray Spectrometer and the mast-mounted, laser-zapping Chemistry and Camera Instrument will be used for identifying elements in the rock. This will allow cross-checking of the two instruments.

The rock has been named "Jake Matijevic." Jacob Matijevic (mah-TEE-uh-vik) was the surface operations systems chief engineer for Mars Science Laboratory and the project's Curiosity rover. He passed away August 20 at age 64. Matijevic also was a leading engineer for all of the previous NASA Mars rovers: Sojourner, Spirit and Opportunity.

Curiosity now has driven six days in a row. Daily distances range from 72 feet to 121 feet (22 meters to 37 meters). "This robot was built to rove and the team is really getting a good rhythm of driving day after day when that's the priority," said Mars Science Laboratory Project Manager Richard Cook of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

The team plans to choose a rock in the Glenelg area for the rover's first use of its capability to analyze powder drilled from interiors of rocks. Three types of terrain intersect in the Glenelg area—one lighter-toned and another more cratered than the terrain Curiosity currently is crossing. The light-toned area is of special

interest because it retains daytime heat long into the night, suggesting an unusual composition.

"As we're getting closer to the light-toned area, we see thin, dark bands of unknown origin," said Mars Science Laboratory Project Scientist John Grotzinger of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. "The smaller-scale diversity is becoming more evident as we get closer, providing more potential targets for investigation."

During Curiosity's two-year prime mission, researchers will use the rover's 10 science instruments to assess whether the selected field site inside Gale Crater ever has offered environmental conditions favorable for microbial life. They are using Curiosity's Mast Camera (Mastcam) to find potential targets on the ground. In addition to taking ground images, the camera also has been busy looking upward.

On two recent days, Curiosity pointed the Mastcam at the Sun and recorded images of Mars' two moons, Phobos and Deimos, passing in front of the Sun from the rover's point of view. Results of these transit observations are part of a long-term study of changes in the moons' orbits. NASA's twin Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, which arrived at Mars in 2004, also have observed solar transits by Mars' moons. Opportunity is doing so again this week.

"Phobos is in an orbit very slowly getting closer to Mars, and Deimos is in an orbit very slowly getting farther from Mars," said Curiosity's science team co-investigator Mark Lemmon of Texas A&M University, College Station. "These observations help us reduce uncertainty in calculations of the changes."

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Student

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Author

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While the book touches on a very international issue, the topic did touch Torrance directly. "I think that one of the interesting things about Torrance and the Torrance community is that all of those things that are talked about nationally on NPR or 60 Minutes, there is always a component locally," Vinke said. "If it is happening nationally, then there is something happening in your backyard. I

think a program like this brings it home to people because just like we honor our troops and people who are fighting all over the world. It is one thing to read about it in the paper, but it is another thing to have the community come out and talk about these issues. The attendance today proves that people locally are interested in these topics and are willing to discuss them more fully." •

Warriors

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to finish out the game and take a 34-17 lead. The Tartars would score one more time, but it was too late as they eventually took the home loss on the night.

Jonathan Heard was the star on the night

for the Tartars, amassing 84 yards on 14 carries with a touchdown. The Tartars will look to get things back on track this week as they face off against their inner-city rivals, the South High Spartans. •

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- Masculine side
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- UK soft drink
- Perennial plants
- Refines
- Clear
- Provided relief
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- Conelike structures
- Window alternative
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- Alleviated
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- Other side
- Italian city
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- Mexican bread
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DOWN

- Drifts
- Crosswise, on deck
- Grassy plain
- Surrender
- Burn cause
- Galley tool
- Turning point?
- Slight, in a way
- Established
- ___ of Court
- S-shaped molding
- Check
- Fine things?
- Radioactive
- Chisholm Trail town
- It grows on you
- Young herring
- "Rock the Boat" music
- Bronx cheer
- Brings into play

- Bug out
- German historian Joachim
- Dance bit
- Pad ___ (noodle dish)
- Leftovers
- Mind
- Nod, maybe
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- Astringent substance
- Perceive
- Arias, usually
- Looked secretly
- Manicurist, at times
- Place for sweaters?
- Perspicacity
- Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
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- Still
- One of seven branches
- Supreme Court count
- Singer Phoebe
- Rake's look
- It's just for show
- Melody
- Blubber

Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

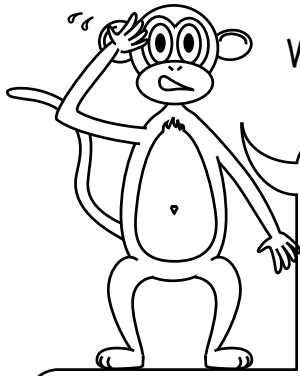
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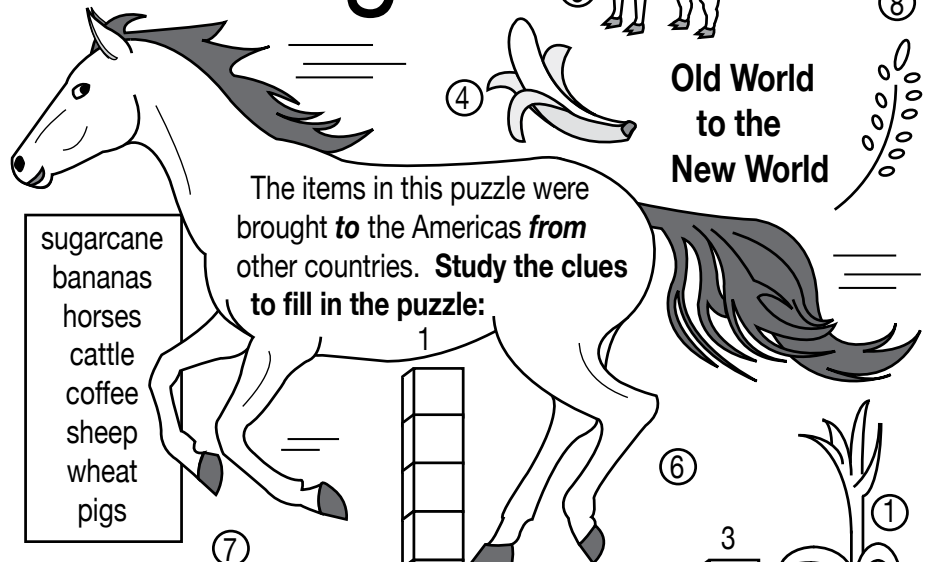
500 Years of Change!

I just finished a homework paper. It had to be about an explorer. I chose **Christopher Columbus** because I think he was really brave to sail across the ocean in such a small ship to explore the world.

For years people have discussed – and argued over – the importance of Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Some people feel that his discoveries were the beginning of a wonderful New World. Others argue that the lands he found had many groups of people - each with its own way of life - and that Columbus' coming to these lands was destructive. However, no one argues the fact that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of change that continues today – over 500 years later!



for meat and wool



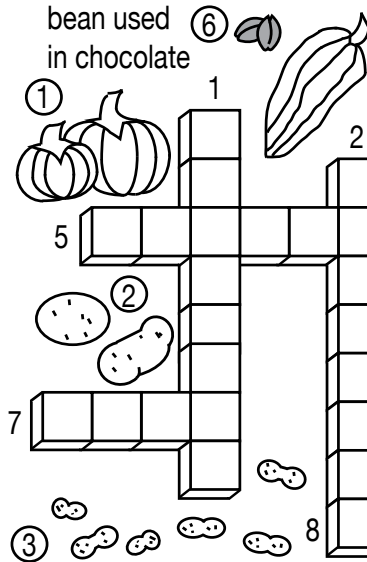
Old World to the New World

The items in this puzzle were brought **to** the Americas **from** other countries. **Study the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

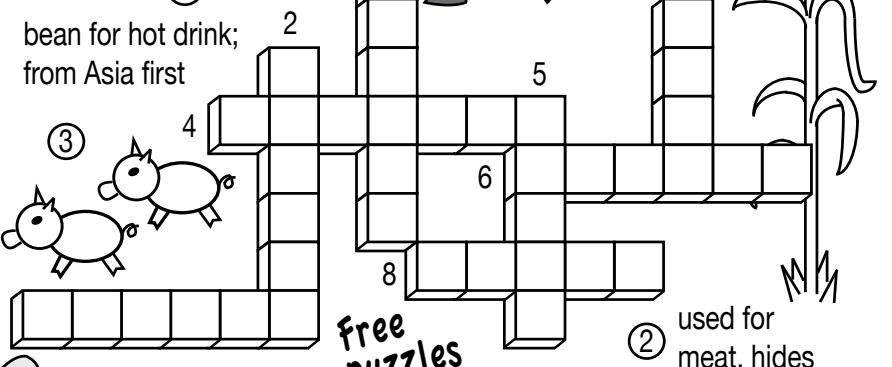
- sugarcane
- bananas
- horses
- cattle
- coffee
- sheep
- wheat
- pigs

New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought **from** the Americas **to** other countries. **Study the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

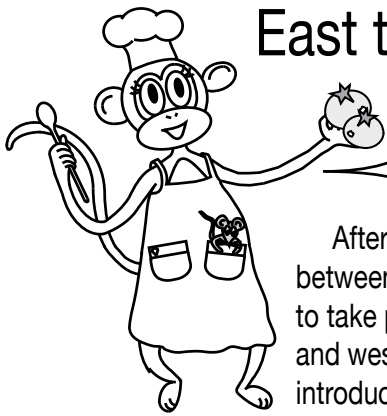


- tomatoes
- potatoes
- pumpkins
- peanuts
- squash
- cacao
- corn
- gold



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East to West - West to East



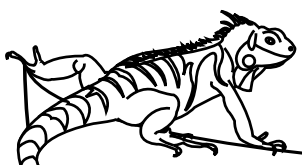
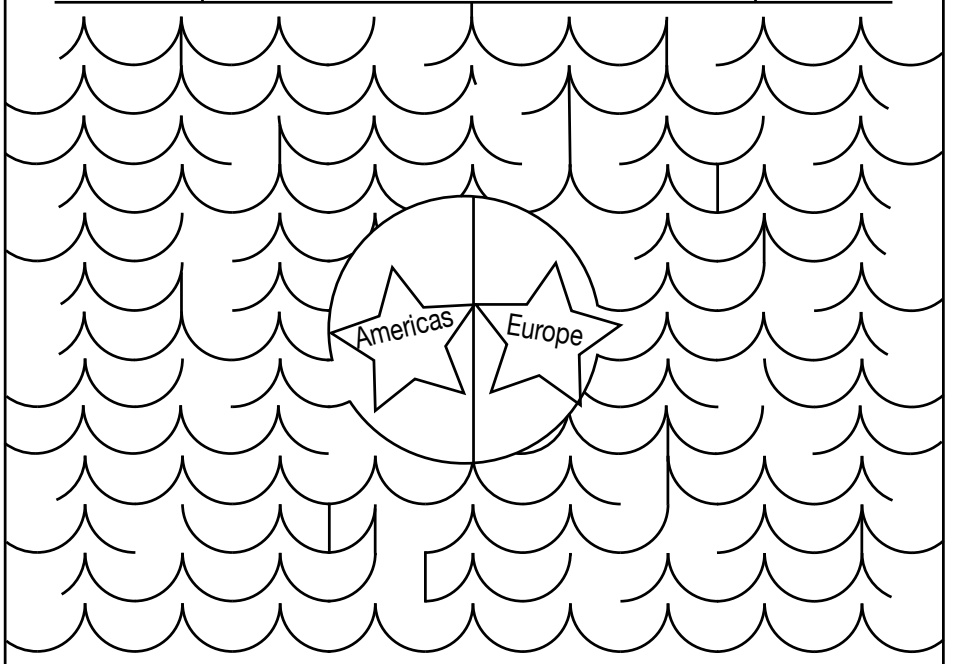
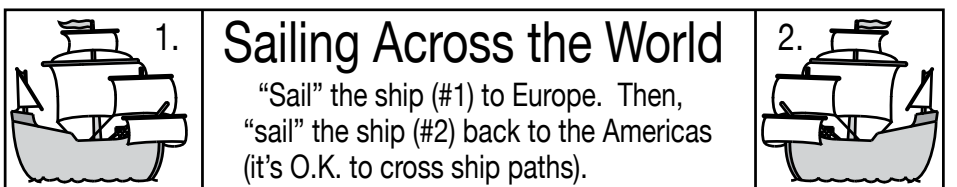
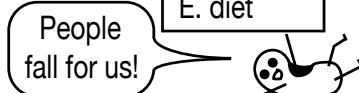
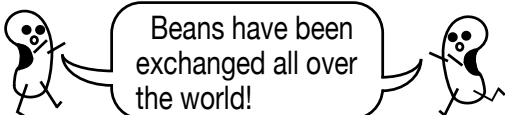
I love the beautiful colors, smells and tastes of all of the fruits and vegetables from the Americas and around the world!

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people in the eastern and western parts of the world. The voyages' introduction of people, maps and writings helped to exchange new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

1. food and animals
2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle
3. Native American words + Spanish words
4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures
5. disease, medicines

- A. health
- B. religion
- C. language
- D. work
- E. diet



These Native American words have changed over the years, but we still use them today!

Find and circle these words:

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

Words From the Native Americans

- maize
- hammock
- canoe
- tobacco
- barbecue
- manatee
- hurricane
- iguana

Real Estate

Tips and Tricks for a Bigger-Looking Bath

(ARA) - Do you wish you had a bigger bathroom? If so, you're not alone.

In fact, in a recent survey conducted by Moen, almost half the respondents wished they could make their bathroom larger. But, a complete bathroom overhaul isn't in the cards for most homeowners. And when your bath is too small, it can quickly go from being a retreat from the outside world to a stress-inducing, cluttered place.

Whether you're hoping to update the guest bath or the master suite, you can create a larger-looking bath without actually expanding your space. With a thorough cleaning and some space-expanding illusions, you'll be relaxed and rejuvenated in your new "bigger" bath in no time.



Blend in, but make a statement

Using an intense color palette is not always the best technique when it comes to a tiny bathroom. Bold, dark colors can weigh a room down, making it look even smaller. Instead, use pale and cool colors, like soft whites, pastels and neutral tones to add size and depth. Continue the color scheme to the woodwork, trim, vanity and door to create a "disappearing" look that will lengthen the walls. By eliminating the hard edges created by drastic changes in color, your eye will flow smoothly across the room.

It's important to look at the small details, like faucets and accessories, to create a statement. Choosing a sophisticated design, such as the Moen Weymouth faucet in Chrome, LifeShine Brushed Nickel, Oil Rubbed Bronze or the new LifeShine Polished Nickel finish, can provide a beautiful focal point in your bath. Available in single-handle, widespread and wall-mount styles, faucets in the Weymouth collection feature traditional detailing, like porcelain inlays and a generously sized spout. The unique collection additionally offers matching faucets for the shower or tub, and a complete selection of accessories to provide the perfect eye-catching detail.

Take a look in the mirror

A mirror in the bathroom can do more than just show your reflection - it can stretch the space by reproducing it. Additionally, mirrors reflect both natural and artificial light, making a smaller room look bigger and brighter by bouncing illumination throughout.

Don't think that mirrors need to only be above the sink. A great trick for improving

your room's reflective qualities is to hang a large, horizontal mirror along the longest wall of the bath. However, if a large mirror is out of your budget, or not practical for your space, the same effect can be created by grouping an arrangement of smaller mirrors. Unique mirrors can often be found at flea markets in different shapes and sizes. Simply paint each frame in complementary colors and group them along the longest wall. This allows for the room to stretch, while also providing a design element that's uniquely yours.

Another easy, dramatic way to use mirrors is to turn the fronts of vanity cabinets into your canvas. Use glue to attach large, square mirrors, or tiny mirror tiles - either square or round - to the outside of cabinets and drawers. For a never-ending room, position two mirrors on opposite walls to create the perfect illusion. Whatever technique you choose, mirrors are great decor pieces that won't muddle a small bath.

Say "no" to big and bulky

Traditional, large vanities with cabinet drawers can make an already petite-looking bath appear even smaller. In order to avoid this common misstep, there are two paths to follow: either install a vanity with open



storage areas; or try suspending shelving for a contemporary feel. This will create a more spacious look - without losing precious storage - by giving the shelving a light and airy appearance. Open shelving is perfect for towels and linens, plus items like tissues and cotton balls, which can be stored in decorative jars or containers. Avoid a cluttered look by placing large wicker baskets on the bottom shelf of the vanity for large everyday items, such as brushes, toiletries and makeup.

You can create a beautiful bath - regardless of the square footage - that will become a place of relaxation and worthy of attention. Use these tips to turn a compressed and uncomfortable space to one that feels spacious and soothing - without a major remodel. For more information about Moen products, visit www.moen.com.

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