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City Celebrates First Formal Memorial Day Remembrance



This Memorial Day 2012 marked the first time the City of Torrance hosts a formal Memorial Day Remembrance. Seen here are Torrance Council members Gene Barnett, Tom Brewer, Cliff Numark, Sue Rhilanger and Mayor Frank Scotto. Read more on page 8. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Council Supports Vote on County Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday night the Torrance City Council voted in favor of supporting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in the effort to hold a property owner election on the County's Flood Control District's Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure that would add to residents' property taxes to fund improvements to the storm water and urban runoff water systems. The Council's vote wasn't to enact any sort of change to property taxes, but merely to support the County Board of Supervisors' effort to bring the proposed fee to a vote. The vote would be a mail-in ballot for property owners in LA County, similar to Torrance's Proposition 218 votes on raising waste collection fees. However, the key difference between the two is that for the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure, voters must specifically approve the fees, unlike Torrance's last Proposition 218 in which one had to vote against the tax and a no response essentially equaled a yes vote. According to Public Works Director Robert Beste, this vote would take place in the spring of 2013.

Beste said the amount of the new fees for the average single-family home should be about \$54 per year, based on the size of the property and the impervious percentage (i.e. how much of the land is developed and doesn't drain water normally). The fee is planned to be collected alongside property taxes. Businesses, school districts and local governments will also be assessed the proposed fees, although their average payments will be much more varied as their properties are typically larger and more developed.

"What they are trying to do is set a rate that for most single-family residents would be about \$54 a year as a yearly fee added to their property

tax," said Beste. "With larger properties, what they have is a formula and tier-based on the impervious percentage."

The money raised by these fees is designed to help local governments meet the financial obligations of the Clean Water Act. Under the act, cities must obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in order

to discharge storm water and urban waste into waterways and the ocean. Each permit comes with a set Total Maximum Daily Load that defines how much of a certain pollutant—such as trash, bacteria, debris, etc.—that can be discharged from the city's storm drains. Torrance is set to receive an updated NPDES with new Total Maximum

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TUSD Board Recognizes Schools, Staff, Students

By Dylan Little

The Torrance School Board has a lot to be proud of as this academic year comes to a close. Not only were two schools in the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) named California Distinguished Schools, but several longtime teachers were recognized for their contributions while athletes from three different sports found success at this year's California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section finals.

Due to the unusually large number of people being honored, the audience was rotated as the agenda moved forward, with school staff at TUSD's two newest California Distinguished Schools giving way to longtime teachers and their supporters before vacating their seats to make room for students and their families being recognized for their successes either athletically or academically.

The first honorees were the principals and staff of Arnold Elementary and Evelyn Carr Elementary, both of them named California Distinguished Schools this year due to their

high test scores and inventive academic practices. Before a school can even apply to be a California Distinguished School, it has to achieve strong test scores with all its academic sub groups (such as English language learners and socio-economically disadvantaged students). If the school makes the cut, it can then submit a paper about two "signature practices" that the campus employs that will be used to determine if it should be named a distinguished school.

Arnold Elementary wrote about its methods in reducing the achievement gap for English language development and its efforts to become a 21st Century school by making use of technology to increase student engagement. Staff at Carr wrote about the school-wide literacy program that hopes to bring students to at least grade-level reading comprehension, as well as its practices concerning Professional Development. This wasn't either school's first time honored—both had been recognized once before. In addition,

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Patchy
Fog
71°/59°



Saturday
Patchy
Fog
69°/58°



Sunday
Patchy
Fog
70°/59°



People

Congratulations

Ms. Natalie Danielle Gaugh, from Torrance, CA, graduated recently with a B.A. in English and Film and Media Studies from Colgate University.



Share the Good News

It's June and that means graduations and celebrations—congratulate your graduates in the Torrance Tribune! Send your special photographs (JPEG) and announcements by noon on the Friday prior to publication (by fax at (310)

322-2787 or email at marketing@herald-publications.com). The first 30 words are free and every 20 words thereafter are \$12. Photographs are an additional \$20. For assistance in preparing your People Item please contact (310) 322-1830.

SMILE awhile

Smile Awhile's May 2012 Winner

Our Staff Pick for May is "Amanda & Kailee", which was published on May 17 and submitted by Nancy Saiz. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser Handel's Homemade Ice Cream in Redondo Beach. :)



SMILE awhile



One of El Segundo's new residents! Her name is Ava Lutz, sister of your last favorite, Mimi Lutz. Submitted by Amber Lutz.



Jerod cleaning his car on a Saturday afternoon with a big smile! Photo by Nancy Saiz.



Please meet Reggie Roo Roo, family hero. Submitted by Jayme Lavoie.



Twins Allison and Amy Reaser, graduates of E.S.H.S now in their junior year at San Diego State University. Submitted by Allison Reaser.

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CRENSHAW/LAX TRANSIT CORRIDOR



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The Federal Transit Administration has authorized Metro to go forward with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project to construct a light rail line in the Crenshaw District, Inglewood and LAX areas.

- > The 8.5-mile line will run along Crenshaw Boulevard from Exposition Boulevard to the Metro Green Line and the Expo Line currently under construction.
- > The project received a \$546 million federal loan to accelerate construction, which will be repaid over the next 30 years with funds from Measure R.
- > Metro has adopted a 17.6-acre site in the City of LA off the Arbor Vitae Street as the preferred site for a maintenance facility to support the light rail line.

For more information, visit metro.net/crenshaw.

The Federal Transit Administration has authorized Metro to go forward with the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project to construct a light rail line in the Crenshaw District, Inglewood and LAX areas.

- > Initial alternatives under consideration include light rail transit, bus rapid transit and an automated people mover.
- > Community open house meetings took place in February 2012.
- > Formal project scoping is expected to begin this year.

For more information, visit metro.net/greenlinetolax.





This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.

Do I have to go to church/temple to be a good Christian/of your faith?

While home or individual prayer and meditation is an integral and ancient part of Jewish daily life, there are some prayers and services which require a quorum of 10 Jews, called a 'minyan'. The kaddish memorial prayer for the deceased, call to worship, and numerous other pieces of liturgy require a minyan. This gets its basis from the biblical story of Abraham arguing with G-d to save the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. G-d promised Abraham that if there were ten righteous people to be found in the town, the entire town would be spared from destruction for the sake of the ten. I find that praying with a group elevates the spiritual experience to a much higher level than I can achieve on my own. We help lift each other up in prayer. On the most sacred day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, the confessional prayers are written in the plural. Even if most of the sins we recite don't apply to us personally, we make it easier for the penitent to confess his or her mistakes by saying the entire list along with everyone else.

—Rabbi Gary Spero, Torrance,
www.rabbigaryspero.com

Hebrews 10.25b

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do

but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

What are "the promises" and "his word"? When we go to church we hear God's Word through preaching. We learn what the promises are. We hear "his word" read and explained. Imagine if you heard an announcement on the radio, or you received an email, text or twitter on your mobile device saying, "God will be speaking at Dodger Stadium this Sunday!" Wouldn't you go? In church you will hear God speak through His word, the Bible.

I urge you to find a Bible believing, preaching church to attend. There you will find the greatest promise ever told – Jesus died for all the wrongs you've ever committed so that instead of you being punished, He was punished in your place. You will hear of God's great love for you.

Romans 10.14-15, 17

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?... Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

—Lisa Lait, First Baptist Church,
El Segundo

Any person interested in responding to or submitting a question may email us at management@heraldpublications.com. Please note that the intent of the column is to enjoy the exchange of ideas and different viewpoints. We are not interested in and will not publish any negativity, condemnation or prejudice. •

Non Profit Group Recognizes Sponsors' Support, Honors Volunteers at Luncheon

By Cristian Vasquez

Staff, sponsors and volunteers of the Salvation Army Torrance Corps gathered for the 11th Annual Partners in Service Luncheon and Award Presentation. At the event were representatives from Torrance, including Mayor Frank Scotto and the City Council members, as well as former Rancho Palos Verdes Mayor Steve Wolowicz who acted as master of ceremonies.

"It is very important for volunteers to be a part of our community--not only to the City of Torrance, but to the entire South Bay," Scotto said. "In the future, we are really going to expect people like all of you to step up and help the community succeed. That is the only way we are going to get through the times we face. Our government is getting more difficult with finances and it is going to take all of you to make a place like Torrance the great place that it is."

Volunteer groups honored included the AFSCME Local 1117; the Torrance Municipal Employees; the Double Tree Hilton, which hosted the luncheon; Saatchi & Saatchi L.A.; and Sam's Club Torrance. There was also the Los Angeles County Recognition presented to Supervisor Don Knabe, who was not present but one of his representatives made an appearance.

"Sponsors actually came forward on their own to help us cover the cost associated with this event and that was wonderful--otherwise it would not be possible to have it at such a beautiful establishment as the Double Tree," Business Administrator for Salvation Army Torrance Corps Angela Ohl said. "The award recipients are being recognized today for their above and beyond help and support of the Salvation Army during our 2011 year. Each year we evaluate, and those that go above and beyond and help us to accomplish great works in the community are the ones we recognize this year."

The Katy Geissert Helping Hands Award, which was presented by the 2009 Honoree and Advisory Board Member Jon Kaper, was given to current Advisory Chairperson Jack Messerlian. The Doing the Most Good Award, presented by Lt. Colleen Riley, was earned by Judy Jones, a longtime Salvation Army member whose efforts with the organization were considered to go above and beyond what the Salvation Army asks of its volunteers.

"For many years, she has exemplified and modeled the practical way of life of doing the most good," Riley said of Jones. "She has given countless volunteer hours in many generous ways. She tutors children to help them learn how to read through our children's literacy program. She was instrumental in

painting and renovating the Torrance Corp apartment and in her efforts she was innovative and spontaneous enough to sign up for a large appliance store giveaway where she was the winner. She won four new appliances, [a fridge, a stainless steel stove, a microwave and a dishwasher worth a total of \$10,000] and donated it to the Salvation Army. She kept with the mission of providing for the Army in every possible way."

Having these volunteers reach out to the community by providing such services and displaying tremendous generosity is what keeps the Salvation Army up and running. "It is very important on a daily basis to have volunteers help with our efforts," Ohl said. "Our staffing is very small, but our need is tremendous. From the little kids that we help to the senior citizens, veterans and families, without volunteers to provide those services we don't have services to provide. The City of Torrance has been twofold. They not only refer people to our services and put us in connection with needy individuals that need help. They also help us on the other end to market our services to obtain more support so that we can continue to provide our services. The city has been very special to us and our local operations."

The origins of the Salvation Army trace back to England, but its impact is now felt worldwide, even though the day-to-day activities are concentrated on immediate localities. "We should not forget the role that the Salvation Army plays and one must look no further than any natural disaster," Wolowicz said. "Victims, first responders and other volunteers are helped and supported by the Salvation Army. When members of this community and representatives of the Salvation Army went to Ground Zero shortly after 9/11, if you haven't heard stories from those people, take a moment and try to find a person and talk to them. It was very significant and it reminded us of the importance of organizations like the Salvation Army and the importance of volunteers."

The event gives the Salvation Army an opportunity to say thank you to those who take the time to help when they don't have to do so. "Our biggest wish is just to show our deepest and sincerest appreciation to those who make Salvation Army possible," Ohl said. "Every individual present today has helped us in one way or another. Realistically everybody should be honored at today's luncheon. They have all made a difference in our community and helped us as a whole. Also, it's an opportunity to educate people further as to what we do and continue to do in this community so that we are not forgotten."•



Karaoke!

(with karaoke2go)
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7 pm - 10 pm
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Smile Awhile

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MAY 20-26, 2012

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez

MAY 26

Vandalism: 2000 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) tags bench at location.

Burglary-Residential: 3400 BLOCK CRICKLEWOOD ST Suspect(s) removes screen, opens unlocked window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Theft: 4200 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/wallet.

Burglary-Residential: 3400 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) removes screen and enters partially open window/no loss.

MAY 25

Robbery-Strong-Arm: 2700 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspects enter location, simulate weapons under their clothing and demand property/cash.

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect pushes victim, throws him to the ground and punches him in the head when the victim attempts to prevent the suspect from fleeing with store property.

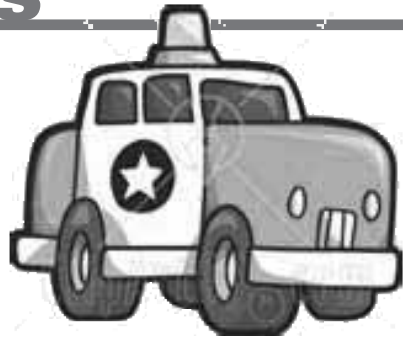
Burglary-Auto: 4300 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) forces door handle for entry and takes property/third row seats, headphones, DVD player.

Auto Theft-All: 2200 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '08 Honda motorcycle.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect who is not a registered guest and who has previously been warned and advised regarding trespassing, consumes food at the guest-only, complimentary cafeteria.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect throws glass bottle at victim, causing glass shards to hit his feet and legs.

Theft: 5300 BLOCK LORNA ST Suspect(s) forcibly removes property from victim's bicycle/saddlebag, sunglasses, tools.



MAY 24

Auto Theft-All: 16100 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Stolen vehicle: '97 Ford van.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) takes property from victim's backyard/bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat, picture frames, backpack.

Burglary-Residential: 200 BLOCK VIA ALAMEDA Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

MAY 23

Theft: 22900 BLOCK WALNUT ST Suspect(s) takes property inadvertently left on store shelf/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto: 17000 BLOCK ILLINOIS CT Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property from underneath the hood/battery.

Theft: 5100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes unattended property off of table/purse.

Burglary-Residential: 1300 BLOCK ACACIA AVE Suspect(s) removes screen, enters partially open window, but flees without taking property when victim returns home.

Theft: 22400 BLOCK OCEAN AVE Suspect(s) takes locked property from parking garage/bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Residential: 18900 BLOCK KORNBLUM AVE Suspect(s) pries screen, enters partially open window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Burglary-Residential: 17200 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) removes screen, enters partially open window, ransacks and takes property/cash.

MAY 22

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle parked inside garage and takes unknown property from inside same as well as property from inside garage/bicycle.

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

MAY 21

Vandalism: 3400 BLOCK 187TH PL Suspect(s) shoots BB at victim's vehicle's windows, smashing same.

Theft: 21400 BLOCK KENT AVE Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from truck bed/unknown loss at time of report.

Burglary-Auto: 2400 BLOCK 232ND ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, cuts alarm wire and takes property/ third row seats, skateboard, tool set.

Vandalism: 18500 BLOCK BURIN AVE Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

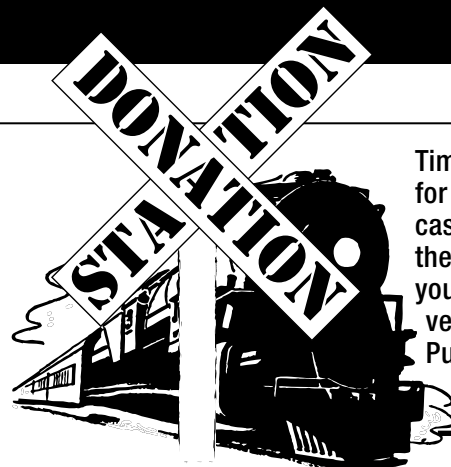
Theft: 4600 BLOCK TOUCAN ST Suspect(s) enters open garage and takes property/box of cookware.

Theft: 4800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) cuts off lock and takes property from locker/cell phone, wallet.

Battery-Simple: 1700 BLOCK GREENWOOD AVE Suspect pushes door closed, striking victim's arm and shoulder.

Vandalism: 22300 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) uses unknown object to smash window/no entry, no loss.

Theft: 100 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) cuts lock securing property to pole and takes same/bicycle.



Times are tough for everyone, but tougher for others. If you find you have a little cash available, please donate to one of the following worthy organizations. If you do decide to donate to any of these very worthy causes, please put "Herald Pub" in the memo line, so we can track donations. Give a little, get a lot.

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El Segundo Concert Band - 424-242-ESCB (3722) - www.esconcertband.org

• Raises funds for a variety of performing and music education programs in our community, including the local schools. Helps to provide funding for the El Segundo High School Band, operates the Center Street and Richmond Street Elementary Band and South Bay Summer Music Symposium Camp to keep the music playing.

El Segundo Education Foundation - 310-615-2650 Ext. 229 -

info@elsegundoedfoundation.org • El Segundo Education Foundation represents a partnership of businesses, individuals, and families organized to support and enhance programs of ESUSD and to promote excellence in education.

Hawthorne Education Foundation - 310-676-2276

Inglewood Educational Foundation - 310-419-2705 • The Foundation

is dedicated to generating financial support from the community for the improvement and enrichment of educational opportunities for all students in the Inglewood Unified School District.

Kitten Rescue - 818-347-3037 mail@kittenrescue.org • Non-profit, totally

volunteer run organization devoted to finding loving homes for unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens placing approximately 1000 into new homes every year.

Lawndale Elementary School District Educational

Foundation - 310-676-1197 - lawndaleed@yahoo.com • The LESDEF provides opportunities for elementary students to achieve their potential by supporting programs and additional resources that engage them and enhance standard curriculum.

Mercy's Village International - 310-906-0518 - jeami@mercysvillage.org

Mychal's Learning Place - 310-297-9333 - info@mychals.org

• Mychal's provides social and recreational after school programs, emphasizing life skills training for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities, encouraging independence and building self-esteem.

Pregnancy Help Center - 310-787-HELP (4357) - www.phctorrance.org

• Offering confidential and compassionate support to women and their families. Free pregnancy and STD testing, counseling services, resource referrals and more. Volunteers welcome

RISE GHI (Global Health Initiative) - 1-855-922-RISE - info@riseghi.org

• The mission is to improve health care and education in developing countries, beginning with a free clinic and education center in Nigeria.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LA) -

888-SPCA-LA1 - info@spcaLA.com • spcaLA is an independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California since 1877. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education and a variety of shelter services.

South Bay Family Health Care - 310-227-8100 - www.sbfhc.org

• Formerly South Bay Free Clinic, SBFHC honors the same mission since 1969; to provide quality health care regardless of their ability to pay.

Torrance Education Foundation - 310-972-6418 - info@torranceeducationfoundation.org

Tree Musketeers - 310-322-0263 - info@treemusketeers.org • Tree

Musketeers empowers young people to be environmental leaders through worldwide programs. Locally they provide a residential tree service while growing our community forest and youth leaders.

Volunteer Center (South Bay) - 310-212-5009 - volcenter.org • In

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Wiseburn Education Foundation - 310-291-9805 - info@wiseburnedfoundation.org

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

"Barack Obama is an Amateur!" -- Bill Clinton, August, 2011

In May, Edward Klein released the long-awaited story of the Obama presidency, entitled *Amateur*. The book immediately debuted as number one on the *New York Times* bestseller list and derived its title from an argument between Bill and Hillary only 10 months ago. Bill and Chelsea had exhorted Hillary to mount a challenge to Barack Obama for the Democratic nomination but Hillary declined. Bill showed his frustration with a red-faced shout that "Barack Obama is an amateur!"

Unquestionably, Obama has been a greater mystery than any President in memory. In his first edict as President, he sealed his personal records, allowing speculation about his past to run wild, but an adoring press did nothing to vet this mystery man...until now.

In 18 months of research, including interviews with hundreds of friends and associates, Klein delved into the man himself, finding an egomaniacal, messianic, unprepared President--an amateur. For example, Klein interviewed Dr. David Scheiner, Obama's personal physician for 22 years. Scheiner is a liberal who supports a single payer healthcare system, but believes Obamacare cannot work because it contains no cost controls. As to the man, he said, "Obama lacks passion and feelings and doesn't have any sense of humanity."

Richard Epstein, Dean of the University at Chicago Law School where Obama lectured, said, "At one time Obama saw himself as a serious intellectual, which he definitely was not. While there was a roundtable of 10 faculty members constantly gathered for lunch, Obama never attended. I firmly believe that his systematic withdrawal from engagement...stemmed from his not wanting to put himself at intellectual risk." There is no one whose company he enjoys more than his own.

Laura Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Republican Leader of the Illinois State Senate, said he didn't even show up for picture day and he didn't go to committee. He had no interest in the process of being a good Senator. He just wanted to stand on the Senate floor and give speeches.

In Chicago, Obama was supported and encouraged by local Black leaders, but reneged on promises to help their constituencies. When reminded of his obligations, Obama replied, "Come on, man, you should know better when politicians make promises." Steven Rogers, an early donor who introduced Obama to Jesse Jackson said, "What you have in Barack

Obama is a lack of character."

While Jackson allowed Obama to address his Operation PUSH every Saturday to hone his speaking skills, Obama never acknowledged Jackson because he was afraid of a White backlash.

On June 30, 2009, Obama invited nine historians to the White House and extolled them with his goal of becoming a "transformational President that would change the trajectory of America's domestic and foreign policy." He would solve the problems of Palestinians and Israelis; open dialogs with Iran and North Korea; revolutionize the country's healthcare system and energy policy; and inject the regulatory hand of the federal government into the American economy in an effort to create "a more just and equitable society."

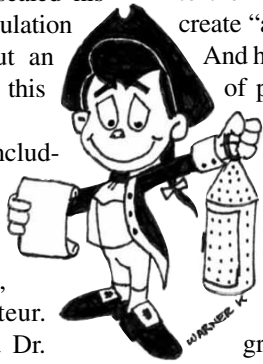
And he would do this through his powers of persuasion, helping others see the errors of their ways."

When some at the dinner questioned his vision, Obama grew testy. He knew better. He could prevail by the force of his personality. By any measure it was a breathtaking display of grandiosity from a man whose entire curriculum vitae consisted of seven undistinguished years in the Illinois Senate and two mostly absent years in the U.S. Senate. Unintentionally, Obama revealed the characteristic that made him totally unsuited for the presidency and would doom him to failure--his extreme haughtiness and excessive pride, his ideological bent as a far-left corporatist, and his astounding amateurism.

Throughout the dinner, he compared himself to one President after another, as if he was trying on a different mask each time. It proved Obama didn't have the faintest idea of who he is. He is unprepared to lead and in short, didn't know what he didn't know.

He conducts his own foreign policy and makes all the decisions because he believes that only he understands the issues. He never seeks the counsel of those who backed his presidential bid with their money, time and organizational skills, turning his back on the Kennedys, Oprah Winfrey, wealthy Jewish donors and the African-American leaders who paved the way for his political ascent. He never tired of hearing his adoring staff say he is the greatest. He is the living, breathing apotheosis of the American melting pot, and as an adoring David Axelrod privately named him, "Black Jesus."

Former French President Nicholas Sarkozy, after one meeting, summed it up best by saying, "He is extremely naive, but too arrogant to learn." In short, Barack Obama is an amateur. •



Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Just got finished chatting with a "veteran human being" about some of the recent comings and goings in Mayberry. Gentleman sports a nice lid and was somewhat peering at the young ladies who were hitting a golf ball about 200 yards down the fairway on the tube as I did my diligent political research.

Also on the tube: Looks like the cad ex-Demo Presidential poster boy John Edwards, who was carrying on nefariously as his wife battled cancer, caught a break. More on that later.

Anyway, nice golf show--put a bunch of attractive young lasses in short skirts and short shorts and get them to spend a lot of time bending over lining up their shots and claim that you are giving them a "Big Break."

Shocking diversion, but so be it.

Anyway, the "veteran human being" was lamenting the fact that Mayberry continues to change. Post office on Main Street adiosed, local family-owned market a couple of blocks west of Main Street shuttered, with the new ownership group lollygagging apparently--not opening up the new alternative to the super-market chain up on Sepulveda and Mariposa until the beginning of 2013.

And a local fitness palace had, according to the "veteran human being," undergone a transformation, adding new paint and new lights, and may be under new ownership. Another knockout punch, according to the man in the hat, for the venerable downtown section of Mayberry.

For better, or for worse.

Trust that my loyal readers took the time to cast a ballot a couple of days ago in the overwhelmingly exciting California presidential primary election? Voted to tax the death stick deal? Your kids, my kid, why get them started on the road to lung cancer?

Unfortunately, have an early deadline for the *Penguin*, so was not able to pen after the Tuesday voting. But I trust that you did the right thing.

Speaking of smoking stuff, a recent poll of We the People in Cali noted that most vot-

ers do not support allowing adult cannabis smokers to smoke the chronic legally. But most of us voters do favor allowing you, and, if necessary, me, the opportunity to smoke weed if we are faced with "terminal and debilitating conditions."

Now, just to set the record straight, chronic unemployment, or a phoned-up disability claim, does not qualify as a "terminal and debilitating condition."

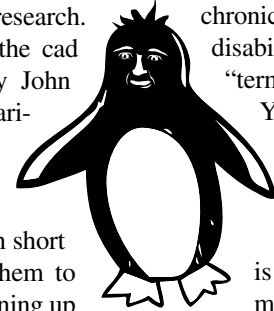
Yes, I know of a few of you out there in this vast readership that have been gilding the lily, living off of State sponsorship for way too long. But your secret is safe with me, as I trust some of my "secrets" may be safe with you? Compende?

So I am again confused after we just hit the voting booth. Did not we last vote to defeat the decriminalization of weed a couple of years ago? Didn't see the potheads get the issue back on the ballot on Tuesday, thank gosh. But I do remember the up-in-smoke crowd blathering on a couple of years ago about how they would revisit the issue in 2012. And on second thought, as I pop a medicinal, legal pill to take the sting out of my still-injured knee, maybe we should get another shot at legalizing the weed.

As long as it can be taxed by the Great Bankrupt State. Imagine the number of Benjamins that could be added to the State coffers if weed was sold legally and subject to all of the same nefarious add-ons that we currently pay for petrol, cigs and booze? A windfall for the State. Why, we could even allow the Indian nation in on the gig and allow them to make another tidy profit, much like they do on the gambling palaces that they are allowed to propagate in state.

Anyway, the pot thing cuts both ways. Or is cut both ways. Not sure how you cut or cultivate the reefer--had a few friends back in the day who may have been able to educate me, but I shall let them stay under the radar. What are friends for? The point of having a couple of incredibly well-read columns in

See *The Penguin*, page 6



Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

-Albert Einstein

Crime

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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,

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And the Winner is...

By Adam Serrao

The road to the NBA Finals is well underway and the competing pool of four teams that remain could turn into two with the snap of one's fingers. Now that the lockout-shortened season is in its final stretch, the real stars with both experience and skill have come out to play. From LeBron James and Kevin Durant to Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, players from the young and athletic to the old, cagey veterans are attempting to do whatever it takes to chase down the much-coveted championship jewel for their fingers. Even though there are only four teams left, does it still seem too troublesome to predict a title winner? Well, you're in luck. With the help of my precious intuition and the crystal ball that sits near my keyboard, I will tell you (and the odds-makers in Vegas) who will, in fact, win the 2012 NBA championship trophy.

Let's start with the Boston Celtics. Their victories over the Miami Heat last Friday and Sunday gave Irishmen and Boston fans alike a sense of rejuvenation and hope that the Celtics may just have what it takes to overcome the two-headed beast that is the Heat. With Rajon Rondo blowing up in this year's Eastern Conference Finals and Kevin Garnett's enduring athleticism outcompeting the void left by an injured Chris Bosh, the Celtics do seemingly have a chance. What will ultimately lose them the series and a shot at this year's championship, however, is the trade they made in the offseason shipping out Kendrick Perkins. Perkins isn't producing much now with the Oklahoma City Thunder, but keep in mind that the big, bulky center dropped approximately 32 pounds to fit in with the younger, more athletic team headed by Durant and Russell Westbrook. If Perkins were still on the team (instead of an inactive Jeff Green) and still as intimidating, the Celtics would beat the Heat. Combine Perkins' absence with the diminished skills of Paul Pierce and his propensity to foul out of every important game and you have the reason why the Celtics will be this year's first team of the final four to drop out of contention.

Over in the Western Conference, there is an epic battle going on between the young and the old for the last spot in this year's Finals. The youth and athleticism of Durant and Westbrook matched up against the astute and fundamentally sound San Antonio Spurs led by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. It's easy to figure out the Thunder. They're young, they're talented and they have the ability to run you off of the court. The Spurs, on the other hand, have been at it since the year they drafted Tim Duncan in 1997. The team has made the playoffs 21 of the last 22 seasons, including all 15 years that Duncan has

been a part of the squad. Elite is the only word that comes to mind. But then you get the Spurs of a year ago that, like this year, entered the playoffs as a number one seed but lost their first playoff series to the eighth-seeded Memphis Grizzlies four games to two. Confusing how a team that good could have a letdown that big. While everyone keeps waiting for a descent of the same magnitude to take place this year, the Spurs just keep winning. Victorious in 20 of their last 22 games as of this writing, the Spurs have too much experience, leadership and intelligence to lose to a team as young and volatile as the Thunder despite losing two road games in Oklahoma. The Spurs would have to lose two of the next three, including one game at home, in order to drop the series to the Thunder. The Spurs advance to take on the Heat in the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs against the Miami Heat in this year's NBA Finals. One team that everyone expects to be there and win and another team that has been there and won it four times in the last 12 years. With Chris Bosh out, the Spurs have a decided advantage in the low post. Tim Duncan and the rejuvenation that he has miraculously undergone that has him looking like the little pup that he was when drafted in '97 will feast on the subpar talent offered by the Heat. James and Wade, on the other hand, have finally learned how to play alongside one another and have been tremendous in Bosh's absence. Put the matchups aside, though. Matchups have the tendency to break down, especially when there is a championship level of basketball taking place on the court. Bosh may come back for the Finals. Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili may be better than anything the Heat have to offer. It doesn't matter. Focus instead on the part of the team that doesn't step on the court to shoot a basket.

Erik Spoelstra has never been a high quality head coach. Given the talent on his team, anyone could step in and draw up Xs and Os to get two of the best players in the league to the Finals. Gregg Popovich is the reason why the San Antonio Spurs will win this year's NBA championship. He has been there before, he has won before and he has the respect of his team. A team that trusts him to make the right decision at key moments in the game to pull out a victory. Short of Phil Jackson, Popovich is arguably the greatest coach to step foot on the sidelines of any basketball arena. Winning this year's championship will cement that legacy for him. My crystal ball tells me that Popovich will be called on to win a game for the Spurs in this year's Finals and once he is called upon, he will make a game-changing and series-changing decision. The Spurs are your 2012 NBA Finals champions. •

Up and Adam

Last Ones Standing

By Adam Serrao

The South High Spartans' softball team was the last team standing to represent the city of Torrance. That distinction didn't come easily for the girls, though. After almost missing the playoffs by finishing in fourth place in the Pioneer League, the Lady Spartans used a wild card entry to slip in and start doing damage until they worked their way to their first CIF Southern Section Finals appearance ever. Shocking maybe to those who haven't followed the team all year, but head coach Kevin Van Waardenburg and the girls knew they had the feistiness and the skill to bring home a trophy. That they almost did. The girls' dominance throughout this year's playoffs ended last Saturday morning as they went up against the Chino Hills Huskies in the Division III championship game in Deanna Manning Stadium at Bill Barber Park in Irvine and had to endure a sorrowful ride home, taking a 3-0 loss on the day.

The Lady Spartans used a five-game winning streak in the playoffs to reach the championship game, disposing of California, Paloma Valley, Burroughs, Warren and St. Lucy's all before running up against the juggernaut that was Chino Hills. Chino Hills, like the Spartans, had a winning streak of their own going on. The Huskies had won a stunning 26 games in a row leading up to the championship match. Obviously, the team had been a force to be reckoned with all season long. The team's last loss of the season came on May 10 against Norco, so it's not surprising that the Huskies found themselves competing for the championship this year.

Chino Hills is a ballclub that has become accustomed to not just beating teams this year, but beating them badly. In their five straight wins throughout the playoffs, including their victory against South High, the Huskies have outscored their opponents 27-4, so for South High starting pitcher Carolyn Snodgrass, she knew she would have to pitch a nearly perfect game. By holding the Huskies to only three runs on the day, Snodgrass succeeded in limiting the powerful team to its lowest scoring output of the playoffs. In her seven innings pitched, only one of the runs that came across the plate was earned as Snodgrass only gave up seven hits and one walk with four strikeouts on the day. "It was a tough day," related head coach Van Waardenburg. "Carolyn threw really well--we just couldn't get it going offensively against a good pitcher."

Unfortunately for Snodgrass and the effort she expended, the South High bats were almost nonexistent on the day. The Lady

Spartans tallied only two hits all game against opposing pitcher Nikki Innamorato, who brought a stellar fastball and an off-speed pitch that gave South High batters fits all day. The Spartans' first hit of the game came in the third inning after the score was already 2-0 in the Huskies' favor. Kayla Henmi came through for South with an infield single that resembled a drag bunt, as she sped down the first base line and reached safely just before the ball arrived. The inning, however, would end unceremoniously for the Spartans.

The sixth inning was perhaps South's best chance to get a rally going as it staged a last-ditch effort to get to Innamorato and make a charge at the CIF trophy. With only one out in the inning, Paige Kising came up to bat and worked the count to reach first base on a walk. Denise Flores reached on a fielder's choice before Sami Meyer hit a single up the middle to put runners on first and second with two outs in the inning. With all of the pressure in the world on her back, Jenna Gill came to the plate looking to knock home a run, but grounded out to first base to end the inning and end the threat for the Spartans. "We had some runners on base and were often one big hit away," said Van Waardenburg. "Throughout the playoffs we'd been getting those hits, but they didn't come today."

Chino Hills was able to put runs up on the board in the third inning with two outs. Trish Parks had an infield single before Tannon Snow doubled to put runners on second and third. An unfortunate error by Alex Kossoff led to the first run of the game as she couldn't come up with a ball that was hit sharply to second base. A double steal led to the second run of the game and gave the Huskies a 2-0 lead. The Huskies would score the last run of the game and put the nail in the coffin, so to speak, in the top of the sixth to take the 3-0 advantage and eventual victory.

The Lady Spartans finished their year at 23-11 and in fourth place in an extremely competitive Pioneer League. Losing in the final to an explosive team like the Huskies is certainly nothing to be discouraged about at all. Even with the loss, South still has bragging rights in the city as it outlasted rivals North High and Torrance High with its five-game winning streak to reach the first ever finals appearance in school history. That accomplishment alone is enough to make the Spartans' family proud. Though they didn't get the victory, the girls of South High can go home knowing that they are indeed champions that went against the odds and beat them all season long. •



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 - Mae West

The Penguin

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the South Bay isn't to keep some of you out there on edge, hoping that you are or aren't mentioned each week, is it?

Or maybe it is. Spoke with a column supporter the other day, who said he sometimes gets lost trying to figure out who I am alluding to with some of my pithy comments. And that is part of the deal, right? Some of you are smart enough to get it. Some of you may not be able to discern at whom the slings and arrows are pointed. And never will figure it out. Room temperature IQs.

So, back to the John Edwards deal. The philandering cad, who was a beefcake poster

pin-up boy for the media lefties when he made his two failed runs at the presidency, received a verdict of not guilty last week on a charge of campaign finance fraud. Seems the Golden Boy Demo, following in the Gary Hart and Bill Clinton footsteps, was catting around on his wife and lying about it. Ye gads!

And the Feds thought that he may have misappropriated some campaign contributions, trying to cover up his tracks. Really?

The party of family man John Fitzgerald Kennedy must have been aghast at such allegations. •

FOOD & DINING

Arugula & Prosciutto Pizza



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Servings: 6 servings
 Total Time: 35 minutes
 Ease of Preparation: Easy
 Health: Healthy Weight, Low Cholesterol, Low Calorie, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:
 1 pound prepared pizza dough, preferably whole-wheat
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
 2 ounces very thinly sliced prosciutto, cut into thin strips (about 1/2 cup)
 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 cup shredded fontina or part-skim mozzarella cheese

2 cups packed coarsely chopped arugula
 1 cup chopped tomato

Steps:

1: Position oven rack in the lowest position; preheat to 450°F. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.

2: Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to about the size of the baking sheet. Transfer to the baking sheet. Bake until puffed and lightly crisped on the bottom, 8 to 10 minutes.

3: Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick

skillet over medium heat. Add onion, prosciutto and crushed red pepper and cook, stirring, until the onion is beginning to brown, about 3 minutes.

4: Spread the onion mixture evenly over the crust and top with cheese. Bake until crispy and golden and the cheese is melted, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with arugula and tomato.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 306 Carbohydrates - 33 Fat - 11 Saturated Fat - 4 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 13 Cholesterol - 28 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 140 Sodium - 600 *

Quick Chicken Cacciatore

This version of the classic Italian recipe, chicken cacciatore, is done in half the time of most traditional versions, but is still full of rich flavor thanks to plenty of mushrooms, tomatoes and herbs.

Servings: 4 servings
 Total Time: 40 minutes
 Ease of Preparation: Easy
 Health: Diabetes Appropriate, Healthy Weight, Heart Healthy, Low Sat Fat, Low Calorie

Ingredients:
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 2 8-ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
 1 small onion, sliced
 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried, plus more for garnish
 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 14-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, drained

1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
 3/4 cup sliced jarred roasted red peppers, rinsed

1/4 cup quartered Kalamata olives

Steps:
 1: Place flour in a shallow bowl. Cut each chicken breast in half on the diagonal to make 4 roughly equal portions; sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in the flour and transfer to a plate. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the flour.

2: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook

until browned on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate.

3: Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add mushrooms, onion, rosemary and the remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is soft and golden brown, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle the vegetables with the reserved flour and cook, stirring, until coated. Add wine to the pan and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add drained tomatoes, broth, roasted red peppers and olives; bring to a lively simmer over medium-low heat.

4: Return the chicken to the pan and continue cooking, stirring once or twice, until the liquid has thickened slightly and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 minutes. Serve the chicken with the sauce, garnished with rosemary, if desired.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Memorial Day 2012



City of Torrance Veterans Memorial.

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By TerriAnn Ferren

This Memorial Day 2012 marks the very first time the City of Torrance has had a formal Memorial Day Remembrance and I didn't want to miss it. The reading of every one of the 146 names on the wall was planned by the Torrance Historical Society. The *Names on the Wall* project has been one close to their hearts and this is a very special day for me, for them, and for the citizens of Torrance. But most especially it is a day to remember every person on our wall and on any soldier's grave.

Historically, Memorial Day began as Decoration Day. There is evidence that Southern women were decorating graves of soldiers slain before the end of the Civil War. But it was General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, who started Memorial Day on May 5, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first observance was on May 30, 1868. After WWI, the holiday changed from honoring only those who fought in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. Unfortunately, with the passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 the official date of Memorial Day was set for the last Monday in May to ensure a three-day weekend. As time has passed, traditional observance of Memorial Day has been lost to some extent. But today, there seemed to be a definite focus on what was important and who we were honoring.

I arrived early at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue where our Veterans Memorial stands. It was dedicated on March 19, 2005 with the quote by General George S. Patton that reads, "Let me not mourn for those who have died fighting, but rather let me be glad that such heroes have lived." The chairs had already been set up by Operations personnel Jared Robison and John Kalinski; a red, white and blue floral wreath had been delivered; and I could see Janet Payne, 1st Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society, as I approached—organizing

the table with programs, American flags and brochures. She smiled at me and happily answered my questions. "This is the first time we have had a remembrance on Memorial Day," she said. "We've dedicated it [our Veterans Memorial] and we've added the names, but this is an intimate ceremony for the people of Torrance. There are large ceremonies that are quite elaborate like Green Hills and some people need that. The names of 146 military men and women are on the wall that have lost their lives and had been living here in Torrance." Today, all 146 names will be read aloud by our veterans.

People began to gather as I asked Janet how this remembrance came about and who had the idea to research the names on the wall. She shared, "We began about four years ago. Jerry Ronan is on our board of directors [of the Torrance Historical Society] and said that he wanted to put a face on every name and build a file on every person [whose name is on the wall] and we have done it with volunteers. Fifty percent are completed, which is amazing because it is not easy. Some records need to be dug up from the government and require a high fee. Other information takes up to six months to receive a response."

Janet continued, "We put out a request to the members and our organization and we got a few volunteers, but we really got more volunteers when we offered a workshop on days and a couple of nights and taught people how to do it—and then we set up a social media, which is amazing and helps, and there is a website where you can get on it if you're a researcher." Janet went on to tell me that they find out about the history behind the names on the wall in all sorts of amazing ways. She told me one day the grandmother of a third grader was in the museum on a field trip and told her that she thought her husband's uncle's name was on the wall. Janet asked for the uncle's name, looked it up and found his name hadn't been researched. Come to find out, the family lived in Torrance and the mother was still alive.

That family took up researching that name and has filled in the file on that particular soldier.

Some volunteers get hooked on researching the veterans on the wall and continue to take on another one. The researchers donate money and give their time to honor the veteran. "It takes your breath away, and as Jerry Ronan says, 'It changes your life,'" said Janet. "I got to think we should do this every year for our vets and for our city, and rather than introduce a million dignitaries—everybody is important today—we really want to hear the name and really let it sink in. One of our men today reading is Charlie Saulenis and he's a Vietnam vet and he's had a huge struggle and just by chance I asked him if he would speak [and read some names] and he said yes. He arrived early with a broom and cleaned up. He even cleaned out the gutter on Torrance Boulevard."

It was nearly time to begin, but I quickly asked Jerry Ronan about his thoughts on this day. "These names should be read every Memorial Day and that's what we're doing today," he said. "We're not having the usual kind of ceremony with the dignitaries. We have 146 dignitaries! I came from South Dakota and the day I was drafted [1944] in WWII, I went for my physical with a boy I had known since childhood. Six months later, he was dead in Europe. Schools in South Dakota took it upon themselves to do a story on every South Dakotan that was lost in World War II and I thought we ought to be able to do it for 146. We say that we never forget. We do and those names are just names—and I wanted to put a face on them."

One story Jerry told me was especially touching. He said one researcher had connected a family on each coast. The boys had died together and she connected the families. There have been all sorts of touching stories. Jerry went on to say, "We have about half of the stories complete, but it is very much ongoing. We want to make a plea today for people with those little stories and anecdotes—the little personal things. Most of these boys

died very, very young and their stories are short. Their lives were so short."

Debbie Hays, 3rd Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society, added, "I think this is the beginning of a new tradition and what I love is we are going to continue honoring these men and women by putting a face with a name for each and every one of them on this wall and keeping their stories at the Torrance Historical Society—each one having their own file so anyone, if they ever want to know anything about these people, can come down and learn who these people were."

At 3 p.m. sharp, on the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue, a group of citizens, veterans, City officials and the coordinators from the Torrance Historical Society gathered to pay honor and remember those who paid the ultimate price. "This is very fitting because it is our centennial and we should be doing this every year," said Mayor Frank Scotto. "This would be a good tradition to start to honor the men and women whose names are on the wall. We should remember these and all the men and women who have gone before."

Kurt Weideman, President of the Torrance Historical Society, welcomed everyone to this special event and after the Pledge of Allegiance Jerry Ronan spoke, asking everyone to "pray that we will not add any more names [to the wall]." The reading of the names on the wall began as the clank of the American flag tapped on the flag pole high above us. Jim Garrity began the litany followed by Gene Hassan, Ken Miller, Paul Nowatka, Dave Pierson, Charlie Saulenas and Jim Standifer. At the end, everyone paused for a long moment of silence. The program ended.

The legacy that began long ago with Southern women who placed flowers at the graves of Civil War soldiers is alive and well on Memorial Day 2012 in Torrance.

Would you like to help with the Torrance Historical Society *Names on the Wall* project? Call the museum at 310-328-5392. •



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Above: Kurt Weideman, President of the Torrance Historical Society.

Above: Vietnam Veteran, Charlie Saulenas, Rotarian Elaine Thompson, and Mayor Frank Scotto.

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Wreath at the Names on the Wall event.



Janet Payne, 1st Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society.



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Buying a Foreclosure or Short Sale with Confidence



(ARA) - Buyers are still clamoring for real estate deals in this turbulent market. Foreclosures and short sales offer some of the best bargains, but also have a higher risk level. Still, more than four in five adults think foreclosures and short sales can be good deals, according to a recent American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) survey.

Some analysts say the rebound has begun and home prices may rise by the end of 2012. This means now may be buyers' last chance to take advantage of affordable properties and low interest rates. If you want to score a bargain before the housing market recovers, you'll need to follow a few rules to invest with certainty.

Make a wise investment by adhering to these five rules while shopping distressed properties:

Rule 1: Position yourself for success

Before starting your search, get preapproved for a mortgage so when a good deal presents itself, you're positioned to submit a bid right away to be the first offer on the bank's desk. Work with an experienced real estate agent who can help guide you through the daunting sea of foreclosures and short sales. Bidding can be complicated and time-consuming, especially when working with a home sale needing bank approval. A good agent will know how to navigate through the paperwork and red tape.

Rule 2: Do your research

A real estate agent can help you with research, but it's wise to do some on your own. Are there any undisclosed liens on the property? Is the seller behind on his property taxes? What permit records does the city have on file? This information will be critical during decision-making. Work with your agent to ensure the contract requires any delinquent taxes, liens or assessments will be paid prior to you taking ownership

of the property.

Rule 3: Always get a home inspection

Eighty-four percent of adults surveyed by ASHI said they would be more likely to purchase a distressed property after a home inspection has determined its condition.

A home inspection gives you the confidence to move forward with your purchase because you'll have as much knowledge as possible about the condition of the property. An inspector will visually examine the condition of the home's roof, attic and insulation, foundation, basement and structural components, as well as interior plumbing and electrical systems. Be sure to find an ASHI-Certified Inspector (ACI) to ensure your inspector is experienced, as many states have minimal licensing requirements. To find a local ACI, use ASHI's "Find an Inspector" tool on www.ASHI.org.

Rule 4: Budget for repairs

When looking at short sales and foreclosures, remember price is only one aspect to consider. A home will almost always require some type of repair. After receiving your inspection report, you can estimate costs associated with necessary repairs, maintenance or energy-efficient improvements.

Rule 5: Assess the neighborhood

Location should be a top consideration when purchasing real estate, and in a tough housing market, it's even more important. A home has limited worth if it's located in a less desirable neighborhood. High foreclosure rates can turn a once-desirable neighborhood into one many might likely avoid. These locations are likely to see a slower recovery than more populated or favorable areas less affected by the economy. Make location as important as price when making a purchase decision.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- 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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- Turtle and Tortoise Day "hands-on" event, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Madrona Marsh Nature Center, 3201 Plaza Del Amo. For more information call (310) 782-3989.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- One Book One City Centennial Celebration: Meet Hometown Hero Louis Zamperini, 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Toyota USA Automobile Museum. For more information call (310) 651-5230.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

- The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce-Networking at Noon Event, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Tony Roma's, 24301 Crenshaw Blvd. Reservations required. For more information call (310) 543-3113.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., Downtown Torrance. For more information call Julie

Randall at (310) 328-6107.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- Free "Fun In The Sun" Program, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Alta Loma Park, 26126 Delos Drive. For more information on upcoming dates and locations call Vic Arevalo at (310) 618-2930.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- Teen Summer Reading Program: Own the Night: Night at The Movies, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call the Youth Services Department at (310) 618-5964.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- Movies in the Park, Show begins at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.), McMaster Park, 3624 Artesia Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

ONGOING

- Walking Tours of Downtown Torrance. Tour leaves from Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Avenue promptly at 1:30 p.m. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

- 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.

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SB Literacy Council Seeks Volunteers

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necessary. Training will be provided. Please attend an informational meeting at Katy Geissert Civic Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, June 7, 7 p.m. Call 310-373-7003 for information.

Turtle & Tortoise Day at Madrona Marsh

Saturday, June 9 will feature the Turtle & Tortoise Day as well as a day of music at Madrona. Bring Your Acoustic Instrument And Join Us For A Fun Filled Day At Madrona Marsh for the Turtle And Tortoise Day, a program of the California Turtle & Tortoise Society. The event will take place at the

Madrona Marsh Nature Center, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance Ca 90503 on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can meet and learn about various types of Turtles and Tortoises. For more information, interested persons may call the nature center at 310-782-3989.

Environmental Services Center Offers Energy Upgrade Workshop

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: "Greening Your Home with Energy Upgrade California and Water Reliability 2020". At this FREE WORKSHOP, attendees will discover how to save money, increase energy and water efficiency, and earn up to \$8,000 in rebates from Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County. Participating contractors will be available to answer technical questions about this program. The

result will be a healthier home that is not only energy and water efficient but will cost less to operate. Presented by South Bay Environmental Services Center, 20285 S. Western Avenue, Suite 100, Torrance, CA 90501. Please pre-register by visiting www.sbesc.com/calendar or call Grace Farwell-Granger at 310-371-7222 ext 206 for further information.

Enjoy the Melody of 'Downtown Sounds'

On Sunday, June 10, enjoy the rhythms of local musicians and the comedy of Ian Bagg in a benefit show to raise funds for the Torrance Unified School District's music programs. Hosted by the Torrance Rotary Club, the Torrance Education Foundation, and The Depot Restaurant, the annual 'Downtown Sounds' event helps support music programs throughout the District. Over the years, because of numerous budget reductions from the state, music and arts programs in schools have suffered. The 'Downtown Sounds'

fundraiser helps combat some of these cuts, specifically to the music programs. As talented young musical artist, TUSD students need a strong music program to help mature their skills. Downtown Sounds will take place on Sunday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Depot Restaurant located at 1250 Cabrillo Ave in Torrance. Ticket prices are \$75 and the event is for adults 21 and over. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.dtstorrance.com or by calling 424-757-4387.

TUSD Budget Update

Governor Jerry Brown released his annual May Revisions to the budget. State revenues are \$4.5 billion less than what was projected in January and costs are considerably higher than estimated, bringing the total budget shortfall to over \$15 billion. This will mark the fifth year of an on-going economic crisis in the State of California. As the Governor and Legislators begin the battle to approve a balanced budget, school districts are required to adopt a balanced budget by June 30th, based on figures from the May Revision. The Governor is proposing to fund K-12 education in the coming 2012-2013 school year at the same level as the 2011-2012 year. This "flat funding" is contingent on the approval of his tax initiative passing in November, and is still significantly less than what we received five years ago in the 2007-2008 school year. If the Governor's tax initiative does not make it on the ballot, or if it fails, that will translate into an additional reduction

of \$441 per student, or \$10 million from our budget for next year. As a result of careful planning by the Board of Education and all our employees, the District has been able to maintain an adequate reserve and will not have to make any further reductions for the 2012-2013 school year, even if the Governor's initiative fails. In addition to the Governor's tax initiative, a second initiative is making the rounds for signature collection, dubbed "the Molly Munger" initiative. The TUSD Board of Education has not taken an official position on either initiative. The budget conversation in Sacramento is constantly shifting, changing, and evolving in an effort to approve a budget on which both Legislative Houses and the Governor can agree. As we get closer to more concrete decisions coming out of Sacramento and the effects on TUSD, will continue to communicate that information to our stakeholders. •



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tion to a thank you from the Board, Torrance Councilmember (and Education Foundation President) Tom Brewer said that the Council is proud to see Torrance schools performing so well. "I can't tell you how proud we are on the City Council of everything you do in the District, especially these distinguished schools," said Brewer.

The Board also honored two teachers who have worked for the District for 40 years. Each teacher was given a thank you certificate, a pin to mark 40 years of service and a book about a subject both teachers have experienced first-hand--the history of Torrance schools. The first honoree was Patrick Zartman, an AP US History and AP Psychology teacher at Torrance High School. Board President Terry Ragins described him as an excellent role model and said his dedication set an example for his peers. Board member Don Lee was one of Zartman's students when the latter was first hired and found him to be a very influential teacher and coach in football. He also shared a story about the way Zartman congratulated Lee when he was elected to the Council. "When I was elected to the City Council, he gave me a note that was perfect Coach Zartman," said Lee. "It just said, 'Lee, Good job - Coach Zartman.'"

The other teacher to make it to 40 years of service was Elizabeth Mike. Mike teaches second grade at Victor Elementary school and is still on the cutting edge of technology. Ragins noted her skill with her smart board, a tool Mike has used to engage students with streaming video accompaniments to her lessons. Her dedication to her students

has brought many of them back to visit her. "Liz is constantly being visited by her former students," said Ragins. "And it's a vivid sign of her excellence in not only teaching our students, but reaching our students."

Lastly, the Board recognized South High's Varsity volleyball team, North High's wrestling Team, and South High's track and field athlete Cody Smith for their wins in the CIF Southern Section Division competition. South's volleyball team went 30-8 in the season leading up to the CIF division finals. Coach Kevin McElwee said the team has had a fantastic year and was in the division finals after losing there two years ago. "We were here two years ago and lost in the finals, so it's good to get some redemption," said McElwee. The team moved on to the State Regional playoffs, but did not advance past the first round.

North's wrestling team was also successful at CIF. Coach Luke Santos said that competition in wrestling at the CIF level is intense, with 800 wrestlers in each weight category. Two individuals, Johnson Mai and Jordan Gurrola, excelled in their classes, with Mai being named Lower Weight MVP. However, Santos said the success of the team wasn't because of two individual wrestlers carrying the team, but due to the efforts of every member. "We won our CIF title as a team," said Santos. "[The team] improved, they stayed positive, listened to the coaching staff and were ultimately successful."

Smith was the last athlete to be honored by the Board. He was the Southern Section Division II champion in the 110-meter hurdles. •

City Council


from front page

Daily Load regulations attached that are expected to cost the City about \$170 million. If the City doesn't comply with these regulations, it faces a \$10,000 fine for each day of non-compliance as well as potential lawsuits from private citizens and environmental groups. Funding for clean water programs has been scarce and rarely sustainable (although the City recently received funding to improve its sumps, which should aid in meeting the clean water guidelines). To rectify this, fees collected from the Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure would be split, with 40 percent going to city governments, 50 percent pooled by watershed area groups (the three that Torrance interacts with are the Santa Monica Bay, Dominguez Channel and Machado Lake) and 10 percent going to the LA County Flood Control District for administrative costs. Based on this formula, Torrance would receive \$2.44 million annually, the watershed areas would receive a combined \$3 million and the County would take \$610,000. Beste also noted that the funding from this measure isn't restricted to large capital projects, but could be spent on whatever projects City leaders think will effectively stop pollutants from reaching local waterways. "We

could use this money for a lot of different things, not only for capital sump improvement projects," said Beste.

While Beste seemed excited by the prospect of increased funding for environmental improvements, Mayor Frank Scott was conflicted over the measure. In favor of the fee, he expressed that securing funding to meet the challenges of upcoming regulation while simultaneously reducing the burden on the general fund is a positive for the City. However he also noted that with the current state of the economy, now is not the right time to assess extra fees and possibly hurt the chances for increased economic recovery. "This is a two-sided sword to me," said Scott. "We need the money, but with the state of the economy, especially in California, I think this is the wrong time for the County to pursue this tax. People might say \$54 isn't a lot of money, but every dollar paid in taxes is a dollar not added to the economy."

Eventually, the Council decided unanimously to support the County in bringing these fees to public vote. "We should give the right to the County to do this," said Scott. "I think the residents will decide if they want this." •



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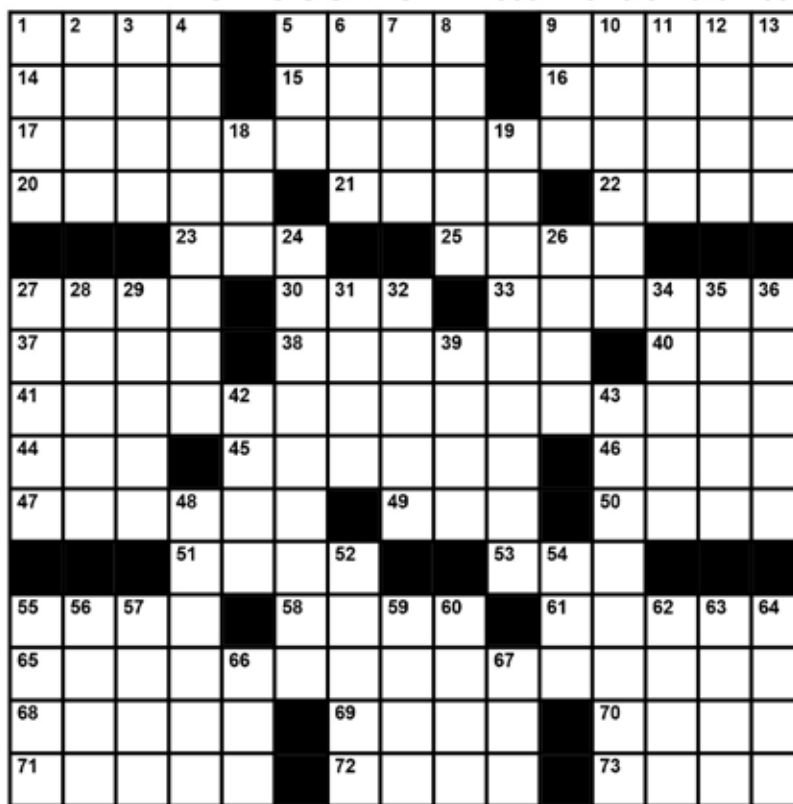
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- Aug. follower
- Some Olympians, nowadays
- Foreword, for short
- "Aquarius" musical
- Hair colorer
- Apple gizmo
- Blame unjustly
- Clipped
- "Felicity" star, familiarly
- "What are the ___?"
- Islam's global gathering
- Inner: Prefix
- Seth's father
- Georgian, for one
- Lots
- ___ Strip
- Flowering shrubs
- ___ grass
- Arrogant and inflexible
- Moisten flax
- Eurasian grass
- Freshman, probably
- Guru's pad
- "To Autumn," e.g.
- Home of Vigeland Park
- Arabic for "commander"
- Bro's sib

- Pinocchio, at times
- It's super, in the sky
- "Beat it!"
- Noiseless
- Squarely
- Cash in Denmark
- Eating disorder
- Porridge ingredient
- Handwoven rugs
- "Idylls of the King" character

DOWN

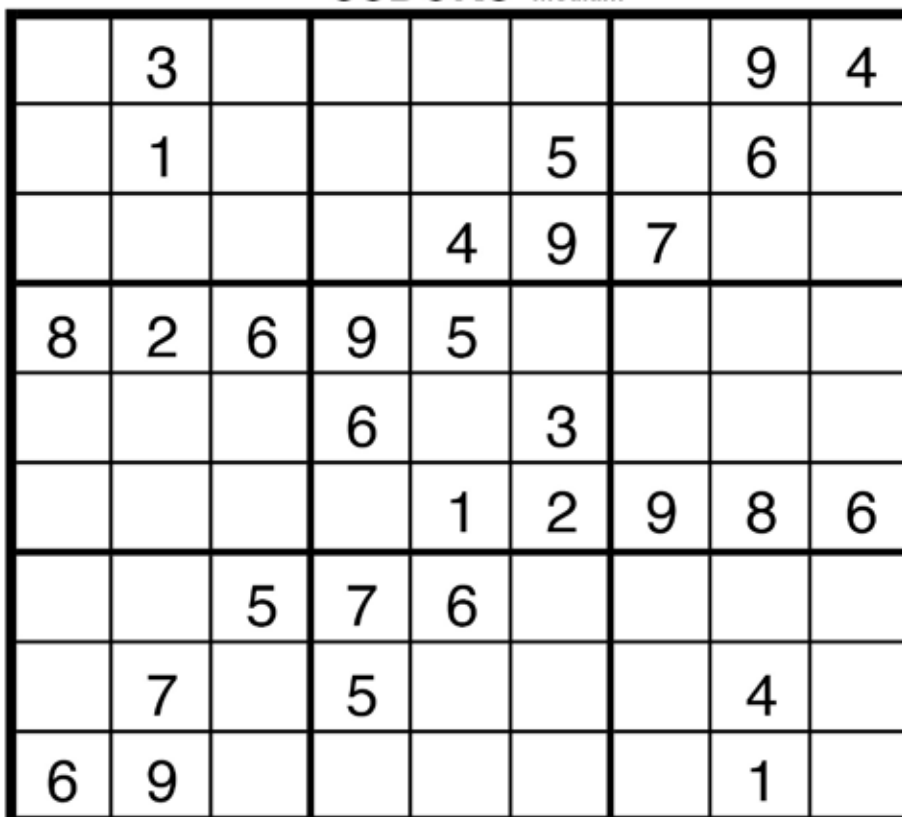
- Word with "up" or "out"
- "___ on Down the Road"
- Dock
- Collector of detritus
- School grp.
- Classic board game
- Fraction of thrice
- Gawk
- "Rocks"
- Shot
- Put one's foot down?
- Go through
- Crumbs
- Caribbean, e.g.
- 40-point melds
- Kentucky county

- Brit's "Baloney!"
- Ancient assembly area
- Copenhagens
- Alchemical solvent
- Essen basin
- Kind of group, in chemistry
- Traditions
- Atelier item
- Court figure
- Ancient
- ___ cheese
- Medical device
- Nickelodeon staples
- Chopper blade
- An end to sex?
- Arctic native
- "Cast Away" setting
- Band with the hit "Barbie Girl"
- Be different
- Fishing, perhaps
- Archaeological site
- Fungal spore sacs
- "Beowulf" beverage
- Mamie's man
- Balaam's mount

Last Week's Answers



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Ralphie

Yin and **Yang** were rescued as babies from a backyard. Yin is the adventurous half of his brother Yang. He loves to play with strings and feathers, but his favorite game is playing chase and wrestling with Yang. His beautiful smoke-black fur has the markings of a Tabby showing through and he is especially endearing when he looks up at you with his emerald green eyes. Yin enjoys playing with children and is warming up to

his foster mom's little Maltese.

Yang is the sweet and mischievous half of his brother Yin. Yang is very bold and loves to explore new places. His cuddly personality makes him so easy to fall in love with, especially when he crawls up on your lap to take a nap. With his white fur and mesmerizing smoky green eyes, he has an elegant look. Yang loves to play with children and is fine with his foster's Maltese. Adopt Yin and Yang together and create the perfect balance in your life!

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Yin and Yang

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Hayden

Flapper was found by our vet Dr. Caylor--he was unable to locate his owners. His son named this sweet boy Flapper because his big ears flap when the wind blows. This is a *really sweet* little dog. His tan coat with white accents makes him a strikingly handsome little fellow. Flapper is about two years old and he is full-grown at 11 pounds. Flapper loves all other dogs and is currently kenneled with his new girlfriend, a sweet little Pomeranian named Reba. Flapper is a little

shy when you first meet him, but in about two minutes he is all over you. Flapper has good play manners with the other dogs, but his most favorite place to be is on your lap. Flapper will lay or sit with you for hours--he just loves people and children. He is a love of a little dog and will be the best friend to any child looking for a dog of their own. Flapper is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and *loves* kids.



Flapper

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Happy Tails

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Bruiser, now Brutus, got a great home and he will soon have his own personal

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"My new daddy was going to write to you, but I decided to do this myself. I was adopted with the name Bruiser, but my new daddy and mommy were having problems with the name so I chose an easier name for them. Well, the name I finally settled on is Brutus. My mommy and daddy seem to be able to pronounce this better. Now, I live in a big house with a big backyard and I have four



brothers and one sister! Two are dogs like me, but not like me. Ginger is a Golden Retriever. She's big and I'm always jumping to get out of her way when she runs. She keeps me warm when we're sleeping. Junior is a Chihuahua like me. It's taking a little longer to get to know him. I'll win him over, though. I'm good at that. The other three are cats. They don't look anything like me and they say "meow" a lot. I think they're speaking French or something. Spot is the oldest and we get along very well. Spartacus and Morpheus are brothers. We get along well. I found out that they were all rescued like me! I knew we would have a lot in common. Every morning I have been going on walks with Mommy, Daddy, Ginger and Junior. We go to this park that's down the street. We get to see a lot of squirrels and sometimes we get to see a strange animal. I think its Irish 'cause

they call it an O'Possum. After the walks, we get to go home and rest. It's a long way to walk, but it's fun. So to conclude this update to my life so far, I'm doing good and I'm happy. Look for me on Facebook. They wouldn't let me use my chosen name, but look for me as "JustBrutus Brutus." Find me and be my friend. My daddy will be getting me my own website very soon. We're hoping that we will get the domain name www.JUSTBRUTUS.com, so come and visit me and we'll have some fun! Again, I want to thank my foster mom Jen. I miss you and Thanks to Animals Rule. I couldn't have done it without you. You helped me at a difficult time in my life..." -- Brutus a.k.a. Bruiser.

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

Final Hurrah for South Girls Softball



Above: Senior Pitcher Carolyn Snodgrass throws to first base for the out. Snodgrass threw a No-Hitter in the game against St. Lucy's last Tuesday in the the CIF Semi-Final.

By Kelly Kemp

As I witnessed the last regular season girls varsity softball game at El Segundo, I couldn't help but wonder at the awe of a great team awaiting CIF office decision for a wild card chance – a chance to face an elimination game – even after their ace pitcher held the Eagles to just one run but dropped from a for-sure playoff berth to a 6-4 Pioneer League record behind perennial power North (8-2), El Segundo and Torrance (both 7-3), each with an automatic qualifier.

Posting an 18-10 overall record, I shouldn't have been worried. It was a tense 4-day wait,

but the Lady Spartans won the bid – then set off to make history. Behind powerful pitching of Senior Carolyn Snodgrass, the ball club overcame Wild Card Cal-High/Whittier, 6-0, First Round Paloma Valley, 2-1, Second Round #2 Burroughs/Burbank, 6-4, and Quarter-Final Warren/Downey, 6-2.

Led by super Seniors Denise Flores, Paige Kisling, Alex Kossoff and Emily Sim, the South Squad rallied in every game, the feature this week being the first-ever win in the Semi-Final over #3 St. Lucy's, 2-0.

Although losing the CIF Final to #1 Chino Hills, 3-0, the Lady Spartans ruled supreme this season. •

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Above: St. Lucy's Coach walks back the to his team as the South Girls celebrate their victory in the Semifinal.



Left: Senior Left Fielder Paige Kisling raises her glove to show the ball after making a diving catch preserving the No-Hitter.



Above: First Base Junior Jenna Gil bunts to get on base.

Below: Junior Christianna Duarte rounds third base racing to home plate for the first of 2 runs in the CIF Semi-Final.



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