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Friday Chance of Rain 66°/53°



Saturday

Partly Sunny 67°/57°



Sunday **Patchy**

Fog 69°/59°



Pediatric Burn Patients Team Up With Construction Workers to Finish Project



With construction of Torrance Memorial Medical Center's nearly 400,000-square-foot new Patient Tower happening in the background, Pediatric Burn Unit patients teamed up with workers from McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., to create their own rendition of the new hospital building using LEGOS®. Seen here is John Sanders guiding 5-year-old Robert Jones, who has been undergoing treatment for burn injuries at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, to make the command to complete the final seventh-floor cement pour in the new Patient Tower. Sisters, Litzy and Karime Santos also participated in the mini building project, along with other Pediatric patients. McCarthy donated several sets of LEGOS® to the Pediatric Unit to help keep young patients entertained during their hospitalization. Photo

Torrance Celebrates National Preservation Month

By Dylan Little

As Torrance celebrates its 100th birthday, history is on the minds of more people than usual. So it's no surprise that a little more attention was given to the Torrance Historical Society from the Torrance City Council in the form of a proclamation declaring May National Preservation Month.

Councilmember Tom Brewer read a proclamation that stressed the importance of historic preservation in revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering community pride and showcasing community character. The proclamation also credited the Torrance Historical Society and its dedicated volunteers with preserving the heritage that has helped to shape Torrance, as well as thanking the Torrance Historical Society for its community services, such as operating a museum chronicling Torrance's past, leading downtown and historic home walking tours, and performing a historic resources survey of the original Torrance tract.

Janet Payne, Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the group. She said this honor and the previous times the group has received similar proclamations help to motivate the group's volunteers to continue their efforts to preserve Torrance's history. "This is sort of like an energy drink for us," said Payne. "It's a jumpstart. It gives us a renewed energy for all the things that we do for historic preservation--all the things you read in the proclamation."

The Torrance Historical Society wasn't content with just being recognized as part of National Preservation Month. The group has two history-minded events for Memorial Day weekend. Debbie Hays (also Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society) invited the public to come out for a guided walking tour of downtown Torrance this Sunday. Every

year starting in May (to coincide with National Preservation Month), the group leads tours through downtown pointing out the first homes in the city and landmarks while sharing local trivia. The tours are held on the fourth Sunday of each month from May to October at 1:30 p.m., meeting in front of the Torrance Historical Society Museum at 1345 Post Avenue. "It's just a brisk eight-block walk, but you'll learn a ton of history and see a lot of landmarks,"

said Hays. "And, it's just fun."

The other event is a memorial service for Torrance veterans held on Monday, May 28 at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Plaza on the corner of Maple Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. Volunteers will be reading each of the 146 names on the memorial wall listing service members killed in action in conflicts ranging from World War I to the modern day Iraq and Afghanistan

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Library Trains Volunteers for Living Legacies Program

By Cristian Vasquez

Through the California State Library's Get Involved: Book to Action Project, the Torrance Library will begin to collect and preserve the memories of local military veterans through the efforts of volunteers. With the guidance of the Southern California Southwest Oral history Association, all volunteers will be trained on efficient interview techniques and transcribing. The effort is being funded by a grant that Jan Wierzbicki, Principal Librarian of Public Services, applied for on behalf of the library and was awarded in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"We were all really excited. It was just one of those processes where Dana, Hilary and I were just brain storming--we knew the parameters of the grant: volunteers, book and outside agency. So we were thinking about what we could do," Wierzbicki said. "We knew we had the book Unbroken because we were already scheduled to do that, but we had to figure out how we could relate it to that. We just had to find an outside agency to work with us and we wanted someone that we kind of knew that could move quickly because of our deadline.

Wierzbicki wrote the grant in late November, early December of 2011. Upon approval, the full effort to complete the project began in April of this year and will run until August 31, 2012. After August 31, the efforts will no longer be part of the State Library. However, if the Torrance Library has enough interest, it can continue interviewing and transcribing interviews so that those can be submitted to the Library of Congress. The three requirements to fulfill the parameters of the grant included a book discussion, a volunteer effort and an outside agency being involved.

"I named it Living Legacies and the purpose of the grants is to preserve local military veterans' oral history," Wierzbicki said. "The book we read was Unbroken by Lauren Hillenbrand and it was just perfect. We hosted three discussion groups for the book and one of them was aimed at teens."

Every day the City of Torrance loses valu-

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Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- State of the City, 11:30 a.m. registration/ Noon luncheon program, Torrance Marriott South Bay, 3635 Fashion Way. Advance reservation required. Call Lisa at (310) 543-3113. www.torrancechamber.com/events
- South Bay Ostomy Support Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Torrance Memorial West Tower building, 2nd floor in # "C", 3300 Lomita Blvd.
- Creative Spirit Book Group, 7:00 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave. For more information call the Southeast Library at (310) 530-5044.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

• Low Cost Pet Vaccinations, 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Torrance Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies, 22840 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call (855) 755-8387 or visit http://lstcarevets.com/event/torrance-15/.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

- Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8:00 A.M.-3:00 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information call 310-328-
- Free Walking Tours of Old Torrance, 1:30 p.m., begins at the Torrance Historical Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call Julie Randall at (310) 328-5392.

Monday, May 28

- Veterans' Memorial Wall Rededication, 3:00 p.m., Veterans' Memorial Wall, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call Jerry Ronan at (310) 328-1972.
- Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Film Showing, 11:00 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:20 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., in the James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Box Office: (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

• Calle Mayor Middle School Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

FRIDAY, JUNE

• Torrettes Spring Spectacular, 7:00 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3

• Torrance Crafters Guild - Art in the Park, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Columbia Park, 4045 190th St. For more information call Debbie Collins at (310) 618-2376.

Tuesday, June 5

• Artful Days- Free lecture: Women as Artists, Noon-1:00 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call Debbie Collins at (310) 618-2376.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 6

- Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call Dana Vinke at (310) 618-5959. SATURDAY, JUNE 9
- City Yard Open House & Car Show, Disaster Preparedness Expo and Environmental Fair, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., City of Torrance, City Services Facility 20500 Madrona Ave. For more information visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/24306.htm.

UPCOMING

• South Bay Republican Women Federated Monthly Luncheon Meeting, 11:00 a.m., June 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. RSVP: Gloria: (310) 326-9340 or Vera (310) 320-1431.

Ongoir

- Diabetes Support Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, Rm 1. For more information call (310) 370-3228.
- Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Torrance Memorial Conference Center, Rm 5. For more information call (310) 517-4666.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, First Christian Church, Room 8, Maple & El Dorado. Free.
- "Retired Guys Only" Join fellow retirees the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.



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Finally, we have received numerous emails and phone calls informing us that other local newspapers appear to be using similar formatting, from the editorial to our coupon page, which we ran for the first quarter of 2012. Thank you all for your concern. To quote Charles Caleb Colton, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery". Thank you for your concerns and comments. We do appreciate them.

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MAY 6-12, 2012 Compiled by Cristian Vasquez MAY 12

Robbery-Weapon: 4600 BLOCK TOR-RANCE BLVD Suspect enters location, brandishes a gun and demands property/cash.

Burglary-Auto: 4000 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry/no loss.

Burglary-Residential: 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) removes screen on open window for entry, ransacks and takes property/jewelry, laptop, pillowcase.

MAY 11

Auto Theft-All: 2400 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '89 Chevrolet Blazer. **Burglary-Auto**: 22400 BLOCK PALOS

VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Auto Theft-All: 18400 BLOCK ELGAR AVE Stolen vehicle: '11 Jeep Wrangler .

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/tote, sunglasses, camera, checkbook.

Burglary-Auto: 19700 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) pries door handle for entry and takes property/speaker box, subwoofers.

Auto Theft-All: 5500 BLOCK 190TH ST Stolen vehicle: '91 Honda Civic.

MAY 10

Theft: 2600 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary-Residential: 23800 BLOCK STANHURST AVE Suspect(s) forces open door, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK PLAZA DELAMO Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/cash, jewelry, suitcase.

Auto Theft-All: 3300 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Stolen vehicle: '10 Mercedes Benz CLS.

Burglary-Residential: 20300 BLOCK WAYNE AVE Suspect(s) kicks in door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, laptop, pillowcase.

Auto Theft-All: 3100 BLOCK 187TH ST Stolen vehicle: '11 Ford van.

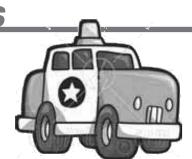
Burglary-Commercial: 2400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) enters business by unknown means, forces open storage container and takes property/cash.

MAY 9

Theft: 16100 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) takes unattended property from common area of complex/skateboard.

Burglary-Commercial: 1300 BLOCK BORDER AVE Suspect(s) pries open gate for entry and takes property/surfboard, kayak.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST



Suspect(s) takes forgotten property/purse. **Auto Theft-All**: 2100 BLOCK ARLING-TON AVE Stolen vehicle: '95 Ford van.

Auto Theft-All: 1200 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Attempt stolen vehicle: '88 Toyota Camry.

Burglary-Residential: 17000 BLOCK CERISE AVE Suspect(s) cuts screen in an attempt to enter a partially open window/ no entry, no loss.

MAY 8

Theft: 22100 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) uses cashier's code to access unattended register in open business and takes property from within same/cash.

Burglary-Commercial: 22700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) cuts hole in door for entry then cuts through drywall, stucco and plywood along numerous points in walls in an attempt to access storage area and avoid alarm activation/no loss.

Auto Theft-All: 17300 BLOCK HAW-THORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '05 Ford van. Auto Theft-All: 2700 BLOCK OREGON CT Stolen vehicle: '97 Ford van.

Burglary-Auto: 3400 BLOCK MARI-COPA ST Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes merchandise from within before removing numerous parts from the exterior of the vehicle.

Burglary-Auto: 2300 BLOCK CREN-SHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/cell phone.

MAY 7

Battery-Simple: 5100 BLOCK NEWTON ST Suspect uses her fists to hit victim in her forearms.

Vandalism: 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST Suspect(s) spray paints victim's vehicle and throws a brick at its windshield.

Theft: 5900 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes victim's property from front porch/barbeque.

Theft: 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) uses counterfeit currency to purchase merchandise.

Theft: 5600 BLOCK CALLE MAYOR Suspect takes property from residence without permission while there with permission/jewelry.

Robbery-Strong-Arm: 2000 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE Suspect slaps victim's hand and takes his property from his possession/cash.

Burglary-Residential: 23700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect is in the process of opening victim's door when confronted by victim who is inside her residence/ no entry, no loss.

Theft: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) uses a key to access victim's locker and takes property/ ID, bank cards, amusement park passes.

Burglary-Auto: 600 BLOCK PASEO DE LA PLAYA Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/remote, sunglasses, manual.

Auto Theft-All: 2700 BLOCK LOFTYVIEW DR Stolen vehicle: '03 Honda Accord.

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the program at 12:30 p.m. Two local scholarships will be provided by our chapter, Division 46 and two from the State. CalRTA SouthBay Division 46 scholarship recipients will be Grigor Hakobyan and Guadalupe Verdugo. CalRTA Laura Settle Scholarships will awarded to Ashley Dester and Caroline Ramirez.

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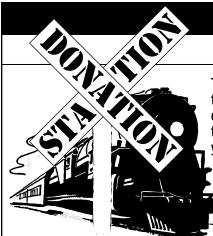
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Volunteer Center (South Bay) – 310-212-5009 – volcenter.org • In partnership with over 70 nonprofit organizations, the Volunteer Center mobilizes volunteers and provide creative programs to meet community needs.

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Less than two weeks until the Tuesday June 5 Presidential primary and I haven't heard or seen too much in the way of solicitations from the candidates. Now that Mitt "The Glove" Romney has all but sewn up the Elephant Party nomination, heck even the gadfly Ron Paul has thrown in the towel, making the prudent call to quit wasting Benjamins in his Don Quixotic attempt at wresting the nomination away from Romney.

But I have received a couple of robo calls and two old-fashioned letters in the mail, beseeching me not to vote for a Republican Congressional candidate in the 33rd District. And these solicitations were not from Demo bigwigs, but were from Republican heavyweights Senator John McCain and ex-Cali Governor Pete Wilson.

Wilson left a message on my phone and followed up with a letter asking "can you vote for a 25-year-old who just moved into California and registered to vote here on the same day he started running for Congress?"

Wilson said he couldn't vote for the only registered Republican on the ballot, 25-year-old Christopher David. On the official sample ballot I received in the mail, David's occupation was listed as "entrepreneur." Does he run a lemonade stand? For whatever reason, David did not place a candidate statement in the sample ballot.

Now the guy who the Elephant Party stalwarts are begging me to cast my all-important vote for, one Bill Bloomfield, did have the cojones to put his candidate statement on the sample ballot.

An excerpt on the ballot from Bloomfield, who lists his party preference as "none": "Congress is a mess. Paralyzed. Badly broken. I want to fix it. Washington's failed economic policies have hurt us all."

Okay. Not sure too many of us folks, even those who pay attention to what is going on in Washington, or even more importantly, in our own Congressional district, have or can take the time to ferret out the issues, the truths, between the advertising blitz that is sure to hit our domiciles in the next couple of weeks.

But I did see a lawn sign on some grass near the mansion, touting the David versus Goliath angle. Get it? David, the unknown usurper, some may phrase it as carpet-bagging, fighting the establishment candidates. The Goliaths.

Will have to do a little more research on this prior to the election, but if the Republican bigwigs are beseeching us/ you to vote for a non-Republican, maybe there is a reason to look a little closer into the positions the up-and-comer David is espousing.

Just saying, don't necessarily punch the button in the voting booth for a particular candidate just because you have that party affiliation, which was probably passed down to you by good old mom and dad. Which is how I was christened a...Republican before I actually started to think for myself and judge an idea or a candidate not on the party affiliation, but on the merits of what the man or lady stood for--or on the value of the proposition being voted upon.

Visited the David website and wasn't able to glean too much useful info at this point. Still have another 10 days or so to figure out which way to lean on this one.

Now, more good news has been bellowed our way by the stealth Governor Jerry Brown. Ten days or so ago, Mr. Brown let the proverbial cat out of the bag and said, "Whoops." Seems that his rosy pontificators with the slide rules had misjudged a little bit the budget mess that he inherited from the

actor-Governor Schwarzenegger. Brown and his accountants had been regaling us with a \$9 billion dollar deficit, which seemed a lot better than the red numbers that he inherited from the philandering has-been actor/turned politician.

But apparently, just as the fiction the Governator had promulgated during his failed tenure, Brown's numbers were mere figments of someone's imagination. Smoke and mirrors. Kick the can down the street for the next guy. Turns out that we will be facing a \$16 billion-dollar deficit. Unless we vote to raise taxes on ourselves in November, when some of you will wake up and pay attention to what is going on and vote in the general election, either for the incumbent POTUS, who seems to have done a marvelous job, hasn't he, or for the challenger Romney.

Shockingly, Brown and his abacus-owning pencil-pushers want to again try to gouge the college students and their parents. Why not? Let's make it \$100k a year to go to Long Beach State. Sounds fair and equitable to me. Take money away from old people trying to survive on fixed income. And let's get the high-speed rail thing going, because that will benefit...who?

Brown, flimflamming the best he can, said that he was trying to work this out, relying on "one-time revenues to handle one-time problems."

Sure. But this problem has been around for a heck of a lot more than "one-time." And some kind of cash infusion from the Facebook IPO, whatever that heck that is, isn't going to make much of a dent in the structural deficit that the Great Bankrupt State of Cali will continue to face, no matter who sits in the big chair in Sacramento. •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

In 1284, the German town of Hamelin was infested with rats and struggled to find an answer to its pestilence. When along came a piper who promised to cleanse the town if they would hire him. By playing his flute, he succeeded but the town reneged on its promise. Angry, the piper returned while the villagers were in church and lured the village children to their deaths in a dark cave.

In 2008, this country was beset by a financial plague when a pied piper appeared, promising hope and the changes necessary to rid the country of the plague. With a dazzling smile and a genius at self-promotion, he toppled the reigning genius Clintons and went about the task of changing the country's culture. No one knew where he had come from and no one knew how he would rid the country of its plague, but they trusted his smile and his cool style.

Both Hamelin and America have suffered the same fate. Both had made a bargain with a stranger with no known background, and in the process lost its most precious assets.

Conservatives have made this case for years, but now the professional left is joining in. On May 14, David Brooks, the noted columnist of The New York Times called Obama the ESPN Man, a post-feminist, at once restrained and not given to self-doubt. Brooks points out that 75 percent of the country believes we are still in recession. Barely a third believes we are headed in the right direction. Brooks quotes the ABC News/Washington Post survey where only 22 percent of the voters accept Obama's views on the size and role of government. Support among Catholics has fallen from 49 to 42 percent. Americans oppose Obamacare by a 39-53 percent margin. Registration among Hispanics has fallen by five percent, and even young voters have moved away as their unemployment rate has soared.

Why then is Obama even competitive in this race? Brooks says it is totally because of his personality. He illustrates this point by pointing out only 36 percent of voters believe he has a plan for fixing the economy, but 48 percent approve his performance. That means 12 percent of Americans approve of Obama even as they don't believe he has a plan for moving us forward! This is the pied piper, playing his flute.

Rather than governing, Obama has appeared on *The View* six times with its gushing hostesses, discussing such weighty matters as his

views on pop culture. He is seen playing hoops with George Clooney and in his commencement speech at Barnard College, a women's college, he only stopped short of shouting, "You go, girls." Every

appearance was an opportunity to smile and flash that pied piper magnetism. Brooks concludes with his belief that his style will keep him afloat, but eventually the scuffling economy will grind away at his support.

Even as he smiles, the economy grows darker. According to *USA Today*, 43 percent don't believe the economy will improve in the next few years, and most depressing of all, only 20 percent believe life will be better for their children than it had been for their parents. Through this, the piper keeps smiling. "We're making progress," he says.

As one pundit noted, it takes a special view of the world for someone to speak about the greed of the rich while attending a \$40,000 a plate fundraising event. It is the same mindset that claims people believing in balancing the budget are political "extremists."

Last year, the Obama budget was rejected by the Democratic Senate 97-0, but this year things got worse. On May 16, the Senate voted down his budget by 99-0. No one... not a single Senator voted for Obama. His smile is strained.

According to the Tax Foundation, total citizen payments for taxes in 2012 will be \$4.04 trillion, which is \$152 billion more than Americans will pay for housing, food and clothing, and yet the piper's government spends \$1.3 trillion more than that.

In the piper's America, the "rich" pay 86

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DEADLINES

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Update L.A.

By Adam Serrao

While the city of Los Angeles and the surrounding area near the Staples Center received great benefits from last week's sports competitions, the teams that contended in them, for the most part, have found their way out of the competition. Both the Lakers and the Clippers as of last Sunday were either almost or officially out of the struggle for a championship--and quickly--while the Kings (despite a game four loss that left them with a still comfortable 3-1 series lead) continued with their dominance toward their first Stanley Cup championship in the history of the organization. Basketball has always been center stage in the city of Los Angeles, so it always stings a little bit to see the Lakers get eliminated from the playoffs--especially since they have traditionally always done so well. The Clippers exited with barely a whisper and suddenly it appears the only ones who will still inhabit the Staples Center moving into the month of June are the Kings. Rather fitting considering their moniker. Though all three teams in the two different sports have drastically different ways of getting things done, there remain certain similarities that either tell the tale of success or explain the account of failure.

It's easy to point out the flaws of a team losing a series to probably the best squad in the NBA. Truth is, however, the Lakers did a pretty good job. After that enormous 30-point blowout in game one, the Lakers came back and showed a lot of guts, not only winning game three but giving away both games two and four when they should have won both. Instead of going back to Oklahoma City down 3-1, they could have been up 3-1 or even tied 2-2. When the Lakers blew that 11-point lead in the final minutes of game four, however, their season was all but over from there on out.

So where did the Lakers go wrong? Many NBA experts say that the one key intangible that a team needs to take home the championship trophy is experience. While the experts are correct about that, too much experience can seem to have its setbacks as well. The Lakers lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder because they had too much playoff experience. They've become used to winning the close games, hitting the last second shots, winning on their home floor

and putting other teams away. Their flaw this time was thinking that they still had the ability to do that. While Kobe Bryant is used to holding the team up on his shoulders, he alone might have lost three games in the series for the Lakers. His top player in the league status looks all but diminished whether he's turning the ball over, constantly complaining about a foul call that he feels he should have gotten, or going 2-for-10 in the fourth quarter of game four. Kobe's not the only reason the Lakers lost to the team that was younger, faster, more efficient and just better than they were, but he is one reason. When he tries to take over a game and become the ball-dominant player that he has been used to being, the Lakers lose momentum, lose offensive production and ultimately lose the game and their season.

Contrast that with the end to the Clippers' season. The San Antonio Spurs are playing the best basketball out of any team in the playoffs so far this year. They have the type of experience that will bring home a championship trophy. The team has been together so long and works so well together that they can get down by 24 points, not panic, come back and win the game. If the Lakers get down by 24, it becomes the Kobe show and they wind up losing by 29. The Spurs have no selfish players. Everyone on the team knows their role and plays it, and they get easy victories. That being said, the Clippers are in their first year of highquality play and lack the good experience that it takes to put together wins against superior teams. Though many Clippers fans will use the excuse that Chris Paul was injured, the team was just too young and too inexperienced to go up against the likes of the Spurs. In the playoffs for the first time in six seasons and for only the fifth time since moving to Los Angeles in 1984, the Clippers could only rely on Chris Paul and Paul was thoroughly outplayed by Tony Parker and the rest of the Spurs by his side.

The Los Angeles Kings are L.A.'s finest example of how to play together like a team for one common goal. A number eight seed going into this year's playoffs, the Kings are playing to become the NHL's first number eight seed to ever win the Stanley

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Up and Adam

The Storm Before the Calm

By Adam Serrao

With summer steadily approaching, high schools are at full speed ahead, finishing out their athletic seasons as flawlessly as possible in order to present a great showing in the playoffs before summer break arrives. Perhaps no team has been busier preparing for summer than the South High Spartans. The Spartans made a run at it in baseball, falling just short after completing an impassioned season in which they ended just one run shy of a playoff bid. The Lady Spartans are still going strong in the softball playoffs, but apparently baseball isn't the only sport that the school is focused on these days. The Spartan boys' volleyball team just completed the journey to their first CIF championship trophy in South High history.

Entering the playoffs as the second seed, the Spartans were up against their biggest challenge of the year on the biggest stage when they entered into the CIF championship match against top-seeded Warren--a team that had lost only four matches all season long. One of Warren's many wins came in tournament play last April when it defeated the Spartans 2-1. "When we played them earlier, our passing and serving was awful," said senior Andy Gage. "I mean, they're good. They've got a lot of good hitters, but we stuck in there--we pulled it off." Led by Gage's 12 kills and two blocks, it became a team effort to pull out the 3-1 (25-22, 25-18, 20-25, 25-21) victory last Saturday at Cypress College to win the CIF Southern Section Division III boys' volleyball championship. Peter Nordel contributed 12 kills and two blocks, while Ross Madenwald had six kills and three blocks, and Kenichi Hackman added six kills and two blocks. Perhaps the biggest contributor of the game was Garrett Niida. Niida came up with three kills on the day, but none bigger than the one that hit the hardwood floor, sent his team into a frenzy and won the championship match for the Spartans (30-7).

Kevin McElwee became the first coach ever to lead the Spartans volleyball team to a CIF championship. "It's unbelievable," McElwee said. "One of the things we talked about was in the 53 years the school's been open, it only has 11 CIF championships. We got number12. First boys' volleyball team to do it."

The girls' softball team is attempting to follow in the volleyball team's footsteps and bring home number 13. With a strong showing in the first round of the playoffs, defeating California by a final score of 6-0, the team looked to be well on its way. In the second round against Paloma Valley, however, the lady Spartans (20-10) only came up with two hits on the day. Alex Kossoff led the game off with a single before stealing second base. Paige Kisling then sailed her fifth home run of the year over the outfield wall, giving the Lady Spartans a 2-0 lead. It was all defense after that, as Carolyn Snodgress gave up only one run on six hits with seven strikeouts to send the Lady Spartans to a 2-1 victory. Next up for the Spartans is the number two seed Burroughs, which beat South 2-0 and 7-6 in a doubleheader earlier in the year. The game will take place on Tuesday, May 22.

Even track and field is getting it done for the Spartans. Hurdler Cody Smith came

away with the Division III 110-meter high hurdles championship last Saturday at the CIF Southern Section Divisional Finals at Mount San Antonio College. It was the first CIF track title for South since 1995.

North High

The Lady Saxons have their eyes on a championship this year and after their 7-1 victory over Lakeside last Thursday, they look to be well on their way to attaining it. Up against Jasmine Smithson-Willnett, whose fastball reaches upwards of 65 mph, the Lady Saxons found a way to put together four straight two-out hits in the third inning to tally four runs against the Louisville-bound pitcher in the first round of the Southern Section Division III playoffs. Kelsey Cairns didn't allow a run, while giving up two hits with seven strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Byranna Ybarra went three for four for the Lady Saxons with a double and two RBIs. The Saxons (24-7) advance to the second round of the playoffs where they will be taking on last year's defending champion Oaks Christian. The site of the game will be determined by a coin flip and the game will take place on Tuesday, May 22.

The North Torrance boys did their best to keep up with the Lady Saxons, as they came away with a 1-0 victory against La Quinta last Thursday on the road. Dalton Erb was his usual self, throwing a four-hit shutout while tallying eight strikeouts for the Saxons (19-12). North scored the only run of the game in the first inning when Roman Luna singled and eventually came home on an error (passed ball). The win for the Saxons is their first of the playoffs since 2004 and will see the team hosting Katella in the second round on Tuesday, May 22.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars boys' baseball team suffered a disappointing loss in the first round of the playoffs to end their season prematurely. When Tyrone Taylor led the game off with a home run and the Tartars got off to a 6-0 lead on the road, everything looked to be going the way that head coach Ollie Turner wanted it to go. Don Lugo would storm back, however, putting together six runs with two outs in the third inning to tie the game. The Tartars (20-13) scored two more in the fourth to go up 8-6, but Don Lugo would tie the game again in the fifth before scoring five runs in the sixth inning to pull away with a 13-9 victory. Tyrone Taylor ended his season going three for four with two runs scored, and Kyle Ulanday went two for three with a three-run home run and four RBIs on the day.

The Lady Tartars had better luck in the their first round playoff matchup against Chaminade last Thursday at Wilson Park. Mo Ramirez came up with an RBI single in the third inning, Christina Washington hit an RBI single in the fourth inning and Kamryn Watts drilled an RBI double in the fifth inning to lead the Lady Tartars to a 3-1 first round victory. Nicole Ayala gave up just seven hits, allowing two walks while striking out four. It was sweet revenge for Torrance (26-7), which lost to Chaminade in the Las Vegas tournament final earlier in the season. The Lady Tartars will now take on fourth-seeded Bishop Amat on Tuesday, May 22 at a site determined by a coin flip. •

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FOOD & DINING

Lavender Vanilla Bean Panna Cotta with Berry Caramel Sauce

Summer socials al fresco: this is what California summers are all about. To complement barbecues and picnics during the season, food lovers search for decadent desserts to satisfy the sweet tooth. Italian for "cooked cream," this soft and silky panna cotta with a kick of lavender and topped with a sweet berry caramel sauce melts the hearts of dessert lovers everywhere.

Ingredients:

1 vanilla bean, split 2 1/4 tsp. dried lavender ½ cup sugar

1 cup milk 3 cups heavy cream ½ cup crème fraiche 1 tbsp. powdered gelatin Serves 8

Directions:

In a saucepan over medium heat, bring vanilla bean, lavender, sugar, ½ cup milk and 1 ½ cups of heavy cream to a simmer. Cover, remove from heat and set aside to steep for 30 minutes. In a separate bowl, mix gelatin powder in remaining ½ cup milk to hydrate. Reheat vanilla mixture and pour over gelatin mixture. Whisk until combined

and gelatin is dissolved. Whisk in crème fraiche and strain. Cool to room temperature.

With an electric mixer, whisk remaining 1 ½ cups of heavy cream to soft peaks. Gently fold in vanilla bean mixture in two parts. Pour into small greased ramekins and chill for 6 hours or overnight. Unmold and serve with blueberry caramel and fresh fruit.

Berry Caramel Ingredients:

1 cup sugar

1/4 cup water

1 3/4 cup fresh berries (in season), pureed 1 tbsp. butter

Berry Caramel Directions:

In a saucepan over high heat, combine sugar and water. Boil until mixture is an amber color. Add berry puree and butter. Whisk until dissolved. Strain and serve over

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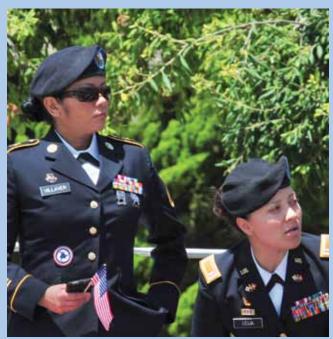
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Armed Forces Honored At 53rd Annual A



Two Army officers in dress blues watch the parade.



Former Prisoner of War hero, Richard "Dick" Peterson, US Army Air Corps WWII.



A veteran from the Montford Point Marine Association marches in the parade. This group was established to perpetuate the legacy of the first African Americans who entered the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1949.



A patriotic young boy patiently awaits the start of the parade.



Patriotic fans cheer on the Veterans of Foreign War.



St. Catherine's Academy Marching Knights Band in formation at the 53rd Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade.



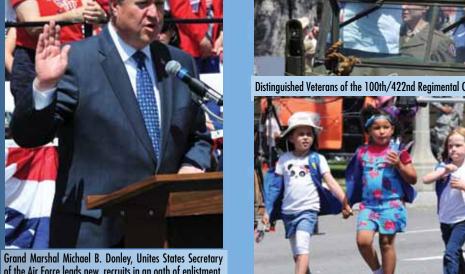
Congresswoman Maxine Waters waves to the crowd.





Senator Ted Lieu and family.





During the parade, various girl scout troop members wa front of each featured group.



New recruits are sworn in by taking the oath of enlistment during the 53rd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade.



Michael LaVere, 1st Lieutenant Air Corps 8th Division who flew 36 missions in WWII is pictured with Art Sherman of the 15th Airborne Division who flew B-24s during WWII.



Mallory Carroll, Donna Carroll, Donna Burns (middle - who has attended this parade for the last 45 years) with Nathan Carroll and Morgan Carroll.



A student from the West High School Marching Band.



Sargent Scott Montoya (who received the Legion of Valor Nav Cross Award for service in Iraq 2003) expresses gratitude the crowd as he passes by.

Armed Forces Day Celebration & Parade

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The Joint Services Color Guard marches down Torrance Blvd at the start of the 53rd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade.



 $Air Force\,Recruiting\,Service\,F22\,Raptor\,Fighter\,Mini\,Jet\,does\,a\,''flyby''\,along\,the\,parade\,route.$



 $\label{lem:councilman} \textbf{Councilman Cliff Numark cruises down the boulevard in a custom hotrod.}$



Mayor Frank Scotto and family wave to the crowds.



A focused, West High School Marching Band member



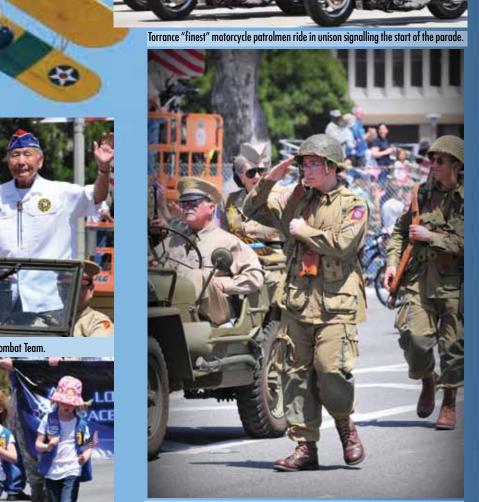


A young student from Madronna Middle School marching Band enthusiastically plays trombone during the parade.





Councilman Bill Sutherland, City of Torrance.







TerriAnn in Torrance



Above: Firefighter-Paramedic, Jody Radtke. Below: Engineer-Firefighter Brandy Cumin



Above: Firefighter Brandy Cumin, Engineer. Below: Jody Radtke cooking fajitas. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren





The Women Firefighters of Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week I had the privilege of visiting Torrance Fire Station #6 to meet and speak with the two female firefighters in the Torrance Fire Department, Ms. Jody Radtke and Ms. Brandy Cumin. The fire station is tucked away near restaurant row just west of Hawthorne Boulevard. I hadn't even gotten out of the car before one of the firefighters from inside the station came out to greet me. He politely escorted me into the station past the front office, down the hallway and into the kitchen to meet the two women of the department. The kitchen was large, bright and roomy and Captain Steve Deuel was smiling as he introduced me to Brandy Cumin, who was sitting at the table, and Jody Radtke, who was busy at the stove cooking chicken fajitas that smelled marvelous. As I pulled a chair out to sit down, I noticed yellow tennis balls on the legs of all the chairs and laughed. Brandy told me they help keep the floor from being scratched and I added that they would also polish it up a bit with all the movement. Very clever!

Jody left the stove and joined us at the table for a chat. Although Jody, a firefighter/ paramedic, has been with the department for 12 years, and Brandy, an engineer, has been there for 15 years, this is the first time they have been on the same shift. For two years now, these exceptional firefighters have shared the same home on the job. Jody is one of three paramedics at this hazardous materials station and is officially called a "firefighter with medic specialty." The two women firefighters respond to all calls, but because of their jobs are not on the same rig. Jody drives the engine and Brandy is on rescue. The truck carries the ladder, the engine carries the water and the paramedics are on the rescue truck. Every call has one captain, two firefighters and one engineer responding. That is remarkable to me. Not only does the team respond to all medical calls, but on all "haz mat" calls as well. Ms. Radtke told me they respond on calls for "unknown substances" all the time. But because our hazardous materials team was cut down from an eight-person to a five-person unit, they cannot legally make entries and must wait for backup from Los Angeles County. Jody told me, "We used to be able to do it on our own--now we have to wait and it could potentially be up to an hour."

Female firefighters are relatively new, although historically women have been working with men since the 1800s and women's volunteer fire companies have been putting out fires since 1910. But in 1936, the first female firefighter, Emma Vernell, was hired in New Jersey. During WWII, women filled in the gaps when the men joined the military, and in 1942 the first all-female forest fighting crew was created in California. But it wasn't until 1982 when the first female firefighter joined the NYFD. Today, only two percent of firefighters are women.

When I was small, I don't remember there being any women firefighters. It was a profession I never even considered. My brother Tommy was the one with all the red

fire hats and a red fire truck with a bell. I wondered how these two women ended up at one the most prestigious and respected fire departments in California, or maybe even the whole United States.

Jody shared, "I really wouldn't say I thought about it much when I was little. I think I automatically discounted it even though I thought it was real neat. I was a forester-that's what I went to college for and it was with L.A. County Fire Department. I kind of liked what the firefighters were doing more than what I was doing, so I started testing for the fire department. Lots of people test out of state, but I never did that."

Brandy told me, "I was a lifeguard. When I turned 16, I was a beach lifeguard and this is sort of a natural progression. When I was a kid, I didn't want to be a firefighter. I wanted to be a school bus driver, which is kind of what I do. I drive the fire engine. I wanted to be the coolest bus driver and turn the radio way up and listen to it. I was a lifeguard and a lot a guys were going for firefighter. I ended up going away to college and picking a major and changing numerous times, and finally I just said maybe I'll just go home and become a firefighter and so I started doing my EMT and ride-alongs with the fire department--and the more immersed in it and educated I got, I wanted to do it more. You are only required to do one ridealong, but I did three. I went to the Fire Academy in Orange County and a bunch of people were testing here [in Torrance] and you had to hand in your application and they were only accepting the first 2,000, so we spent the night at Wilson Park with tons of people. This was the first test I took."

I asked both women what their families thought about them being a firefighter. Jody grew up in El Segundo and shared, "My parents are very proud of me--not as much anymore--but my mom was apprehensive and worried about me in the beginning. My kids Sabrina, age three, and Rexford, age six, just grew up with it [me being a firefighter] and think that is just what mom does. I love it when I really make a difference in someone's life."

A week ago, Jody was honored at the Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon with the Distinguished Service Award. Last July, she was part of a group of off-duty firefighters and their families who were on a hike while on vacation in the Eastern Sierras. She took turns performing CPR and attempted to make cell phone contact with the U.S. Forest Service. "The citizens are really the heroes 'cuz they started CPR until we got there, and when we got there they let us take care of it and handle it. Honestly, I don't feel that I did anything remarkable or heroic. Anybody on our job or in our profession would have done the exact same thing," Jody humbly explained. Brandy added, "She's a really good medic!"

Brandy told me, "My parents were superstoked and my mom is the biggest bragger. She would tell her parents [my grandparents], but they never got the concept. I remember

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One Man

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percent of all taxes, but those who don't pay any taxes at all claim the rich aren't paying their fair share.

The piper's America is epitomized by the Department of Energy. It was created in 1977 to diminish the country's dependence on foreign oil. At that time, we imported 30 percent from foreign countries, but today we import 70 percent of our oil. That department

now has an annual budget of \$24.2 billion, has 16,000 federal employees and 100,000 contract employees. Through this, the piper says we cannot cut government spending.

Would either Hamelin or America hire its pied piper again? A Czech newspaper opined that America will survive the Obama presidency, but can it survive the people who put him there?•

Volunteers

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able local history, so the project's activities include collecting the oral histories of local veterans, their life stories as they relate to the City of Torrance and their military experiences. Libraries across the state were contacted to be a part of this history-collecting effort, so Torrance's library decided this would be a task worth undertaking. "We partnered with the Southern California Southwest Oral History Association, which was the group of ladies here on Saturday, and they trained the volunteers and they are also serving as advisers to me," Wierzbicki said.

Every interviewer will have a field kit that includes proper forms to fill and specific guidelines to ensure that the interviews are done as efficiently as possible. High school students can also volunteer for the interviewing effort, but they must be at least 16 years of age. There are currently an estimated 25 volunteers. All adult volunteers must be fingerprinted with the City for free. All City employees and all volunteers over 18 years and older are also fingerprinted. High school students who volunteer--so far there are four--do not have to be fingerprinted.

"From there, the information gathered will be added to their [Library of Congress] veterans' oral history collection," Wierzbicki said. "What we are going to do is add everything to our databases, the same interviews. What we are also going to do is transcribe the interviews and publish a book that will be added to the collection."

Interviews will be made available in print and audio format and will be included in the Torrance Library's own database. There are also plans for the Torrance Library to self-publish a book based on the information and interviews gathered, possibly in the form of a memoir with the name of the person interviewed and their basic information. The task now for the library is finding veterans who live, work or who are somehow connected to the City of Torrance. It is worth noting that the volunteers do not have to be Torrance residents. Also, the veterans are not required to be Torrance residents. However, they must have been connected to the City in some fashion.

"Torrance is very supportive of its military and we wanted to honor that and the focus of the grant is just that," Wierzbicki said. "After that [interviews], we will produce a three- to five-minute video where we will be summarizing the project. The video will go on YouTube and our website."

For more information, persons interested in volunteering or veterans willing to share their stories can call the Torrance Library at 310-618-5950. •

Dude, Where's My Air?

By Tatyana Kalani, Torrance High School Senior

At the end of April, over 1,000 eager young scientists, descended upon the El Camino College campus for Space Science Day, sponsored by American Honda, Inc. The annual day-long event is a tradition to help celebrate the vision of Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka, the first Asian-American to fly in space.

Astronaut Onizuka was selected to be one of seven crewmembers on the Space Shuttle Challenger Flight 51-L that launched on January 28th, 1986. Tragically, 73 seconds after liftoff, the orbiter exploded, ending the lives of everyone aboard. Space Science Day was designed as a memorial for Onizuka. The event helps spread his passion and dreams of space travel to our youth. The day consists of a series of lectures and hands-on activity sessions designed to provide students a glimpse into the scientific world. Along with volunteers from El Camino College and American Honda, nineteen other organizations participate, including the Rigel Institute for Science Education (RISE) and Torrance High School students.

RISE President, Bob DeLorenzo, started his lesson with the comical, but very real question, "Dude, Where's My Air?" The enthusiastic children were gathered in the college classroom to learn about the importance of air. Joining him were volunteers from Torrance High who had also prepared fun science projects and assignments for the young scientists. Not far in age from the young learners, the high school students provided inspiration to their young protégées.

Elementary students find learning from high school students a fun experience and hang on their every word. Keeping with the theme of the Challenger missions and Astronaut Onizuka, the lessons consisted of a variety of different learning mediums in order to excite the young kids. Setting up science stations around the room, the teenage facilitators created their own miniscience lessons using simple instruments such as aluminum cans, newspapers, and colored balloons to teach science concepts. Overall, the program went smoothly having delivered an inspiring science experience through stimulating activities as well as educational games.

The Rigel Institution for Science Education (RISE) is a program located primarily in the South Bay that inspires younger students to engage in the sciences through entertaining lessons as well as hand-on educational projects. •





Finance

Avoid Rude Rental Car Surprises

By Jason Alderman

I'm usually a pretty savvy traveler, but a recent car rental mishap reminded me that even when you take every precaution, things still can go awry.

While planning a family vacation to Panama, I searched online for rental cars. One lower-cost rental car agency I'd never used before offered a significantly lower rate than the others. Ignoring the little voice in my head, I decided to try them.

Long story short: Although our flight was only one hour late, when I arrived bleary-eyed at the counter I was told that my car had already been given away – but I could upgrade to the next level for twice the price. After getting the runaround from the company's U.S.-based customer service department and learning that everyone else's rates had climbed equally high, I was basically stuck.

That experience taught me three lessons: A reservation isn't necessarily a guarantee; when traveling abroad, use trusted vendors – especially if it sounds too good to be true; and do better due diligence by researching travel columnists and message boards for rental tips, possible pitfalls and customer complaints.

Several car rental methods are available:

- Book directly from a rental agency (usually cheaper online than by phone).
- Comparison shop at websites like Priceline, Orbitz or Hotwire (although, I'll now be wary of buying a "blind" rental where you don't learn the carrier's name until after you pay).
- As part of a package including airfare and lodging.

Rates change constantly, so today's price may be much lower (or higher) than tomorrow's. Other tips:

- Book the best deal you can now and check back for lower rates.
- Incorporate additional fees and taxes into your comparison sometimes they don't all

show up until the "Total" page.

- Look for discount codes from membership organizations like AAA, AARP and airline frequent flyer programs.
- Consider picking up your car at a non-airport location where rates are usually although not always much lower.

Other decision-making factors include:

- Airport shuttle convenience.
- Fees for exceeding mileage allowances, alternate location return, late returns, or additional drivers.
- Fuel refilling charges you may do better refilling the car yourself. Use a website/phone app like GasBuddy to find cheaper gas in the area.

• Surcharge for drivers under 25.

Rental agencies offer their own collision, liability, theft and other insurance coverage. Conventional wisdom says to avoid this route if your own insurance plans – or benefits available from your credit card – provide similar coverage. Consider factors that may exclude coverage such as:

- Renting longer than 30 days.
- Certain models are excluded.
- Travel outside specified service areas.
- Whether or not you carry comprehensive and collision coverage on your own car.
- Violating rental agreement terms (reckless driving, unauthorized drivers, etc.).

Before you take possession, thoroughly inspect the car for any pre-existing damage and note it on your contract; otherwise you could receive a hefty bill for someone else's minor scratches and dents. And, conduct a thorough walkthrough when you return the car.

Bottom line: Don't gamble your precious vacation on simply finding the cheapest deal. Sometimes you get what you pay for.

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Cup title. The reason for the Kings' success can be seen in their roster. It has precisely the right number of stars, role players and a top-notch goaltender. Dustin Brown is an elite right-winger who can make plays, while Anze Kopitar can handle the puck with the best of them. Jeff Carter and Mike Richards have the playoff experience necessary to take the Kings to the next level. The next level is exactly where the Kings are headed. Looking to be in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since 1993, the Kings have the confidence and the momentum that will bring them the trophy for the first time ever.

So while many fans across Los Angeles

lament the demise of their favorite NBA teams, the spirit of the city is still kept alive by the Kings. The Lakers have had their runs at the title and the Clippers have a bright future ahead of them, but the Kings are presently headed to a level that they have never been to before. Perhaps it's fitting that all other L.A. teams move out of the way so that the spotlight can focus on this city's hockey team—one that is making history right before our very eyes. The Los Angeles Kings are still alive and it's time to take notice, so as they say at hockey rinks across the city and beyond, "Go Kings Go!" •

City Council

from front page

conflicts. "It's going to an intimate event," said Payne. "We read the names aloud because when say them, they become more than just a name."

The Society will also be looking for volunteers for its "Names on the Wall" project that seeks to match a face to every name on the wall. So far, nearly half the names have been researched with a photo and a short biography. For more details on either of these events or any other Torrance Historical Society event, call the Historical Society Museum at (310) 328-5392 or visit www.TorranceHistoricalSociety.org.

The Council approved a construction contract for a future Torrance historical landmark--the City's Centennial Plaza. The plaza will be constructed at El Prado Park and will visually represent the historic Pacific Railroad Bridge in design. It will be home to the City's time capsule and features low-maintenance landscaping, concrete benches and a plaza created from commemorative bricks. Half of the construction costs for the plaza were paid for by the sales of these bricks, which are still on sale until June 15. The plaza is set to be completed by

September 16 and an agreement between the Public Works Department and the contractor Green Giant Landscaping hopes to ensure this by levying a fee for each day over the estimate. City staff expects construction to only take 40 days—a timetable that sounds ambitious, but staff says is doable. Mayor Frank Scotto stated the expectations not only of the staff, but of the public at-large. "We expect it to get done on time and be looking good," said Scotto.

Lastly, the Council approved the purchase of 9,540 green waste containers. This purchase completes the residential portion of the City's green waste program. The program, approved by the Council on January 24, is already processing large quantities of green waste. In April the program processed over 900 tons of green waste, and Public Works eventually expects collection of about 11,000 tons of green waste a month. Originally, the rollout was scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. However, the project has been progressing ahead of schedule and is set to be fully rolled out by September. •

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when my mom sent them a photo of me after I had been doing this for 10 years and they said, 'She doesn't really go out on real fires, right?' They are from West Virginia and those are the kinds of things that happen." Brandy's daughter Summer, age 17, is used to her mom being a firefighter. Both women told me that they don't usually go home and talk about their calls with their families and since both women have been working in the department since their children were small, it is no big deal to them.

As with every station, each day is designated for a specific task. For example, Monday is undercarriage day and Brandy is responsible for the three rigs here to check the fluids and make sure everything is stocked, but more detailed than a general check. Tuesday is wax day and all stations are waxing their vehicles. Wax on, wax off. Do you think they would notice if I put my little car in line? Wednesday is catch-up training day designated to keep up with training and drills, Thursday is laundry and Friday is kitchen field day. "That is probably what I like least," said Jody. "It is where you empty out all the refrigerators and go through all the ketchup and mustard. I don't know if I had to pick something I like the least. I guess it would be kitchen field day. But none of them are bad. Brandy chimed in, "We have 10 people that rotate." Jody added, "Usually cleaning the bathrooms is the most undesirable assignment."

As I spoke with these remarkable women. I couldn't help but notice that they are in fabulous shape. I mean fabulous! So I asked them how they do it. I know they have to maintain a very high degree of fitness to do their job, but I wanted facts! Jody said, "Brandy is the world champion paddle boarder!" Brandy confessed, "I am a surfer, paddle boarder, whatever-'waterwoman'--it is a joke. I used to get up early to ride my bike [stationary bike]. I brought mine in, but that was when I was getting ready to do my Ironman. So I had to get a lot of hours in on the bicycle, so I would get up early at 3:30 a.m. because the Tour de France would be on and I would want to ride along with them. Not now. That is way too early."

At this point, John Kubota, who had taken over stirring the pot on the kitchen stove, piped up, "When I was on probation, you used to get up at 4:30 a.m. and we thought we had to get up before you did, so we would get up." Brandy replied, "Really?" John is Jody's partner on rescue. "John is my partner in cooking as well," said Jody. There is a voice alarm that goes off at 7 a.m., so most of the station gets up then. Brandy said, "I go to bed at 9:30 p.m. and have the hours of an 85-year-old woman, but the earlier you go to bed, the more calls you have to wake up for. I am a competitor. I just do stand up paddle board races now. It is what naturally keeps me in shape for here because it's a lot of upper body. But we work out a lot here. In 2008, I bought this set of P90X videos off an infomercial. I was in Arizona in a hotel and the next day I was doing the Ironman Arizona and I'm in bed watching these infomercials and I

thought I'm totally going to do that and get in shape." Honestly? At this point, I couldn't believe it. Brandy is an outdoor athlete on the water and Jody is a martial artist. These are two powerful in-shape women!

Brandy and Jody then walked me through their "station-home" to the workout room and posed in their respective vehicles and as I followed them and I thought how these two amazing women are the models and examples for young girls today. Not only little boys, but little girls can now aspire to become a firefighter, paramedic or engineer.

As I stepped into my car to leave that

afternoon, I couldn't help but think how much these two courageous women firefighters of Torrance had impressed me. They are truly an inspiration and role models for us all. "Building strength through the years for people they haven't met, holding honor and dedication higher than some even can get. Brothers and sisters helping everyone through, all the 'a-oh' moments we get ourselves into. Of one who comes in when others take flight, their job never ends and their love holds us tight. A firefighter with character lives on in other's lives, humbly and quietly confounding even the wise." •

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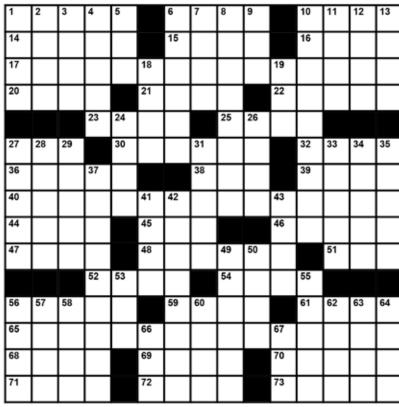
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- 20. Military cap
- 21. Channel 22. Anxiety
- 23. Defunct ruler
- 25. Hit ground
- 27. Dust remover
- 30. "You betcha!"
- 32. Has a mortgage 36. Frenzied
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DOWN 1. Approach

- Feel pity
- 3. Strengthen, with "up"
- European gull
- 5. Obstacle to learning 6. Actor Depardieu
- 7. Soon, to a bard
- 8. Mooning
- 9. A pint, maybe 10. Metaphysical poet
- 11. All excited
- 12. Ryan and Tilly
- One-up 18. Flair

- Amscrayed 24. "The Open Window" writer
- 26. Blown away 27. More crude
- Cremona artisan
- 29. Masters 31. Bunk
- 33. Shoe type
- 34. Cream vessels
- 35. Razor sharpener 37. "My Little
- 41. Camp sight
- 42. Dowel
- 43. Annul
- 49. Narc's target
- 50. "Spirit" rock band
- Colo. neighbor 55. Dusk to dawn
- 56. First fellow?
- 57. Child's building brick
- 58. Showy trinket
- 60. Almond
- 62. Sundae topper, perhaps 63. Course
- 64. Stirs
- 66. Dash lengths 67. Group w. troops

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

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Discover your purr-fect match with one of these furry felines.

Samantha is a petite Maine Coon mix with Dilute Calico coloring. Having no idea that she's smaller than everyone around her, she is fearless and she takes after her foster sister. Samantha is smart and may easily manipulate you with one look from her big, beautiful eyes! She charges around the house with her dog and cat friends and has even learned to be gentle with her foster mom's bird. This little beauty is exceedingly affectionate and enjoys water. She loves to sit on her foster mom's chest in the bathtub and will even splash in the water! Samantha will do wonderfully well with a family looking for an affectionate and playful feline.

looks to make you melt between her paws. Hartnell is an adorable little guy. He loves his kitty companions and has a real thing for feather toys and fuzzy mice, toys with bells, etc. If you're looking for a playful, but not

Undoubtedly, she will use her stunning good

too wild and crazy, buddy for the special feline in your life, Hartnell might just be your boy. Hartnell is still a little shy with people, but not too shy. Shy kitties don't always make the best first impression at adoptions events and therefore are sometimes overlooked. But once Hartnell gets to know you, he really opens up and will blossom into a wonderful companion. Hartsy loves belly rubs and turns into a real purr machine when he's getting them. He's waiting for you to come and share his love.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our Hartnell



Samantha

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 check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your

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Give the gift of love when you adopt a "pet without a partner!"

Reba is a gorgeous little redhead, so we named her after Reba McEntire. She is a gorgeous Pomeranian, two to three years old and weighing 10 pounds. She has a beautiful fluffy red and white coat! Reba is a happy little girl with a super-sweet personality. She is gentle, loving, quiet and gorgeous with all that red hair. Reba is really good on lead and

happy to go on any adventure with you. She rides well in the car, was good during her bath and is just so sweet. Calling all you Pom lovers, come and meet Reba—don't pass this great girl up! Reba is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with other dogs.

Princess is a sweet three-year-old fawn Puggle. However her family sure did not treat her like one. They dumped her full of ticks and fleas at the shelter when they moved. Princess is exactly the kind of dog we like to rescue--one who has never experienced a person's love. After three baths and some luscious-smelling conditioner, Princess is finally a princess again. With a few doggie treats and some genuine love, this pup has responded wonderfully. She now nuzzles up to you, wags her curly tail and comes when called. She has very soulful brown eyes that could probably tell a story we don't want to hear. She is one of those dogs who know they have been rescued. She is waiting for a loving family to show her a better life than the family that left her behind. Come meet Princess and give her a happy ending and a fairytail life. Princess is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with kids.

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Princess

<u> Happy Tails</u>

Tif-Fanny Flying High with New Family

It's inconceivable that our little Fanny found herself without a home. But know she's flying high again and seeing the world with her new mom, a "snowbird."

"Hi, Tif-Fanny is how I spell her name...It was just a way of keeping the Fanny in there. She is a beautiful dog. Bonded is a very mild word to describe Tif-Fanny and me. She is like my shadow—I sing that song. I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me. At night, in bed, Tif-Fanny cannot get close enough,

curls up on my pillow and does not budge till I do. Sophia sleeps at my legs.

Tif-Fanny is not so timid and runs around the house, but still prefers my lap...I am loving it. She is a perfect addition to our family. She will sit on my husband Vic's lap, but not for long, and yesterday for the first time she took a treat from him--so all is good. Each day she seems more relaxed. Sophia and Tif-Fanny get along great. At first, Sophia was not herself, moping a bit, but as soon as I made sure to give her the attention she



Now they curl up together on my lap. Tif-Fanny has let Sophia know, "This is my mommy too." Just a little bossy for such a wee one. Tif-Fanny is a very, very lovable little girl who certainly is a lap or purse dog. I bought a tiny basket for her beside my seat in the motor home. I will harness her and Sophia, but I think Tif-Fanny will be in the open basket so she can be near me. I have no worries. Tif-Fanny will travel with Sophia and Vic and I. She just is

one happy poodle to be with us.

I consider Tif-Fanny a precious gift that came into our family at a perfect time. I am 100 percent thrilled with her. I promise to send updates when I get home and settled, and hope to come visit next winter. You at Animals Rule Rescue do fantastic work... Hugs, Judie."

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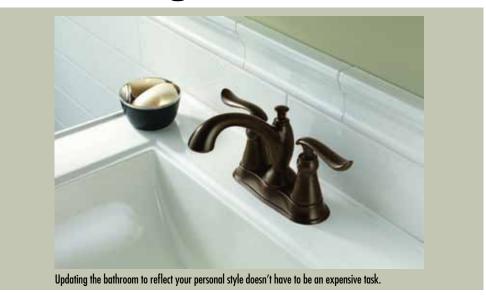
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Things to Consider Before Purchasing Your First Home



Buying your first home will likely be one of the most exciting and scary times of your life. Beyond the basic considerations - location, number of bathrooms, ranch style vs. multilevel - there are a number of important financial factors to determine before deciding which house is right for you.

• Determine how a home purchase will affect your current lifestyle. In addition to the overall expense of the home, it is important to consider how long you plan to stay in the home, as well as your overall debt, both on credit cards and other loans. According to Investopedia.com, affordability should be the No. 1 thing you look for in a home, but you also need to be stable enough to know you are going to want to live in the home you pick for at least 10 years. If not, you could get stuck in a home you can't afford in a city you're ready to leave.

Not surprisingly, location not only affects affordability, but also potential resale value. Amy Hoak of MarketWatch states, "Homes located within walking distance of amenities such as schools, parks and shopping aren't only more convenient for their owners, often they're also worth more than homes in neighborhoods where driving is the rule." Consider your lifestyle when you choose a location. Spending more to live within strolling distance of your favorite shops and restaurants is only valuable if you'll take advantage of that proximity. BankRate.com offers a handy tool to help predict your monthly mortgage payments in different communities.

· Consider your options for purchasing a home. Building a new home gives you greater control over style and finishes, though your move-in date will depend on the construction schedule. Newer existing homes will likely require fewer updates than an older home,

but may be priced at a premium. If you are shopping for a starter home, consider your plans for the future. A smaller house may require less home maintenance and upkeep, but if you are looking for a larger long term investment and a place to grow and raise a family, opting for more space from the get-go may make the most sense.

• Whatever the condition or age of the home you purchase, there's always the chance you'll want to make some changes, such as renovating a bathroom or upgrading your kitchen, or remodeling parts of the home to accommodate an expanding family. Try to anticipate and factor these costs into your total budget before purchasing a home. When it's time for these changes, will you be ready

According to Consumer Reports, kitchen and bathrooms are at the top of homeowner's wish lists in terms of rooms that need work. Luckily, updating the kitchen or bathroom to reflect your personal style doesn't have to be an expensive task. Replacing your plumbing fixtures and finishes can dramatically transform the space. Carry that look throughout the space with coordinating accessories and a fresh coat of paint for an affordable room makeover.

Buying a home is one of life's major milestones. If you are just starting the house hunting process, consider starting your search online at sites such as Zillow, Houzz, and Pinterest to get a feel for the homes and decor styles that appeal to you most. In addition to finding styles you like, this research will also help you find potential options within your price range. Remember, before making any purchases, consider your total budget and make sure you're prepared for not just the mortgage, but also any necessary improvements. •



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