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## The South High Spartans Lose Against Palos Verdes Peninsula



Peninsula's Steven Smith (Peninsula #3) tries to tackle South's quarterback Gabe Zuniga (South Torrance #13) as he dives into the end zone for South's only touchdown in the fourth quarter of play. For story and more photos, see page 6. Photo by Dirk Dewachter. •

## Council Plans for New EV Chargers

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council gave its approval on a plan to seek grant funding for approximately 14 new electric vehicle charging stations at the Civic Center and in Downtown Torrance and Wilson and Columbia parks. The October 8 meeting provided little details on the specific locations, parking regulations or costs associated with these chargers with the Council opting to send those items back to the Environmental Quality Commission.

Associate City Planner Danny Santana said the genesis for the new chargers came from guidance from the City's strategic plan to provide more alternative fuel options in town, as well as witnessing how frequently the two charging stations at City Hall are in use. "These charging stations became extremely popular," said Santana.

The City currently has 16 charging sites in its borders, but only five of them are open to the public. This has caused Torrance electric vehicle owners to be wrought with "range anxiety" over how far from a charger they can take their car. City staff conducted a survey they called the "Plug-(p)in Map" to allow residents to share where they would like to see chargers.

"We were able to identify those popular charging sites," said Santana. "No surprise the mall, shopping centers and the hospitals... But we also saw the public was interested in charging infrastructure at public facilities, specifically the Civic Center complex, Torrance Beach, Wilson and Columbia, and Downtown Torrance's parking area. There were also a number of requests to have fast charging along the 405 corridor."

While there is quite a bit of demand for additional chargers, placing them is constrained by questions of cost, infrastructure, visibility and impact on non-electric vehicle parking. Because of these concerns, Santana couldn't

identify which specific areas would see electric vehicle chargers. "The exact placement of the charging structures will really be guided by the proximity to power, [what] will help keep the cost appropriate and still provide flexibility for maximum usage," he said. "We don't have a lot of locations and a lot of money to create a large amount of [charging] infrastructure, so we want to make sure the infrastructure we have is highly visible and has easy access."

The grant would provide matching funds for the creation of charging infrastructure, leaving the City to cover the remaining 50 percent. Each charging station costs between \$800 and \$1,400 for phase two chargers (such as the one currently outside City Hall) and about \$35,000 for a DC fast charging station. Neither cost includes the associated infrastructure expenses to make the stations

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
68°/58°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
69°/58°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
70°/59°



## TerriAnn in Torrance

### Diavolo Dance Theatre 'Trusting' in Art

By TerriAnn Ferren

Performing at the James Armstrong Theatre on Oct. 19 at 10:30 a.m., along with its simple props and amazing skill, is Diavolo. The show is brought to our local theatre by the Torrance-based Art Attack Foundation, a nonprofit that assists young artists in every discipline to excel in their chosen field by paying for classes and lessons and assisting wherever possible to encourage young performers to succeed. Diavolo is a dance company that utilizes familiar items on stage and asks the audience to suspend preconceived ideas of how to use them. Not only does the show inspire young people and adults alike, but it reminds us that sometimes all we need to do is see something in a different way to gain a different perspective.

Actually, I thought Diavolo was an

odd name for a children's show, until last week when I spoke with a member of the company, Chisa Yamaguchi, and asked her what it meant. "That is a really good question. Diavolo in Italian means devil," she explained. "You have to look at it in a different way. If you break the name down into words, 'dia' in Spanish means 'day' and 'volo' comes from the Latin verb for 'I fly'—so, I fly through the day—the day flies by. And, there is also a Greek prefecture in the word that means 'jumping from obstacle to obstacle,' which is absolutely what we do," she said. Chisa told me part of the work has a "Little Rascals" element that is a bit mischievous. Her explanation changed the entire concept of the show for me. This show is for children and adults. Who would have guessed?

See TerriAnn, page 5

# Calendar

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

• Rummage Sale, 7 a.m.–2 p.m. Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

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

• Free CPR Workshops, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, West Tower Auditorium, 3330 Lomita Blvd. Must be a Torrance resident to register and participate. To register call (310) 517-4701.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

• City-Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

• Foster and Adoptive Parent Information Meeting hosted by Torrance City Councilman Pat Furey, 6 p.m., Toyota Automotive Museum, 19600 Van Ness Blvd. For more information call (310) 972-3213.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

• Annual State of the Region Address, featuring Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Congressman Henry Waxman, 11:30 a.m. registration, program and lunch at noon, DoubleTree by Hilton Torrance-South Bay, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd, Reservations: (310) 543-3113.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

• Hardcover Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd.

• Torrance Town Hall meeting with Congresswoman Maxine Waters, 10am, First Lutheran Church, 2900 W. Carson St. For more information call (323) 757-8900.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 21**

• Torrance Democratic Club Regular Monthly Meeting featuring State Senator Ted Lieu, 7pm, Arjay Plaza, 23211 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information email Torrance-Dems@hotmail.com or call (310) 538-0245.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

• City Hall Meeting: 7-10 p.m., City Hall Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

• South Bay Cities Council of Governments: 6 p.m., 20285 Western Ave., Ste 100. For information email CityClerk@TorranceCa.gov.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

• Annual Hickory YMCA Haunted House, 6:15-8:30pm. Hickory Elementary, 2800 W. 227th St. All ages For more information call (310) 530-9391.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

• Free Walking Tour of Old Torrance, 1:30 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 28**

• Jewish Genealogical Society Of Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m., Toyota USA Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Blvd. For information contact judieson@aol.com

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

• Carr Elementary YMCA First Annual Haunted House, 5:15-8 p.m., Carr Elementary, 3404 170th St. For more information call (310) 329-0824.

**ONGOING**

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

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# Business Briefs

## Salvation Army Health & Resource Fair



North High student Victoria Nguyen and Ruth, a guest at the Salvation Army Health & Resource Fair. Nguyen, of North High's Key Club, was asked to help Ruth walk around the complex. Taking it upon herself, she stayed with Ruth for over two hours. She took her hand and went from health station to health station. Nguyen, according to former Torrance Kiwanis President Tony Goorchenko, is "an asset to North's Key Club, her sponsoring Torrance Kiwanis Club and a glowing tribute to the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program."

### Former Kiwanis President Deems Salvation Army Fair 'A True Success'

The Torrance Salvation Army Health And Resource Fair on Saturday, Sept. 20 was a true success. Present were sponsored youth from South High (KIWINs), Torrance High (KIWINs) and Key Club members from Bishop Montgomery, West, and North High Schools, in addition to Torrance (South Bay Community) and Lawndale High Schools. We are grateful for the support of El Camino College Circle K, which volunteered to work off-site and twirl directional signs to the Health Fair. All students were well behaved and energetic, with club presidents and others taking the lead, making sure assignments were covered.

### 'Sunday by the Sea' Raises Over \$200,000 for Torrance Nonprofit Hospice



(L to R) Sue Kouzmanoff, Debbie Greene, Betsy Miller, Peggy Lanigan and Kevin Lanigan.



Phil Jue and Jacky Glass.



Jacky Glass, Joyce Sharman, Coach Bill Sharman, Terri Warren, John Warren, Richard Papscoe and Betty Papscoe.

Friends old and new recently celebrated the 23rd Annual Sunday by the Sea Food-and-Wine-Tasting Gala, presented by City National Bank, in Palos Verdes Estates at



Philip Ross, Bunny Rosenzweig, Marilyn Schaffer, Robin Steen and Frank Schaffer.

the elegant seaside estate of Carolyn and Julian Elliott. The annual event raised over \$200,000 (net) to support the programs and services of Providence TrinityCare Hospice and its pediatric palliative care and hospice program, TrinityKids Care. Over 60 premier restaurants, wineries and beverage purveyors from Southern California tempted guests with delicious morsels and fabulous libations. Over 900 guests sampled fabulous food and wine, bid on auction items and had the opportunity to win a Hawaiian get-a-way.

"Providence TrinityCare has had quite a remarkable year. Our programs are growing and the need is great. We are especially grateful to our sponsors, restaurants, wineries and the community for joining in our efforts to care for adults and children," said Barbara Roberts, vice president, development/executive director, Providence TrinityCare Hospice Foundation. "We cannot do this great work without the tremendous support from the community," she added.

Providence TrinityCare Hospice is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit hospices in Southern California, providing comfort and care to adults and children with life-limiting illnesses. Proceeds from this event directly benefit the programs of Providence TrinityCare Hospice such as: Patient Care Assistance, TrinityKids Care (the only dedicated pediatric program for infants and children in the region) Necessities of Life, the Palliative Care Institute, and The Gathering Place, our bereavement support service.

### Educator Reception at Barnes & Noble, Presentation about the 'Common Core'

Barnes & Noble Del Amo and the Torrance Public Library have joined forces to provide a free event for educators at the bookstore. This special event is for all pre-kindergarten through high-school educators.

The partnership between the retail bookstore and the local public library will provide educators with valuable information about "Common Core." The Reception starts at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and will be held at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore adjacent to the Del Amo Fashion Center.

In addition, there will be information about Barnes & Noble's 2014 "My Favorite Teacher Contest," which provides middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers by writing an essay, poem or letter about them. Local winning teachers are recognized at an in-store event in the spring and become eligible to win prizes at the regional level. One regional winner will be named the Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year and receive a cash prize of \$5,000, with their school also receiving \$5,000. •

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# School Board Elections

## Wermers Cites His Record in Re-election Bid

By Dylan Little

Current Torrance School Board president Michael Wermers is (along with incumbents Martha Deutsch and Mark Steffen and challenger John Paul Tabakian) seeking one of three open spots on the Board in the November 5 election. Wermers has faced declining education budgets and the changes facing the district with the new Common Core State Standards and would like to continue leading the Torrance Unified School District in meeting those challenges.

In his opinion his biggest accomplishment in his past term was maintaining a level of educational quality the Torrance community

well thought out plan," said Wermers. "We're ahead of the curve compared with a lot of districts. We're prioritizing things that create the most traction with students themselves. We're thinking outside the box in how it should be done because this is a huge change in how teachers do their jobs."

A priority of his plan for Common Core readiness is to provide teachers with the training and feedback they need to provide a quality education to Torrance's students.

"We need to improve professional development for our teachers," said Wermers. "Our teachers are being asked to carry a more complex load and we need to make sure

*"Over the next few weeks, the Torrance Tribune will feature profiles of each candidate, starting with this week's edition."*

expects, while dealing with a level of funding that was drastically reduced compared with what the district had been receiving just before his election.

"[I helped the district survive] the absolute worst downturn in California education ever, since it's inception, with a – I want to say minimum quantity of cuts, but it's hardly a true statement – a substantial quantity of cuts, obviously but managed in an intelligent fashion."

In managing the district in the face of catastrophic cuts, Wermers said he used his business savvy to find solutions to problems that don't necessarily translate to the business world. He cites his business experience as an asset, but also warns that it'd be incorrect to think of the school district budget as a typical business budget.

"I had to apply some basic fundamental business skills in an organization where business skills don't usually apply," said Wermers. "If we were run like a business we'd be educating 25 percent fewer kids because we had a 25 percent cut to our budget. We're educating the same number of kids, we're just doing it with 25 percent less in dollars."

Still, one of his biggest issues with education funding is something out of his hands as a Board member: Sacramento's miniscule education budget.

"Everyone in California needs to understand that we are behind the great state of Arkansas in funding our children's education," said Wermers. "We are forty ninth out of fifty, I can't say that enough, in enough different ways and get more pissed off about that than I already am. It's reprehensible that California is in that spot."

California's precarious public education funding has caused Wermers to go beyond typical Board member responsibilities and seek out ways to keep arts, music and sports as part of Torrance's curriculum.

"Because of that we need to look at things differently," said Wermers. "How can we educate our kids? How can we keep music programs in place? How can we keep the arts in place and still survive when we are forty ninth in funding. Those things require something more than just a Board member. You have to go out and look at those problems differently then just 'How do we educate?'"

While Wermers helped see the district out of the economic downturn, he still sees challenges ahead of the district in California's coming adoption of the Common Core State Standards. However, along with the Board, he has helped create partnerships to ease the transition and put Torrance ahead of many other districts.

"We're fortunate in that we have a fairly

they get the training to do that well. I want to be sure we're helping out our teachers in the use of technology and [in changing] the way they're being asked to teach."

Wermers' career, owner of Green Parrot Software Development, also provides him with skills he sees as vital for preparing the district for Common Core.

"I've been a small business owner for almost 20 years in the information technology arena and a lot of common core involves



technology so that will be an area I will contribute in. Right now we're desperate for technology skills, I didn't know how important me being a geek would be."

Additionally, while not an educator himself, a significant portion of his family is involved in education and he considers himself very informed on what's going on in Torrance's classrooms.

"I've been as close to the classroom as I can be without taking a pay cut," said Wermers.

He also cites his ability to embrace creative solutions as an asset the district can draw on, even more so now in the face of changes associated with Common Core.

"I've got a willingness to break the mold and try things that are different and unique, which is going to be absolutely necessary if we are going to be successful in Common Core," said Wermers. "We can't do business as usual"

Lastly, the three reasons closest to Wermers' heart for seeking re-election are his three daughters currently attending TUSD schools in grades ranging from fourth to eighth. His involvement is a way for him to be proactive about their education.

"I can either complain about the darkness or light a candle," said Wermers. "I believe I can add value in this position and I've proven it in these last four years."

# Police Alert

Since June 11, there have been 28 bike thefts predominately from apartment buildings in the area south of Del Amo and east of Anza to the city limits. There was one in May before the current spike commenced with five in June, eight in July, six in August and so far nine through September 22. Nonsecured and secured (locks cut) bikes have been taken. A variety of makes with values from \$70-2,000 have been targeted. The thefts are happening day and nighttime, all days of week.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, at 9:00 p.m. in the 2740 block of PCH, the suspect was described as a White male adult, 5'06"/ 170-180 lbs,

brown hair, wearing a green pea coat.

On Wed., August 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the 20800 block of Anza, the suspects were described as two Hispanic males in a white, newer Ford van with a roof rack.

On Monday, July 08 at 6:00 p.m. in the 700 block of Amapola, the suspect was described as a Black male adult, 20 years of age, 5'08"/ 140 lbs, black hair, wearing a white/gray checkered shirt and dark pants.

On Thursday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the 20720 block of Western, two male adults with bolt cutters were observed walking around the business complex. •

# Police Reports

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

### September 28

Vandalism: 20500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) maliciously smashes multiple windows and electronics

Vandalism: 2400 BLOCK 205TH ST Suspect(s) smashes window/no entry, no loss

Vandalism: 3400 BLOCK SPENCER ST Suspect(s) tags sign and wall

Burglary: 2000 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse

### September 27

Theft: 1800 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) siphons gasoline from victim's vehicle

Burglary-Residential: 3400 BLOCK 175TH ST Suspect(s) cuts/ removes multiple window screens/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Commercial: 2300 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) pries open door for entry and takes property/ laptop, speaker

Burglary-Commercial: 22300 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) tunnels through wall for entry, ransacks and takes property/ computer towers, monitors, mice, keyboards, scanner, printers

Burglary-Auto: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/ handgun, backpack, purse, Yorkshire terrier, manual, insurance, headphones

Burglary-Auto: 3500 BLOCK CARSON

ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property from trunk/ purse

Burglary-Residential: 5500 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) pries open screen, but is unable to pry open sliding glass door/ no entry, no loss

Theft: 24300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes locked property from rack/ bicycle

Theft: 3700 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from motel room while it is being cleaned/ cell phone

Burglary: 23100 BLOCK SAMUEL ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ tools

Burglary-Residential: 2500 BLOCK BRIAN AVE Suspect(s) pries open window in door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ cash, camera

Auto Theft: 17500 BLOCK FALDA AVE Stolen vehicle: '98 Honda Odyssey

### September 26

Battery-Simple: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect grabs victim's neck and pushes him before punching him in the face

### September 25

Burglary-Auto: 4300 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/ purse

Burglary-Residential: 100 BLOCK VIA MONTE D'ORO Suspect(s) cuts garage door lock for entry and takes property/ sawzalls, grinder, drills, drill bit, compressor, strip nailers, blades, jig saw,

Theft: 2800 BLOCK COLUMBIA ST Suspect takes property from employer following termination/ laptop

Burglary-Auto: 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse

Burglary-Residential: 1900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) pries open door for entry and takes unknown property

Burglary-Commercial: 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry and takes property/ cigarettes, lottery scratchers

### September 24

Auto Theft: 4100 BLOCK 182ND ST Stolen vehicle: '98 Honda Civic

Burglary-Auto: 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

I got up at dawn this morning to have a cup of coffee and acknowledge that this is the day of days – October 1--the first day of the government shutdown, and the first day of Obamacare. Inauspiciously, nine minutes after it opened, Obamacare's website crashed. Software glitch, it seemed. Sitting in the semi-darkness, I had to admit the size and complexity of this law is beyond the ken of the average man. So seeking wisdom, I trekked to the snow-covered peak of the tallest mountain and asked the ascetic guru for guidance.

Question: Guru, the shutdown is projected to cost the economy \$300 million per day. Is Obamacare worth that?

Answer: That's hard to say. Obamacare is causing employers to eliminate jobs, minimize hiring, drop coverage for part-time workers, eliminate healthcare coverage for some spouses and subcontract insurance obligations to third parties.

A Sept. 30 Gallup poll revealed that 25 percent of currently uninsured people intend to stay uninsured. So the number of uninsureds will rise.

But by creating still another entitlement called an "insurance subsidy," government will coerce those without coverage to buy coverage individually or face government fines. Whether Obamacare is a plus or minus depends on whether more people lose or reject coverage than enroll.

Question: How big was the uninsured problem before Obamacare? How big is the problem today? And how will Obamacare fix the problem?

Answer: It won't fix the problem. In 2008, there were 49 million uninsured (Kaiser

Family Foundation). By 2012, before the implementation of Obamacare, that number had dropped to 45 million (Center for Disease Control), constituting just 14.7 percent of the population. The conclusion is that the number of uninsured has fallen even as the population has grown. Most importantly, the Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) published a report prepared by Harvard and CUNY stating that, after full implementation of Obamacare, the law is so flawed that 29.8-31 million will remain uninsured.

Question: WOW! You mean that, in a best case, we will have reduced the uninsured from 45 million down to 30 million – a benefit of only 15 million? Do you mean we will have upended our entire system to benefit less than five percent of the population?

Answer: Yup, that's about the size of it.

Question: So what will we have spent to produce such a modest result?

Answer: That's a difficult one to answer. When the law was passed, it was estimated to cost about \$960 billion. But then that was revised upward to \$1.67 trillion. Now there's no discussion of cost at all.

Question: This seems to be a total financial travesty. Is the public in favor of such a law?

Answer: No. In the three-year history of the law, it has never had positive polling results. In the most recent seven polls, the public has rejected the law by a ratio of 53 percent against versus 39 percent in favor.

Question: If the public, many uninsureds, the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, insurance companies, doctors and hospitals oppose the law, who's in favor of it?

Answer: Barack Obama. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Government Shutdown Displays Lack of Accountability in American Politics

By Cristian Vasquez

As we all have seen, the United States government was shut down on October 1. While it is easy for me to sit here and blame Republicans for throwing a temper tantrum because of the Affordable Care Act, or bash the Democrats for refusing to negotiate with the GOP, I would rather take a different route. As frustrating and ridiculous as this government shutdown, we as voters have more control over the situation than we believe. Granted, we can't physically force elected officials to walk back to their chambers in such situations—but we can hold them accountable.

We, as voters, need to stop electing people based on their party affiliation and start determining who represents us based on their actions. Ideology, party platforms and the unwillingness to negotiate have led us to this current government crisis. The reason our elected officials, many of them, refuse to be accountable is because we fail to hold them accountable. From President Clinton's shameful scandal in the White House to Tea Party Republican Representative Randy Neugebauer (who recently blamed a Park Service for denying veterans access to the WWII memorial in DC), none of these so-called leaders know how to take responsibility for their actions. It is always somebody else who is at fault.

Voters have to stop electing these people to office. If a first-term senator or member from the House of Representatives makes a horrible decision, like refusing to compromise to avoid a government shutdown because of one piece of legislation, they must be voted out in the

next election. Unfortunately, voters have no problem reelecting incumbents. According to Politico, in 2012, and despite bad approval ratings, 90 percent of representatives seeking reelection won their bid for office.

So if we are vocal enough to let polltakers, reporters and surveys know that we disapprove of the work being done by Congress, but then turn around and reelect 90 percent of those in office, how will these people ever take personal responsibility for their actions? Why would they if they know the voters are very likely to give them another term in Washington? The list of politicians who should have been ousted years ago is too long to write in this space.

The only way we are ever going to get these politicians to act in the public's best interest is to hold them accountable. We have to vote them out of office for their incompetency and not make excuses for their refusal to work. News anchors constantly mention how divided the country is and that is a reflection of our nation's leadership. If the people we elect to office don't have the common sense to negotiate, then they turn around and blame the other side, it is no surprise that voters do the same. It is time that we stop listening to empty promises and idiotic excuses and make these people accountable. There have to be less reelected politicians based on party loyalty and that will only happen when we stop filling out surveys and start punching holes through ballots. This was not the first time the government has shut down, which goes to show how confident these politicians are in being reelected. •

## From the Source

### Rep. Waxman Applauds West L.A. VA's Innovative Veterans Housing Program

WASHINGTON, DC— On September 25, Rep. Henry A. Waxman joined CalVet Secretary Peter J. Gravett, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Director Donna Beiter,

of services will be provided to the residents so that they may successfully transition.

I want to commend the federal and state governments for achieving this partnership. It

*"Veterans who will benefit from this program consist of those that have previously been homeless, have completed a VA program, and are now in need of continued services prior to returning to their communities."*

LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and CalVet and VA senior staff at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Facility as they announced the Veterans Transitional Housing Program, which will open up new beds for Los Angeles homeless veterans on the West LA VA campus. Rep. Waxman's remarks:

I am delighted to join the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Department of Veterans Affairs as they announce an innovative collaboration called the Veterans Transitional Housing Program.

This program will take 84 empty beds in the State Home behind us and convert them into Domiciliary Independent Living Units. These beds have been set aside to house veterans that have been homeless and need services to prepare them for returning to the community. While they are living at the Home, they will be provided medical care, case management, employment services, and mental health care. The goal is to restore the veteran's health and well being so that they can reintegrate into our communities.

Veterans who will benefit from this program consist of those that have previously been homeless, have completed a VA program, and are now in need of continued services prior to returning to their communities. A full continuum

required flexibility, leadership, and thinking outside of the box. As we all know, the formula is simple: identify veterans' needs and fill them. But too often we hear about the hurdles and explanations for why our veterans cannot be served

As we stand here today, I urge the federal and state departments of veterans affairs to develop other collaborations so that limited resources can be leveraged to their greatest extent.

As for my recent work, I was pleased this summer to secure a number of pledges from Secretary Shinseki to address homelessness in Los Angeles and I look forward to their swift implementation. Late last week, I lead and sent a California delegation letter to Governor Brown urging him to sign a critical bill that will shift 600 million dollars into a fund to provide multifamily housing to veterans. I also wrote to Secretary Shinseki asking him to strongly consider accepting the recent court ruling so he can lead his agency into developing more collaboration like what we are seeing today. You can count on me to continue to monitor the VA to see that it delivers the full range of services our veterans have earned.

I want to congratulate the federal and state VAs again and commend them for this terrific program. •

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# TerriAnn

from front page

Chisa Yamaguchi was born in Vallejo, California and attended UCLA to study dance. She has been with the group for five years – since 2007 –and told me she has to literally pinch herself every time she gets on stage

are the natural things you do with it? Sit on it? Stand on it? Well, Diavolo challenges the audience to see the chair in a function that you might not normally imagine. Chisa explained, “Being on both ends now, being part

heading to Torrance.

Four members of the Los Angeles Company will be coming to the James Armstrong Theatre. They will bring ladders, chairs and doors, as well as some abstract pieces, along

“Children run with the visuals and they run with how it peaks their imaginations, and it’s a great reminder that that’s how the work started,” Chisa added. “It was with play and imagination and having freedom. Kids are so



Three ladders. Photos courtesy of Art Attack Foundation.

and realizes what a gift it is to work hard, dedicate yourself to something and then have it happen. “I was a member of the sister company first, which is the company that will be coming into the James Armstrong Theatre, but I have been touring with the tour company for five years--this is my fifth year,” she said. “I started off in the sister company which is solely based in Los Angeles, doing local shows and workshops within the area. I have transitioned into being a performer with the touring company as well as the education director, costume manager, and I direct the company back in L.A. So I have a lot on my plate, but it is very gratifying.”

of creation and . . . being able to construct set pieces and deconstruct pieces at the end of the show--and if something would go wrong on stage, to be able to fix the structure... how do we enhance it? How do we bring that sensitivity and presence of mind to it? Every show is completely different.” Chisa told me being a performer with Diavolo is challenging



Dancing with benches. Photos courtesy of Art Attack Foundation.

with them. I wonder what the dancers will do with these pieces on stage? How many doors do we walk through in a day? Diavolo will ask these questions and then challenge the audience to imagine using a door differently. Actually, I can’t wait to see that one! When I was in ballet, I remember using a chair once as I developed a dance, but all I could do

thrilling and so exciting. Their reactions are so natural and they will tell you if they think it is bad. You know when it’s not good and you also know when they are excited and they’re having an experience.”

I found out that Diavolo takes a version of this particular show to schools all over Los Angeles and Orange County. Even kindergartners enjoy the show and are exposed to dance in a very special way. The show makes dancing exciting as it shows not only skill and grace but power and strength. Boys respond to this show more than any other dance show. Props are used in different ways and children especially respond to the show.

The difference between Diavolo and other dance companies is that it never works with a bare stage. It always uses some sort of set piece. Chisa told me their French director and choreographer Jacques Heim started the company in 1992, merging his love of architecture and movement into one show. This unique show takes a simple piece of furniture--like a chair, for example--and asks you, *what*

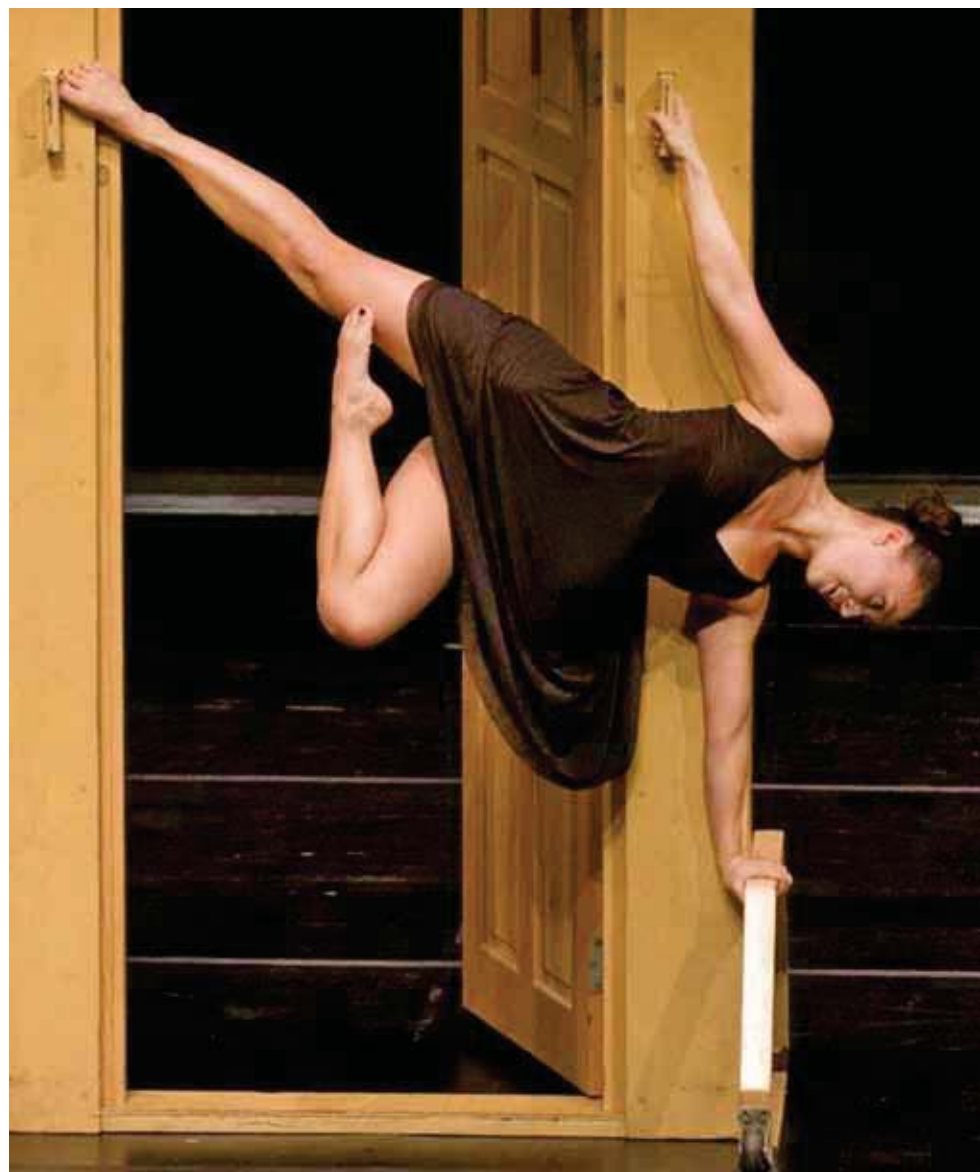
and creative at the same time. Along with the creative element there is risk--and in the risk, each performer is asked to bring calm to the stage. Live theatre is always challenging.

Diavolo is on the U.S. leg of their tour right now. They began the tour at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, headed to Greenville, S.C., made a stop in the Smokey Mountains in North Carolina, and will visit Gainesville, Fla. right before

was twirl around the wooden chair and put a foot on the seat for variety. Guess I wouldn’t make the Diavolo Dance Theatre’s standards. But I am sure brilliant, innovative dancers like Gene Kelly, who danced with a mop in one famous number and tap-danced through rain with an umbrella in another, or Fred Astaire, who danced on walls and a ceiling, would understand this concept perfectly.

The more I listened to Chisa, the more I began to envision Cirque du Soleil and asked if that company had heard about Diavolo. Chisa then explained, “About a decade ago, Cirque du Soleil did call Jacques [Heim], our director, and they said, ‘We saw your work--we love what you do. We need a cirque show like yours,’ and that’s where KA came out of. KA is

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Dancing on a door. Photos courtesy of Art Attack Foundation.

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# Sports

## Up and Adam

### West Keeps Rolling vs. North

By Adam Serrao

You could almost see it coming before it even happened, but to add intrigue to last Friday night's game between the West High Warriors and the North High Saxons, North came up successful in its last two contests by a combined score of 117-6. Just when it looked like the Saxons were on their way to turning their season around, though, they ran into the mighty Warriors. West has yet to lose a game all season, and last week at home against North, it showed why it maintains such a pristine record. With a healthy dose of junior running back Brett Ojiji both on the ground and through the air, the Warriors were able to easily outlast the Saxons by a final score of 35-6 to move to 5-0 on the season.

The West High Warriors have a method for winning games so far this season, and last Friday night against the Saxons, it's easy to say that they stuck to that method. Much like the NFL team Minnesota Vikings, who just get the ball to Adrian Peterson, the Warriors are implementing a system where they just get the ball to running back Brett Ojiji. There has yet to be a game this season in which Ojiji has rushed for under 100 yards. Against the Saxons, not only did he do that but he hauled

league play this week with a tough challenge against Mira Costa. The Saxons (2-3) also open up their league play slate with a matchup against Centennial. The Pioneer League is wide open this year. North has all the time in the world to get its season turned around in the right direction after last week's difficult loss.

#### South High

The South High Spartans went into their game against Palos Verdes Peninsula looking for their first win of the season, but quickly realized that teams from the Bay League are simply going to be tough to beat this year. After back-to-back rough losses to both Mira Costa and West High, Peninsula showed why it could be competing for first place in its division this year.

Peninsula relied on junior running back Rory Hubbard to rule the day against a soft South High run defense this year. Hubbard carried the ball 24 times for 193 yards and set his team up with perfect field position all night long last Friday night at South. After putting up 10 points in the first quarter, Peninsula did not relent in the second as it made the score 17-0 at the half. After another touchdown in the third and one more in the fourth, the Spartans and head coach Josh Waybright



Brandon Chavez (South Torrance #23) gains some yards after finding an opening in the Peninsula defensive line. Photo by Dirk Dewachter.

in over 100 yards receiving as well. Though the Warriors enjoyed another great performance from their running back, not everything started off so easily for West. Both teams went scoreless in a first quarter that was filled with punts and turnovers. Early on in the second quarter, however, Ojiji got the scoring started with a 33-yard touchdown to wipe the zeroes off of the scoreboard at West High.

"That play got us going," explained Warriors' head coach Greg Holt. "After that, we had more enthusiasm and more spark." Holt was right. Ojiji's first score of the day led to much more momentum on offense for the Warriors shortly thereafter. Just before the half, Ojiji was at it again as he plunged into the end zone from five yards out to make the score 21-0 at the break. North struggled to get things going on offense all night long, but found some hope in the third quarter when Chris Kuaea came in at quarterback and tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Matt Gonzalez. Those six points were all that the Saxons would receive, however, as they watched Ojiji score two more times in the fourth quarter to bring to the score to its ultimate final at 35-6.

Ojiji finished the night with 25 carries for 149 yards and three rushing touchdowns while the running back also hauled in four catches for 101 yards and a touchdown as well. "It's boosting my confidence," Ojiji explained of his play last Friday night. "The offensive line is opening up huge holes and making it possible." It is now looking possible for the Warriors to go well into the season before they suffer their first defeat. West is now second in the CIF-Southern Section Northern Division rankings and will begin

found themselves on the verge of a shutout before Gabe Zuniga scampered for a six-yard touchdown with under eight minutes remaining in the game. Zuniga, the team's quarterback, was less successful in the pocket, going 2-10 on the night for 20 yards passing in South's eventual 31-7 loss at home.

The Spartans will look to attain their first victory of the season and get themselves out of the cellar of the Pioneer League standings when they open league play this week against the Torrance Tartars.

#### Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars were riding a high of sorts, coming off of their first win of the season versus Leuzinger. After a tough 0-3 start to the year, Torrance didn't just beat Leuzinger. It outplayed them, winning by a final score of 57-6, while hoping to get its season turned around. Almost as quickly as it came, however, it left for the Tartars when the team took on Inglewood and emerged with nothing more than a safety in their 33-2 loss last Friday night at Inglewood. The Sentinels took control of the game from the start, owning the clock by using their running game to their advantage. Torrance's defense came away with a big play to get them their two points, avoiding a shutout, but ultimately the Tartars will have to wait for league play in order to get another win on the board. Next week's matchup against the South High Spartans should be the perfect opportunity for the Tartars to show what they've got. South is winless so far this season, so the matchup between the two teams will theoretically be to figure out who will own the last place spot in the Pioneer League division. •

## Dodgers Built for October

By Adam Serrao

If you've been following the Los Angeles Dodgers all season, you know that it has been a rocky road for the Boys in Blue. From a slow start to the regular season to an incredible month of August to precisely right now with the team's first playoff appearance since 2009 and divisional series triumph this past Monday after beating the Atlanta Braves three out of four games, manager Don Mattingly and company slowly but surely pieced together a team poised to thrive in the fall. The team composed, however, is expected to do anything but fall in this year's postseason. Through all of the ups and downs of a long, grueling, 162-game season and throughout all of the injuries that have accrued to star players during the course of the year, there is now only one question that remains to be answered: Did the Dodgers peak too early, or are they a team that is built to get to the finish line?

If there is one thing that is for certain about the Major League Baseball (MLB) postseason, it is that it is absolutely nothing like the regular season. One is a marathon, while the other is a virtual sprint to the much-coveted World Series trophy. The Dodgers have been fortunate enough to withstand the demanding and exhausting marathon of a regular season thus far and have already started to make some noise in the playoffs. General manager Ned Colletti, together with majority owner Stan Kasten have done their parts to meticulously piece together a roster that gives them the best chance to put a ring on their fingers come early November. "Once you get to the postseason, nothing goes true to form," Colletti explained. "We have tried to add guys that give us a safety net." Those players who Colletti speaks of are truly the reason why this team was made for October.

The starting pitching is the main reason why experts picked the Dodgers to get to the World Series. With a one-two punch of Clayton Kershaw and Zack Greinke, it will be hard for any team in baseball to gain an early 2-0 advantage on the Dodgers in the playoffs. The series against the Braves proved that point. Colletti knew the advantage in spending all of the money on Greinke last offseason. "The postseason is truly a crapshoot—you have to be as prepared as possible because you just don't know, and building the starting pitching to be as good as you can is one way of doing that," Colletti said.

The majority of the rest of the Dodgers' staff, including their bullpen, has either been relatively unsuccessful or unproven thus far in the playoffs. Take Ronald Belisario, for instance. In his postseason career, he sports an ERA of 9.00, which included giving up a then-critical go-ahead run in game four against the Braves on Monday. In order to counteract that fact,

Colletti did his part to pick up quality arms that have been there and done it before. J.P. Howell has an impressive 2.77 ERA in 15 postseason games. Perhaps the most infamous reliever in all of baseball, Brian Wilson, did not yield a single run for the Giants in the 2010 postseason and shut down Atlanta in each of his three appearances so far in this year's playoffs. "I want guys like Brian [and J.P.] because they've played this time of year, they've played into October with success," Colletti explained. "They understand the dynamic, they understand what the day feels like."

Just as relievers like Wilson understand the dynamics of a pennant chase, Colletti, too, had to understand the dynamics of putting together a playoff roster. Select players added to the pitching staff aren't the only ones with World Series experience on the roster. Aside from Monday's game-four heroes, Carl Crawford and Juan Uribe, in the starting lineup, the Dodgers' bench also boasts the names of players who have been there and done it before. Skip Schumaker was a main catalyst in the St. Louis Cardinals' successful quests for championship rings in 2006 and 2011. Nick Punto and Jerry Hairston, Jr. (though the latter was left off the playoff roster) each have one ring apiece and if anyone knows playoff/World Series baseball better, it may just be the most recent newcomer to the team—Michael Young. With the Texas Rangers, Young played in two of the last three World Series competitions. Sometimes, talent is necessary to have on a team. But sometimes, that talent shrinks under the bright lights and intense pressure of the playoffs. In the postseason, everything means just a little bit more. To have players on your roster with that experience like the Dodgers do is almost a necessity when it comes to winning World Championships.

Perhaps no team in MLB has gone through as dramatic a makeover in the last two years than the Los Angeles Dodgers. From the dog days of Frank McCourt, to Magic Johnson, to the trade that brought in Adrian Gonzalez and the acquisition of Yasiel Puig and much more, this roster has made a complete 180-degree turn from just a couple of years ago. This Dodgers' team is anything but bankrupt now. With a mix of homegrown talent and World Series-caliber players, these Los Angeles Dodgers now look to take the rest of the 2013 MLB playoffs by storm. Though the playoffs bring twists, turns and excitement around every corner, it appears that with the owners, management and roster currently in place, the Dodgers have a distinct advantage this year. That's one thing about baseball's playoffs—you just never know what's going to happen next. But with this ballclub this year, it may just be easy to throw out a pretty good guess. •



South's Kevin Heinemann (South Torrance #44) tackles Rory Hubbard (Peninsula #22) following a short Peninsula gain in the first quarter of play. Photo by Dirk Dewachter.

# Sports

## West Boys' Water Polo Falls to El Segundo



West Player shoots and scores. Photo by Shelley Kemp.

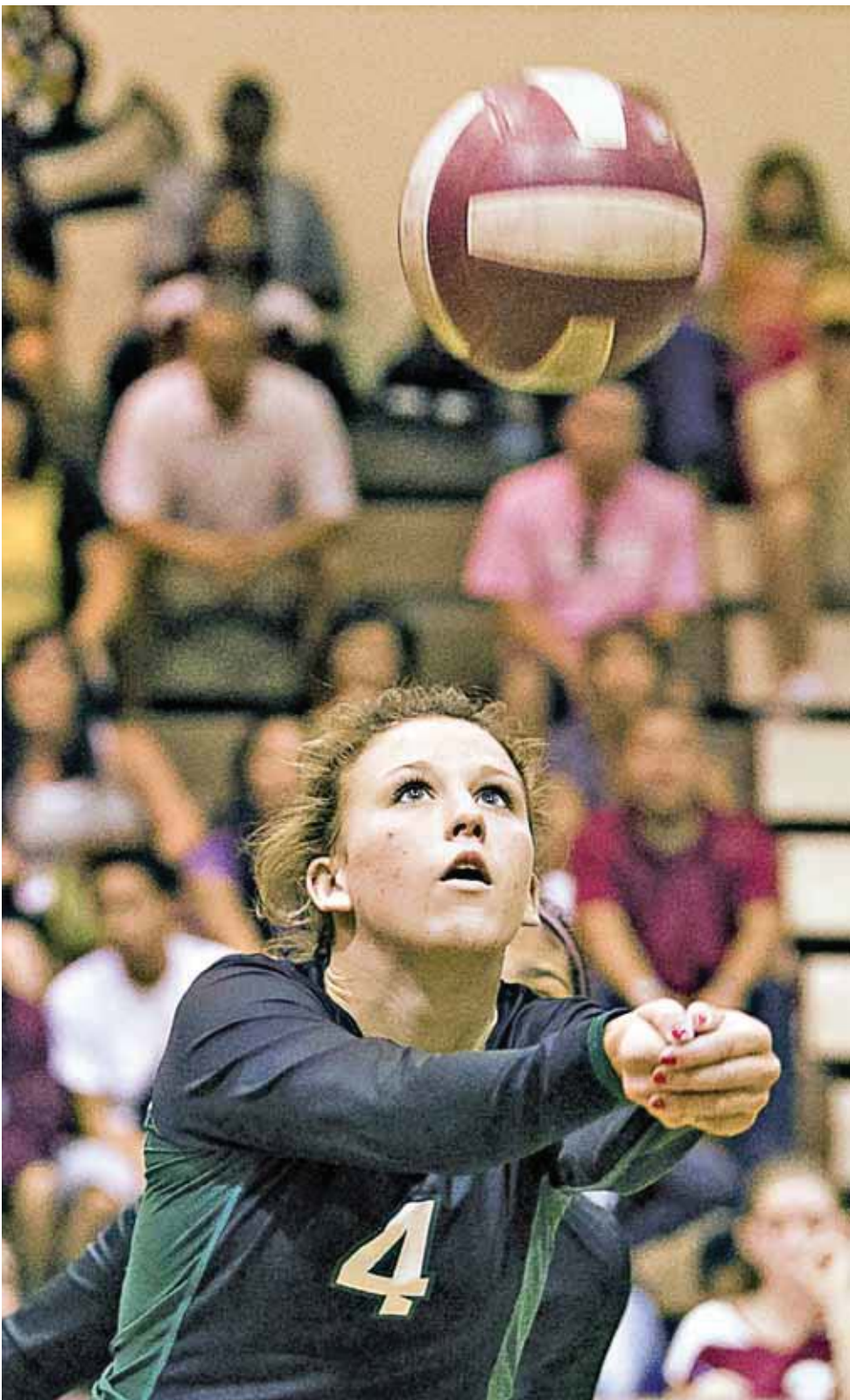


Milos Blagojevic fires an attempt to score. Photo by Shelley Kemp.



Marco Sevo prepares to fire off a shot. Photo by Shelley Kemp.

## South Torrance Prevails over Torrance



Aly Prunauer returns Torrance serve. Photo by Shelley Kemp.



Kiana Takahashi sets the ball as South's blocker watches for Torrance's return. Photo by Shelley Kemp.



Madi Quisenberry shouts after scoring a point against Torrance. Photo by Shelley Kemp.

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Rocky

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**Jimmy Choo** is a beautiful boy whose is estimated to be one-year and eight months



Jimmy Choo

## Happy Tails

The circumstance behind a pet’s abandonment is often a mystery. This one was known, and this is Mimosa’s story.

For a week, Mimosa sat patiently waiting on the doorstep, believing that his human caregiver would return. But she had left Mimosa behind when she moved, making no provisions for him. The neighbors did not want to take the responsibility for him and the landlord had issued the ultimatum that if Mimosa was not gone in the week, the county animal control would be called.

A friend of Mimosa’s irresponsible owner contacted Kitten Rescue, asking if there was a nearby feeding station for feral cats at which Mimosa could live and eat. He told the Kitten Rescue volunteer that Mimosa could probably find “stuff” to eat in a dumpster until then.

old. He weighs 67 pounds. This is a really friendly, fun-loving dog. It is apparent that he has been a “yard dog” his entire life because he lacks in the “manners” department. He can sit and lie down on command, but the person who takes this boy will need to have some time to train and show him the way. His foster family is getting him off to a good start, but he will need a basic obedience class and constant supervision until he understands what is expected of him. He is a very quick learner and eager to please. Jimmy loves tennis balls and he loves to play fetch--his tennis balls keep him entertained for hours, and he retrieves well. He would much rather play with you than another dog. He is, however, good with other dogs. Jimmy is simply focused on his human and takes direction and correction extremely well. His capabilities are endless, providing he finds an adoptive family that has the time to invest from the start. Children need to be over seven years old, please. Jimmy Choo is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

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Cleo

the PetSmart, 11250 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Meet our kitties dressed in their best, or come to one of our other adoption locations to meet other cats and kittens of all colors and sizes.

**Cleo** is a gorgeous, fluffy, white kitty with light gold ears and pretty blue eyes and resembles a flame-point Siamese--she is a year old. With her beautiful plume of a tail, she is a girly kitty. Cleo has a great purr and adores petting. She is fine with other kitties and doesn’t really mind small dogs. Her mom was a feral cat, but her foster parents knew that a life in the wild would not do for a sweet girl like Cleo. They have taken wonderful care of her

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Charlie

be nice. As the volunteer started to check for the possible adoptees, she received an email for an urgent situation in which a cat needed



an immediate foster home. As she read more of the details, she could scarcely believe what she was seeing – a big, handsome, friendly boy – an *orange Tabby!*

So Mimosa and his new family were purr-fectly matched. Mimosa has quickly

made himself at home. He enjoys his days watching the squirrels on the patio, following the husband throughout the house, together watching all the football games on TV, and at night, sleeping contentedly on the foot of their bed. His new family says repeatedly how much they already love this big boy and are happy that he is in their lives.

Every person who encountered Mimosa on his journey was touched by his friendly, mellow persona and his grateful, loving demeanor. It seemed Mimosa knew he had been rescued and would never again be left behind or forgotten.

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. •



# Seniors

## Keeping Joint Replacements Long-lasting

By Dr. Peter Gleiberman of Torrance

In light of "Bone and Joint Health National Awareness Week" Oct. 12-20, 2013, I wanted to share some facts and figures about joints. Did you know bone and joint conditions are

best outcomes with patient-specific implants, where the implant and tools are made to fit each individual patient. I'm always looking for the best treatment options for my patients, and when I saw how successfully customized

*"With patient-specific technology, each and every implant is made to order for every patient."*

the most common cause of severe long-term pain and physical disability worldwide affecting hundreds of millions of people? What's more, about 27 million Americans are living with osteoarthritis; the lifetime risk of developing osteoarthritis of the knee is about 46 percent. Even further, 600,000 knee replacements are performed annually.

If you're one of the 600,000 knee replacement patients (or future patients), you may be wondering what you can do to stay active without risking injury. As physicians, we encourage people to keep exercising after surgery, but ideally just low-impact activities such as walking, dancing, golfing, swimming or bowling. That's not to say running and tennis are out of the question. You should be physically able to partake in those activities. Just keep in mind that higher-impact activities generate significant force on your knees, which tends to wear out implants faster and as a result require revision surgery sooner. There's a difference between what's possible and what's smart. You can still enjoy an active life without risking the quality of your implant.

Regarding the actual implants, there are different options that can impact longevity; much of it has to do with alignment, or how the knee is implanted. As an orthopedic surgeon and a knee replacement patient myself, I've seen the

knees were implanted in patients, I knew I not only had to recommend them to my patients, but also receive one myself when I needed a knee replacement.

With patient-specific technology, each and every implant is made to order for every patient. Only these customized implants can address the variety of shapes and sizes. As a result, alignment is perfect and my recovery was faster - I returned to work three weeks after my knee surgery. With traditional, off-the-shelf implants that are only available in six or seven sizes, the alignment may be off, which can shorten an implant's lifespan. They can also cause residual pain due to improper fit: No two knees are alike, so it's impossible for an average of sizes to fit any patient perfectly. Alignment is one part of the longevity equation. While a patient-specific implant has the potential to last longer, it still depends on how you use it. Low-impact activities generally lead to 15 to 20 years of a good knee. Higher-impact activities like mountain climbing or tennis creates more wear.

Consider this: if you were to receive one pair of sneakers that had to last you the rest of your life, would you be more likely to walk on carpeted surfaces or to hike on rough terrain? Taking care of your implant can preserve it as long as possible. •

### TerriAnn

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playing now at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and is basically Diavolo with a cirque wallet." Wow! I learned that a lot of the inspiration and structure of KA was choreographed for them by Jacques Heim. "I saw it," Chisa said, "and I thought if we had a cirque wallet, this is what Diavolo would look like, and it's a fantastic show, and they're a fantastic company. They brought circus to the work. Diavolo came first - before KA. The reason for KA is Diavolo and it gets compared with cirque a lot, but they are 'circus'--we are dancers."

Diavolo is rooted in Los Angeles and hopes to grow and become even stronger, reaching more and more schools in the Southern California

area. The show is inspiring and uplifting and demonstrates that the things you might not have even thought about are possible.

T.R.U.S.T. is actually the name of this Diavolo show and it stands for: T--teamwork, R--respect, U--unity, S--solidarity and T--trust. The T.R.U.S.T. show uses six set pieces, which become "architecture in motion" where the dancers are integrated with the structure and use them to their fullest capacity.

Are you intrigued? I am and can't wait for this inspiring and unique show. Diavolo Dance Theatre's T.R.U.S.T. is for everyone. Call the theatre box office at 310-781-7171 for tickets and information. See you there! •

## City Council

from front page

functional. Mayor Frank Scotto said he would like to find a way to create a public/private partnership that would be revenue-neutral for the City. "Cities sometimes don't realize that they can utilize for profit," said Scotto. "Let's see if there is a company out there that might want to pay the other half of the installation costs to run a business where they charge \$1, \$2, \$3 an hour--whatever the market will bear--and then they reap the profits from it."


Councilmember Bill Sutherland concurred with Scotto's idea to leave pricing the electricity dispensed from the chargers to the free market. "I'm paying for my gas--they should pay for their electricity," said Sutherland.

However, Councilmember Kurt Weideman argued that because the charging equipment would be located on public property, the public should get a say in the pricing. "I'm concerned about charging what the market will bear," he said. "That bothers me a little bit because it's going to be on City property. I don't know if we should necessarily allow a vendor to come in and charge what the market will bear."

In an effort to settle the debate, Councilmember Cliff Numark said that the specifics on how much it should cost for an all-electric fill-up should be vetted by the Environmental Quality Commission and the owners of electric vehicles. "I'm sure vehicle owners would say, 'I'm willing to spend a dollar an hour to make sure there are plenty of places to plug in,'" said Numark. "These people are not unsophisticated, so I think that's the kind of discussion worth having. The research has already shown that people are willing to pay for it. So I think the reason why we should go through this process is to engage the folks that actually use this system to build that kind of momentum and frankly get the word out."

The Council also heard a presentation on the new flashing yellow arrow traffic signals that will be coming to the intersections of Arlington Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, and Prairie Avenue and 182nd Street. The flashing yellow arrow will signal drivers that they can

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### L.A. COUNTY VOTERS: REQUEST FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

#### "DUE BY OCT. 29"

*Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections Takes Place on Nov. 5, 2013*

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan reminds L.A. County voters to request a vote-by-mail ballot by Tuesday, Oct. 29 for the Nov. 5, 2013 Local and Municipal Consolidated Elections.

The RR/CC began mailing approximately 500,000 vote-by-mail ballots to voters today.

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## City Council

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make a left turn after yielding to oncoming traffic, as opposed to a green arrow signifying they have a protected left turn, a red arrow signaling they must wait, or a solid yellow area that shows the signal is about to change to red. Steve D'Anjou from the Torrance Police Department said officers are ready to handle any difficulties arising from the change, but that he expects the public to adapt easily. "I do anticipate a little confusion," said D'Anjou.

"Once the motoring public knows and adjusts, I don't anticipate very many problems."

Scotto was pleased to see the City working to mitigate its traffic problems, even with measures that might only save a minute or two at a time. "Believe it or not, but two minutes is a big deal," the Mayor said. "In the long run, if we could do this on every intersection... I think traffic would move much more efficiently throughout the city." •

## Police Reports

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**COAST HWY Suspect(s)** smashes window for entry and takes property/tote

**Burglary-Commercial:** 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) enters secured locker by unknown means and takes property/ cash, gift card

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**Burglary-Auto:** TORRANCE BLVD & CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/ computer, jet pack, cable connectors

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- Rodent genus
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- Balance parts
- One who studies animal behavior
- For one thing
- Adaptable truck, for short
- Stunners
- Gazillions
- Satire adjective
- Art able to
- Furnish
- Marque
- Collagist's need
- Spread
- "Later!"
- Not extreme
- Piece of pipe
- Lookout point
- Between Molokai and Kauai
- Patterned lace
- Photograph
- Some wines
- Home remedy
- "Later!"

### DOWN

- Celery
- \_\_\_ Tomas de Castilla
- Entr'acte
- Furniture wood
- Give back
- Not level
- Kind of traffic
- Eighty-six
- Last: Abbr.
- Pacifier
- Lab containers
- Ring around the collar?
- Leave in, to an editor
- Renal, for one
- Enthusiasm
- Home paper
- Alternative to plastic

- White chip, often
- Comport with
- Be worthy of
- Clock std.
- Golf ball position
- Front
- Port conveyance
- Exclamation of impatience
- College website ending
- Café additive
- Sushi supplies
- Good vantage point
- Head
- Beethoven work in E flat
- Make well
- Kind of bar
- Kilns
- Alignments
- Drawing support
- Not sitting well?
- Dullard
- Hot pot
- "Green Gables" girl
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- Nigerian language

### Last Week's Answers

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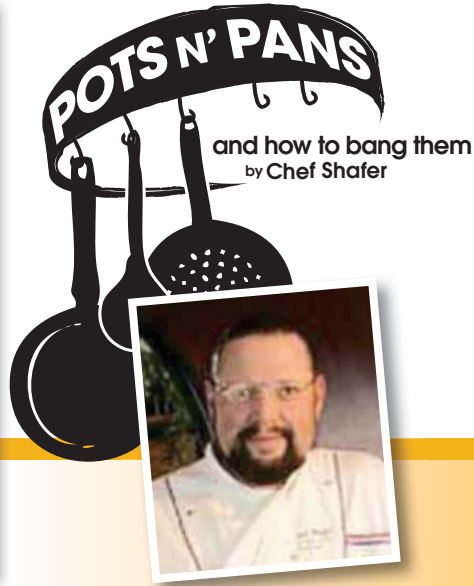
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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

**W**ith the spooky holiday approaching, we need to prepare some garlic to chase away the goblins and ghouls that may inhabit our souls!  
I love garlic. Whether roasted, whole cloves or shaved as chips and fried, you can never have too much. The only time garlic is offensive is when it's raw or burned. To me, raw garlic almost has a burning flavor, and burned garlic is bitter. So you have to treat garlic with respect and cook it carefully.  
Here is one of my favorite garlic recipes that is quick and easy.

*The Chef*



## Roasted Garlic Cloves with Spinach, Tomatoes and Feta Cheese



1 cup whole, peeled fresh garlic cloves  
1/4 cup olive oil. Set aside another 1/4 cup for later  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and coarse ground black pepper  
1/2 cup finely diced red onions  
2 cups large, diced fresh tomatoes  
1 pound spinach  
1 cup shredded manglego cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix together garlic, 1/4 cup of oil, salt and pepper. Place on a sheet pan and in a 350-degree oven for 20 minute, or till golden brown and soft to the touch.

In a hot sauté pan, sauté the onions in 1/4 cup of olive oil for 1 minute.

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## Home Harmonizing: Making Outdoor Entertaining Areas as Useful as Indoors

(BPT) - The trend toward outdoor living spaces shows no signs of slowing, and the newest step in the trend is blurring the lines between outdoor and indoor spaces. Outdoor spaces are truly becoming an extension of indoors, mimicking the most useful and appealing elements of indoor spaces. The trend is rewriting how Americans construct, outfit and enjoy that backyard staple, the deck.

"The dividing line between indoor and outdoor living spaces is fading, and homeowners are looking for ways to make their outside environment as useful and comfortable as the inside of their homes," says Chris Camfferman, senior product manager with Universal Forest Products, makers of decking materials and accessories. "The trend is driving an evolution in deck styles and materials, with new designs emphasizing livability as much as durability."

If you want to bring your outdoor and indoor spaces into alignment this summer, look to these areas of your outdoor living space:

**Outdoor kitchen** - Food is a big part of entertaining, whether you're hosting a big summer soiree to christen your new deck or an intimate pool-side dinner. Outdoor food prep and cooking require a touch more finessing than indoor cooking. Whether you use a portable grill or a built-in cooktop, gas or charcoal, it's important that your decking can stand up to the rigors of cooking. Choose decking material that's scratch- and stain-resistant.

**Entertainment areas** - Long gone are the days when outdoor entertainment areas consisted of a table and deck chairs, period.



Homeowners now want to enjoy the same types of amenities outdoors as they have indoors. For some, that includes a hot tub, and composite decking can provide a sturdy, barefoot-friendly and water-resistant platform for hot tub entertaining. Today, you can also use wireless technology outdoors. Wireless-equipped devices such as TVs and iPod stations make it easy to enjoy

electronic entertainment - such as watching the big game or a romantic comedy - while savoring the fresh air and sunshine. Even

easier -hang a bed sheet and use a movie projector to watch your favorite kid's film or action flick, turning your deck into an outdoor movie theater.

**Furnishings** - If your idea of outdoor seating is a few plastic Adirondack-style chairs and a plastic table, it's time to look indoors for inspiration. The styles and materials you enjoy indoors are making their way into

outdoor furniture design. Plush cushions in designer hues evoke the same comfort and style as fine upholstered furniture indoors. Demand is growing for built-ins that can fulfill seating and workspace needs. Composite decking material makes built-in benches both durable and beautiful. Homeowners are using furnishings and accessories to turn the decks into statements of their personal style.

**Decorator touches** - Many of the decorator tricks that designers use to spice up the interior of homes are moving outdoors,

too. Deck stains and exterior paints now come in vibrant colors - not just dirt-hiding browns. Composite decking is also popping with color, with hues that mimic some of the richest, most enticing tones found in natural woods. Lighting is another design element that's no longer relegated to the realm of "utilitarian" in outdoor environments. Whether you opt for decorative sconces on exterior walls of your home, twinkling LED lights on a deck railing, or Tiffany-inspired solar-powered postcaps, lighting is an opportunity to make a design statement in your outdoor living space.

"For many Americans, outdoor living spaces have become every bit as important as indoors," Camfferman says. "With advances in decking technology and outdoor decor, every homeowner can create an outdoor environment that's as appealing and harmonious as the inside of their homes." •

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