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North Torrance to Advance to CIF Northwest Division Final



North Torrance took on top-seeded Bishop Diego in the CIF Northwest Division semifinals and won 28-14. The Saxons will face Nordhoff for the championship next Saturday in the CIF Northwest Division semifinals. Seen here: the North Torrance Saxons celebrate after winning their CIF Semifinal against Bishop Diego. Photo by Shelley Kemp. Read more on page 8.

City Council Votes for Fire Trucks to Receive Patriotic Upgrade

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council unanimously decided during its latest meeting to allow the Torrance Fire Department to fly the American flag everyday of the year, instead of only during a small number of holidays. Before the decision, the flag was only flown on patriotic holidays such as Presidents' Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day. However, interest from the Torrance Firefighters Association (TFA) and Councilmember Bill Sutherland led to an agenda item about displaying the flag year-round. "I'm the one who brought this forward," said Sutherland. "First of all, seeing the flag on certain days is wonderful. My concern is why do we only celebrate America on certain holidays?"

Displaying the flag year-round has some controversy surrounding it, though—the biggest being that the decision doesn't explicitly follow the United States Flag Code. The code states that "when the flag is displayed on a motorcar, that staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender." The Flag Code also doesn't permit flying the flag at night or in inclement weather (unless the flag is an "all weather flag"). However, as the fire equipment is kept in lighted bays at night and the flags used would most likely be resilient enough to handle bad weather, these requirements are considered to be met. But to many, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the Flag Code isn't enforceable law and more like a suggestion outlining how to show respect for the flag. Sutherland stated that honoring the flag is more important than following the Flag Code to the letter.

"Some people say it's not up to code--well my patriotism doesn't have a code," said Sutherland. "Putting [the flag] up where people can see it is right. Having the flag on trucks on holidays, then in the closet the

other 360 days of the year is wrong."

Councilmember Pat Furey also supported displaying the flag every day of the year. He said that the trucks look great with the flag on them and help show the patriotism of not only the firefighters of Torrance, but the whole Torrance community. "Our firefighters have asked us to allow them to display the flag on their trucks year-round and I think we should let them," said Furey. "It really looks impressive. It's a unique display, it's high up

on the rig and really looks great. I think we should allow our firefighters to display the flag every day because Torrance is a patriotic city. It's still an all-American city."

Not everyone on the Council was so strongly in support of the idea. Councilmember Tom Brewer was concerned about the costs that flying the flag all year might entail. He was concerned that with such frequent use, the flags could change from proud symbols of

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly
Cloudy
61°/56°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
62°/59°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
62°/56°



Local Retailer, Nonprofits Give Back to Community

By Cristian Vasquez

From November 17 to mid-December the Galleria Guests Give Back campaign will give people the opportunity to participate in several family-friendly, fun activities while donating to several different nonprofit organizations. "People are always looking for ways to give back during the holidays, but with hectic holiday schedules it is not always easy to find the time to give," Mickey Marraffino, Regional Marketing Director of South Bay Galleria, said. "By launching this campaign, we are providing shoppers with an easy way to get involved and help local nonprofits. The best part is that guests only need to donate a minute of time while shopping to learn more about these worthy organizations."

The Galleria Guests Give Back campaign kicked off on November 17 and includes the nonprofits Project NEEDS, Cheer for Children, Walk with Sally, SPCLA and Redondo Beach Dog Park. Representatives from each nonprofit were present at the campaign kick-off, which was coordinated with Santa Claus' arrival, during which time

patrons were able to donate nonperishable food items.

"We are really excited about Santa Claus. We realize that during the holiday season, shoppers really want to give back to the community and they show that they are a little bit more generous and they want to find way to help," Marketing Manager of the South Bay Galleria Sher Haddon said. "We figured that we would make it a little bit easier by having some local community event here at the center that helped our shoppers give back. For every item brought in and donated, people were entered to win a \$100 gift card from the galleria. That was our incentive to encourage shoppers to bring in a donation."

Other events of the campaign will allow guests to bring their dogs to visit with Santa and take pictures on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. All of the proceeds from the pet photos will be converted to points that will be designated to the non-profit of the guest's choice (SPCLA or Redondo Beach Dog Park) and a donation will be

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Holiday Shows – Performing In and Around Town

By TerriAnn Ferren

Every year as Christmas approaches, dance and drama students everywhere begin rehearsing for their holiday shows. This means with all the many performances coming to town and around the area, there is no lack of holiday entertainment. During December, a beautiful rendition of *The Nutcracker* will be performed by *The Metropolitan Ballet Company* at the James Armstrong Theatre in Torrance on Saturday, December 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 23 at 2 p.m. Some people feel that this special ballet helps make the holiday season perfect, and it just isn't the same without seeing *The Nutcracker*. For more information, call the box office at 310-781-7171 or access www.dancewest.org. And the highly acclaimed 13th annual performance of *The Snow Queen* (a ballet loosely based on a Hans Christian Andersen tale) is fast becoming a holiday tradition as well. *The Snow Queen* will be performed by the *California Contemporary Ballet Company* located in La Canada Flintridge. For more information, access www.snowqueenballet.com. And the renowned classic *Scrooge! The Musical: A Christmas Carol* is coming to the James Armstrong Theatre on Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 1

at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. "I just think this is going to be one of our best shows ever. There is going to be special effects in this show that probably people have never seen before in the adaptation of Charles Dickens' *The Christmas Story*," said Linda Dryer, one of the Board of Directors of the South Bay Conservatory. For more information, access www.southbayconservatory.com.

But it isn't only during this special season that youngsters excel in dance and drama. Children who participate in the arts have a special joy they exude when they perform and that talent was displayed recently and garnered top prizes for students in the South Bay. Vanya Katronov teaches dance not only at the Peninsula School but also in downtown Torrance at *Utopia Studios Boogie Zone* on Carson Street. Her students took top honors in *Hip Hop*, ages five to eight, *Jazz Ballerinas*, ages four to seven, *Junior Hip Hop Team*, ages eight to 12, and *Jazz Team*, ages 12 – 17. They qualified for the regionals in February and won first place in a national dance competition held by *Showstopper* at the Disneyland Hotel.

A special event is coming up for Vanya's students on March 6, 2013. They will be performing at Staples Center during a *Clippers*



Mini Jazz Team age 4 to 6 years old. Photo courtesy of V K Dance Company.



National Champions - Hip Hop Team age 5 to 8 year olds. Photo courtesy of V K Dance Company.



game. Can you imagine how exciting that will be for young performers? "My students are so looking forward to this," beamed Vanya. "I have already started working on the routine. It will be a six-minute show, so I have three groups performing little pieces, and at the end I will have all dancers on the court doing the same routine. I am really, really, excited!" I asked her where the students come from and she said she will draw them from everywhere and everyone is welcome to audition. Wow! What an experience for young men and women to perform in front of an audience of over 19,000 people! I asked Vanya if anyone can join in and she said yes--all they have to do is call her and audition. Call Vanya at 424-903-9568, send an e-mail to her at info@vkdancecompany.com, or access the website at www.vkdancecompany.com and get involved!

Later, I took a trip to the studio to speak with some of the students and asked them how long they have been taking dance class. Most of them have been dancing for about five years. Lydia Nitzschner, age eight, Shane Brown, age nine, Jessica Brunnenmeyer, age 12, Rachel Lobo, age 14, and Megan Marentes, age 11, were thrilled about winning nationals and determined to defend their titles. I then asked the group what their favorite kind of dance is and they all told me, "Hip Hop." Who knew? "It is expressive," said Jessica. Vanya added, "It is free-spirited for them." Megan added, "It helps when you are stressed out."

Not only are the students wonderful dancers, but they are excelling in their studies. "I was class valedictorian when I graduated last year [from eighth grade]," Rachel told me after a bit of urging.

I then watched these talented young adults warm up and stretch, and then they performed a routine for me that they used for an audition just this past weekend. They were confident, powerful and full of joy.

I remember when I was in the high school glee club and one Christmas we performed Handel's *Messiah*. As I recall, I was a soprano and had to try to hit those really, really high notes. Working with a group toward a common goal was fun for me and when we put on our long white robes and lined up to sing the finale at the Christmas Choral Concert, it was exciting. I remember how it felt to have worked hard on something and to achieve the desired result--a great show.

Youngsters and young adults everywhere I am sure will feel that same sense of accomplishment as they perform their holiday shows and performances. The holiday season is here and I encourage everyone to check out the local theatres and dance studios for their upcoming productions. Not only will you be supporting the young people of our community, but you will be surprised how very talented our young people are and how generous and dedicated they are with their time to put on a show. Let's support them! •

Business Briefs

CHAMBER PRESENTS GLOBAL GIRLFRIENDS TEA & HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business group cordially invites you to attend an Afternoon Tea, December 12 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton Torrance-South Bay. Keynote speaker Sheri Rose Shepherd, Best Selling Author and founder of 'His Princess Ministries' will inspire all who attend with her story of perseverance and hope. Start a new holiday tradition with your girlfriends this season. Enjoy a high tea (wear your favorite holiday hat), enjoy delicious scones & sandwiches, and shop for unique holiday gifts. For reservations call 310-540-5858 or purchase online www.torrancechamber.com/events. Advance Tickets \$35. At the Door \$45 - based on availability.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Torrance Education Foundation is currently looking for volunteers for various committees. The Torrance Community is a fantastic resource for TEF and we encourage you to call or email us to discuss various volunteer opportunities. We need graphic designers, copywriters, event planners, data entry, business partners, cold callers, letter writers, envelope stuffers, you name it, we need it. TEF welcomes volunteers with open arms. Donations and time are what sets Torrance apart from other Districts. For more information about volunteering or donating please contact Executive Director Trish Pietrzak at 310-995-9800 or email at trish@torranceeducationfoundation.org. TEF is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization, all donations are tax deductible.

SOUTH BAY AIDS NETWORK PRESENTS "GETTING TO ZERO! AN AIDS-FREE GENERATION"

The South Bay AIDS Network, a coalition of health care providers and civic, community and business interests committed to reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, and City of Carson Councilman Mike Gipson are sponsoring "Getting to Zero! An AIDS-Free Generation," an AIDS awareness program, at the Carson Community Center on Thursday, November 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The title of this year's event refers to the theme of this year's World AIDS Day: "Getting to zero: zero new infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination." The program will include on-site HIV/AIDS testing, a presentation from Kaiser Permanente Infectious Diseases specialist Mark Katz, MD, video submissions on HIV/AIDS prevention/awareness from students and a presentation of "What Goes Around," a play by the Kaiser Permanente Educational Theater Program on HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). "This is the 18th annual event we've held in honor of World AIDS Day, and they've gotten progressively bigger each year," says Joanne Silva, Social Services Director at South Bay Family Health Care and the clinic's HIV/AIDS liaison and coordinator. "We're expecting our largest turnout yet."

PAUL'S PHOTO CELEBRATES NEW CREATIVE PHOTO ACADEMY

Members of the Torrance City Council, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, local photographers and business people and representatives from the photographic industry celebrated the opening of the Creative Photo Academy at Paul's Photo on November 16. The Academy is located at 23845 Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance, 310-375-7014, mark@paulsphoto.com. The

Creative Photo Academy, which is adjacent to Paul's Photo, features two state of the art classrooms where photographers can learn in a traditional classroom environment with "how-to" instruction or participate in "hands-on" workshops. The classrooms also serve as a product and portrait studio for teaching experience as well as for the use of local professional photographers. The Creative Photo Academy Gallery will showcase the talents of local photographers, Academy students and the community through monthly



photographic exhibits. Paul's Photo was founded in 1951 and has served the South Bay community ever since. Pictured from left to right: Stephanie Comon, Zachary Comon, Vice President Mark Comon and President Paul Comon of Paul's Photo. Photo by David Bever.

TORRANCE CIVIC CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT CONCERTS FOR DECEMBER

Torrance Civic Chorale and Orchestra under the direction of David Burks, bring to the South Bay two concerts for December. "Peace On Earth" will be featured first on Friday December 14 and then secondly on Saturday December 15 at 8:00PM in the James R. Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. The Chorale's women sing the United States Premiere with orchestra of "Wherever You Are" written for the military wives of British troops by world renowned composer Paul Mealor. "Wherever You Are" received its world premiere in London, November, 2011 for the Queen of England in Royal Albert Hall. The U. S. premiere's solo is sung by



the Chorale's soprano Helen Castner. Both concerts also feature "Merry Christmas, Darling" written by Frank Pooler and made famous by Karen and Richard Carpenter from Long Beach. The Friday and Saturday night concerts, both different, spotlight a variety of individual soloists along with vocal duets in each concert while the Chorale and orchestra's selections remain consistent. David said "our choral-orchestral music is very family friendly and promises to prepare holiday happiness for everyone." "Here In My House" one of the Chorale's favorite Hannukkah selections has found its place each December in concert along with many popular December seasonal favorites for everyone. Reserved seats may be purchased through the James R. Armstrong box office at (310) 781-7171 for \$16.50 which includes a box office \$2.50 handling fee per ticket. •

Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

• Torrance Rose Float Association "Restaurants for Roses" fundraiser, 11:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., El Paso Cantina, 2404 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

• A Christmas Carol, 8- 10 p.m., Torrance Theatre Company, 1316 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call Gia Inferrera-Jordahl at (424) 243-6882.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

• Lunch with Santa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-4728 or visit www.TorranceMemorial.org.

• South Bay Children's Choir's Songs of Snow and Caroling, 4 p.m., El Camino College, Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. For ticket information call (310) 329-5345.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

• Artful Days: Picasso: His Women, His Art, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

• Calle Mayor Middle School Winter Concert, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Call the Theatre Box Office at (310) 781-7171.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

• South High School Band Winter Concert

7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

• Free Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.-3p.m., City of Lomita, City Hall Parking Lot, 24300 Narbonne Ave. For more information call (310) 781-6900 or 1-888-253-2652.

• Holiday Gift Wrapping Demonstration, 2 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

ONGOING

• Torrance Memorial 29th Annual Holiday Festival, Tues., Nov. 27 - Sun., Dec. 2, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-4703 or (310) 517-4606 (recorded information).

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

• The Salvation Army Torrance Corps needs volunteers for Angel Tree Program, bell-ringers, Adopt-A-Family Program and Can Food Drive. For more information contact Angela Ohl at (310) 370-4515.

• 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. •

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Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

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New Metro Bus Schedules December 16

Starting December 16, Metro is making changes in its bus service to improve efficiency and effectiveness through better use of resources. For complete details, look for revised timetables on metro.net or on buses during December.

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or where you are or what you are doing that makes you happy
or unhappy. It is what you think about it."*

~ Dale Carnegie



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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.

NOVEMBER 17

Auto Theft-All: 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: Toyota FJ Cruiser.

Theft: 22600 BLOCK LADEENE AVE Suspect(s) opens victim's delivered parcel and takes property/toys.

Burglary-Auto: 20500 BLOCK EARL ST Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/laptop, briefcase.

Burglary-Auto: 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect pries back window for entry, ransacks and takes property/computer case, laptop, sunglasses.

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

Burglary-Auto: 16700 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) enters victim's two vehicles by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/insurance card, CDs, candles, candle holders, towels.

Burglary-Auto: VAN NESS AVE & DEL AMO BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/stereo, speakers.

NOVEMBER 16

Burglary-Auto: 1900 BLOCK 218TH ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/power toolset.

Theft: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) cuts chain securing property and takes same/ bicycle.

Burglary-Commercial: 19000 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) cuts lock securing trailer and takes property/gloves.

Burglary-Commercial: 23200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) cuts padlock securing construction site, disables lighting and takes property/pallets of plywood.

Battery-Simple: 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect throws pinecones at victim and kicks him in the chest.

Battery Simple: PACIFIC COAST HWY & MADISON ST Suspect throws open, canned beverage in victim's open vehicle window, hitting her in the face.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK NEWTON ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from carport/bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 16900 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Stolen vehicle: '92 Honda Accord.

Burglary-Auto: 4000 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/suitcases, clothes, camera, laptop, sunglasses.

NOVEMBER 15

Burglary-Auto: 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/jacket, sunglasses, title, paperwork.

Theft: 300 BLOCK PASEO DE GRACIA Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/tailgate, step, badges, logos.

Auto Theft-All: 3500 BLOCK EMERALD ST Stolen vehicle: '08 BMW 335.

Theft: 2000 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE Suspect(s) removes concrete vault covering electrical conduit and takes property/copper

wiring.

Burglary-Commercial: 3700 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) smashes front glass door, pries open rear security door then kicks in rear door for entry, ransacks/unknown property loss at time of report.

Vandalism: 4000 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Theft: 3400 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/license plate.

Theft: 21000 BLOCK REYNOLDS DR Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from

parking garage/bicycle.

Burglary-Commercial: 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) pries open doors for entry and takes property/safe, cash, paperwork.

NOVEMBER 14

Battery-Simple: 4000 BLOCK 242ND ST Suspect pulls victim's hair, then slaps and kicks her.

Burglary-Auto: 4700 BLOCK BINDEWALD

ROAD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Auto Theft-All: 2800 BLOCK 182ND ST Stolen vehicle: '98 Nissan Maxima. •

Police Brief

FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION INCIDENT # 120070817

On November 24, at approximately 11:23 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a call of a possible vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collision at the intersection of 182/Crenshaw Blvd. On arrival, officers discovered that a vehicle traveling west on Torrance Boulevard at Madrid struck a pedestrian who was attempting to cross the street. The vehicle continued driving with the pedestrian on the hood of her vehicle for approximately 2.3 miles until she was forced to a stop by concerned citizens at 182/Crenshaw. The victim, Phillip Moreno, 31, from Torrance, was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Sherri Wilkins, 51, also from Torrance, was arrested for driving under the influence and manslaughter. Torrance Boulevard was closed for approximately two hours for

the investigation. This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the direction of Captain Bernard Anderson, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information about this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at 310-618-5557. •



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| El Camino College 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. | Seafood Town Chinese Resturant 22922 Hawthorne Blvd. | Walgreens 4142 P.C.H., Torrance |
| El Pollo Inka 23705 Hawthorne Blvd. | Shakey's Pizza 5105 Torrance Blvd., Torrance | Walgreens 2976 W. Sepulveda Blvd. |
| Frank's Liquor 1601 Cabrillo Ave. | Shoe Dog 25359 Crenshaw Blvd. | Walgreens 2321 Hawthorne Blvd, Redondo Beach |
| Froots 21219 Hawthorne Blvd. | Shorewood Realty 1009 Torrance Blvd. | Walgreens 22930 S. Western Ave. |
| Griffith Adult Center 2291 Washington Ave. | New Sign-A-Rama 1820 W. Carson St., Suite 204 | Walser's Art Supplies 23145 Kashiwa Court |
| Hamilton Adult Center 2606 W. 182nd St. | Snax Restaurant 4535 Sepulveda Blvd. | West End Raquet & Health 4343 Spencer St. |
| Hof's Hut 23635 Crenshaw Blvd. | South Bay BMW 18800 Hawthorne Blvd. | Western Museum of Flight 3315 Airport Drive |
| Home Team Realty 23900 Hawthorne Blvd. | South End Racquet & Health Club 2800 Skypark Dr. | New Y' Not Burgers 22940 Hawthorne Blvd |
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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

Duane Plank

So the Kid returned to the mansion for a few days last week, descending home because he so much wanted to hang with Mom and Dad for the Thanksgiving festivities. Or maybe it was because he had a can't-miss dental appointment scheduled locally, as we continue to deal with the fallout from a major tooth emergency that struck about a week

other, right? Or left. Well, my Pops, staunch Republican that he is, never really forced me to vote one way or the other, but has continued to this day to have the viewpoint of a veteran human being who fought in the Korean War, and still feels that our shores aren't safe from foreign interlopers.

So not an Obama supporter, shall we say. And was over at his MB domicile last week,

Highway robbery, the education fee escalation that has continued to take place in the Great State of Cali. You may notice that I no longer refer to our state as the Great Bankrupt State?.

prior to the Kid heading north to UCSB to study the history and the political science.

Anyway, nice to see the Kid for a few minutes and discuss a little bit of this, a little bit of that. Turns out he was able to vote in his first election a couple of weeks ago. Not sure how he voted. Don't impose my will or political views on him, as some overbearing fathers do. And you know who you are. He's old enough to make his own decision, as he apparently did. But I am surely assuming that he cast a vote for Prop. 30, to save all of us college-check-writing parents from having the fees jacked up again mid-course.

Highway robbery, the education fee escalation that has continued to take place in the Great State of Cali. You may notice that I no longer refer to our state as the Great Bankrupt State? Sans the actor/philanderer/pretender Arnold Schwarzenegger, things appear to be turning around a little.

In fact, recent polls cite stats that connote that most of us paying attention think that the financial outlook is starting to look a little better. A little Pollyanna positiveness, apparently.

So mentioned that I don't impart my political beliefs on the Kid—let him formulate his own biases. Cuz we all tend to lean one way or the

taking him some vittles, raiding the liquor cabinet, talking about the prosecution of the miscreants who toilet-papered his estate a couple of weeks prior. And he blurted out a couple of interesting thoughts for a man who celebrated birthday number 79 on Wednesday.

He is convinced that the Chinese Army will soon overrun our West Coast shores and that their point of entry will be Long Beach. Because there is a Costco in Long Beach and, according to dear old Dad, the Chinese government, or one of their incredibly rich patrons, owns the megazillion-dollar Costco empire. Maybe they do—no time to fact-check tonight. Maybe at a later date.

Also ran by dear old Dad the fact that the Dems may be looking at a Joe Biden versus H. Clinton fistfight for the Donkey nomination in 2016. Dad, also named Duane, btw, said that the Dems couldn't run the lovely Hillary "because they have something on her."

Not sure if dear old Dad remembers the escapades of "Slick Willie" Clinton, but maybe he does. Seems like the old guy can pick and choose what and when he wants to remember when it comes to a factoid or two...Happy birthday, Dad, from your esteemed son Duane "Tony" Plank. •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

*Look what they've done to my song, Ma
Maybe it'll be OK*

*Well if the people are buying tears
I'll be rich someday, Ma*

Look what they've done to my song

*Look what they've done to my song, Ma
Well they tied it in a plastic bag*

And turned it upside down

Look what they've done to my song

Melanie Safka

What have we done to the younger generation? We've tied up their futures in a plastic bag and turned it upside down, Ma. Going the way of Europe, U.S. youth unemployment now stands at 17.1 percent.

The Young Entrepreneur Council says 53.6 percent of Bachelor's degree holders 25 years old or younger are unemployed or underemployed. For high school graduates (ages 17-20), the unemployment rate is 31.1 percent.

The young will lose the most in the workforce restructuring because they can't support a family on a 25-hour work week.

More college graduates are getting low-tech jobs. Waiters, bartenders and food service helpers have gained 100,000 jobs, but engineers, physicists, chemists and mathematicians gained only 90,000 jobs.

Only three of the 30 occupations with the largest projected number of job openings will require a Bachelor's degree or higher. Most jobs by 2020 will be in low wage professions like retail sales, fast food and truck driving.

Look what they've done to my song, Ma.

Even in the low-tech industries, employers are locking down. Sixty-three percent of people with health insurance receive it through employers, but Obamacare's mandate that companies employing more than 50 people working more than 30 hours a week provide

health insurance is causing companies to restructure their workforce to avoid the mandate.

Already, Papa John's Pizza, Denny's Restaurant, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Ralph's Market, Food-For-Less and Smith's Market have chosen to reduce their employees to 25-hour work weeks. Their competitors are sure to follow suit.

Denny's will also add a five percent Obamacare surcharge to all customer bills. Applebee's says it will cease hiring because of the law. Wal-Mart says Obamacare will add eight to 36 percent to each employee's insurance premium, and any increased costs it faces will be added to consumer prices.

The young will lose the most in the workforce restructuring because they can't support a family on a 25-hour work week. If they're lucky, they'll get a second part-time job and still not have employer-provided health insurance.

The cost of Obamacare is compounded from one link of the supply chain to the next. The grain farmer will pay for Obamacare and pass the cost on to the cattle rancher. The cattle rancher will absorb the higher cost and add a profit and overhead factor to it before passing the higher cost on to the slaughterhouse, and so forth. Through each link, the trucking company adds his Obamacare cost. By the time the meat reaches the butcher shop, Obamacare will have caused grain cost and meat cost inflation. Who will bear the brunt of these increases? The young.

*Well, if the people are buying tears I'll
be rich some day, Ma
Look what they've done to my song...•*

Sports Shorts

OLYMPIAN CARMELITA JETER RETURNS TO ALMA MATER

November 20 was Carmelita Jeter Day at California State University, Dominguez Hills, as the campus welcomed home its first Olympic athletic. The three-time medalist at the 2012 London Olympic Games—bronze in the 200m, silver in the 100m, and gold in the 4x100m—and the fastest woman alive talked about her experiences and answer questions from the audience during "A Discussion with Carmelita Jeter". Jeter also served as honorary head coach at the home-opener women's basketball game against cross-town rival Cal State L.A. Seen here is Carmelita with University President Willie Hagan and Vice President of Student Affairs Sue Borrego as a banner commemorating her track achievement is revealed in the Torodome rafters. Credit courtesy of CSUDH Athletics. •



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Sports

Up and Adam

Black Friday Turns Golden for North, West

By Adam Serrao

Normally at about this time of year, the football season winds down and we are forced to say goodbye to all of our favorite teams for the season and wish our favorite high school athletes well as some venture on to pursue the up-and-coming basketball season—or even still, some graduate and advance on to college. Well, the North High Saxons are

“We set our mind early in the season to get a ring and we’re just one step closer. We’ve got to bring it home to North for the first time.”

not used to “normally.” Nothing about their performance last week or their great showing all year has been normal and that wasn’t going to stop now. By breaking the game open in the fourth quarter last Friday night at North High, the Saxons beat top-seeded Bishop Diego in the CIF Southern Section Northwest Division semifinals by a final score of 28-14. The win advances the Saxons to this year’s championship game—a point that they have only reached three previous times.

It was a rather unorthodox performance for the Saxons, as they struggled to get their normally explosive offense going for the entire first half. Where their offense struggled, however, their defense picked up, holding a Bishop Diego team that averages over 38 points per game to only seven points in the first half and seven in the second half. When the offense did pick up for North, it was the usual suspects that got it going. With just over four minutes remaining in the first half, starting quarterback, Jorge Hernandez finally got rolling. Connecting on the drive to his normally lethal receivers, Devante Jenkins and Michael Jurado began hauling in passes to drive the team down the field. Hernandez connected with Jurado on a fourth-and-five play to keep the drive moving before Jenkins got himself open in the corner of the end zone for a 12-yard touchdown reception to tie the game up at 7-7 at the end of the first half.

The Saxons came out of the locker room at

halftime motivated, led by their quarterback Hernandez. “I told the defense, ‘Get me the ball and we’re going to put it in the end zone,’” Hernandez explained. That’s exactly what he did. Hernandez did it himself as he and the Saxons went on a 10-play drive in the third quarter finished off by a 16-yard touchdown run by Hernandez to lengthen the Saxons’ lead. The young quarterback didn’t

stop there, however, as he continued to carry the team on his shoulders throughout the fourth quarter as well. With a seven-point lead and just over six minutes remaining in the contest, the Saxons recovered a fumble and Hernandez led his team on another drive that ended with a short touchdown run to put the team up by two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. In a gutsy move, head coach Todd Croce initiated an onside kick and the Saxons recovered to seal the deal and advance the team to the CIF championship game. “It means the world to me,” senior wide receiver Jenkins explained. “We set our mind early in the season to get a ring and we’re just one step closer. We’ve got to bring it home to North for the first time.” Jenkins finished the night with seven catches for 124 yards and a touchdown while his quarterback finished the game 18 of 21 for 243 yards, a passing touchdown and two rushing touchdowns.

In three previous trips, the Saxons have never come out of the championship game victoriously. “We’ve been here two other times with this staff,” Croce said. “We haven’t gotten the job done. We want another crack at it.” That’s exactly what the fourth-seeded Saxons will get when they move on to face the number two-seeded Nordhoff next Saturday in the final. The game will be at Nordhoff, so hop on the bus with the team and get out there to support your North High Saxons

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Rivalry Renewed

By Adam Serrao

For as long as anyone can remember, there has been no such thing as a rivalry between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Los Angeles Lakers. While they have shared the same building over the past 13 years, the Clippers have failed to even enter the conversation when the topic of sharing championships has been discussed. Quite frankly, the Lakers have consistently been so good over the years that they have not only dominated the headlines when it comes to their play on the court, but have also been equally adept at gathering headlines from around the NBA and Los Angeles when it comes to off-the-court issues as well. All of a sudden, however, a team that has consistently been composed of stars similar to Pooh Richardson and Eric Piatkowski in the past has changed almost overnight into a team comprised of assets like Chris Paul and Blake Griffin. The turning away of Clipper Darrell says it all. These “new-look” Clippers have a new identity. They are ready to stop fooling around and start taking some of the shine off of the city’s perennial favorites, but will they attract enough attention to take all of the shine away from the Lakers?

No matter what their record says about how the team has been playing to start the season, the Lakers’ roster is one that is not only formidable but also scary to many other teams around the league. One of the reasons why the roster has taken the shape that it currently has is because of the nixed trade by David Stern that will forever live in infamy in the hearts and minds of Los Angeles basketball fans everywhere. Chris Paul could have, and probably should have, become a Laker to team up with Kobe for a few championships before the latter aging all-star retired. Instead, Paul went to a different locker room in the same building and Kobe has now been forced to (if you can call it that) team up with Dwight Howard. Now that Paul must look at this new Lakers’ team from an outsider’s perspective, however, he is certainly not one to panic at the sight of their roster. “Why should I be nervous,” he said on the Dan Patrick Show. “When we got to the Olympics, if you looked at our roster, you could’ve just given us the medal—but you have to play the games and that’s what makes it so exciting.” Excitement is exactly what we can expect from both of these teams all season long, but so far the Clippers hold the upper hand with a 105-95 beat-down of their counterparts in the third game of the year.

Beating the Lakers isn’t the only thing that the Clippers have going for them so far this

season. After all, the win did come before the coaching change and the Lakers have had a lot to get used to at the beginning of this season so far, to say the least. What the Clippers also have going for them, though, is that they have taken on and beaten other powerhouse teams across the league on a consistent basis. Wins against the aforementioned Lakers, the Denver Nuggets, Memphis Grizzlies, Chicago Bulls, San Antonio Spurs (twice) and the reigning champion Miami Heat have added up to be victories over playoff-caliber teams that in turn set the Clippers up for an extremely successful season. The Lakers, on the other hand, have only beaten one fairly good team—the Brooklyn Nets.

If there’s anyone in this league who knows about a rivalry, it’s Kobe Bryant. Throughout his years in the NBA, he has battled it out with the Spurs, Phoenix Suns and of course the Boston Celtics, just to name a few. When you ask him of his team’s rivalry with the Clippers, though, he becomes very candid, to say the least. “Please,” Bryant sighed. “We’ve got five championships. Rivals come from the playoffs.” The Clippers have made the playoffs only two times in the last 15 years while the Lakers have been there seemingly every single year, so Kobe does have a point. “It isn’t a rivalry—it never has been a rivalry,” he continued. Again, true. All time, head to head, the Lakers have played 193 games against the Clippers. The Lakers have won 143 of those games.

The Clippers have been a historically horrible team throughout their history. With key additions like Jamal Crawford, Matt Barnes, Lamar Odom and (once he returns from injury) Grant Hill to add to the flourishing talent of Griffin and Paul, that all might change. It certainly looks as if it is already on its way to doing so this year in particular. The problem with speaking of a rivalry, though, is that you have to change the entire pedigree of a team. The Lakers have a traditionally winning pedigree that has done its part to entrench its team’s brand deeply into the roots of Los Angeles tradition. While Paul and the rest of his Clipper teammates would love to change that culture, it would not only take defeating the Lakers in this year’s season series and winning the NBA championship, but it would take multiple NBA championships and banners to be hung in the rafters of the Staples Center. Sure, the Clippers are getting better as a team and are ready to take the next step as championship contenders. Until they start winning those titles, however, the Lakers will forever be L.A.’s team and a rivalry between the two squads will be, like Kobe says, nonexistent. •

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- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
- 1 bottle (1 ounce) red liquid food color (about 2 tablespoons)

Frosting

- 2 1/2 cups marshmallow creme (from two 7-ounce jars)
- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk
- 4 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 3 (8-inch) round cake pans with cooking spray. Line bottom of each pan with cooking parchment paper. Spray parchment paper with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, beat White Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Loosely cover and refrigerate.
3. In another large bowl, beat Red Velvet Cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally.
4. Spread 1/2 cup red velvet batter in bottom of each pan. Loosely cover and refrigerate remaining batter. Place all 3 pans on oven rack positioned in center of oven. Bake about 8 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
5. For next cake layer, spread 1/2 cup white batter evenly over each baked red velvet layer. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cake is set when lightly touched in center.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5, twice, baking 9 to 12 minutes per layer or until top of cake layer is set when lightly touched in center.
7. Cool 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans; remove parchment paper from bottoms of cakes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
8. Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat marshmallow creme, butter, vanilla and 1 tablespoon milk with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in powdered sugar until fluffy. If necessary, beat in more milk, a few drops at a time until spreading consistency.
9. To assemble, stack cake layers, spreading 1/2 cup frosting between each layer. Spread remaining frosting on side and top of cake.

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Torrance Football in CIF Finals

By Kelly Kemp

Both the North Torrance Saxons and West Torrance Warriors enter the CIF Football Final in their respective division with wins this past week.

North Torrance, now 11-2, vaulted to the school's fourth football final, but it's first since 2004, by virtue of a 28-14 win over top-ranked Bishop Garcia Diego of Santa Barbara.

The first three quarters were extremely close, with North receivers failing to control catches in the first frame, most likely due to dampness, as senior Quarterback Jorge Hernandez was very accurate hitting his targets—they just couldn't hold onto the ball. It was foggy and wet throughout the game.

In the second quarter, Bishop Diego marched down the field and took a 7-0 lead, but it was answered in minutes with a similar North Torrance drive, highlighted by two twelve-yard strikes to Michael Jurado and Devante Jenkins. Jurado's reception was a fourth down and five, while Jenkins' leaping catch came down in the end zone, leading to halftime 7-7.

At the start of the third quarter, the deep kickoff was fielded by Bishop at the 8-yard line. I was at the 10, so had a great view of the receiving team's block in the back

which prevented a sure tackle by North, and allowed the speedy player to bolt all the way for an apparent touchdown and second lead, but it was not to be. Needless to say, the visitor stands, which had erupted with glee, were now quieted with disbelief, as they couldn't see the far side flag in the fog. After that, Bishop sputtered and North rose to each occasion.

North Torrance pretty much kept it on the ground for the most part, with T. J. Young (1 touchdown, 29 yards on 12 carries) and Jorge Hernandez (2 touchdowns, 31 yards on 7 carries) scoring in the second half.

All along the way, North seemed to get the breaks and make the best of them – four-for-four on fourth down conversions, two fumble recoveries, one on-sides kick recovery and multiple open field tackles by the defense to seal the victory.

Next up for North: Nordhoff HS in the CIF Northwest Division Final on Saturday, December 1st.

For West Torrance, now 10-3 overall virtue of their 37-6 win over Atascadero, it's a rematch with Palos Verdes High School. With West in the CIF Northern Division Final the same day, it should be two great Torrance Teams in two great games! •



Senior Quarterback Jorge Hernandez pitches the ball to Corey Cox (28 yards on 4 carries).



Senior Defensive Back Michael Jurado makes the tackle.



Senior Wide Receiver Devante Jenkins leaps to catch and score the tying touchdown before Halftime.



Senior Running Back Austin Borin (30 yards on 5 carries) sprints around the left end. Photos by Shelley Kemp.

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as they bring home their first championship football trophy in school history.

WEST HIGH

Domination is the only way to explain it. The West High Warriors have gotten themselves this close to a championship and after their glorious defeat over Mira Costa two weeks ago in the quarterfinals, it is clear that they are not going to let anything stand in their way. It became even clearer last Friday night as the team went to Atascadero and came out victoriously with a decisive 37-6 win that brings the Warriors back to the CIF championship game for the first time in six years.

It was all West High in this one, as the Warriors came out strong in the first quarter led by quarterback Joey Notch. It was Notch who not only recovered a fumble, but then on the ensuing offensive possession passed to Dane Silverlake for a 31-yard score and a 7-0 West High lead right off the bat. After a field goal to push the lead to 10-0 at the end of the first quarter, Barry Thomas got his name into the game with a three-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion to make it 17-0 before Atascadero could even blink an eyelash. Atascadero would then finally get on the board with its first and only touchdown of the day, later missing on the two-point conversion to trail by 17-6 at the end of the first half.

West came out and put up 20 points in the second half led by another touchdown pass from Notch to Silverlake and an interception and return for a touchdown by Notch that put the game out of its misery, giving West a 30-6 lead. "We knew they hadn't seen our tempo," Notch said. "We set the tempo on our first drive and our defense stepped up and gave us some hope." That hope will now turn into a quest to come home with a championship ring after next Saturday's CIF final against Palos Verdes. PV comes from the same Bay League as West, and, like Mira Costa, has already beaten the Warriors previously this year. The 47-14 loss was the third in a row for West at the time, but also woke the team up to get them to where it is now—an at-large bid to enter the playoffs all the way to the CIF Southern Section final. "I'm unbelievably excited about being back in the championship game," West head coach Greg Holt explained. "We've been talking about it and what it would be like and these guys just kept on believing. Now we get a chance." The chance that Holt speaks of will be the Warriors' first opportunity in six years to bring home the hardware. Not only that, but now West can also exact revenge on yet another vaunted Bay League rival and finish the season having avenged two of their three losses on the year. •

South Bay Galleria

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made to each organization based on their total percentage of points at the end of the holiday season. Cheer for Children will have the "Angel Tree" at the South Bay Galleria throughout the holiday season where guests can donate unwrapped toys and gifts for children and teens by placing the donation under the Angel Tree.

"I think that it is important throughout the year, but I think that the holidays have an important focus when it comes to giving back," Haddon said. "Santa's arrival is one of the biggest events that we host here and we chose to do the 'Galleria Guests Give Back' at the same times of Santa's arrival to get the maximum exposure for these groups. We kind of just tied it in without biggest event."

The campaign kickoff attracted parents and children waiting to see Santa that are regular South Bay Galleria guests and new patrons. "I haven't been here in almost 10 years, but I picked a good day. Usually I go to another mall, but if I have time I think we will come back and donate," mother of two Nora Avalos said. "I think it is a good

thing because it is something that the kids have fun with and this doesn't happen all the time. This is the first time my youngest son is able to take a photo with Santa."

In addition there is the Giving Tree being offered by Walk with Sally, which is collecting much-needed gift donations for adults. Walk with Sally, an organization that specializes in connecting mentors with children whose parents have cancer, is asking people to donate adult gifts that the mentors at the organization can help children pick out for their parents who have, or have survived, cancer.

The first 500 children ages two to 10 were treated to a free McDonalds breakfast. Free entertainment was also provided and included balloon artists and face painters, among others. "It is all about trying to get that message out to as many people as we can reach in one season," Haddon said. "This is the first year that we are launching 'Galleria Guests Give Back' and I would love to keep continuing this event. I would love to make it something bigger each year and be able to reach out more to the community each year." •

Council

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a patriotic community to run-down icons of a minuscule City budget. "I like the Chief's idea to fly the flag on the eight holidays each year," said Brewer. "We haven't even talked about how the flags will look if they are going to be flown all day, every day and the cost associated with that."

Brewer initially supported, along with Fire Chief William Racowschi, maintaining the status quo, but changed his position to favor flying the flags year-round. One important factor was a commitment from TFA President Ryan Rasnick that his organization would pay for the flags and keep them maintained. "We will pay for 100 percent of the cost for the flags," said Rasnick. "We will inspect them just like we do with the flags at our station and we will replace them if they are torn, frayed or faded just like we do currently."

Brewer also objected to just allowing firefighters to fly the flag. While the cost of installing proper mounting apparatus for all City vehicles would be enormous, Brewer

contested that having one department alone displaying the flag would reflect poorly on the other departments. "If we allow one department to fly the flag and not the other, then it makes those departments really look bad," said Brewer. Sutherland disputed this claim by saying that the firefighters were "the only ones who asked" and their interest and their trucks already being outfitted to display the flag is reason enough for them to be allowed to have the stars and stripes on board while other departments don't currently enjoy that privilege.

Retired Torrance firefighter Steve Waggoner shared his thoughts about flying the flag while he was active in the department. He said that he and his fellow firefighters would be honored to fly the flag on the permitted holidays and that changing the practice would only improve the department. "It gives us great pride [to fly the flag]," said Waggoner. "We are a Class 1 department and we could make it even better if you let us fly the flag."

A Student's Perspective

On School Vandalism

By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

There is a vandalism problem in schools. This issue has diverged from campus walls and is now appearing silently on textbooks, desks and bathrooms. Today's methods of defacing property include scratching a student's street name in classrooms and leaving questionable material in bathrooms. This act has even spilled out to neighboring homes, where innocent residents are victimized by pranksters. There needs to be a greater enforcement of the rules preventing the defacement of property to provide safer schools to students.

Vandalism has transformed school windows, textbooks and facilities. Visitors to schools blindly claim a facility safe completely oblivious to the sheer amount of defacement occurring behind their backs. Just because the walls of a school are not littered with gang signs does not rule out the possibility of the same degenerates performing the same deeds on less noticeable areas. Meanwhile, students fully understand the degree of vandalism schools by their constant exposure to it in their daily travels to class.

The actual content of the graffiti poses a great risk to students. The most common example of this is the prevalence of the swastika on textbooks and bathroom stalls. In the context of where these are written, the emblems etched onto school surfaces do not symbolize good luck but are instead the embodiment of hatred. Yet some students choose to forget about its history and desensitize the swastika's meaning by mindlessly etching copies of it on school property. But what can appear as a laughable prank to a student may be viewed as a hateful deterrent towards minority groups, who may take great offense to its presence. The prevalence of the swastika in school property is not the only example of hateful messages hidden in school property as anti-Semitic, racist and homophobic graffiti have an equal, if not greater, occurrence.

The students' immediate safety is at an even greater risk in school bathrooms, which are commonly littered with hazardous liquids

on floors and solid waste in urinals. The improper placement of human waste is not only a vandalism issue, but also a serious health hazard. This poses a serious danger to anyone who enters the facility by the obvious stew of viral diseases it can contain.

The defacement of schools is also bleeding onto neighboring communities. There was a recent incident near my area in which students littered a resident's car with condiments. This behavior is naive and hurts a school's reputation. The targeting of innocent neighbors by the same thugs who decide to vandalize schools is despicable and should be punished justly. Schools must control this growing issue before their reputations are further damaged by the continued misdeeds of a small band of pranksters.

It is unfair for school staff to turn a blind eye to this fiasco. There needs to be a change in how schools view the defacement of their own property, especially when it jeopardizes the safety of their own students. This includes a more effective way of cracking down on vandals and issuing effective punishments for their acts. This issue needs to be nipped at the bud in order to prevent the same individuals, and future generations, from continuing to deface property upon leaving high school.

If a facility is supposed to be a distinguished school, then why must students have to deal with bathrooms without stall doors, fecal matter in urinals, urine on floors and gang insignias on its walls? Interestingly enough, staff bathrooms are in such close proximity to those of students that it's a wonder how they don't check regularly to see what students have to deal with daily. School janitors are truly the unsung heroes of the education systems as they stoop to the same level as students and are faced with cleaning the dangerous mess troublesome teenagers choose to make.

Schools are supposed to be places of higher learning--places to be respected. What has the public education system done to deserve such disrespect? The American education system is a free resource funded by American

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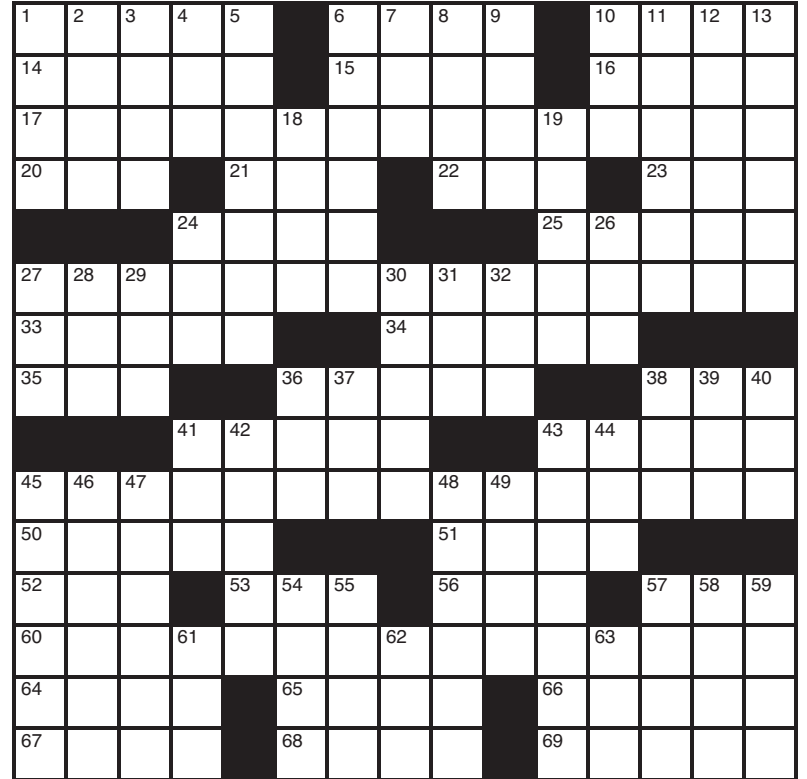
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23. Not req.
24. City in Central China
25. Stage item
27. It's given on the stand
33. Long bones
34. Flat-bottomed boat
35. Fancy neckwear
36. ___ box
38. Didn't hold
41. 100 kobos
43. Approval
45. No cross allowed for him
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51. Berry
52. Hotel sign
53. Rel. leader
56. Affect. with "to"

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66. Young hooter
67. Hollows
68. Swerves at sea
69. Choker

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29. Messenger ___
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31. Word with bum or bunny
32. Square one?
36. Central
37. Web browser entry
38. Kvass ingredient
39. Balaam's mount
40. Figs.
41. Watchman ___, Chinese Christian author
42. Bone cavities
43. Booster ___
44. Singer DiFranco
45. Gelid
46. Enumerate
47. Gets revenge
48. Black Marias, e.g.
49. Locks up
54. Irascible
55. A constellation
57. Pastry dough
58. Buck passers?
59. Part of A.M.
61. German spa
62. Nave bench
63. First prime

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taxpayers who expect nothing but the best for their children. Unfortunately, some children take this resource for granted by leaving gum on floors and etchings on campus windows.

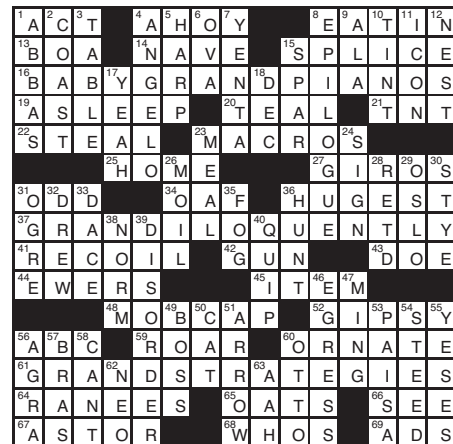
What value is there in a bathroom stall to make it worth spending time in county jail? According to the *California Penal Code 594 PC*, the willful act of vandalism is punishable by imprisonment for up to a year in prison. Depending on the value of what has been vandalized, the perpetrators can be charged with misdemeanor if the item's worth is less than \$400, and a felony if it is worth more. There is nothing worth obtaining a criminal record

for, especially if it's just go gain some "rep."

There needs to be stricter enforcement on the rules regarding the defacement of school property. The current way of enforcing the rule is too lax--and in turn results in the spilling of vandalism to nearby communities. Schools must crack down on vandalism for the sake of their facilities and students. This cannot simply be fixed by issuing detentions left and right for repeat offenders, as this problem must be tracked down to a common source and nipped at the bud. To stop this spread of degenerate behavior would be a great step towards making schools, and neighborhoods, safer places. •

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Pets Without Partners

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Honey

hold him, his head melts into your shoulder as he snuggles in for love... something he has obviously been neglected of for quite a while. If you like this breed, you will adore Mr. Kinkade! He needs a warm home for the holidays. Mr. Kinkade is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Mr. Kinkade was a hot matted mess when he was found. Although he was microchipped, we called his phone number only to find out



Mr. Kinkade

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Rabbits are not toys--they are delicate, exotic pets who can live up to 15 years. At the same time, they can also be wonderful companion animals. They’re clean and sociable, and once neutered they can easily be litterbox-trained. There is a wide selection of rabbits waiting for homes, so please don’t shop--*adopt* one of these beautiful bunnies or one of their friends.

Beatrice is a fantastic house bunny and people oriented--she even gives kisses! This snuggly girl would be a wonderful companion for humans, cats or a compatible boy rabbit. Beautiful Beatrice is about four years old as of June 2012.



Beatrice

Purrrfect Companions

Start off the holidays with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Bonnie is a character of a kitty with a lot of personality! She is a mega-affectionate lap kitty who will dance her way into your arms at any chance she can get. She is very playful and loves to wrestle with other kitties. Bonnie is definitely more of an “alpha” kitty, as she wants to be in charge of everything that is going on. Her looks are very striking and her coat is so *very* soft. Her meow is perhaps the cutest thing you will ever hear! Bonnie needs a kitty companion in her forever home. She gets along great with everyone and is good with dogs as well. This teenage beauty is ready to share her love with you.



Andy

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Andy is a handsome orange Tabby with an adorable face. He is a complete sweetheart who loves to sleep on the bed or be a “lap hog” when he’s not simply sitting next to you. Andy will follow you from room to room, always wanting to be with you. As is stereotypical of orange kitties, Andy is very personable and easygoing. He is outgoing and loves people, which is obvious in how much time he spends with people. When it comes to toys, Andy is easy to please and loves to lay with all sorts of things. He has great energy and is still super-active and playful. His cute little meow and wonderful purr will steal your heart. Andy can be adopted as a single kitty, but he gets along with other kitties as well and would be perfectly happy with buddies.



Bonnie

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, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please

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Chico

Real Estate

Button-Up Your Home for Winter

Contractors' slow season makes fall a great time to embark on home improvement projects

(BPT) - As the leaves turn and fall to the ground, it's time to start thinking about "buttoning up" your home for winter to keep you and your family healthy and comfortable, your belongings safe and high energy costs at bay.

Heating accounts for 34 percent of all annual utility usage, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). One of the most cost-effective ways to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home is to seal and insulate the "envelope" - outer walls, windows, doors and roof. By doing so, ENERGY STAR estimates that a homeowner can save up to 20 percent on heating and cooling costs, the equivalent to lowering up to 10 percent of total energy costs for the year.

Here are a few ways to keep you and your family healthy, your belongings safe and help lower your heating bill:

PREVENTING THE DRAFT

Old, drafty windows and doors can account for home energy loss of up to 30 percent, according to the EPA, which means paying more in the winter to heat your home. By replacing non-performing windows and doors, homeowners can drastically reduce heating costs. A typical home that replaces its single-paned, clear glass windows with energy-efficient windows can realize up to \$501 in annual savings, according to the EPA.

"Windows are a great source of natural light, and a great way to admire the picturesque

snow-covered trees and lawns while avoiding the brisk winter air; however, they can also be the site of the biggest energy efficiency offender," says David Harrison, chief marketing officer of Champion Windows, one of the nation's leading home improvement companies. "By installing our Comfort 365 Windows, homeowners can watch their heating bills drop and rid their homes of cold drafts."

Additionally, old or improperly installed siding can also be the cause of drafts. However, by installing new, energy-efficient vinyl siding and underlayment, homeowners can increase a homes' R-Value, a measure of insulation's ability to resist heat traveling through it.

"Installing energy-efficient siding can help insulate your home against the cold, reduce the amount of air flow into your house, and make it easier to keep warm air in the winter," says Harrison.

However, even the best windows, doors and siding can be drafty, if they are poorly installed. So it's important to make sure your home improvement is completed by a quality contractor who has a long history of being in the business so you can be sure they will be around if you have any issues down the road.

PREVENT MOISTURE

Water leakage from snow, ice and rain can cause damage to the exterior and interior of your home. This can result in costly damage to framing, structure and insulation, more importantly it can cause issues - like mold - that can be harmful to the health of your family.

The roof is often the site of leaks in homes; however, by installing a new roof and taking the proper precautions, leaks won't be a problem, especially with Champion's Comfort 365 Roof System, which uses a flexible, self-healing barrier in all leak vulnerable areas and is guaranteed with a limited lifetime warranty.

"Your home will settle and shift over time and extreme weather can be an issue," says Harrison. "It is important to have barriers to provide protection against leaks caused by roof setting and extreme weather. Unlike many companies who only use this on the north side of a home or treat it as an upgrade, Champion uses a flexible, self-healing barrier anywhere your home's roof joins and at all

attachment points."

Other ways to improve the seal of your home to prevent moisture damage, drafts and improve energy efficiency include:

- * Sealing leaks
- * Adding insulation
- * Sealing ducts

"Now is the perfect time to make these improvements," says Harrison. "Since it's the offseason, homeowners can find great deals and attractive financing to 'button up' your home for winter."

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