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## Saxophonist Kenny G to Perform at Gourmet Food & Wine Festival



Saxophonist Kenny G will conduct a special benefit performance at the 26th annual "Evening Under the Stars," Gourmet Food & Wine Festival Saturday, July 28. Hosted by American Honda at its Torrance campus, "Evening Under the Stars" celebrates the best in South Bay cuisine while raising funds for nonprofit Torrance Memorial Medical Center's new Patient Tower and Pediatric Services. The annual Festival, presented in partnership with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the chamber at 310-540-5858, the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation at 310-517-4703, or by visiting [www.TorranceMemorial.org](http://www.TorranceMemorial.org)

## Council Honors Tuskegee Airman Walter Crenshaw for Service During WWII

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council on Tuesday awarded Torrance resident Walter Crenshaw, one of the Tuskegee Airmen, with a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal, in honor of the 102-year-old's service to the country during World War II. Crenshaw joined the United States Army Air Corps in October of 1942 where he earned the rank of Sergeant. He was stationed in Tuskegee, Alabama where he served in the air group's administration offices. He was one of over 400 men in the all-African American air group. Representatives from the Air Force and the Army, as well as a packed audience full of Torrance residents and veterans, all gathered to applaud Crenshaw for his service to the country.

Lieutenant General Ellen Pawlikowski, Commander of Space and Missile Systems at Los Angeles Air Force Base, shared a little bit of the history of the Tuskegee Airmen including not only their exemplary record but also some of the discrimination they faced from their superior officers. The Tuskegee Airmen stood alone as the only all-African

American air group and was left out of many tactical meetings, forcing the group to come up with their own strategies, which oftentimes proved just as, if not more, successful than their white counterparts.

"They had little opportunity, if any, to share in lessons learned and tactics and techniques that were being applied across the Army Air Corps at the time," said Pawlikowski. "They developed their own techniques and

their own approaches to do what was truly a daunting task."

Despite these setbacks, the Tuskegee Airmen proved to be an accomplished unit. Pawlikowski told a story of one mission where the group accounted for more than a third (12 of 32) kills despite being only one of seven squadrons involved in the mission. They earned the respect of the white pilots

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## Police Fill Gaps Created by Realignment Bill

By Dylan Little

Torrance Police Chief John Neu has been working to educate residents on what the department is doing to keep the city safe in the wake of AB 109, the Public Safety Realignment bill. At a talk at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Neu discussed how the department is already working on filling the gaps left by the legislation.

The genesis for AB 109 starts with a Supreme Court case that determined that California prisons were overcrowded to the point of violating the prisoners' constitutional rights. In order to meet the guidelines set by the Supreme Court for prison population, the State drafted AB 109 to shift the burden onto county jails.

"Are we just going to open the doors and let these people out? No, we are not going to just let these people out," Neu emphasized. "What the legislature did was construct Assembly Bill 109. AB 109, the prisoner realignment bill, is the most significant change to sentencing and cor-

rections in my lifetime and I would argue in everyone's lifetime."

The other driving force for realignment is the State budget crisis. According to Neu, Sacramento hopes to save \$450 million during this year and about \$2 billion by 2015 by moving such a large chunk of corrections to county-level government. Also, unless the Governor's tax initiative is approved by voters, only two years of funding is promised to counties for dealing with the costs of additional parolees. This uncertainty has made it hard to acquire the best resource to handle the influx of prisoners--additional probation officers.

"State funding for realignment has only been guaranteed for the next two years," said Neu. "They [Los Angeles County] have been very hesitant to hire new staff, new probation officers. That's probably the largest gap that's been identified."

Central to the new law is that now only about 70 crimes will end with a stay in state

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
76°/60°



**Saturday**  
Mostly  
Cloudy  
78°/61°



**Sunday**  
Mostly  
Cloudy  
81°/62°



Walter Crenshaw (center) received a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal from Mayor Frank Scotto, Lieutenant General Ellen Pawlikowski and Brigadier General Terry Ferrell for his service as one of the Tuskegee Airmen. Photo by Dylan Little.

# SMILE awhile



Gavin keeping cool. Submitted by Bonnie Curtis.



8-year-old El Segundo resident Olivia Jamner cooks up a blueberry treat while visiting her grandma Margareta in Santa Barbara. Photo taken by a hungry grandpa Fred.



This is Marie Stinnett, 102 years old long time El Segundo resident counseling Brooke Fist (2 months) on the secrets of longevity.

Trevor Ramirez gladly helps his dad Dave landscape the backyard. Submitted by George Burleigh, grandfather.



Lauren and Ryan Poepoe celebrating 4th of July. Submitted by Julie Poepoe



Kiele is ready for the Olympics. Submitted by Amy Gimlen Burren.

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## Business Briefs

### The Mattucci Project



Aurelio Mattucci founder of the Mattucci Project.

The Mattucci Project, led by Aurelio Mattucci, is a group of volunteers, who help property owners maintain and possibly increase their property values. The group of volunteers will come by local streets and pick up trash, remove weeds, trim overgrowth and hand out educational materials.

those who can't afford or aren't capable of taking care of their front yards. They help both residential and commercial property owners or occupants.

Most property owners believe this is usually what you pay taxes for, but in cities like Los Angeles, there is the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter VI, Section 62.104, which puts the responsibility on the property owner. Couple that with budget cuts and overall economic conditions, the Mattucci Project participants felt that everyone should stay involved with maintaining and improving the streets, one curb at a time. Mattucci states, "Nothing wrong with picking up the neighbors trash. Our goal is to encourage property owners to start helping each other in maintaining curb appeal."

Their philosophy is that it doesn't matter whose trash it is, or who is responsible for what. They just want to take care of it and encourage others to do the same. If you'd like to get involved please contact Mattucci Real Estate info@mattucci.com

#### Update July 12, 2012

The Mattucci Project once again has shown how much they truly care about the community. On July 12th a group of Mattucci Project volunteers returned to the home on the 22000 block of Anza Ave in Torrance to finish up the project of removing weeds and overgrowth. The volunteers were able to remove 18 trash bags full. Homeowner "Dolly" stated: "I'm amazed as to how nice my place looked once they were done."

Volunteers included Nick Donato, Cheryl Clark, Virginia West, Chris Davis, Eli Pilowsky, Martella Keniry and Aurelio Mattucci. Baby Giuseppe came to look this time around.

They believe that most prospective buyers (or renters) usually make a decision about a property by the time they drive up to it. Businesses also tend to do better in cleaner and more appealing conditions. Better business, means more jobs.

The following are some photos of July 12th Mattucci Project:



Giuseppe Mattucci (Aurelio's 1 year old son) just supervising.



Cheryl Clark gives a green "thumbs up".



Green thumb up from Eli Pilowsky.



Martella Keniry pruning the trees.



Nick Donato double tasking.



Chris Davis fills a trash can with weeds.

# Calendar

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

• Bay Ostomoy Support Group, 7:30 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Health Center #2, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-3409 M-Th or (310) 378-5331.

• Baker's Dozen 4, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive. For more information call Max Presneill at (310) 618-6388

## SATURDAY, JULY 28

• 26th Annual "Evening Under the Stars," Gourmet Food & Wine Festival to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Medical Center. 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., at American Honda, 700 Van Ness Ave. Advanced tickets purchase required. For tickets and information call the chamber at (310) 540-5858, the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation at (310) 517-4703.

• Free Movie in the Park, beginning at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.), Greenwood Park, 1520 Greenwood Ave. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

• "Cardboard Box City Event" benefiting Family Promise of the South Bay, Sat. 4:00 p.m.-Sun. 7:00 a.m., First Christian Church, 2930 El Dorado St. For more information call (424) 571-2261.

• Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Next Exit, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332.

• Outreach Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, Social Hall, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

## TUESDAY, JULY 31

• Artful Days: Artists Who Laid the Groundwork for Leonardo and Michaelangelo, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

## UPCOMING

• Bark for Life of Torrance, a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer, Aug. 12 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Columbia Park. For more information call Sheri Slover at (310) 990-2518.

• The August meeting of the Progressive Democratic Club will be on Sunday, August 12, from 4:00 p.m.-6 p.m., at Denys Restaurant, 600 E Carson Parkway. For more information contact Steve Varalyay at srrvaralyay@gmail.com or Julian Burger at (310) 508-9234.

## ONGOING

• 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. •

# Genealogical Society Offers Research Tips, Glimpse Into Ancestry

By Cristian Vasquez

In front of a capacity-filled meeting room at the Katy Geissert Library, the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society hosted its monthly meeting with Dr. Eric W. Siess making a presentation aimed at helping persons of German descent trace their ancestors. Siess' presentation was aimed at assisting anyone tracing their German ancestry with a wide range of issues stemming from circumstances in America to situations back in mainland Europe that might have significantly contributed to the emigration of people in large amounts.

"I think that everybody has a story that they can tell in terms of why they left. Most everybody's migration, at least in the 18th and 19th Century, it was tough—they had to sit on a ship," Siess said. "For most of us, our ancestors did not have money, so they had to sit down in the lower portions of the ships. So somebody had to be really motivated in order to go. So understanding what was motivating them—what was going [on] when they left. Whether it was Germany, whether it was Ireland or whether it was Central America, it is all part of the story that makes us real people instead of just some historical figures."

Through online resources, persons interested can begin tracing their family's origins. However, the task is complicated by various historical factors and in some instances the lack of information or difficulty in obtaining information that is readily available. On April 1, United States Census data and information from 1940 was released. It is currently in the process of being indexed and is a fresh source of information not just about the era, but about the people who endured events

such as the Great Depression.

"It's about knowing what their life was like and what their problems were. That's the same thing that helps you tie in with them [ancestors]," genealogist Dick Rath said. "You think we have a tough life now, but you're wrong compared to how they had to live. But they were happy doing what they were doing. You get to learn what their life was like and that's really what makes it interesting."

Among the recommendations made by Siess were looking at political, economic and even micro events in Europe when considering German ancestry. Germany's borders have fluctuated so much throughout history that it can pose a challenge to identify what is German-based on a modern-day map. German who came to America arrived throughout different eras, making it more of a challenge to pinpoint a person's point of origin. Furthermore, once in America and given certain political dilemmas back in Germany, many immigrants saw it best to change their last names in an effort to sound less foreign.

"When somebody wants to change their identity, they don't necessarily leave a lot of clues as to what their identity was. In the case of name changes that are done informally, you frequently have a name that's a subtle change and that is easy to understand," Siess said. "In some cases, it's just completely altogether different because everyone wanted to hide their pasts. Prejudice takes an awful lot of forms. The Irish have experienced it. I think that Hispanics currently are experiencing it. In terms of surnames, the black community has not made much in name changes—but this is

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# A Student's Perspective Crime Reports

## Back to Reality

**By Glen Abalayan,  
Torrance High School Student**

It is a shame how often people want to escape from reality. Compared to life decades ago, I do not understand some individuals' complaints of having such a hard life. It seems that there are more people complaining about their broken nails than their broken lives. It's ironic how as life gets easier, the complaints get louder. Naturally, when encountered with a difficulty, people attempt to fix what is wrong. For centuries, people have decided to act responsibly when problems arise. There is even a common proverb that says, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." But with the emergence and accessibility of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, people are irresponsibly choosing to instead mask their troubles for a brief moment instead of actually doing something to fix it.

One does not need to look very far to see the irresponsibility of certain individuals. The media is mainly responsible for this issue because of its unbridled proliferation of images and videos depicting drug and alcohol abuse. Instead of depicting how much these substances ruin lives, the media shows those taking the substances unusually merry. This common form of advertising subliminally tells the viewer that they can't be as happy unless they use their product.

Any commercial made by the liquor giants Budweiser or Heineken supports this idea. Their commercials effectively persuade customers into buying their product because of how they claim to give people happiness upon using it. Most of their commercials are in a party setting where everyone using their product has a large smile on their face and everything is happy and joyous. Some commercials even include a catchphrase such as, "Here we go," as if drinking their product will somehow take them into a "members only" utopia where problems cease to exist.

But the problem is that there isn't anything at the end of the bottle other than glass and irresponsibility. The happiness shown in the commercials hardly depict real life as the continued use and abuse of liquor result in fights, car crashes and broken families. Although they advise customers to drink responsibly, the message is sometimes difficult to find and speedily delivered to conceal it as

much as possible. By hiding their advisory as much as legally possible, the companies continue to make more money because they know that blatantly telling customers to drink responsibly would reduce their sales and income.

Tobacco and narcotics follow the same principles to persuade potential customers, but are more potent and dangerous. In the mid-20th Century, it was not uncommon to see someone break out a cigarette to relieve themselves of their problems for a brief moment. Today, people have moved from simple cigarettes to marijuana and other drugs to provide a stronger and longer escape from reality. This predicament is a very close prediction made 80 years ago in Aldous Huxley's book *Brave New World*, where citizens are sedated and are always in a euphoric state due to the extremely strong narcotics they religiously consume. At the rapid pace in which new and stronger forms of illegal substances are made, the illegal manufacturers may one day produce a product so potent that those who take it will remain in their own personal utopia and never wake up.

A major but unlisted consequence to an individual's constant flights in and out of this world is the loss of the individual's own humanity. Not a day goes by when someone is not on the news for a despicable act due to alcohol, smoking or drugs. As their ability to reason diminishes, so do the things that make them human. By taking substances to suspend reality, individuals do unspeakable things that cannot possibly happen inside a sane mind.

Suffering will always be a part of life. In its simplest form, there are only two ways to react to it: by accepting its presence and doing what is necessary to fix it, or to run away from it and merely delay its impending consequences. There is no way around it. People need to face their problems head on to finally move on. Regrettably, some cowardly people look for ways around this time-tested method and bury their problems in a sea of liquor, smoke and pills. Unfortunately, those who bury their problems become attached to their own utopia but pay the price by gradually losing their sanity. Life may be tough, but having to live a lie is tougher. •



**Burglary-Auto:** 3600 BLOCK SPENCER ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/stereo, laptop.

**Burglary-Auto:** 21300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries door lock for entry and takes property/stereo/GPS unit.

**JULY 11**

**Theft:** 20700 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) takes property from victim's residence without permission while there with permission/laptop.

**Burglary-Auto:** 21000 BLOCK LADEENE AVE Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/purses, wallet.

**Theft:** 17300 BLOCK HAAS AVE Suspect(s) takes property by unknown means/jewelry.

**Vandalism:** 20500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes glass door and window at location.

**Theft:** 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from unattended backpack on basketball court/ cell phone, iPod.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) forces door lock for entry and takes property/stereo/GPS unit.

**Theft:** 4200 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/stereo/ GPS unit, wallet.

**Burglary-Auto:** 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

**Burglary-Auto:** VAN NESS AVE & 176TH ST Suspect(s) forces open window for entry and takes property/stereo, tablet, GPS.

**Burglary-Auto:** 21600 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) reaches in open window to unlock door, ransacks and takes property/CDs, purse.\

**Theft:** 2600 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from rack/bicycle.

**JULY 10**

**Theft:** 2000 BLOCK 166TH ST Suspect(s) takes property from victim's mailbox/outgoing mail.

**Theft:** 17600 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) pries property off of victim's vehicle/wheel caps.

**Battery-Simple:** 4800 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect punches victim in the throat and mouth and bites her arm.

**Auto Theft-All:** 4100 BLOCK 177TH ST Stolen vehicle: '03 Ford van.

**Auto Theft-All:** 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Stolen vehicle: '94 Honda Accord.

**JULY 9**

**Auto Theft-All:** CRENSHAW BLVD & 168TH ST Stolen vehicle: '01 Toyota Sienna.

**Auto Theft-All:** 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Stolen vehicle: '90 Toyota Camry.

**Theft:** 20500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from rack/ bicycle.

**Burglary-Auto:** 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

**Vandalism:** 1900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) enters unsecured warehouse and tags interior walls.

**Burglary-Auto:** 4200 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/hearing aids.

**Burglary-Auto:** 4100 BLOCK 175TH ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/laptop, notebook with financial information.

**JULY 8**

**Burglary-Auto:** 3700 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/iPod, GPS. •

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

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JULY 14**

**Auto Theft-All:** 18500 BLOCK TAYLOR CT Stolen vehicle: '11 Ford van.

**Vandalism:** CARSON ST & FLOWER AVE Suspect(s) tags signs and trash cans.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3600 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle and takes property/tablet, iPod, GPS, stroller.

**Robbery-Strong Arm:** 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect enters location, presents a demand note and flees with property/cash.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2700 BLOCK SKYPARK DR Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

**Burglary-Residential:** 1700 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE Suspect(s) enters partially open window and takes property/laptop.

**Robbery-Strong Arm:** 21000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect asks victim for money then grabs, pushes, bites and punches her when she declines.

**Battery-Simple:** 4800 BLOCK ASTERIA ST Suspect hits victim in the face.

**JULY 13**

**Theft:** 3500 BLOCK CHALLENGER ST Suspect(s) takes property from exterior of building/main water valve.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3900 BLOCK 238TH ST Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle and takes property/ handicap placard.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat, bag of shoes.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2500 BLOCK AIRPORT DR Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/third row seat, laptop.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat, child seat, shoes, gym clothes, backpack, iPod, watch, jewelry.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2500 BLOCK AIRPORT DR Suspect(s) forces door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat, backpack, laptop, books, memory cards, camera.

**Theft:** 2000 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes property hanging on victim's chair as she dines/purse.

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**Vandalism:** 2900 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window/no entry, no loss.

**Burglary-Auto:** 4700 BLOCK BULOVA ST Suspect(s) pries/ smashes windows of two vehicles for entry and takes property from one/laptop.

**Vandalism:** 1000 BLOCK FAYSMITH AVE Suspect(s) punctures victim's vehicle's tires.

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

In 1962, the brilliant Ray Bradbury penned the gothic novel and poem *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, the story of a strange circus headed by the sinister Mr. Dark arriving in a small town. It is he who tattoos onto his body the picture of every victim he has conned into joining his circus, preying upon their hopes and bringing change from which they never recover.

*A presence dark invades the fair  
And gives the horses ample scare  
Chaos rains and panic fills the air  
When something wicked this way comes*

NEWS FLASH: The Hill Pulse Opinion Research poll found that 68 percent of Americans believe Barack Obama has substantially changed the country--56 percent negatively and only 35 percent positively. *Something Wicked This Way Comes*.

In 1996, under President Clinton, Congress passed the Temporary Relief for Needy Families Act (TANF). The act modified the welfare program by requiring applicants work 20 to 30 hours per week or make material efforts towards work. Clinton said this act "ends welfare as we know it" and TANF did in fact reduce the number of welfare applicants by millions. While the law prohibited its alteration by executive order, on July 12 President Obama eliminated the work component of the law by executive order, thus violating the law itself.

*And boiling currents pound like drums  
When something wicked this way comes.*

On July 12, the *New York Times* reported that from 2008 to 2012, food stamp recipients rose by over 50 percent from 30 million to 46 million. Some of that increase was due to the recession, but according to *The Times*, much was due to policy changes. First, there are categorical eligibility rules declaring anyone receiving benefits from any other entitlement program automatically became eligible for food stamps. Even if a person received a flier describing the program, he became eligible. Second, any work requirement was suspended. Third, there is no maximum asset limit requirement. Fourth, the federal government offered states \$50 million in bonuses to sign up applicants. So the program exploded.

When the House proposed a two percent reduction in the program, equal to \$16.5 billion over 10 years, the Democratic Senate rejected that proposal.

*The landscape turns to ashen crumbs  
When something wicked this way comes.*

By a 5:1 margin, the Senate had passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defining marriage as between a man and a woman, and the House overwhelmingly passed the law by a vote of 342-67. Democrat Clinton signed it into law. In 2009, the Obama Department of Justice declared the law constitutional, but 18 months later Obama issued an executive order saying the DOJ would cease defending the law. In essence, Obama superimposed his view over that of both houses of Congress in clear violation of the Constitution.

Said Jonathan Turley, a liberal constitutional law scholar at George Washington University, "The President is using executive power to do things Congress has refused to do. That fits a disturbing pattern of expansion of executive power. He is negating part of the criminal code because he disagrees with them. That goes beyond the pale."

*'Cross this evil land ill winds blow  
For something wicked this way grows.*

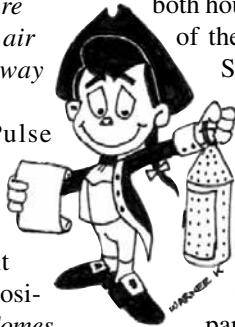
To close budgetary deficits exceeding \$1 trillion every year, Obama proposes to raise taxes on 950,000 small businesses, but the Democratic Senate refuses to bring the President's proposal to a vote. *The Heritage Foundation* calculated that if these businesses earned an average of \$250,000, their federal tax increase would be \$24,888.

On July 13, Americans for Tax Reform disclosed that income taxes have reached 54 percent of the nation's GDP and the average worker must work until July 15 to pay for this year's tax burden. *Something wicked this way comes*.

On July 12, the Doctor Patient Medical Association polled 699 doctors, who revealed that 83 percent had considered quitting medicine because of the burdens of Obamacare. By the year 2020, the nation will face a shortage of 90,000 doctors, and of those continuing to practice 49 percent will cease accepting Medicaid patients because of excessive regulations, low-ball payments and excessive hoops required to obtain payment.

To date, Health and Human Services (HHS) had spent \$1 billion to implement Obamacare and has drawn 13,000 pages of regulations. Yet the law allows HHS to spend another three years to finish drawing its regulations and procedures. One can only guess at the end result.

*Mr. Dark smiles  
As something wicked this way comes. •*



## Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Sometimes I tend to get a little personal in these columns. Maybe too much for some. And maybe I stray off the dotted line occasionally. Sorry. Do my best to keep the prose breezy, readable and interesting, especially with the deadlines that make some of my musings possibly a bit dated.

But off the top, I want to ask for your thoughts and prayers to be sent to Nick Ekbatani, who was severely injured in a motorcycle mishap two weekends ago. So severely injured that Ekbatani, who graduated from UCLA with a degree in political science a few years back, had to have part of his left leg amputated.

Met Nick a few times--attended a Trojan (before he was a Bruin) football game with him. He is the nephew of my high school buddy and still good friend Andy. Who waxes big-time political on some of the texts that he sends me, excoriating some of the policies and decisions made by the POTUS as he, according to Andy, and I paraphrase, continues to give away the farm.

Anyway, was dealing with my oh-so-non-important day-to-day troubles, heading to work one morning in the early gloaming, when I found out about Nick's life-threatening accident. Which kind of puts, at least for me, some stuff in perspective. Sent an e-mail to a friend that very morning, noting the terrible accident and the sadness I felt. Part of the friend's response was, "Life is so tenuous, no?"

Amen. Okay, so had to guffaw a little bit when a story crossed the wires recently noting that the somewhat disgraced ex-Congressman from the Empire State, Anthony Weiner, was contemplating a return to the political scene a scant 14 months after his embarrassing mea culpa and exit from public service when he was outed, or he outed himself, after being caught sending suggestive Tweets and other modes of communication to women friends.

Weiner became a laughingstock for awhile, with the non-funnies like the non-watched Conan O'Brien show on some cable network that no one pays attention to, who made tawdry jokes at Weiner's expense for a few weeks. But like most media engendered maelstroms, the shelf life of the Weiner peccadilloes soon subsided and the political pundits were on to the next big thing.

Well, Weiner has stayed off of the front and back pages for the last year or so, staying out of the limelight. And remember, the guy committed no crime other than that of being so stupid and arrogant that he thought

his Tweets and communications with others, randy as they may have been, would not somehow be discovered by the intrepid media-ites and make national news.

Now, and let's be honest here, gotta believe that more than a few of you out there in readerland have sent an ill-advised text, e-mail or Tweet. Or maybe even left a somewhat stupid voicemail on someone's tele? Anyway, the story goes that Weiner, who has always coveted the Mayor's chair in Gotham City, which is New York City, for some of you not up to speed, is chomping at the bit. And that the Weiner man is contemplating a run for Mayor in 2013.

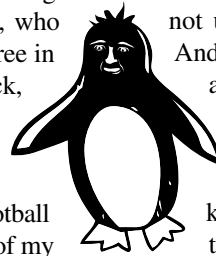
Now, Weiner denies that he is plotting a comeback. But sometimes politicians may fib, right? And we all know the American public's proclivity to forgive and forget, right? Reference the Limo Liberal pin-up boy Slick Willie and his dalliance with the chubby, beret-wearing cow Monica Lewinsky.

So the current POTUS has been out and about, beating the bushes, looking for every shekel as he lines his overflowing war chest for the battle with Mitt "The Glove" Romney this fall. The President's operatives are doing their best to paint the seemingly at times befuddled and backpedaling Romney with a nasty broad brush, saying that when the Elephant Party nominee was the chief executive at a profiteering Boston-based private equity that he made a load of money. Which, as far as I understood, was the main reason to have a big business in America? To make a boatload of money for you, for your investors--and if the trickle-down thing worked out, for other folks way down on the bottom level of the food chain.

Romney, who doesn't do well when quizzed by the smart-aleck, left-leaning media-ites, finally had to stand up for a second and answer a few of the left-leaning queries. Maybe he will even release his tax returns soon?

Hey, my tax returns are out there in the public domain somewhere. Shouldn't the presumptive Republican nominee have to come clean? And maybe when "The Glove" releases his tax returns, we can all get some clarification on the somewhat murky birth certificate issue that is still, somewhat, plaguing the POTUS as he skates around the country with his palms out, grabbing as much dough as he can from the Limousine Liberals.

Out of space, but I promise that there will be a Princess Palin update next week. Seems the lass hasn't yet been invited to make an appearance at the GOP convention. Persona non grata? •



## City Council

they would escort on bombing runs because of their high success rate. "The white bomber pilots called these Tuskegee Airmen angels, because when they provided the escort service for those bombers, the success of those bombers coming back was greatly improved," said Pawlikowski.

When Crenshaw served, the Air Force wasn't yet its own branch of service and instead was a part of the Army. To represent the branch Crenshaw served under, Brigadier General Terry Ferrell, Commanding Officer of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, also recognized him and the other Tuskegee Airmen for their contributions not only in combat but in ridding the armed forces of the racism and sexism that used to be ubiquitous.

"Because of that organization and because of men like Mr. Crenshaw, today our armed

forces are where we are in the war on terror," said Ferrell. "And were fighting side by side. Color does not matter, race does not matter, sex does not matter. In the years past it did, but we had to break down those barriers and sir, [Crenshaw], you are part of that."

After the speeches from Pawlikowski and Ferrell, Crenshaw finally was presented with his replica medal by Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto and the two generals. Crenshaw said he was amazed that so many people came to thank him for his service to the country. "I am overwhelmed at this show of love and admiration," said Crenshaw. "For a moment, I thought I was dreaming. But all these camera flashes brought me back to reality. I want to thank you all for showing me how much you care. I love you all."

Crenshaw was humble about his contri-

butions during the war and instead thanked God and his wife of 74 years for supporting him and helping to see him through not just war, but all of his 102 years. "I didn't do this all alone," said Crenshaw. "God gave me strength. He gave me a little lady...my wife, who has stuck with me through thick and thin."

Arranging this ceremony was no simple task. Scotto first met Crenshaw to present him a proclamation on the latter's 102nd birthday. The Mayor didn't realize that Crenshaw was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen until speaking with Crenshaw's son. Scotto also learned that Crenshaw hadn't been recognized for his service, as he was unable to attend the ceremony where the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by George W. Bush in 2007. From then on,

Scotto and Torrance Police Lieutenant Stephen D'Anjou worked to make sure Crenshaw would have a chance to be honored for his service by the community in his hometown of Torrance. Scotto and D'Anjou had to talk to the office of the President and make sure they weren't violating Congressional decorum by awarding him a replica of the medal (as typically only a member of Congress or the President can award the Congressional Gold Medal). On top of that Scotto and D'Anjou had to coordinate the schedules of the two military representatives who would be at the ceremony. However, D'Anjou said that all the work was more than worth it. "I couldn't be happier," he said. "When Mr. Crenshaw got the microphone and thanked everyone for their outpouring of support, I could see it meant so much to him." •

from front page

# Up and Adam

## Warriors Ready for Battle

By Adam Serrao

The West High Warriors football team is ready to start the season and this year, hoping to take the Bay League by surprise. In a traditionally tough league, head coach Greg Holt has been working hard all summer to prepare his team to go up against the likes of Mira Costa, Redondo and even last year's Bay League champs, the Palos Verdes Sea Kings. With enough preparation and hard work put in over the summer, the Warriors have the opportunity to not only take the Bay League by surprise, but to also make a deep run in the playoffs this year. A team that is showing signs of consistently getting better, that is exactly what Holt and the Warriors are looking to do.

After a disappointing 2010-'11 season in which the Warriors won only three games all year long, Holt saw his team successfully rebound to a 6-4 record in order to ascend out of the cellar of the Bay League standings and finish the year right in the middle of the pack. This year, the middle of the pack will not suffice for West High. The way that the team finished off last season may even give it momentum coming into this new year. With back-to-back wins against league opponents, the Warriors didn't just beat Palos Verdes Peninsula and Leuzinger; they embarrassed them. With a 45-19 win against Peninsula followed by a 46-0 win against Leuzinger, the Warriors pieced together their offense and defense a little late in the year to outscore their final two opponents 91-19. As they say though, "Better late than never," and Holt and the Warriors hope that the same sentiment rings true to give the team momentum coming into the 2012-'13 season.

Holt is coming up on his ninth season as the Warriors' head football coach. Overall, his tenure at West has been successful as he has compiled a 40-35-2 record. Holt's most successful year may have come during the '06-'07 season when he led the Warriors to an undefeated (5-0) record in league play while attaining a 12-1-1 record overall. That same season, the Warriors finished on top of Leuzinger in the standings to capture the Bay League crown and move into the playoffs for the first time in Holt's tenure. The head coach was able to move his team past the first two rounds of the playoffs against Culver City and St. Paul only to later take a nail-biting 28-21 loss in the championship game

against Dominguez. The Warriors were able to make it back to the playoffs the very next year and again in '09-'10, exiting both times with losses in the first round. This year, Holt is hoping to recapture some of the magic from earlier in his career and carry his team back to the playoffs and maybe even attain the ever elusive CIF championship trophy.

If the Warriors are going to get themselves back on the right track this season, they are going to have to do it against another tough schedule of opponents. Three of the Warriors' first five games will be against cross-town rivals Torrance, South and North. After their attempt to maintain city bragging rights, West will jump right into league play where they will take on Mira Costa, Redondo and Palos Verdes in consecutive weeks. The Warriors are 1-6-1 in their last eight games against Mira Costa, while they have compiled only a 2-6 record against Redondo in that same amount of time. They are a little bit better, but still not even with Palos Verdes at 3-5 in the last eight. The Warriors do, however, have winning records against the Torrance teams from the Pioneer League, so Holt and company will look to put together as many wins as they possibly can before the most traditionally difficult challenge of league play rolls around.

One main advantage that the Warriors will have coming into this season is that they will get last year's starting quarterback, Joey Notch, back for his final year as a senior captain of the team. Notch will unfortunately have lost his favorite target on the team, Nick Roos, but with the experience that Notch has gained throughout his seasons under Holt as the starting quarterback, it shouldn't be hard to find a new go-to player. The quarterback is the focal point of every football team, so with another year under his belt, Notch should have no problem leading the Warriors past the traditional powerhouses of the Bay League this season.

Whatever the outcome of this season may be, the Warriors have certainly set themselves up to start off with a bang. This year should most certainly be an interesting one that Notch, Holt and the entire Warriors' ball club hope to begin with a number in the win column. Opening day for the West High Warriors will come on August 31 as they get set to take on the Culver City Centaurs. •

# Clippers or Lakers?

By Adam Serrao

It seems kind of silly to be continuously talking about basketball even though we're in the midst of what is turning out to be a great baseball season for the West Coast of the United States. Both the Dodgers and the Angels are looking like they will at very least get one of the two wild card spots available for this year's playoffs if they don't both end up making runs at first place spots. So why does the center of attention seem to stay on basketball even though the season is over and the Miami Heat have already been crowned champions? Well, besides the fact that the baseball season is an excruciating 162 games long and it is only just about halfway done, the moves being made in basketball right now will shape the entirety of next season. In other years, that still may not be enough to take baseball off of the front pages during summertime, but the difference this year has been that both L.A. teams have been the center of attention in the offseason. Both the Lakers and the Clippers have made moves to bolster their respective rosters, with maybe even more moves to come before play gets back underway. Up to this point, though, which team has had the more impressive offseason?

The Lakers have been the center of attention in Los Angeles for so long that it becomes easy to forget just how well the Clippers did last year. Not only did the team make the playoffs for the first time since the 2006 season, but they also finished only one game back of the Lakers in the Pacific Division standings. Seems Chris Paul really can make a difference to a ball club. Maybe that's why David Stern did all that he could to keep him from going to the Lakers in order to even out the amount of "power teams" in the NBA. Either way, it worked and Paul teamed up with Blake Griffin, Chauncey Billups and company to make a run at the playoffs. The Clippers' problem was that Billups got injured early in the season and took away a scoring starter and bench depth from the team. So in the offseason the Clippers have made some moves to bolster not only their starting rotation, but also their bench.

First on the list of things to do for the Clippers was to re-sign Billups--a good move, as he acts not only as a good veteran presence in the locker room, but also as a clutch scorer and a pseudo-coach on the floor. In addition to Billups, the Clippers also picked up 39-year-old veteran Grant Hill, Lamar Odom and Jamal Crawford to round out their efforts to revamp a bench that was probably the reason that they were ousted from the playoffs in the second round. From the outside, it looks like the moves that the Clippers made may not only get them further in the playoffs next season, but may also put them a step ahead of the Lakers in overall talent.

Enter Steve Nash. The Lakers acquired their new point guard in a sign and trade

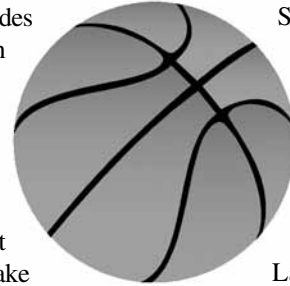
with the Phoenix Suns to capitalize on what might have been the biggest deal of the summer thus far. The Lakers also added free agent forward Antawn Jamison to the mix to bolster their bench and rounded out their starting five by deciding not to use the amnesty clause on Metta World Peace. As this article is currently being written, there is no new news with Dwight Howard. The Lakers have been leading the charge to acquire the big man from Orlando, but as everyone now knows, the process has become entirely too complicated to even talk about anymore.

So from this point forward, let's make believe Dwight stays in Orlando at least to start off the season.

So with all of the moves made, which team will be better this season? Well, with the addition of Steve Nash, the combination of Nash and Bryant will give the Lakers a superior backcourt over Chris Paul and Jamal Crawford. Crawford can score points, but he shoots a poor average and is certainly no Kobe Bryant. With Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum, the Lakers have more skill and athleticism in their front court than the Clippers' duo of Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan. Sure, Griffin is explosive and a human highlight reel, but he has virtually no outside shot. The one area where the Clippers may outdo the Lakers is in bench depth. Even there, however, the Lakers have improved over last year by adding Antawn Jamison. Jamison's career averages of 19.5 points and 7.9 rebounds per game will do much to improve a toxic bench of a year ago.

The Lakers won't be the better team just because they have the better players. The team is constructed in a way that it has not been in previous years and that alone will benefit them down the stretch and into the playoffs. Nash will become the new floor general and in the process lessen the load for Kobe offensively, giving the Lakers a fresher Kobe late into games and late into the season. Chris Paul is a good opposite to Nash, but the Clippers don't have an elite shooting guard like Kobe and they don't have an inside presence like the Lakers. Maybe if Odom returns to his Sixth Man of the Year form, the Clippers will be able to challenge the Lakers for supremacy. Grant Hill has traditionally been an excellent defender, but at age 39 he just doesn't have the knees to keep up with a player of Kobe's caliber anymore.

Nash's ability to space the floor will turn the Lakers into a team that fans throughout Los Angeles have not seen before. His skill set perfectly complements the Lakers roster and adds offensive potency to a defensively capable team--in turn widening the talent gap between the two clubs. This year, the Clippers will be good. They may even compile a better record than they did last year. But the Lakers will be better. Look for a Western Conference Finals matchup between the Oklahoma City Thunder and Steve Nash's Los Angeles Lakers. •



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**Max Young** earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. •

# FOOD & DINING

## Sesame-Ginger Pork Patty with Grilled Pineapple



Ditch the bun and serve this Asian-inspired pork burger with sweet grilled pineapple on top of a zesty watercress-and-carrot salad. We like the taste and texture of fresh pineapple for this recipe, but canned pineapple rings work well too. Serve with short-grain brown rice.

Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

Ease of Preparation: Easy

Health: Low Calorie, Low Carb, Low Sat Fat, High Potassium, Heart Healthy, Healthy Weight, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

2 scallions, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger

2 teaspoons sesame oil, divided

1 pound ground pork

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

4 pineapple rings, 1/4 inch thick

4 cups watercress (about 1 large bunch), tough stems removed

1 cup shredded carrot

Steps:

1: Preheat grill to medium-high (or see Stovetop Variation).

2: Combine soy sauce, scallions, garlic, ginger and 1 teaspoon sesame oil in a small bowl. Place pork in a medium bowl. Add half of the sauce mixture to the pork and gently combine without overmixing. Form into 4 patties, about 3/4 inch thick. Add the remaining 1 teaspoon sesame oil and

vinegar to the remaining sauce mixture and set aside.

3: Oil the grill rack (see Tip). Grill the burgers, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center registers 155°F, 4 to 5 minutes per side. During the last 3 minutes of cooking, add the pineapple rings to the grill and cook, turning once, until dark grill marks appear.

4: Combine watercress and carrot in a large bowl. Toss with 2 tablespoons of the reserved sauce. Divide the salad among 4 plates. Top each portion with a pineapple ring and a burger. Drizzle any remaining sauce on top.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 217 Carbohydrates - 13 Fat - 9 Saturated Fat - 3 Monounsaturated Fat - 1 Protein - 25 Cholesterol - 66 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 540 Sodium - 531 Nutrition Bonus - Vitamin A (116% daily value), Vitamin C (75% dv), Potassium (15% dv).

Tip: To oil a grill rack, oil a folded paper towel, hold it with tongs and rub it over the rack. (Do not use cooking spray on a hot grill.)

Stovetop Variation: Coat a nonstick pan, preferably cast-iron (or a grill pan), with cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat for 1 to 2 minutes. Add burgers, reduce heat to medium and cook, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer registers 155°F (for pork and bison) or 165° (for beef or chicken), 4 to 5 minutes per side. •

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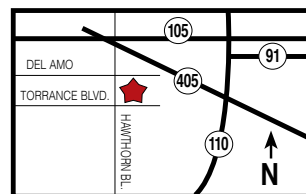
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# TerriAnn in Torrance

## Let the Games Begin

By TerriAnn Ferren

The Olympic Summer Games or The Games of the XXX Olympiad will be held this year in London from July 27 to August 12. The city of London has hosted the Olympic Games twice before, once in 1908 and again in 1948. The 2012 Summer Games give London the honor as being the first city to host the games three times. The news on television is filled with information and tidbits on athletes in final preparation for the games. Londoners are polishing and sprucing up their city to welcome millions of visitors from all over the world. Synchronized swimming, taekwondo, judo, modern pentathlon, canoe slalom, badminton and beach volleyball are among the many events of the Summer Games.



Torrance's own Louis Zamperini was an Olympic runner who attended Torrance High School and participated in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. Seen here is Zamperini running for USC. Photo courtesy of USC Sports.

In 1984, we were fortunate to have Los Angeles host the Summer Olympics (*The Games of the XXIII Olympiad*). I remember how the artists of the city of Los Angeles painted brightly-colored murals on the concrete walls along the Harbor Freeway, as workers got busy building a large velodrome and a beautiful swim stadium. Volunteers from all over Southern California became involved in the planning process. I had girlfriends who volunteered to drive vans shuttling athletes from the Olympic village to the venues. There was a spirit of camaraderie, excitement and unity that permeated the entire Southern California area and Torrance was no exception. Local South Bay resident Dr. Kay Teer Crawford (1914 – 2001) – pioneer, founder and dean of dance drill teams who brought drill teams to the high schools of America and the world – was in charge of directing 1,268 members of a special drill team that was part of the opening ceremonies at the Coliseum. As I recall, lots of people left town in 1984 for two weeks to avoid the crowds of people descending upon our city and I wonder if that will be the case in London as well. Frankly, those people who left town for a vacation to get away from it all missed a magical time in our city...

Peter Ueberroth, organizer of the 1984 Summer Olympics, was a genius organizer. Because of his leadership in steering the first privately financed Olympic Games, we – the City of Los Angeles – ended up with a \$250 million surplus. I find it interesting to note that Los Angeles is the only city to host the Olympics that ever made money. This money still helps support youth sports and activities throughout the United States. Ueberroth was named *Time Magazine's* Man of the Year in 1984. Composer John Williams created the Grammy-winning music for the opening ceremonies. And the opening and closing

ceremonies in Los Angeles at the Coliseum were nothing short of spectacular with David L. Wolper at the helm. I remember people were saying after the ceremonies, "Wow!" Other exceptionally talented musicians and composers joined the effort and offered their talents.

Etta James sang the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies and Sergio Mendes created an original song for the Olympics. And I remember Rafer Johnson, decathlon winner at the 1960 Summer Olympics, running up the final staircase with torch in hand to light up the Olympic rings that lit up the sky at the Coliseum. I'll never forget gazing out the window of our car while driving along the Harbor Freeway, seeing the Olympic flame blazing at the Coliseum during those magical two weeks. I knew that was a special sight.

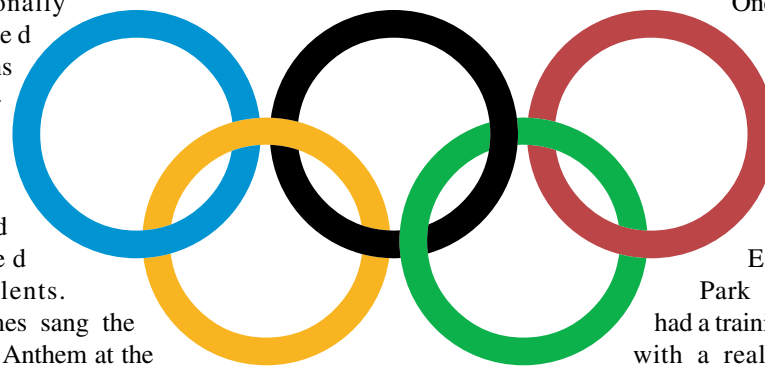
Torrance's own Louis Zamperini was an Olympic runner who attended Torrance High School and participated in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. Zamperini ran the 5,000-meter race that caught the attention of Adolf Hitler. Zamperini ran the last lap exceptionally fast. Zamperini also carried the Olympic torch on his 81st birthday in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan in 1998. But it wasn't until 2005 when Zamperini would once again visit the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany where he ran in his first Olympics. And I am sure I am not the only one who remembers the Olympic torch of 1984 being carried down Torrance Boulevard by our hometown athletes. Today, nearly 8,000 people will carry the Olympic flame to the 2012 games. Carrying the torch is an honor that I am sure stays with the honorees for the rest of their lives.

All of us, I imagine, had Olympic fantasies when we were young. In eighth grade after

running the 50-yard dash in 6.2 seconds, I thought I was headed toward the Olympics. Of course, I was just 12 years old and I guess all 12-year-olds have Olympic dreams.

One Saturday, my eighth grade gym teacher drove our track team to Exposition Park where we had a training session with a real Olympic coach. We participated in exercises and learned how to rest our muscles and take care of our feet. I was convinced if I trained hard enough, I could be an Olympian. Then I went to a track meet at El Camino College. Up against other runners of the day, I didn't win a single heat. Second is all I could muster. I do remember my coach telling me not to look to my left or right while I was running. But it was so hard to do that when I saw the competition in my peripheral vision overtaking my lead. After several track meets, I realized I wasn't headed toward Olympic gold anytime soon and decided to concentrate on my ballet classes.

Long ago, the Ancient Olympics in Greece were a national festival and partly held to honor the Greek god Zeus. The first recorded Olympics took place in 776 BC and there was only one event – a footrace that was 192 meters long (210 yards) won by Coroebus, a cook. This race made him the very first Olympic champion. I remember being told that the athletes competed naked. For a time, only Greeks of pure descent were permitted to participate and women could not participate or even watch the games. That I find very amusing! The winners of the games received a garland of wild olive branches, but their real prize was the honor and esteem they received. The games were played every four years for 1,200 years until 393 when they were banned by Emperor Theodosius I of Rome. This is during the time when the



Bill Stetson M.D. now specializes in sports medicine and has been honored to be the team doctor for the USA Men's and Women's Indoor Volleyball Teams for the 2012 London Summer Olympics. Photo courtesy of SportsMedicineDr.com

Romans conquered the world.

In the 1890s, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, a Frenchman, inspired the resurrection of the games in an effort to encourage physical exercise in his country. His efforts led to the organizing of the first International Olympic Committee. It was decided that Athens, Greece would be the site of the first modern Olympics out of respect for the original site of the games long ago. A date was set for 1896. It is interesting to note that the Greeks' only success during the first Olympics was by Spiridon Loues, a shepherd who won the 25-mile marathon race covering the route of the legendary Greek couriers' who died after reporting to Athens the victory at Marathon. I remember this story being told by my eighth grade teacher, Sr. Mary Marcellina. The second Olympics were held in Paris in 1900. In 1924, a separate Olympic program began for winter sports. Today, the winter and summer Olympic Games alternate. World wars prevented a few Olympic Games from being held.

I spoke with orthopedic surgeon Dr. William B. Stetson M.D., who took time from his practice at *Stetson Powell Orthopedics Sports Medicine* in Burbank to fill me in on his participation with the Olympic indoor men's and women's volleyball teams. "Billy" is one of eight children who grew up in downtown Torrance. His dad, Dr. Rodney A. Stetson (who was team doctor to nearly all Torrance High Schools), is a legend in Torrance. Billy graduated from Torrance High in 1982 and loved to play volleyball. He played so well in high school that he won a full medical scholarship to USC. He played volleyball at USC and was a member of the *NCAA National Championship Volleyball Team* in 1980 and named *All American Captain* in 1982. Bill Stetson M.D. now specializes in sports medicine and has been honored to be the team doctor for the *USA Men's and Women's Indoor Volleyball Teams* for the 2012 London Summer Olympics. What an honor! He told me, "I love what I do. I love sports medicine and orthopedic surgery." I was lucky to be able to catch up with this active doctor who still loves sports. He told me he would love to talk longer but said, "I have to leave to get to USC where the USA Women's Volleyball Team has a game with Bulgaria tonight." All this made me even more excited about the upcoming Olympic Games.

The Olympics are a special time when countries gather together not only to compete against each other, but to share the joy of sports and camaraderie. Torrance is a very sports-minded town filled with exceptional athletes who I am sure will watch with hope and excitement as the Summer Games unfold. And maybe, just maybe in the future, the City of the Angels will once again host our third Olympic Summer Games. Let the games begin! •



Louis Zamperini speaking at the Toberman Fundraising Gala. See Torrance Tribune March 7, 2012.

# PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

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Jonquil

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Emerson

plush toys. She is calm, cool and collected and loves to go for rides in the car. Ella is used to being a house dog. She has good house manners and has been professionally trained at the Lockwood Canine Training Center. She walks perfectly on lead, slightly behind you, and will automatically sit when you stop walking without you having to say a word. Ella has always been an only dog, so we are looking for the same home environment for her. Don't miss out on meeting this gem of a girl. Ella is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with kids.

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Hallee

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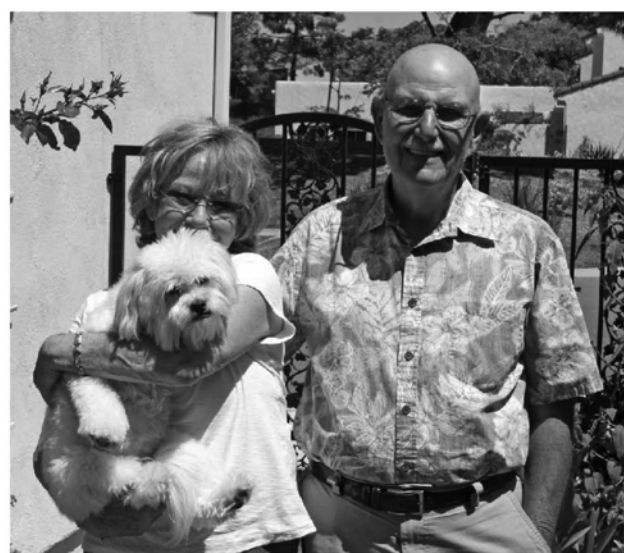
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Ella

If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans" ~ James Herriot

## Happy Tails



Thank you to every pet rescue volunteer, past and present, for saving the lives of our precious ones and bringing joy to so many people. Hearing that an adoption has been the right match, the perfect fit, are the words every volunteer/foster parent is grateful to hear...

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## Tootie Finds Furever Family

us last night and woke me up with kisses at 7:00. We walked for two hours and met most of our excited neighbors. When it was time to head on home, I told her to 'go home' and she made a beeline to our house stopping at the gate. She fits into our lives and has stolen our hearts. I cannot thank you enough and your wonderful rescue group for all the work you do. I'm glad you trusted us with Tootie.

I remember the day the adoption of my two boys was finalized. Family and friends gathered and the celebrations began. Unfortunately, the great-grandparents are no longer with us, but the excitement of final-

izing Mylee's (aka Tootie) adoption was celebrated with many friends. David and I are gratified that you trusted us with such an exceptional dog. She will always be loved and cared for. Our home is perfect for her. We go to bed at night with Mylee at our feet and we feel so fortunate to have it all. Thank you for all the info and advice. Our thanks to Animals Rule and all the hard working volunteers. With blessings and appreciation..." -- Isa and David.

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. •

# Looking Up

## Hubble Discovers a Fifth Moon Orbiting Pluto

By Bob Eklund

A team of astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope is reporting the discovery of another moon orbiting the icy dwarf planet Pluto.

The moon is estimated to be irregular in shape and six to 15 miles across. It is in a 58,000-mile-diameter circular orbit around Pluto that is assumed to be co-planar with the other satellites in the system. "The moons form a series of neatly nested orbits, a bit like Russian dolls," said team lead Mark Showalter of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California. The discovery increases the number of known moons orbiting Pluto to five.

The Pluto team is intrigued that such a small planet can have such a complex collection of satellites. The new discovery provides additional clues for unraveling how the Pluto system formed and evolved. The favored theory is that all the moons are relics of a collision between Pluto and another large Kuiper belt object billions of years ago.

The new detection will help scientists navigate NASA's New Horizons spacecraft through the Pluto system in 2015 when it makes an historic and long-awaited high-speed

flyby of the distant world. The team is using Hubble's powerful vision to scour the Pluto system to uncover potential hazards to the New Horizons spacecraft. Moving past the dwarf planet at a speed of 30,000 miles per hour, New Horizons could be destroyed in a collision with even a BB-shot-size piece of orbital debris.

"The discovery of so many small moons indirectly tells us that there must be lots of small particles lurking unseen in the Pluto system," said Harold Weaver of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland.

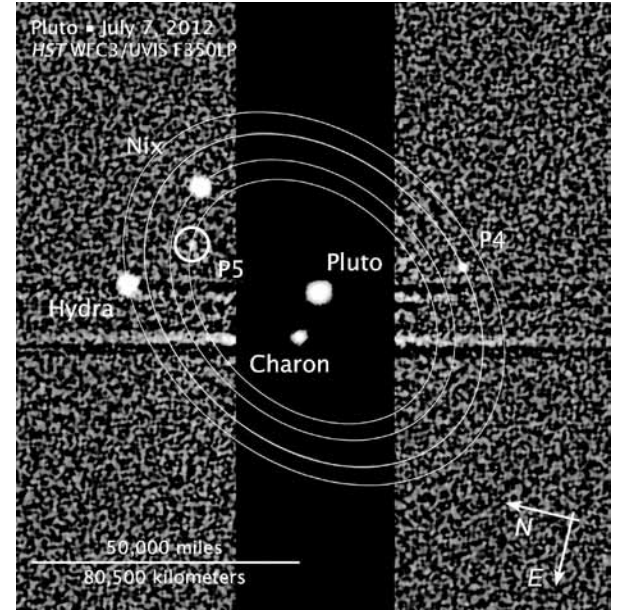
"The inventory of the Pluto system we're taking now with Hubble will help the New Horizons team design a safer trajectory for the spacecraft," added Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado, the mission's principal investigator. Pluto's largest moon, Charon, was discovered in 1978 in observations made at the United States Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. Hubble observations in 2006 uncovered two additional small moons, Nix and Hydra. In 2011 another moon, P4, was found in Hubble data.

Provisionally designated S/2012 (134340)

1, the latest moon was detected in nine separate sets of images taken by Hubble's Wide Field Camera 3 on June 26, 27, 29, and July 3 and 9.

In the years following the New Horizons Pluto flyby, astronomers plan to use the infrared vision of Hubble's planned successor, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, for follow-up observations. The Webb telescope will be able to measure the surface chemistry of Pluto, its moons and many other bodies that lie beyond Pluto in the distant Kuiper Belt.

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Credit: NASA, ESA, and M. Showalter (SETI Institute)

### SHOULD PLUTO BE A PLANET?

The controversy about whether Pluto should be classified as a dwarf planet or a full-fledged planet is nowhere near over—at least as far as the public is concerned. Where do you stand? Here's an opinion poll being

conducted by Web-based magazine Space.com, and you can cast your vote if you like:

[http://www.space.com/16534-poll-pluto-dwarf-planet-status.html?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=SP\\_0711202](http://www.space.com/16534-poll-pluto-dwarf-planet-status.html?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=SP_0711202)

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# Genealogy

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one instance where that cultural identity was not something that people wanted to hold onto, in the early part of the 19th Century for Germans.”

For members of the genealogical society, the challenges are many but they define the experience of having to go back in time to discover and learn about those relatives they never met. “This was something that we used as a roadmap to direct us and keep us active—it gave us the map to be able to do this while having a lot of fun,” Rath said. “We have been able to see the country one mile at a time instead of just flying over it. We have been able to visit all these different areas and to look at our ancestry. You can know where they lived, but it doesn’t mean much until you get to go there and get the lay of the land. You’ll see mountains out here, or rivers over there. We went to many other places searching, and we ended up in the back hills of Tennessee. We would get into town and the next morning everybody

in that town would know we were there.”

Connecting with individuals in one’s past is, for the Rath, what makes their efforts worthwhile. “It’s not about how far back you can go and that’s usually the first question people ask,” Taffy Rath said. “We try to discourage that because we can both [she and her husband] go back to the 1500s, but it’s not about how far back you go. It’s about how much do you know about each of those ancestors on your way back.”

Siess added, “Understanding what was going on at a specific point in time can be the key to understanding your ancestors and in identifying that particular spot from where they came from. If you know of the events that were going on in that particular village or particular small region of the world at the time, there is a good chance that you can tie your ancestor to that and say, ‘It’s possible that my ancestor was leaving that section because a war had just broken out,’ for example.” •

# Realignment

from front page

prison. Over 500 crimes have been reclassified as “non-serious, non-violent and non-sexual” and therefore would allow the State to house the perpetrators of these crimes in county jails instead of the state prison system. However, as Los Angeles County jails are also facing overcrowding issues, many of these prisoners are put into the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) program instead of serving their full sentence. Further complicating the matter is that many of the prisoners released into the PRCS program have a high risk of committing more crimes.

“The reality is the majority of the folks who have been released, particularly the 9,200 that have been released under PRCS as I speak right now, have been through this system before,” said Neu. “They have had an opportunity to either accept or deny the best practices that the County probation department has to offer. They have made the conscious decision to continue their criminal wrongdoing. That’s another gap that we’ve identified.”

According to Neu, of the 9,200 prisoners who have been released as part of PRCS, about 3,000 of them have re-offended and the options for local police to handle re-offenders are extremely limited. Under AB 109, these offenders do not go to state prison. Instead they either go to a county jail for up to 180 days, are “flash incarcerated” for up to 10 days or merely continue with probation under new conditions. Because of the lack of teeth, recidivism is a major concern.

“Unfortunately, when the State legislators put this together, they built this on the assumption that they will adhere to the PRCS program and they would welcome the rehabilitation efforts with open arms,” said Neu. “And that’s not reality. I wish it was, but it’s not. The problem is recidivism. We can offer

them the world but if they don’t want to take our offer, they will continue to commit crimes that affect all of us.”

While managing the influx of PRCS probationers in Los Angeles County won’t be a trivial task, Torrance Police and other local law enforcement agencies are finding new ways to keep citizens safe. Torrance is in the process of adding at least two more officers to its force, specifically to help manage any increase in incidents resulting from AB 109. It is also working with the Los Angeles County Probation Department to help monitor released prisoners in the city. In addition to these efforts, Lt. Martin Vukotic outlined how the Torrance Police Department has been successful using anti-gang laws to add some serious penalties to the sentences of probationers that would otherwise face abbreviated jail terms. Even though Torrance isn’t receiving any additional funding, the City and its police force are taking steps to keep Torrance among the safest communities in the nation. “We, the local law enforcement, are going to be monitoring these people on a local level,” said Neu. “We can’t just wash our hands of this and say we didn’t receive any money to do this.”

Ultimately, Neu wants to let the community know that the Torrance Police Department is well aware of the challenges realignment is placing before it and is already addressing any shortcomings. By working with other local law enforcement agencies and the City Council to add more officers to the street and maintaining records of gang affiliations that allow them to push for tougher sentences for criminals caught in Torrance, the department is prepared for realignment. “The sky is not falling,” said Neu. “The responsibility I have, that all our officers have, is to fill the gap.” •

# Finance

## Improving Financial Literacy, Here and Abroad

By Jason Alderman

Would you be surprised to learn that parents in many poorer countries often spend considerably more time talking with their children about money management than in wealthier countries like the United States? I was.

That’s just one interesting nugget revealed at the sixth annual Financial Literacy and Education Summit recently hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Visa Inc. Renowned U.S. and international financial experts tackled the theme, “International Solutions to Improving Financial Literacy,” sharing successes and challenges faced in their own countries, as well as presenting new research that explores ways that financial knowledge and behavior can be improved.

Janet Bodner, editor of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, shared findings from the 2012 Global Financial Barometer, a new study cosponsored by Kiplinger’s and Visa. Some global 25,500 participants were asked about their personal financial habits and opinions. Assessing that data, the Barometer ranked the financial literacy levels of people in 28 countries. Among the more interesting findings:

- Brazil topped the list as having the most financially literate people, followed by Mexico, Australia, the U.S. and Canada.
- 68 percent of survey respondents had fewer than three months’ worth of emergency reserves to fund basic needs during an unexpected financial event like job loss.
- 25 percent of high-income respondents had less than three months of living expenses in savings. In the U.S., for example, the average person had only 2.9 months of expenses saved.
- When asked at what age governments should require schools to teach financial literacy, U.S. respondents ranked near the bottom at 11.9 years. By comparison, more

than half of Brazilians surveyed believe such education should begin before age 9.

• In over half the countries, a majority believe that teens and young adults do not understand financial basics, such as budgeting, savings, debt and spending responsibly.

Bodner noted that these results add to our body of knowledge about financial literacy. “You first have to identify what the problems are in your particular country, city or school, and then determine what is effective in handling those situations,” she said. A more detailed summary of the Barometer’s key findings can be found at [www.practicalmoneyskills.com/barometer](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/barometer).

William Walstad, an Economics professor at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented another interesting study which showed that people who scored poorly on a financial literacy test but were confident in their money-management abilities exhibited similar abilities to manage credit cards as did those with stronger test skills; while those who had high test scores but lacked confidence displayed much more negative credit behavior. Walstad said these findings suggest that building confidence has a strong role to play in financial education.

Bottom line: The panelists agreed that all of the countries represented share many of the same challenges for boosting financial literacy including gaining wide access for programs to be tested, evaluating their results, and the fact that each has very diverse populations with different needs at different periods in their lives.

To watch a free webcast of the Summit, visit [www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com).

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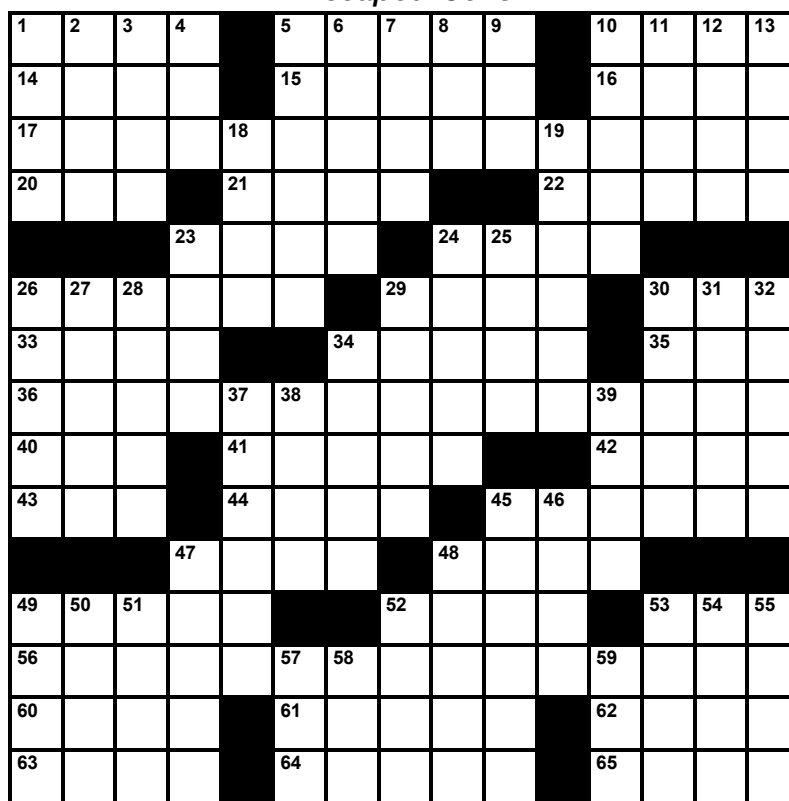
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### Escaped Cons



### ACROSS

1. Donkeywork
5. Window type
10. "Love Will Find \_\_\_"
14. Puente \_\_\_
15. Winter wear
16. Radial, e.g.
17. Con escapes from the "City of Festivals"?
20. Demagogue, for short
21. Plays mind games
22. Exigencies
23. Aces, sometimes
24. \_\_\_ lox
26. Some are secret
29. Diminish
30. Carney, to pals
33. Medicinal balsam
34. Daring Sufi
35. Former French coin
36. Con escapes from the home of ESPN?
40. Before now
41. Defeat
42. Italian magistrate
43. Nevertheless
44. British cape
45. Grim Reaper prop
47. 2.54 centimeters

### DOWN

48. Chutzpah
49. Scandinavian currency
52. Greek letter
53. \_\_\_ de deux
56. Con escapes from resort peninsula?
60. Drone, e.g.
61. Tyrone \_\_\_, American boxer
62. American record label
63. Snoop Dogg song
64. Sock fabric
65. Kid brother, e.g.

23. \_\_\_ probandi
24. "\_\_\_ Lunch"
25. Auricular
26. Safely distant
27. Deep valley
28. "The Hippopotamus" poet
29. Marriage announcement
30. English race place
31. \_\_\_ draft
32. Student getting one-on-one help
34. Kin
37. Dig
38. Powerful cartel
39. Romantic interlude (var.)
45. Shiny fabric
46. Attack with nails
47. Dickey
48. Bananas
49. Dole's running mate, 1996
50. Shag rugs
51. Bribes
52. Murti
53. Corn \_\_\_
54. Song and dance, e.g.
55. "Laugh-In" segment
57. \_\_\_ system (re: blood)
58. Neither's partner
59. Western Pacific island

### Last Week's Answers

C	A	R	D		P	E	P		S	A	C									
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	9		4				6	3
4					9		7	
		2		9				
3			6		2			1
				3		4		
	6		2					8
9	5				7		1	
				1		7	5	6

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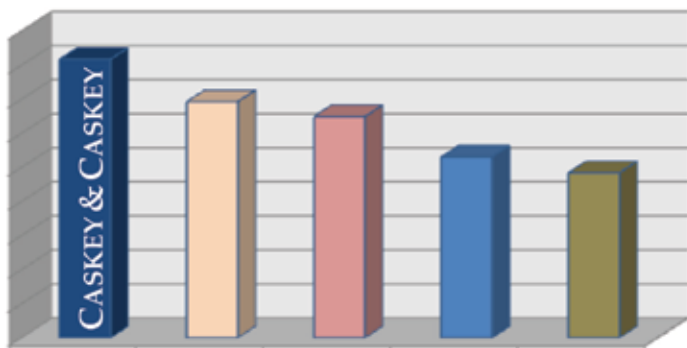
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<b>Avg. Days On Market</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>
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## Don't Let Summertime Equal More Crime



### Quick tips on keeping your family safe

(ARA) - You may be wishing for sandy beaches or a mountain getaway about now. As Americans make plans to escape for a few days this summer, criminals view these vacations as a season of opportunity.

Crime doesn't take a vacation. In fact, it surges during the summer. The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports an overwhelming 10 percent increase in crime overall, with an 18 percent increase of home break-ins during the summer. So what can you do to protect your home? Here are a few quick and inexpensive tips to keep your family safe.

#### 1. Install a first line of defense for your home

Most homes are targeted by a simple selection process. A burglar chooses a home with easy access, excellent cover and good escape routes. But they will usually bypass a home if it requires too much effort or poses too much risk, such as a home security system with audible siren or horn. Security systems can be pricey and invasive. However, Schlage's Alarmed Lock is an affordable first line of defense for your home. An alarm sounds the moment there is activity at the door. Specifically engineered to detect vibration and motion at first contact, this alarmed lock gives homeowners peace of mind right at the front or back door. For more information on Alarmed Lock, visit [alarm.schlage.com](http://alarm.schlage.com).

#### 2. Don't let your home be an easy target

Burglars are most likely to break in when it is clear a homeowner is away. Interior and exterior lighting is necessary to show

signs of activity. Installing a system that allows you to control lighting while you're traveling is a great way to deter a break-in. Nexia Home Intelligence helps homeowners control not only their lights but also locks, video cameras, Trane ComfortLink II thermostat control, shades and more, all from a Web-enabled laptop, smartphone or tablet.

#### 3. Get to know your neighbors

Neighbors can be your eyes and ears when you're not around. Agree to keep an eye on each others' homes. While on vacation, have them pick up mail, newspapers, packages and trash. Communicating with your neighbors is a simple way to prevent a burglar targeting your home due to inactivity. So don't be shy - they will appreciate the extra safety, too.

#### 4. Get involved in anti-crime efforts

Beyond just getting to know your next-door neighbor, you can actually band together to protect the entire neighborhood in a more active way.

#### 5. Do not leave behind keys

It's tempting to leave keys behind for relatives or friends while you're out of town but that fake rock you bought doesn't fool anyone, especially the burglar. Leaving a hidden key is essentially extending an invitation to burglars. Don't be so hospitable.

Following these easy and affordable steps will give you peace of mind for you and your family during the warm summer months and allow you to truly leave your worries at the door while you are gone. •