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Local Pumpkin Patch Provides Family Fun for Halloween



Dressed as Superman Carter Weaver, 19 months, fed the lambs with the help of his dad while his brother Max Weaver, dressed as Spiderman, looked on. Their mom, Leanne Weaver, shared, "we will carve them [the pumpkins] and they will watch." Read more on page 12. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Torrance to Phase Out Senior Mobile Home Rent Assistance Program

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday, the Torrance City Council voted to begin phasing out the Senior Mobile Home Space Rent Subsidy Program due to funding problems. The program will continue until December and then provide less funding until the end of March. The program has provided seniors living in Torrance's mobile home parks with \$100 a month in rent assistance. It started in May of 2009 with one-time funding that will run out in December. Deputy Community Development Director Linda Cessna said the department had intended to pay for the program using money from the Torrance Redevelopment Agency's Low/Moderate Housing fund. However when the State shut down city redevelopment agencies and claimed the agencies' funds, any money for this program was also taken.

"We had hoped to be funding it with housing funds from our redevelopment low/mod housing program," said Cessna. "Due to the actions of the State, with all the redevelopment [agencies closed], we no longer have that funding available to us."

In order to give seniors relying on this program more time to adjust to its ending, Cessna proposed phasing out the program over three months. Seniors in the program will receive \$100 until December and then \$50 each month until March. In order to do this, an additional \$8,700 is required to fund the program until its final end date, but Cessna believes this will help ease the transition as the program ends. "We wanted to phase this program out and make it a little easier for those folks who rely on this \$100 a month," said Cessna.

Mayor Frank Scotto commented that he was saddened to see the program end. In the past he has stood up for senior programs, such as the taxi subsidy, but in this instance he said that the City couldn't afford the cost. "This is a program we started when I first became

Mayor and I'm disappointed that we have to go down this path," Scotto said. "I truly recognize the fact that we use money and the City of Torrance won't be able to continue doing this. Having said that, I do appreciate

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
82°/59°



Saturday
Sunny
82°/62°



Sunday
Sunny
79°/61°



Torrance Education Foundation Updates

PIER-TO-PIER FRIENDSHIP WALK

The SKECHERS Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk on Sunday, October 28th. The annual SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk is an awe-inspiring event that brings together all walks of life for one common purpose; to support children with special needs and education. Last year TEF received \$20,000 from SKECHERS for our participation of this event! If you cannot walk on October 28, become a virtual walker with your \$25 donation going to your school team - we're hoping to DOUBLE that this year with your help! When you register, 100% of your registration fee, if designated to Torrance Education Foundation, will go directly to OUR schools! And remember, the school that raises the most money will get an additional \$5,000 from TEF for their school. Sign up at http://www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com/site/TR/FriendshipWalk/General?fr_id=1040&pg=pfnd and sign up today! Or from www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com, click on the "Donate" button, the "A TEAM" button and search for your school/team.

PRESENTS \$153K CHECK TO TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At a recent School District Board meeting, Torrance Education Foundation President, Tom Brewer, and Executive Director Trish Pietrzak presented the Board with a giant check for \$153,000.00 to support the CMAST program in schools District wide.

CMAST supports a teacher residency program that prepares a new kind of teacher inside the urban classroom - providing the practical learning, the hands-on experience and the support network needed to be effective right away.

The ultimate beneficiaries of TEF's grant programs are the students of Torrance schools by virtue of the enriched curriculum and improved quality of instruction that are the consistent products of professional growth opportunities for teachers.

For more information on schools currently enrolled in the CMAST program, please contact Trish Pietrzak, Executive Director, 310-995-9800.

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Mobile Home

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stepping it down from January to March.”
 Still, Scotto recognized that this program is vital to the community’s poorest seniors. He said he has talked to residents in the program who use this money to afford food. Scotto asked City staff to look into adjusting the income requirement to keep helping those seniors who might not be able to make ends meet without the rent subsidy.

“I would be interested to see about lowering the threshold and finding those 20 to 30 people who really need that money. I know there are a few people on this list that this \$100 really pays for food for the month,” said Scotto. “I’m a little concerned that if we take away that money, we might really hurt the people who rely on that money for food.”

The Council voted to end the program with the phase-out to March. In making the motion, Councilmember Susan Rhilinger also asked City staff to look into Scotto’s recommendation of adjusting the income requirements to possibly keep a smaller version of the program in effect for seniors on extremely limited incomes. “We need to be able to do something for those people who are really, really in need,” said Rhilinger.

In closing oral comments, Council members Gene Barnett, Tom Brewer and Rhilinger all asked Torrance residents to come to the City’s centennial celebration’s ending event. For

those who missed the Goodyear Blimp and reminders all over town, Torrance’s Birthday Bash is happening this weekend. The three Council members invited the community to Wilson Park (2300 Crenshaw Boulevard) on Sunday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take part in the “grand finale” of the centennial celebration. The event will feature activities for the whole family, with some provided at no cost and some with a small fee. Barnett listed the kids’ festivities such as a petting zoo, jumpers and the activity he “can’t get over”—a rubber ducky race. For the grown-ups, there will be a stage with live performances from Tres Hombres, LA City All Stars and *American Idol* performer Tim Urban (he placed seventh in the show’s ninth season). In addition to music, Brewer listed 16 of the food trucks expected at the event, including The Grilled Cheese Truck, Greasy Wiener, Me So Hungry and Surfer Taco. The event will conclude with the release of 100 white doves (representing the 100 years Torrance has been a city) and the 21st Century Skydivers doing a group precision skydive.

“Remember the excitement of Lights, Camera, Action, the first event of the centennial celebration?” asked Rhilinger. “We don’t want you to be among those who read about it the next day and find out *then* about all the fun events.” •



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Happy Halloooooooween!

Is your costume ready for Halloween? It's fun to create a costume and surprise friends at parties or neighbors' houses while "Trick or Treating" from door to door. It's exciting to get treats and surprises in your Halloween bag!

Read the helpful safety tips below to help keep everyone safe while having lots of fun!

Keep Safe!

1. Make-up will let you see better than using a mask.
2. Use light-colored clothing or bright, glowing paints!
3. Have a flashlight so you can see and be seen.
4. Walk with friends and have an adult nearby.
5. Only visit well-lighted houses in known neighborhoods.
6. Have Mom or Dad check all goodies before eating.

Friendly witch is brewing up sweet treats as well as more healthful choices for Halloween! **Six of these treats are in her cauldron. Can you find and circle them?**

caramels

chocolate bar

candy corn

lollipops

raisins

peanuts

animal cookies

granola bars

popcorn

Crispy

pumpkin seeds

veggie chips

Free Puzzles

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Have a bewitching time!

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M U S L E G E R H O O S

R H O H C U D L P R R H

Y L L D A M V Y S N N

V P N T A E D

I like the licorice gummy mice best!

Add more healthful treats to your Halloween fun!

Follow the dots to see who the ghost is warning...

Hey, yooooou! Hop out of here before you end up in the brew... or a stew.

El Camino Looks to Bond Measure to Shore Up Aging Facilities

By Brian Simon

El Camino College officials hope district voters will give the go-ahead on November 6 to a \$350 million bond measure to replace and renovate many of the campus' aging buildings. According to the bond information flyer, Measure E monies "will be used to make safety, technology and energy-saving improvements to classrooms, labs and other instructional facilities." The list of projects for the Torrance-based campus includes expanding science labs, upgrading outdated electrical systems and wiring, improving facilities for veterans, enhancing training facilities for nurses and firefighters, adding classrooms and improving site accessibility and safety. By conforming to California green building standards and promoting environmental responsibility, El Camino expects to save \$1 million annually in energy, water usage, maintenance and operating costs.

The proposed bond comes a decade after El Camino's successful \$395 million initiative in 2002 also called Measure E. College officials describe the new measure as a "bond extension" to complete the upgrades needed at the campus that opened in 1947. "Many of our buildings and facilities are more than 50 years old now--some are nearly 65 years old," said El Camino Superintendent/President Thomas M. Fallo. "They have been well-maintained, but like any structures of that age, they need repairs and renovations."

Projects completed from the first bond include a renovated science complex, electrical/fire alarm upgrades, new humanities building, new central plant, new learning resources center, new parking structure, remodeled bookstore and conference center, and a renovated social science building. Projects still in progress include a new STEM center, fire academy repaving, industry and technology building modernization, new shops

Building, new kinesiology and fitness complex, parking lot F retrofitting and additional third level, new computer server room, restroom accessibility renovations, parking lot lighting and security upgrade and electrical and data conversion.

The bulk of the new bond monies would go towards replacing the kinesiology and fitness complex, counseling and student activities center, administration functions building, and music theater and arts complex. Renovations of the library and Marsee auditorium are also planned. The projects are part of the college's Facilities Master Plan that provides a long-range forecast for enrollment and changing student needs.

The State requires a 55 percent majority vote for the bond to pass. The first Measure E garnered 62 percent, making Fallo hopeful for an encore. "The people of the South Bay have really supported El Camino through the years with recognition and understanding," he said.

That recognition factor is off the charts when you consider the results from a recent poll of 700 voters in the district. "In the survey, 99 percent of the people said they had some association with El Camino—either through taking a class themselves or having a child or relative go there, or attending a performance," said El Camino Community Relations Director Ann Garten. "The pollster had never seen anything like it." The survey also indicated an El Camino favorable approval rating of 83 percent, with 68 percent of respondents saying they would support a bond extension (60 percent with knowledge of a tax increase). If passed, the bond will cost district homeowners \$7 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on their properties. The original bond has fluctuated between \$16 and \$19 of assessed valuation, making a potential combined total of approximately

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Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center West Tower building on the 2nd floor in #“C”.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

• 34th Annual Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser, 6-11 p.m., Norris Pavilion, 501 Indian Peak Rd. in Rolling Hills Estates. For tickets or information call Sylvia at (310) 328-3611 x 336.

• Matinee screening of "Farewell, My Queen", 2 p.m., Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

• Israel, Iran and The Future of America, Rep. Henry A. Waxman and Bill Bloomfield, 12 p.m., The Jewish Community Center, 2108 Vail Ave Redondo Beach. For more information call (310) 214-4999.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

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

• City of Torrance Birthday Bash, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

• Jefferson Middle School Music Program Fall Concert, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

• Halloween Carnival, 4-8 p.m. (costume parade at 6:30 p.m.), Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

• "Restaurants for Roses" Fundraiser for 2013 City of Torrance Rose Parade float, 5-8 p.m., Souplantation, 21309 Hawthorne Blvd.

For more information call (310) 618-2930.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• Free Beginning Compost Workshop, 9:30-11 a.m., Columbia Park, 4045 190th St. For more information call (310) 781-6900.

• 28th Annual Lace Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Ken Miller Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (951) 784-3882.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• Madama Butterfly, Matinee at 2 pm/ Evening show at 6 pm, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

• "Dave Grusin & Friends" concert, 8 p.m., Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 876-8130.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

• Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Arts And Crafts Sale hosted by the Bartlett Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Ken Miller Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 320-5918

ONGOING

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

• "Retired Guys Only", first Wed. of each month, 9:30-11 a.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

• Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, First Christian Church, Room 8, Maple and El Dorado. Free.

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second and fourth Tues. of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, Rm 1. For more information call (310) 370-3228.

• Caregivers Support Group meets every Tues., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Torrance Memorial, Conference Center, Rm 5. For more information call (310) 517-4666.



Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

What is Measure J?

The Metro Board of Directors authorized placing Measure J before voters in Los Angeles County. Measure J will extend for 30 additional years the existing one-half cent sales tax that was approved in 2008 and is currently set to expire in 2039 (Measure R). The additional funds will be used to secure bonds, which will allow Metro to accelerate construction of traffic relieving projects and the related job creation. To view the expenditure plan and the full text of Measure J, please visit metro.net/measurej.

ExpressLanes Open November 10

Metro ExpressLanes debuts November 10 with the opening of an 11-mile stretch on the I-110 Harbor Freeway. Solo drivers can use the lanes for a toll, while carpools, vanpools, buses and motorcycles travel toll-free. All motorists need a FasTrak® account and transponder to travel in the ExpressLanes. To get yours, visit metro.net/expresslanes.

New El Monte Station Opens

The new \$45 million El Monte Station public bus terminal at Santa Anita Avenue and Ramona Boulevard opened October 14. It has been expanded to double its original size and capacity, and includes a two-level bus station with 30 bus bays, bike lockers, customer service center and potential future retail outlets.

Feds Approve \$546 Million For Crenshaw Line

The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project received a \$546 million federal loan to accelerate construction of a light rail line in the Crenshaw District. The 8.5-mile line will connect the Metro Green Line and the Metro Expo Line at Crenshaw and Exposition boulevards. For more information visit metro.net/crenshaw.

Sunset Bridge Opened

Marking a milestone for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, Metro has completed major reconstruction work on the Sunset Bridge over the I-405. It was the first of three bridges to be rebuilt as part of the project. Demolition of the Mulholland Bridge resulted in full freeway closure, popularly known as "Carmageddon II," during the weekend of September 29-30.



Metro

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Police Reports

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

OCTOBER 13

Burglary Residential: 200 BLOCK VIA LOS ALTOS Suspect(s) removes screen, pries open window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry, iTouch, iPad, pillowcase.

Theft: 2900 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from rack/bicycle.

Robbery-Weapon: 2800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect enters business, demands victim open cash register, stabs victim with a knife while pushing her and flees/no loss.

Vandalism: 18400 BLOCK PATRONELLA AVE Suspect(s) slashes victim's vehicle's tire.

Burglary-Residential: 22500 BLOCK NADINE CIR Suspect(s) peels back screen, reaches in open window and takes property/laptop.

OCTOBER 12

Burglary-Auto: 5500 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) punches door locks for entry and takes property/electronic snaking tools, toolbox, tools, water heat detector, camera.

Burglary-Auto: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/wallet, coin pouch.

Theft: 2300 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE Suspects enlist victim's help in donating suspect's "inheritance" to a church then ask victim to withdraw money from her bank to prove her trustworthiness before fleeing with victim's property/cash.

Burglary-Auto: 2200 BLOCK WASHINGTON AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/leather bag, jewelry.

OCTOBER 11

Vandalism: 23500 BLOCK PENNSYLVANIA AVE Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's rear window/no entry, no loss.

Auto Theft-All: 17000 BLOCK FAYSMITH AVE Stolen vehicle: '00 Honda Civic.

Burglary-Auto: 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/laptop bag, laptop, cell phone, passport.

Burglary-Residential: 2000 BLOCK 235TH ST Suspect(s) possibly enters open window and takes property/laptop, jewelry.

Burglary-Commercial: 400 BLOCK ALASKA AVE Suspect(s) cuts holes in roof for entry, but flees without taking any property.

Vandalism: 3900 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) pries open doors on multiple gasoline pumps at location.

Burglary-Auto: 172ND ST & AINSWORTH AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/registration.

OCTOBER 10

Robbery-Weapon: 16500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspects enters open

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Sports

Best in the West

By Adam Serrao

With a 13-6 victory over the Seattle Seahawks last Thursday night, the San Francisco 49ers may have just proven that they are indeed for real this season. The 49ers proved themselves last year when they wound up one play shy of a Super Bowl appearance, but the NFC West isn't quite as fragile this year as it was a year ago. Going into the game with a 4-2 record, the Niners were in a three-way tie for first place with the Arizona Cardinals and the Seattle Seahawks with the Rams not far behind. The inner division win against the Seahawks not only proved that San Francisco remains the team to beat in the NFC West, but also that the 49ers have solidified their role as the best team on the West Coast.

Best in the West isn't really saying much when the competition is the Oakland Raiders and the San Diego Chargers. The Raiders haven't had a good season since 2002 when

Cowboys of the AFC. Whether you like the Chargers or not, though, it is disappointing to see such great talent wasted. Despite all of the big names that have come through the Chargers' franchise over the past 10 years, the team has still yet to win a championship and it is likely all because of Turner's inability to get them motivated enough to win games on the big stage. For that reason and that reason alone, the 49ers are a better team.

With only two losses on the season so far, the Niners have proven why they are one of the best teams in the league. With wins against the Green Bay Packers, the Detroit Lions and the Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco is beginning to put together quite the resume. The two losses were against good teams in the Minnesota Vikings, who have come out of nowhere to surprise this year, and the reigning Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Those defeats certainly leave open a

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they got ousted out of the Super Bowl by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. But that's when Jerry Rice was still in the league, so that tells you just how long ago it was. Since then, the Raiders have been miserable just about every year in the league and if they have ever had a chance at being a good team, they fire their head coach and start all over again from square one. Even this year, the Raiders show signs of having potential and display flashes of athleticism and pure talent that would lead viewers to believe that they have a chance at being a decent ball club. When it comes down to it, however, the team that the Raiders are putting out on the field isn't playoff caliber. Sitting at nearly last place in their division once again looking up in the standings at a Peyton Manning-led Denver Broncos squad, it is clear this year that the Raiders are headed nowhere and that the 49ers are clearly the better team in this comparison.

The San Diego Chargers pose somewhat of a bigger threat to the 49ers' supremacy in the West. With Philip Rivers, Antonio Gates and Ryan Mathews on the team, the talent is there in San Diego. The team, however, just hasn't been able to put all the pieces together and win. The main problem may be head coach Norv Turner. Turner is a defensive specialist at heart and doesn't have what it takes to coach a team to a Super Bowl victory. Every year the expectations are through the roof for the Chargers, but every year the team ends up falling short and most times even misses the playoffs. They are kind of like the Dallas

cause for concern, but what is so promising is the 49ers' ability to bounce back from defeat. With their victory over Seattle, San Francisco improved to 5-0 after regular season defeats since head coach Jim Harbaugh took over before last season. The team has never lost two games in a row under the reigning NFL Coach of the Year. "Coming off a loss, we wanted to go out there and get that mojo back," linebacker Patrick Willis said. "We never lost it, but at the same time, you never want to lose a game. It's a bad taste in everyone's mouth." That bad taste Willis speaks of disliking so much is exactly why this 49ers' team is the team to beat in the West and in the NFL. It's also what separates a team like this from one like the Chargers. There is a different type of motivation floating around the locker room and on the field. Harbaugh, as head coach, has his team consistently motivated to play.

Whether they win the Super Bowl this year or not remains to be seen, but one thing is for certain and that is that the San Francisco 49ers are California's best chance at getting there. Maybe it's not much solace to the coaches and players on the team, but at least we here on the West Coast have a successful team to root for if we so choose. A team should be headed to Los Angeles soon and with that, success will hopefully come. Until that time arrives, however, it looks like the hopes of seeing a Super Bowl championship arrive here on the West Coast fall short of Oakland and San Diego and lie instead in the heart of San Francisco. •

Up and Adam

Saxons Still Supreme

By Adam Serrao

The North High Saxons know that they have what it takes to go all the way and bring the CIF championship trophy back to Torrance. Originally, last year was supposed to be their year. After the team was decimated by injuries, however, things took a turn for the worse. Out to prove that injuries were the only thing wrong with last year's team, the Saxons have come back strong this year and are in turn mowing down any and all competition that stands in their way. So when the El Segundo Eagles came on the schedule for North, nothing changed at all. All the Saxons did was walk into the visiting stadium, rout the Eagles by a final score of 35-7 and keep their Pioneer League supremacy going.

The Eagles aren't a bad team by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, the game between El Segundo and North High was one that had first place positioning in the Pioneer League riding on the line. That's why the cool, crisp fall weather surrounding the stadium complemented the intensity of the game perfectly. And that's just what the Saxons were--intense. "They learned a lot of lessons from last year," explained head coach Todd Croce of his team this year as compared to last year's squad. "The record was not what they wanted last year. They haven't forgotten the lumps they took." In what has almost become a tradition for North High, it started things off on the opening drive of the game by avenging some of those lumps when starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez finished off a 15-play, 91-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Devonte Jenkins. The Eagles would answer back, keeping the game close before the half with a touchdown of their own, but it was the second half that spelled the difference in the game between the two teams.

With a little less than half of the third quarter expired from off the clock, Hernandez really came to life, starting by hooking up with Jenkins again on a 12-yard touchdown pass to make the score 21-7. "We needed to come out and not let off the gas pedal," said Hernandez. And on their next possession, they did exactly that as Hernandez and Jenkins began to show off a little bit by connecting on yet another scoring play as the quarterback threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to his receiver to blow the game open at 28-7. To finish the scoring off for the night, Hernandez ran the ball in from one yard away in the fourth quarter as the game was already pretty much done to bring the score to its final count at 35-7. The win gave the Saxons their third consecutive league victory.

Jenkins may have been the most impressive player on the night, delivering nine catches for 119 yards and three touchdowns. Hernandez threw for four scores while receiver Michael Jurado had six catches for 76 yards and a touchdown. The Saxons remain in first place in the Pioneer League with surprisingly only two games remaining on the schedule before the playoffs. The fast-paced season will bring the South High Spartans into North High for a matchup before the Saxons end their season on the road at Torrance High.

WEST HIGH

The West High Warriors have come back down from their atmospheric success and it has taken league play to do it. After winning seven consecutive games dating back to last year, the Warriors have now lost three in a row, beginning with their first game of league play against Mira Costa and ending with their last loss of the season last Friday night at Palos Verdes High School. The Sea Kings brought it to the Warriors in much the way that the Warriors were bringing it to all other opponents when they were on, giving West its third loss of the season with a 47-14

thrashing last week in PV.

The Sea Kings got out to a quick lead in the game, scoring the game's first points and the only points of the first quarter to make it 7-0 in the second quarter. Palos Verdes didn't let up from off the gas there, as it continued on to score two more touchdowns in the second quarter to pull away from the Warriors at 21-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the half. It was then that starting quarterback Joey Notch finally brought his team to life when the Sea Kings used 10 plays to go 80 yards and score their first touchdown of the game with one second remaining in the half to make the score 21-7. Coming out of the gate in the second half attempting to keep the momentum going, West's first possession spelt the story of the night for the team. Notch dropped back and threw an interception, giving the ball and momentum right back to Palos Verdes as the latter ran off 19 consecutive unanswered points to make the score 40-7--pretty much sealing the deal for the Warriors on the night.

The Warriors have two games left in the season to try to get a much-coveted league victory and improve their standing in the Bay League. With Palos Verdes Peninsula and Leuzinger on the schedule, West may just be able to pull one out. The Warriors currently sit one play behind Peninsula in the standings at fifth in the Bay League, just ahead of last place Leuzinger.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans came out last Friday night against the last place Lawndale Cardinals and quite frankly won in a game that they had no business losing. The idea on the night for the visiting Spartans was to use their run game effectively to dominate a relatively weak Lawndale defense and control the scoring of the game and the clock. That's exactly what South did as early as the first possession of the game. Starting running back Ryan Bowman proved to be the star of the night, taking the first two possessions for South in for touchdowns to give the Spartans the early 14-0 lead. Because of South's ability to dominate the ball on the ground, Lawndale was unable to get into any offensive rhythm of its own all night. The final score of the game was 21-0, as South went on to take the easy league victory.

Bowman carried the ball 27 times for 206 yards on the night, adding three touchdowns to his resume to help his team to victory. The win was the first league victory of the year for the Spartans, who now sit in fourth place in the Pioneer League standings. With games remaining against North High and El Segundo, the Spartans will have two tough challenges ahead of them in order to try to improve on their record for any possible playoff positioning.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars kept their playoff hopes alive last Friday night at home against Centennial with a 21-12 victory over their inner division rival Apaches. The game was close in the fourth quarter, as the Tartars' lead was only two points with under eight minutes to go in the contest. Running back Jonathan Heard and the rest of the Tartars took care of that scare, however, by going on a 7:45 drive to score a one-yard touchdown--all but ending the game in Torrance's favor. The victory keeps the Tartars in the thick of things in the Pioneer League, behind only North and El Segundo in the standings. Last week, the Tartars were stopped on a two-point conversion that kept them from tying the game up and possibly beating El Segundo in a 24-22 loss. Next they have a matchup against Lawndale and finish the season off against North High with the hopes of winning out and attaining the top seed in the league standings. •

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Got home from a nice run/limp around the local environs in the gloaming of a mid-week evening, buoyed by the appreciative honks and thumbs-up signals from column supporters impeding with my meandering along the Mayberry Main Street.

The bum knee is still bum, though I did get the okay for an MRI. More than a month ago. Which I have done nothing about. Got another month to procrastinate on that. Shocker.

Had to dodge a few vehicle-guiding folks on the run who still don't seem to want to fully stop at stop signs, or slow down on the cell-phoning and the texting. And it appeared to me that one guy, or maybe a lady (had to be a guy), wanted to run me right over as I very legally shuffled through a crosswalk.

So, returned to the mansion after the near run-over, fired up about the fact that there are less than two weeks until the general election, and it does appear that we may have an interesting evening sitting around the old boob tubes on Tuesday, November 6. Maybe. The presidential race has tightened up a bit, and with the third debate having taken place on Monday, maybe Mitt "The Glove" Romney has more than a fighter's chance to pull a stunning upset over the presiding, hard-campaigning, ex-community organizer President Obama.

Romney hands-down won the first debate, with even some of the left-leaners and apologists on the CNN Network acknowledging the obvious fact that the Prez looked ill-prepared and unsure of himself in the first verbal, in country, tussle between

the two combatants.

Then came some televised jousting between Veep Joe Biden and the youngster from Wisconsin, Republican Paul Ryan. Course the polls were taken after the second bananas had their 90 minutes on stage, and some said Biden prevailed. Others pontificated that the newcomer Ryan was the clear winner. Probably doesn't matter a heck of a lot. History has proven that not a lot of voting folks will change their mind, or base their presidential preferences, on the performance of a Veep candidate in a debate.

Quick summation here: If something calamitous were to happen, would you rather have Joe Biden running this country or Paul Ryan? Leave that answer up to you and your inner conscience. Me?

The last time I heard the name Paul Ryan, he was a fictional character on the long-running soap opera...and yes, I watched it--As the World Turns.

Sometimes I get a little bummed when the debates take place, or other important political events occur, and some of the folks that I know not only turn a blind eye, but intone that they would rather waste their precious time watching a practice basketball game, or see which Kardashian hooker tries to get more pub by releasing a scandalous video.

So I was heartened that after Prez debate numero dos, the lovely Patricia L, a stalwart at the day job, conversed with me about the debate. And had actually asked me who I was going to vote for prior to the verbal fighting that takes place in a presidential debate.

What I whispered in her ear is top-secret... politically speaking. •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

"Guilty as charged!" roared the jurist. With that, Carlos, the talking neighborhood cat, adjusted his black robe, re-powdered his English wavy haired wig and pounded on his gavel. "Will the defendant please stand and face the court," he ordered. Reluctantly, Candy Crowley of CNN, with head bowed, complied.

"Ms. Crowley, you have been convicted of reaffirming the public's perception that the mainstream media is in the tank for the President. In the second presidential debate, you allowed the President more than 44 minutes while limiting Governor Romney to only 40 minutes. In and of itself, that disparity is an unfair distribution of time from a supposedly evenhanded moderator.

"But your prejudice went beyond that. You interrupted Mr. Romney 28 times while interrupting Mr. Obama only nine times. Such interruptions break a speaker's train of thought and the continuity of his presentation. When both speakers stalked the stage, you ordered only Governor Romney to return to his seat, allowing the President to dominate the TV screen.

"Not satisfied with that, you gave the President the last word on eight of the 11 questions asked by the audience, a 75 percent advantage.

"Finally, and most notoriously, you interjected your opinion into an exchange between the debaters, by favoring the President on the question of the Administration's veracity on responsibility for the terrorist attack in Benghazi. Your insertion into the debate rescued the President from what you later said was 'an issue on which he was

extremely vulnerable.'

Especially galling was your later admission that 'in the main,' Governor Romney was correct, but the damage before the 60 million viewers had been done.

"To show institutional bias, following the debate CNN's Managing Editor, Mark Whitaker sent an email to all staff members urging them to 'defend Candy Crowley,' while restating Obama's major talking points.

"In keeping with their biases, both CBS and CNN declared Obama the winner of the Debate--with CNN's margin being an incredible seven points. Ironically, however, CNN's own poll showed an opposite verdict.

"On the question of the economy, CNN's poll showed Romney won by 48-30. On the question of healthcare, CNN's poll went to Romney 49-46. On taxes, the poll went to Romney by 51-44. On deficit reduction, the poll went to Romney 49-36. On strength of leadership, the poll went to Romney 49-46.

"Whitaker might well have asked those polled, 'Who're you gonna believe--me or your lyin' eyes?' The day after the debate, Gallup released its poll showing Romney widening his lead over the President to 51-45. Evidently CNN's and Gallup's polls reflect people choosing their 'lyin' eyes' over CNN's."

Said Carlos, the judge, before sentencing, Ms. Crowley, "I would like to compare your work to the judges in the welterweight championship fight between the champion, Manny Pacquiao, and Timothy Bradley. Everyone in the audience saw Pacquiao as the winner, but corrupt judges awarded the crown to Bradley. I therefore sentence you to five years as a fight judge in Las Vegas. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Pumpkin Cut-Up

By TerriAnn Ferren

Halloween preparations are in full swing in most households especially if you have children. Pumpkins of every size, shape and color are available this time of year. Monday afternoon I was pushing my cart down the supermarket aisle and saw a mountain of



Dominique Pheiffer.

pumpkins in the produce section and decided to pick up a few small ones – for decoration. After careful perusing I chose three tiny orange pumpkins and two larger multi-colored ones to offset the arrangement. Most people are buying the larger ones to carve. Standing in the checkout line I spotted Dominique Pheiffer who had chosen two beauties amid her purchases and I asked her what she was going to do with them. She told me she has two daughters Alex, age 11 and Cassie, age 9 and they will be in charge of carving the pumpkins. “They will sketch out a design on a piece of paper and then they will lay the paper on top using a pencil. We have all the pumpkin cutting tools - and then they will cut it themselves. My youngest will take hers to school. They have a pumpkin cutting contest,” said Dominique. She went on to say, “We cut them ‘the day of’ because it is too hot and then we put them out on the front porch and put a candle in them. The kids will get dressed and then they will leave to go trick or treating with their dad.” Dominique told me she even roasts the seeds after carving the pumpkin so nothing goes to waste. Great idea!

The ritual Dominique Pheiffer has with her two daughters is the same one I had when I was young. And when I grew up, I did the

said in her French accent] was here visiting from France. She stayed at my house and we went trick-or-treating and she thought that was the most amazing thing. And after she went trick-or-treating with Talia [her daughter] we showed her how to give out the candy. She had a great time! She had never seen anything like that,” said Nadia. I asked Nadia if she carved pumpkins with her Aunt Paulette but she said no. Can you imagine what fun that would have been? Nadia said that her aunt still lives in France and has fond memories of her first Halloween in Southern California.

Some people go all out when they decorate their pumpkins. Last year, I went to a pumpkin decorating party and for the first time *painted* a pumpkin and put sparkles, beads, and stickers on it. I kept that pumpkin for months afterwards because it was so pretty. But that meant I didn’t carve it. Vickie Vega told me, “I have seen and was thinking about doing this – you paint the pumpkin all black, then put a piece of lace around it. You can cut out hearts and then spray over the lace with white paint and when you take the lace off you have this pattern. Or you can glue the lace on! They are beautiful. You can use



Carter Weaver feeding the lambs.

beads too - like rhinestones. They would be ‘bedazzled’.” Now we’re talking.

Young children look forward to dressing up in costumes and selecting that special



Austin Hand, age 1 year 8 months, and Aidan Hand, who will be 4 in November, feed the goats with Grandpa Fred looking on.

of November, feed the animals. “I like how the goats aren’t too aggressive,” commented Grandma Catherine. I asked Austin and Aidan if they were going to carve pumpkins and they said yes – but their grandmother told me she would do the carving.

At the other end of the large red and white tent there is a burro ride and I saw a pretty princess taking advantage of the short lines.

think it would be easier to carve something softer – like a watermelon or something like that. And I know each year around this time



The llama in the group.

people have not only pumpkin carving contests but contests to find the heaviest pumpkin. Just this year I heard about a man from New Hampshire who raised a pumpkin weighing over one ton! I can’t imagine what one would do with all that pumpkin. I mean, just how many pies can one person eat?

Whatever design or face you decide to carve or decorate your pumpkin with, have fun. Now I want to search out a larger pumpkin to decorate. As far as my little pumpkins that I picked up at the grocery, they will be decoration for my table and then I am going to ask Chef Shafer for a dynamite pumpkin soup recipe! •

Gabrielle Montes, age three and a half was all smiles as she rode her donkey around and around. She especially smiled when she rode past her daddy, Joe and I and said, “Cheese!” I asked Joe which princess Gabrielle was dressed like and he said, “She is going for the ‘Belle look’.” Isn’t it sweet when a daddy knows which princess his ‘little princess’ wants to be? The Montes’ will be carving a pumpkin also. Joe told me, “She [Gabrielle] will pick one out and we will take it home and carve it up. She picks out her design and helps me cut out the smaller pieces.”

A pumpkin is a squash and very hard. I often



Gentle little lamb.



Ready for treats.

same thing with my son, Christopher. We would hunt for that special pumpkin and then ponder as we thought about what sort of face we would carve. But usually my husband Dave would carve because pumpkins are hard. One year I tried to roast the seeds but they didn’t come out like I planned. Christopher’s pumpkin came in third in the pumpkin contest one year. Not too shabby!

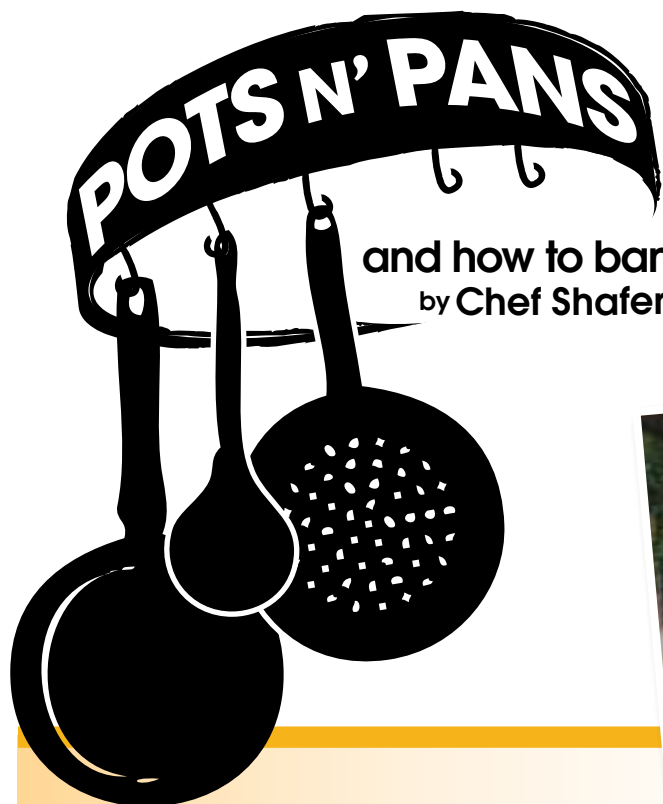
The traditions we hold, like carving the pumpkins or trick-or-treating seem like second nature to us but when I spoke with Nadia Krispel she explained how our customs might seem different to others. “One time my Aunt Paulette – but we call her Pau-Pau – [she

pumpkin. In Torrance we are lucky enough to have a pumpkin patch that comes to town each year on Madrona Avenue near the mall and scores of families flock to see the animals and choose that perfect pumpkin. Carter Weaver, age 19 months was feeding the lambs with the help of his dad while his brother Max Weaver looked on when I visited the pumpkin patch. Their mom, Leanne Weaver told me, “We will carve them [the pumpkins] and they will watch.”

Grandparents get into the act too. Catherine and Fred Hand were helping their grandsons; Austin, who will be two in February, and Aidan who will be four years old the first



Princess Belle - Gabrielle Montes age 3 and a half takes a ride.



and how to bang them
by Chef Shafer



With Halloween just around the corner I thought it would be cool to make a pumpkin brown rice and bacon risotto.

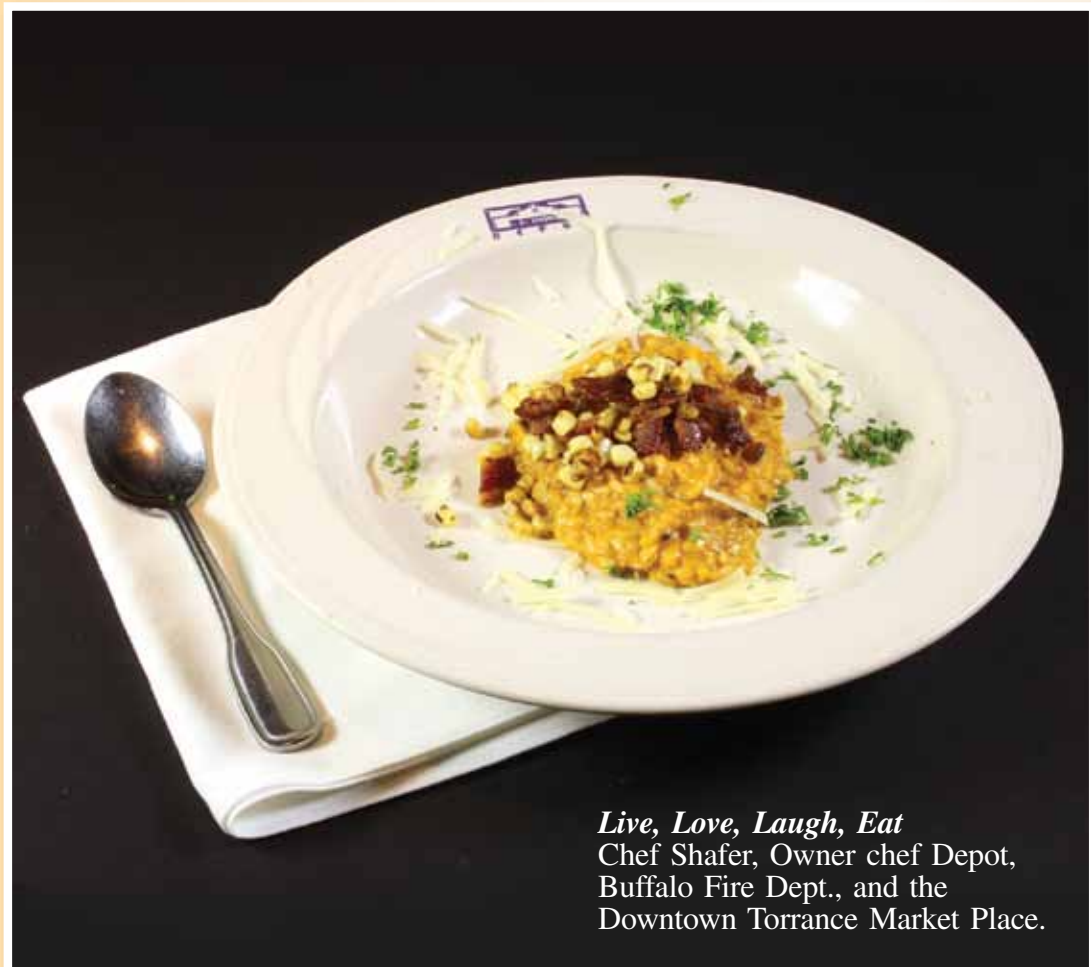
Now classically risottos are made with Italian rice called Arborio. It is a round almost pearl shaped rice. In Italy risotto is served as a primi or first course. It's the method of cooking the rice by adding broth till it reaches a creamy consistency that makes it such special dish. It then can be flavored any way you wish with different cheeses or different flavored broths or herbs.

But in today's kitchen risotto has become a cooking method more than an actual dish. Now you'll see on menus corn risottos, potato risottos, and grain risottos.

Here is my pumpkin risotto.

The Chef

Pumpkin Risotto



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- 1 cup chopped red onions
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups raw brown rice
- 10 cups chicken broth or any broth you would like
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 can Libby pumpkin meat
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- garnish
- 1 cup fresh cut corn
- 6 pieces of bacon diced and sautéed
- ½ cup parmesan

In a saucepan sauté the onions in the olive oil. Add the rice and let it mix with the onions for 1 minute. Add 3 cups of the broth and stir till it is absorbed then continue adding broth will stirring till the rice is tender about 30 minutes. Fold in the pumpkin butter and cheese heat slightly and serve. Garnish with fresh cut corn and sautéed diced bacon, and parmesan. •

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El Camino

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\$26 per \$100,000 from the two measures. If the new measure passes, El Camino would still only be in about the middle of the pack in bonded indebtedness compared with the other dozen community college districts in Southern California.

An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, in place since 2002, would continue to oversee the audited disbursement of the bond monies and keep the public informed of revenues. By law, funds from any proposed bond can only be spent on buildings, classrooms and instructional equipment. The funds cannot go towards administrator pensions or salaries and notably cannot be taken away by those folks up in Sacramento.

El Camino's current enrollment of 25,000 is down a bit from past years due to reduced State funding. "We're down close to 10 percent in funding and closer to 20 percent in classes we've offered," said Fallo. Garten elaborated further. "Giving us less money is telling us to educate fewer students since you have to offer fewer courses," she explained. "But the key is that if you are graduating from a high school in the district, you will get early registration priority."

El Camino's district includes El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance, though the campus is open access and available to students outside of those communities. That said, the percentage of new graduates who enroll at El Camino in fall semesters is unusually high compared to other community colleges.

Forty percent of new graduates move on to El Camino from Hawthorne, Redondo Beach and Torrance high schools, for example. The other South Bay cities range from 15 to 35 percent. El Camino also reports the state's number one transfer admission rate to UCLA and third highest to USC, as well as top 10 rankings in transfers to University of California (UC) and California State (CS) schools. At the same time, the costs to attend UC and CS systems have become increasingly prohibitive, leading students to rely on El Camino more than ever as a viable and affordable academic alternative.

Opponents of Measure E contend that the bond will only fund construction projects and not classroom instruction, faculty salaries or job training. In their argument against the initiative, they note that the number of available classes at El Camino has been cut by 20 percent, academic counseling staff is also down 10 percent, and tuition there has doubled in the past three years. The opponents describe the bond as "another blank check for wasteful spending at a time when many are struggling financially." In their rebuttal, bond supporters emphasize that other college systems are still six times the cost of El Camino and that voting yes on E "ensures that students can effectively prepare for transfer to four-year universities by updating outdated classrooms, buildings and technology."

Fallo pointed out that El Camino--like virtually every other academic institution **See El Camino, page 12**

Education

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WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) has selected Trish Pietrzak to serve as its new Executive Director. Ms. Pietrzak began work in her new capacity in late July 2012, as the first Executive Director for the organization. TEF is a nonprofit organization that provides resources that enrich the educational experience for the children of the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD).

"We are excited about the experience and talent that Trish brings to TEF and are looking forward to a year full of transformation and growth", said Tom Brewer, Board President, adding, "We've launched a new logo, are in the process of designing a new website, and have begun strategizing on marketing, public relations and business development -- all with fresh, new ideas to encourage the community and sponsors to get involved and support Torrance schools."

The new Executive Director sees TEF as a unique opportunity for donors to support with their resources, believing strongly that when businesses and individuals are cultivated and presented with examples of the Foundation's success and values -- they will support the needs and vision of the organization. "I look forward

to furthering TEF's mission by building on the strong foundation already in place", said Ms. Pietrzak. "My hope is for our work and contributions to touch each and every child in the Torrance Unified School District by funding high quality grants that bring bright ideas, new technology and innovative instruction into the classrooms. Increasing community outreach and involvement is high on my priority list for this first year".


The ultimate beneficiaries of TEF's grant programs are the students of Torrance schools by virtue of the enriched curriculum and improved quality of instruction that are the consistent products of professional growth opportunities for teachers.

Ms. Pietrzak has been a resident of the South Bay for thirteen years. A graduate of Monash University with a degree in journalism, she has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations. Ms. Pietrzak comes to TEF from the American Public Works Association, a nationwide non-profit organization supporting public works in cities; and Independent Cities Association, a non-profit that unites and educates over 43 cities throughout Southern California on municipal topics and legislation. Ms. Pietrzak currently owns a Platinum PR, a public relations, community outreach and marketing firm in Manhattan Beach.

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In honor of National Hospice & Palliative Care Month in November, Torrance Memorial Home Health & Hospice will host the 17th Annual "Light Up a Life" tree lighting ceremony and fundraiser at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 11 at Torrance Memorial Medical Center's Health Conference Center. During the holidays, grief over lost loved ones is often heightened. "Light Up a Life" provides a warm, intimate atmosphere to celebrate the lives of those loved through a healing and memorable ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the "Light Up a Life" tree will be displayed in the hospital's West Tower lobby, complete with scrolls inscribed with the names of those remembered. The tree will be displayed until December 30. For more information or to make a "Light Up a Life" reservation or donation, please contact Torrance Memorial Home Health & Hospice at 310-517-4694 or go to www.TorranceMemorial.org

LAUP ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) is accepting nominations to recognize the contributions of five outstanding preschool teachers in Los Angeles County. The nomination deadline is open until December 15. One teacher from each of the five Los Angeles County supervisorial districts will be honored for going above and beyond the call of duty to set the learning foundation and better prepare students for elementary school and beyond. The five winners will be notified in February 2013 and recognized during an awards dinner to take place in April. The Preschool Teacher of the Year Awards is open to all preschool teachers in Los Angeles County, including those who work in non-LAUP affiliated preschools. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by anyone associated with the preschool including parents, administrators and co-workers. The 2013 winners will each receive a \$2,000 cash award. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the Globe Theatre in Universal Studios Hollywood. To nominate a preschool teacher, please visit www.laup.net.

DOWNTOWN ANTIQUE STREET FAIRE CELEBRATES 14TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the Torrance Antique Street Faire will be celebrating its 14-year anniversary. The Street Faire takes place on the fourth Sunday of every month on Sartori, Marcelina and El Prado Streets in historic old downtown Torrance. In celebration of the anniversary, the downtown restaurants

and merchants have donated dinners and gift certificates for the annual Downtown Raffle. The antique vendors are contributing vintage treasures for the shopper raffle that will be going on all day with the first drawing at 9 a.m. The vendors will be decorating their booths with a Halloween theme and will be passing out candy to shoppers. Anniversary cake will be served at 1:30 p.m. A Shear Pleasure Pet Salon is sponsoring a Halloween Pet Parade and costume contest that begins at noon. From 10 a.m. to noon Rebecca and Santos from A Shear Pleasure Pet Salon will be clipping nails for only \$10 with all proceeds going to animal rescue groups. The Street Faire is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offers free admission and parking. For more information call 310-328-6107.

TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES THE GUIDELINES® STROKE SILVER PLUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Torrance Memorial Medical Center is a recipient of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Silver Plus Achievement Award. The award recognizes Torrance Memorial Medical Center's commitment and success in implementing excellent care for stroke patients, according to evidence-based guidelines. To receive the award, Torrance Memorial achieved 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Performance Achievement indicators for twelve consecutive months and achieved 75 percent or higher compliance with six of 10 Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality Measures, which are reporting initiatives to measure quality of care. In addition to the Get With The Guideline-Stroke award, Torrance Memorial, has also been recognized as a recipient of the association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll, for improving stroke care. Over the past quarter, at least 50 percent of eligible ischemic stroke patients have received IV rt-PA within 60 minutes of arriving at the hospital (known as 'door-to-needle' time). Get With The Guidelines-Stroke uses the "teachable moment," the time soon after a patient has had a stroke, when they are most likely to listen to and follow their healthcare professionals' guidance. Studies demonstrate that patients who are taught how to manage their risk factors while still in the hospital reduce their risk of a second heart attack or stroke. According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every three minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. •

Geneological Society Reveals History of Prominent Torrance Families

By Cristian Vasquez

In time for the centennial celebration for the City of Torrance, the South Bay Cities Geneological Society organized "Who Do You Think You Are?" where the history of three of the city's families were featured in front of more than 250 people.

"We had put so much into this that we were pretty confident that we knew everything that we needed to know to put this together," SBCGS President Lisa Schumacher said. "The theater [James Armstrong] is really nice and we were able to keep the house lights really low so it was like we were talking to people in a living room type of setting. So they [audience] were there looking at us and we were just talking to them. It wasn't a big and frightening theater reaction; it was nice and cozy."

The program, which was produced by Schumacher and SBCGS Centennial Event Coordinator Connie Moretti, was split into three segments with each focusing on a different family in the city: Looking Back featured the Post family, one of the earliest families to settle in Torrance; Honoring the Present featured Mayor Scotto and his family; and Moving Forward featured the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Citizen of the Year Michael Shafer.

"Of course we were very surprised and extremely honored to be thought of and we certainly enjoyed the process with Connie and Lisa, who are so professional. It was a great experience," Beverly Hopkins Post said. "We knew a lot about the Post family but not as back as far as they went into their research."

The research for the program was spearheaded by Moretti and Schumacher but included a lot of help and participation from the families featured in the program. In addition, Janet Payne of the Torrance Historical Society was the guest expert for the segment featuring the Post family; Geneological Lecturer and Instructor Eric Siess spoke during the Scotto family's segment; and Paul Lipinski of Polish Geneological Society of California was the guest expert for Shafer. In addition to the presentations, each family received a scrap book with family pictures and different information gathered by Moretti and Schumacher during their research.

"The work that they did with that scrapbook is beyond impressive. I am very humbled by the amount of work that somebody would do for me and my wife," Mayor Scotto said. "They wrote letters to people that I probably wouldn't have done on my own. We had to give them some information to start, but to be honest with you, past the names of my mother and father, and my mother and father's parents' names, I knew nothing: not a single person. To show us all the history, I actually want to hire them to do a little bit more."

Each family was traced back in their lineage to years that neither imagined. The results varied in terms of historical significance and family connections. For Shafer, who was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, the research connected him to a relative living in Santa Monica that he did not know about. Furthermore, his family's history was traced beyond New York and back to Poland and Lithuania.

"They took whatever little knowledge I had about my family and then they did their own digging and searching. They are the ones who found out 99 percent of all the stuff that they talked about," Shafer said. "I really was amazed at all the information they found out and how much I learned about my family history. It was

really, really cool and now I found a cousin that I never knew I had."

Mayor Scotto knew that his father came to America via Ellis Island back in the 1930s. The family would eventually move Torrance in 1955 where they bought a small farm near 237 Pennsylvania. At night the mayor's father worked as a commercial fisherman and during the day they would raise rabbits. In addition, the research was able to trace the mayor's family back to the 1500s.

"I feel so bad that I have not done all this research earlier in my life. Lisa wrote a letter to Italy to try and obtain some information. She then wrote another letter to the Mayor of Procida and they did a lot of research for her in Procida and their mayor sent her some information," Mayor Scotto said. "They also invited us over there on May 5 for this big celebration that there is happening on the island [holiday]. My dad traveled to Procida twice and he was able to see his sister who was still alive at the time. She had a lot of kids which I will be able to meet when I get to go there. I have never met them, I don't know their names but with Lisa's help we were able to find out who they are."

The Post family, who continues to have a business in Torrance, knew that their family came from Canada and Wales yet knew little more than that. Through Schumacher's and Moretti's research they were able to determine that the family's roots began in America via the Mayflower.

"What was such a treat was that we had our grandchildren who were probably the most excited when they are heard that [Mayflower connection]. Apparently we have four relatives that were on the Mayflower," Hopkins Post said. "In order to join the Mayflower Association we have to pick one of those relatives and then follow them through, which we will do. Two of the grandsons are researching the four individuals to determine which one they will follow. It is wonderful to have the enthusiasm of the younger generation and to get them involved with this is really fun."

Each family expressed its gratitude and excitement over the work done by Schumacher and Moretti and believe that they will definitely make the best of the information they were provided to educate their extended family.

"I don't think I could ever come up to the quality of work that Connie, Lisa and the genealogy society did," Hopkins Post said. "They are truly professionals and I think they did such a wonderful job. We are very happy with everything they presented and it was just really an astonishing and a wonderful, wonderful experience. We had no idea what to expect but we were so pleased with everything they found out and with all the little surprises along the way."

"Lisa and Connie did almost a year worth of work on research for me and the other families. It was a tremendous amount of work and it's just mind-boggling and I am so impressed with it," Mayor Scotto said. "Not just because they did it for my family and my wife's family but the fact that there are people who really have that kind of desire in life to figure all this stuff out is amazing."

"Without a doubt now that we have this all documented, I have been passing around to all of the relatives that I know of so that they can pass it on to their children and so on," Shafer said. "It is a living, breathing thing. It is not just something where I just have some information." •

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in California--continues to suffer the consequences of the State's beleaguered finances. "The funding cuts have hurt class offerings across the board," he said. "The bond updates are critical to prepare students for university transfer or entry to a

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Burglary-Commercial: 24300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/wallet.

Burglary-Residential: 22100 BLOCK

OCEAN AVE Suspect(s) enters window, ransacks and takes property/laptop.

Vandalism: 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST Suspect(s) intentionally strikes interior fire sprinkler, activating same and causing flood damage.

Vandalism: 4800 BLOCK KONYA DR Suspect(s) throws eggs at victim's parked vehicle.

OCTOBER 9

Burglary-Auto: AMIE AVE & FASHION WAY Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle, ransacks and takes property/camcorder. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

Renovations

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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ACROSS

1. Spring flowers
6. Holder for 1-Across
10. Luxury home features
14. Ready for battle again
15. Regrettably
16. Broke down
17. Available
18. Barber's supply
19. Part of WATS
20. Liposuction, e.g.
23. Encirclement
24. Maximum
27. James, for one
32. Clavell's "___-Pan"
33. Decorative pitcher
37. Emmy-winning Lewis
38. Hit TV show
42. Turbine part
43. Decorative inlay
44. Corroded
45. Supplement
47. Waders
50. ___ sin
54. Updating a kitchen, e.g. (Brit.)
61. Start of something big?

DOWN

1. Video game
2. City near Sparks
3. These may be sowed
4. Doggerel
5. Drives
6. Oracular
7. "Wellaway!"
8. Hot stuff
9. 100 centavos
10. Booty
11. Title for some priests
12. Monkey
13. Corset part
21. ___ pole
22. Apply anew
24. Female organs

25. Phylum, for one
26. Paws
28. Howe'er
29. They go with the flow
30. Mountain ridge
31. Some messages
34. It's catching
35. Down Under bird
36. Noise from a fan
39. Lobster eggs
40. Overthrow, e.g.
41. "In & Out" star, 1997
46. Aftershock
48. "Johnny Armstrong," for one
49. Maltreat
51. Insect stage
52. Noggin
53. Wastes time
54. Arizona Native American
55. Dutch ___
56. Gloom
57. Prize since 1949
58. Machu Picchu builder
59. Hit hard
60. Pluck

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Last Week's Answers

1	B	A	R		4	G	R	A	P	E		9	S	P	E	C	K	
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20	A	U	T		21	B	I	O	G	R		22	A	P	H	I	E	S
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41	P	R	I		42	U	N	E	A	S	Y							
43	G	N	P		44	B	R	E	A	D		45	N	O	D	S		
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52	P	E	R		53	S	O	N		56	L	M	E	M	O	I	R	S
59	O	M	A		60	Q	U	I	T	O		63	S	I	T			
62	T	I	G		63	U	L	N	A	R		64	O	D	E			
65	S	T	A		68	A	L	I	S	T		67	N	E	T			

SUDOKU Medium

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

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

PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Pets Without Partners

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

Vinny was rescued with his sister Georgia (who is also available). Vinny was born around August 15, 2012 and as of October 15 weighs 9.8 pounds. He has a very beautifully marked coat in a lovely chocolate and tan coloring which reminds us of a Doberman along with his long muzzle. Those beautiful hazel eyes and his coat texture remind us of a Husky. Vinny is a little trickster; its nothing but fun and games up his sleeve. He plays all day long with his sister and then falls asleep only to wake up and eat and start all over again. Vinny is sweet, a little shy and loves everyone he meets young and old. Please make sure you have the time available on your hands to raise a puppy before you apply. Vinny is neutered, current on all vaccinations, is dewormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, good with kids, and cat safe.



PomPom is a very pretty 10 pound Pomeranian who is 2-3 years old. She looks bigger in these 'up close' pictures than she really is. This tiny gal is very sweet and quite playful. She loves stuffed toys that squeak, tossing them up in the air during play.



PomPom

She is always happy and wagging her little curled tail all the time. She is fine with other dogs her size or fine being the only dog in the home. She is fine with cats too; she will

bark at them, but only if they are blocking her path. She is well on her way to being housebroken and she is almost there thanks to her wonderful foster parent. Her prior family did not have time for a dog so they gave her up. PomPom is spayed, current on all vaccinations, is dewormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, cat safe, and good with older kids due to safety with door darting.

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

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

Happy Tails

Life is a Beach for Patch

Cheezit is an incredible little guy just waiting for someone to look past the cosmetics of his accidents and give him the chance to show his stuff! Cheezit is now Patch and calling Manhattan Beach his home...

"Hi! He is amazing!!!! I cannot believe what a great little doggie he is. He seems to be settling in perfectly. We found an amazing vet at El Segundo Animal Hospital. The dynamic in our house is great - the cats love him and are out more often; all he wants is love from Keith and I. I cannot believe it, but he has not had one accident!!!! Since we do not have a doggie door, I thought we would be in for it - but luckily he loves to do his business on the Strand with all the other doggies. We go on short walks with him 5-6 times a day

and it seems to work out well for everyone. He is eating well and on his normal dry diet. He sleeps through the night next to our bed.... he has only nipped when Keith has gotten too close to his face - but it was just a warning type of nip. He growls to warn the cats when they get too close.

We absolutely adore him - although Cheezit was an amazing name - we did change his name to Patch. It just came naturally to us so we figured we would give him a fresh start with a new name. Thanks so much we are so grateful for the new addition to our family!...Lizz"

When you adopt a "pet without a partner", you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours.

Purrrfect Companions

Discover your purr-fect match and have a friend for life.

Just like her namesake, **Marilyn** is sure to turn heads and gain admirers from all walks of life. She adores people and is a lap cat who loves to hang out wherever you are. Marilyn has a fantastic purr that will warm your heart and put a smile on your face. Whether she is snuggling in your arms or bouncing around with a buddy, Marilyn is outgoing and confident. She loves other cats and even dogs! Marilyn is used to the rambunctious antics of a puppy, and also lives with several others kittens and young adult cats. She's got a lot of energy and will play for hours without pause. Being so young still, Marilyn needs a kitty companion in her life. She would love to be adopted with any of her foster buddies, or to a home with a resident young kitty for her to play with.

Jackson is a handsome boy with super silken jet black fur and fantastic light green. This boy is quite the character and loves people. If you put him on your lap, Jackson is quite happy to stay and receive affection. He is very affectionate once he gets to know you but also has a fairly



Jackson

isn't crazy about them but would tolerate a calm dog. He's very laid back and calm and prefers to play with his human. So if you are looking for a single kitty, or a calm companion for an older animal - Jackson would be the purr-fect match!

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

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



Marilyn

independent streak. Although he is ok with other cats, he is not particularly attached to them. So Jackson could potentially be an only kitty, or a great companion for an older cat who doesn't want someone to play with. While he does live with dogs, Jackson





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Real Estate

Get High-End Looks For Your Kitchen Without The High Price

(ARA) - Each year, House Beautiful magazine builds its highly anticipated Kitchen of the Year, a showplace for what's hot in the kitchen. Designed around the latest trends, the annual Kitchen of the Year is the epitome of high-end style. But let's face it. The majority of us don't have the luxury of a 1,000-square-foot kitchen designed by a celebrated designer. Nor do we have the budget.

Don't give up on your kitchen design dreams just yet. There are several ways to bring a high-end look to your home without the high price. With a little inspiration, research and proper planning, you can have a picture-perfect kitchen that will look as though it's been lifted from the pages of the top home design magazines. Get started creating your dream kitchen with these tips.

Be inspired

Browse magazines, home design blogs and websites like Pinterest or Houzz to gather inspiration. Take note of the kitchens that catch your eye and what it is that you like most about the design. Many of the things that you're drawn to are within your budget.

Assess your space

Take stock of the space you currently have and consider the layout and the work triangle. A smart layout can create a more spacious and efficient kitchen no matter the square footage.

Design for your style

Whether your style is classically traditional or more contemporary, there are cabinets, appliances and fixtures to fit. Whether your budget is under \$10,000 or more than \$50,000, you'll take pride in having a kitchen that was designed with your style and needs in mind.

Get help

It's easy to be tempted with extras during the kitchen design process, and costs can quickly add up. Work with a professional designer to set and manage the budget, and help determine areas to invest and where to cutback. If you're drawn to elements of luxury kitchens, share that with your designer for ways to achieve a similar look.

Let cabinetry set the stage

The cabinetry you choose can set the stage for the entire kitchen. While many high-end kitchens will have custom cabinets, you can achieve a similar look with semi-custom cabinetry at a fraction of the cost and without the extended lead times.

Customize with color

Combining contrasting colors, textures and materials creates visual interest and can

make your kitchen look custom. Try adding some color by varying cabinetry finishes and countertop materials. Add a backsplash with artistic glass tiles to let your personality and style come through.

Remodeling a kitchen can be stressful on you and your wallet, but if you're committed to your design dream, it's likely you'll find ways to achieve it.



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