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Neighbors Come Together to Support National Night Out Event



Walteria families gathered for their 9th Annual National Night Out event. Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, residents and the members of the Torrance Police Department have been working together for years in an effort to promote public safety. Photo courtesy of Robin Lomas, Walteria Neighborhood Watch Block Captain. Read more below.

Council Vows to Keep Meetings Transparent

By Dylan Little

Tuesday's meeting of the Torrance City Council saw the lawmakers approve a resolution that would prevent the City from taking advantage of a new State law that would relax the rules for holding open public meetings. The Council also approved the 2012-2013 Torrance Youth Council class and discussed a right of way agreement with the Torrance School Board.

In the wake of a State Assembly bill (AB 1464) that would suspend certain parts of California's open meetings law (the Brown Act) for three years, the Council thought it would be wise to adopt a resolution stating its commitment to continue abiding by the suspended provisions of the law. AB 1464 would allow government entities in the state to forgo providing an agenda 72 hours before meetings with a summary of the topics to be discussed and would allow governments not to disclose what they are discussing in closed session during open meetings. The Council unanimously voted to decline to use this leeway as it would interfere with engaging residents and could undermine support for public policy.

During the Council's last meeting, Mayor Frank Scotto asked for concurrence on adopting this resolution. Management Associate Viet Hoang stated that the goals for keeping the now optional provisions of the Brown Act were to ensure that the public has adequate time to attend and speak at meetings and to keep city government actions transparent. Scotto was pleased to see the Council agree to follow the open meetings law. He was, however, dismayed that other cities near Torrance haven't also confirmed that they will be abiding by the Brown Act. "I've talked to other councils close to us--they aren't voting to do this in other councils around us and I'm shocked,"

said Scotto. "I'm very pleased this council has elected to support this idea."

Councilmember Bill Sutherland also strongly supported maintaining the policies laid out in the Brown Act. His opinion was that the money the State will save by relaxing the law isn't worth the cost of keeping voters in the dark about public policy. "It keeps us honest," said Sutherland. "Apparently on the State level, they think that since there is a money crisis they don't need to keep citizens informed. It's very important to make

cuts, but not at the cost of the citizens. This [the Brown Act] is solely for the benefit of the people and the fact that our state wants to discontinue great things to save a little money, I find very disheartening. Information is about the only thing we can give citizens on a regular basis."

The Council also approved the newest class of Torrance Youth Council members. The Torrance Youth Council is comprised of high school (and one El Camino Community

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Residents Show Strong Response to Local National Night Out

By Cristian Vasquez

Residents throughout Torrance made an appearance in their neighborhoods during National Night Out. The nationwide event took place Tuesday, August 7 and had a strong response from neighborhood watch groups throughout the city. Sergeant Jennifer Uyeda with the Torrance Police Department indicated that there were a total of 18 block parties organized that evening celebrating the national crime prevention event, with officers having a presence at each of them.

"We are really proud of the relationship that we have with our community--this is just kind of the largest event of the year and it helps with that relationship," Uyeda said. "This is just a great way to build relationships with the community. It also helps give more exposure to the officers that don't get a chance to get out into the neighborhood watch meetings as much. It

truly just builds partnerships and shows the criminal element that we are banded together and fighting crime in our communities."

National Night Out is "America's Night Out Against Crime" and was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch in 1984. Through the efforts of this nonprofit, crime prevention organization, thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies across the country have grown and developed relationships in an attempt to keep their neighborhoods safe.

"It is extremely important to have community involvement because typically we are very proactive in the City of Torrance," Uyeda said. "Our officers are out there doing their own traffic stops, conducting their own investigations, but really the majority of the crimes that we solve and the crooks that we catch are based on phone calls that

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
85°/68°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
84°/67°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
81°/66°



SMILE awhile



Chloe and Gwennie are the real Cuties! Submitted by E.S. resident Donna Cummings.



Brynn, Merrick and Delilah...summertime fun! Photo submitted by Lee Boyles.



Picture of Arielle Ramsay, looking at the boats. Taken by her cousin Kaci Tabor. Arielle is two-years-old. Submitted by Great-Grandma Norma Ramsay.

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Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- Beach Cities Republicans monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information contact David Hadley at (310) 600-6937 or davidhadley@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- Celebrity Lecture Series: Nighthawk Readies for Combat, Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- Seniors Don't Be Scammed: Telemarketing and Internet Scams, 10 a.m.-Noon, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call Sergeant Jennifer Uyeda at (310) 618-5735.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

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

- 22nd Annual Operation Backpack, 6 p.m., at The Salvation Army Torrance Corps, 4223 Emerald St. backpacks filled with school supplies for over 300 children. Supplies are still needed. For more information call (310) 370-4515 ext. 101.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- Ostomy Support Group monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., in the West tower building (2nd floor) in #2 at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block.

- Jamie Ruth Watson, Librarian and historian, will highlight the details of Torrance as a "Modern Industrial Garden City", 6- 8 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For

more information call (310) 328-5392.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

- 25th Annual South Bay Classic, 7:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. (check-in times at 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.), at The Los Verdes Golf and Country Club, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. For more information or to register contact Kacey Takashima at (310) 781-4303 or kacey.takashima@ahm.honda.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- Free Movie in the Park, beginning at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.), El Retiro Park - 126 Vista del Parque. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- Walking Tour of Old Torrance docent-led tour, 1:30 p.m., beginning at the Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call the Museum at (310) 328-5392.

UPCOMING

- Artful Days: After the Renaissance: Mannerism and the Protestant Reformation, Sept. 4 from 12:10 p.m.-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Free admission. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

- 20th Annual Fall Bazaar, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Free admission. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

- 20th Annual Health & Resource Fair, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 4223 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 370-4515 ext. 101.

- Downtown Torrance Centennial Parade on September 16. For more information visit www.TorranceCentennial.org, or call the City Manager's Office at (310) 618-5880.

ONGOING

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

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Business Briefs

SALVATION ARMY'S OPERATION BACKPACK

The Salvation Army, Torrance Corp, is holding their 22nd Annual Operation Backpack on August 22 at 6 p.m. located at The Salvation Army Torrance Corps at 4223 Emerald Street. School supplies and volunteers are need. Operation Backpack will make a difference to over 300 children by getting them ready with backpacks filled with school supplies. All funds and supplies are donated by the community!

Volunteers are needed to fill backpacks at 4 p.m. and volunteers are needed to distribute gifts at 6 p.m.

Here are the needed supplies: 20 Backpacks, 300 Pencils, 150 Buns, 50 Crayon (24) boxes, 50 Colored Pencil boxes, 50 Colored Markers Boxes, 50 3-Ring Binders, 150 Spiral Notebooks or Composition Books, 150 Glue Sticks and 50 Rulers.

Donations and Monetary gifts can be delivered or sent to The Salvation Army Torrance Corps at 4223 Emerald Street, Torrance, CA 90503.

XCEED FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Local high school senior Vanessa Magula from Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance has received a \$1,000 college

scholarship from Xceed Financial Credit Union. Xceed awards ten \$1,000 scholarships annually in honor of the late Romeo Doty, the credit union's longest-tenured board member, who believed in making higher education accessible for all students.

Entrants were evaluated on their academic records, contributions, and extracurricular activities in their schools and communities. They also wrote essays describing ideas that credit unions can implement to spur economic growth and change.

During her time at Bishop Montgomery, Vanessa Magula found her calling in the performing arts. She sang in the choir at St. Anthony Church, and performed leading and supporting roles in six musicals with El Segundo Parks and Rec—shows including Singing in the Rain, Bye Bye Birdie, and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. In her senior year, she served as president of her school's Drama Lab. Vanessa was also deeply involved with Key Club, serving as vice-president in her Junior year and president in her Senior year; and Bishop Ambassadors, a select group of students who represent the school in open house events, feeder school visits and student shadowing. In the fall, Vanessa will attend UCLA. She plans to study physiological science with the intent of going to grad school and becoming a physical therapist. •

People

GRADUATION

Sharon Kay Wright, of Torrance, received a Master of Business Administration from the Division of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at commencement exercises Aug. 10 and 11.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two local Students were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. **Marissa Johnston** earned Highest Honor and **Laura Ettlin**, earned High Honors. •

Chick-fil-A Vandalism Arrest Report

On Friday, August 3, at approximately 6:40 a.m., the Torrance Police Department responded to a vandalism report at a "Chick-fil-A" restaurant located in the 18200 block of Hawthorne Blvd in the City of Torrance.

Officers arrived at the business and discovered unknown suspect(s) had used black paint to write "tastes like hate" and a picture of a cow holding a paint brush on the east facing exterior wall of the business. During the initial investigation, numerous items of evidence were recovered near the scene. On the afternoon of August 3rd, the Torrance Police Department became aware of an individual named Manuel Castro who had given a statement to an online news publication claiming responsibility for the vandalism, which was posted online.

During the ongoing investigation, Detectives worked to independently identify Castro as a suspect by corroborating Castro's involvement in the vandalism through the

available evidence and information from their investigation. After gathering the available facts of the case and identifying Castro as a suspect, Torrance Detectives conferred with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where the case will be brought for initial review.

On Wednesday, August 8, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Detectives located Castro in the City of West Hollywood and arrested him on a vandalism charge. Detectives are still actively investigating the incident and working to identify an additional person of interest who may have been involved in the commission of this crime.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570. •

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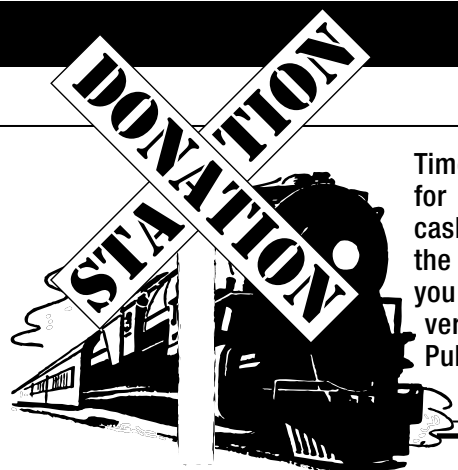
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• Counseling4Kids is a non-profit organization that provides healing and advocacy for foster care children in your community. Get Involved – Donate – Volunteer – Spread the Word.

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

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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.

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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@sPCA.com

• sPCA 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

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

• "Founded in 1996, the Wiseburn Education Foundation supports music, arts, and nutrition education programs within the Wiseburn School District.

Crime Reports

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

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
AUGUST 4

Battery-Simple: 4000 BLOCK SPENCER ST Suspect yells at victim and challenges him to fight, before punching victim in the mouth.

Burglary Residential: 19900 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspects knock on victim's door and inquire if a camper and older model vehicle parked in her driveway are for sale, before asking to use the victim's bathroom and taking property from the master bedroom/collectible coins.

Burglary Auto: 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Theft: 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/bank cards.

Burglary Residential: 3700 BLOCK 225TH ST Suspect(s) pries window for entry, ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report.

Burglary Auto: 23400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property from glove compartment/paperwork.

Theft: 20500 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) takes locked property from carport/bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 3400 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '90 Chevrolet P/U.

Vandalism: 2500 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's rear window/no entry, no loss.

AUGUST 3

Vandalism: CALLE MAYOR & PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) throws eggs at victim's vehicle.

Vandalism: 4200 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) enters courtyard before breaking a bench and smashing planters.

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) breaks victim's business' window by unknown means.

Burglary-Auto: 16900 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Theft: 3900 BLOCK EMERALD ST

Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from location/ bicycle.

AUGUST 2

Battery-Simple: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect hits victim's outstretched arms and pushes him in the chest.

Robbery-Strong Arm: 1800 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect chokes victim while second suspect goes through his pockets and takes his property after victim had arranged a meeting on Craigslist/wallet, cell phone, keys.

Burglary-Auto: 24000 BLOCK HUBER AVE Suspect(s) enters vehicle via open window, ransacks and takes property/GPS, remote.

Burglary Residential: 5200 BLOCK BINDEWALD ROAD Suspects approach victim in her front yard, inquire if her vehicle is for sale then ask to use her bathroom and search her bedroom for valuables/no loss.

Theft: ARLINGTON AVE & 233RD ST Suspect(s) enters open business and takes unsecured property from underneath table/scooter.

Vandalism: 18200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) uses a marker to damage restroom wall.

Battery-Simple: 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspects hit victim in the face repeatedly.

Battery-Simple: 1400 BLOCK EL PRADO AVE Suspect drives over victim's foot.

AUGUST 1

Burglary-Auto: 21500 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/ briefcase, laptop, keys, documents.

Burglary-Auto: 22500 BLOCK NADINE CIR Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/access card.

Theft: 300 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) takes locked property from location/ bicycle.

Burglary-Residential: 2300 BLOCK 180TH PL Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door and takes property/purse.

Auto Theft-All: 300 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) takes locked property from location/ bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 4100 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/laptop.

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Auto Theft-All: 2200 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '96 Honda Accord.

Burglary Auto: 18200 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/cash,

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The Salvation Army Torrance Corps
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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Writer's note: One of the most entertaining but technically challenging schools of writing is sometimes referred to as "nonsense" writing. Often an innocent heroine is thrown from her comfort zone into one that is hallucinogenic--filled with bizarre characters expressing non sequitur opinions. Two of the most successful stories of this genre are Alice in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz.

Today, in his never-ending search for truth, freedom and the American way, our neighborhood talking cat, Juan Carlos, host of The Cat in the Hat News Hour, joins with Alice, Dorothy and their friends for a journey to the November election. Let's join them, shall we?

His Walter Winchell hat snugly tugged down and his microphone in hand, Carlos travels the Yellow Brick Road. Suddenly, from the shadows of a tree, he sees a huge smile...but no body. Says Carlos, "I have often seen a cat without a smile, but I have never seen a smile without a cat!" With that, the Cheshire Cat leaps from the tree and joins Carlos on his journey. Quickly they encounter Alice and Dorothy, who exclaim that they were thrown into a Mad Tea Party and expelled from Kansas by a tornado, and now find themselves in a world gone insane.

The party is full of mind-altering mushrooms, tea cups that shrink and grow, and riddles, riddles, riddles. A sign at the party asks, "Would you please tell me which way I ought to go?", while responding signs say, "Up, Down. Go this way. Go that way." Clearly we're not in Kansas anymore...

A confused Scarecrow notes: "We wage constant war to keep the peace! Last year we gave Iraq \$200 million--a sum they did not request for a program they did not support. Nevertheless, we forced them to take the money because it had been budgeted. President Obama is again budgeting Iraqi aid for 2013 since it 'maintains our commitment.'" And they say this Scarecrow has no brain?

An outraged Queen of Hearts screams, "In our world, the successful have their wealth confiscated and are identified as society's villains, while the unsuccessful are rewarded with 'entitlements!' The government spends money we do not have to enslave our poor in programs we cannot afford." Left is right, right is wrong.

The White Rabbit muses, "Those that pay no taxes at all believe those that do pay taxes are not paying their fair share!" Ohhhh, this is delicious.

The Mad Hatter rolls on the ground laughing and points out illegal aliens pay lower college tuition than American citizens from other states! That which is illegal is now legal, and that which is wrong is made right.

Up jumps the March Hare with his newest riddle: "When is progress not progress?" Giggling, he responds, "When the economy grows 163,000 jobs, but simultaneously 150,000 people give up searching for work. Since their withdrawal reduces the number of unemployed, our economy is seen as thriving!" Down is up, up is down.

The Wicked Witch of the West says, "I'll get you, my pretty," referring to Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security, who testified to Congress that terrorists from Yemen, Iran, Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan cross into the U.S. from Mexico, but we should not be concerned because those incursions only occur "from time to time."

With head bowed, the Cowardly Lion quietly mumbles, "We invested \$82 billion in GM and are still owed \$30 billion. Taxpayers could break even when GM stock reaches \$53 per share, but sadly, today it's worth less than \$20. GM's earnings are down 52 percent from last year and more of their cars are produced in China [32 percent] than the U.S. [30 percent]. I don't have the courage to suggest Bain Capital could have handled taxpayer money more prudently." If only I had the courage to speak up.

Dorothy says, "In Kansas, we're confused by a President who sealed his history by Executive Order, but demands that his opponent be more personally transparent. The House Speaker's lie about a presidential candidate not having paid income taxes for 10 years shows Oz has become a world without values or ethics." Bad is good, good is gone.

Alice woefully says, "I'm confused too. As our economy struggles, our President's goal is to more than double the cost of gas from \$4 to \$10, thereby raising business' costs while reducing consumers' spending power. Coal produces 40 percent of our electricity, but the EPA has issued regulations taking 8.5 percent of our plants out of service and precludes the construction of new plants." Is this a sound plan for a Wonderland?

For Alice, Dorothy and all the tea partiers, the signs point in every direction. Up is down. Left is right. Right is wrong. And the Yellow Brick Road has become the Road to Perdition. •

Crime

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sunglasses, headphones.

Battery-Simple: 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST Suspects kick and punch victim.

Vandalism: 3900 BLOCK 242ND ST Suspect kicks door, damaging same.

Vandalism: 21300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Robbery Weapon: 1600 BLOCK ACACIA AVE Suspects order victims to empty their pockets at gunpoint and take property/cell phone.

JULY 30

Theft: 22500 BLOCK WARMSIDE AVE Suspect(s) defeats door lock, ransacks and takes property/GPS/stereo unit, third row seat.

Burglary-Auto: 4100 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/laptop.

Theft: 4600 BLOCK MILNE DR Suspect(s) defeats door lock, ransacks and takes property/third row seat.

Burglary-Commercial: 4200 BLOCK

TORRANCE BLVD Suspect enters office during construction, pries open drawer and takes property/cash.

Theft: 3400 BLOCK 227TH PL Suspect(s) defeats door lock and takes property/GPS/stereo unit, third row seat.

JULY 29

Auto Theft-All: 21200 BLOCK ANZA AVE Stolen vehicle: '96 Honda Civic.

Burglary-Residential: 300 BLOCK VIA ANITA Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means and takes property/jewelry.

Vandalism: 3300 BLOCK AIRPORT DR Suspect(s) cuts wires, disabling phone system.

Burglary-Residential: 3600 BLOCK 172ND ST Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means and takes property/laptop.

Auto Theft-All: 18200 BLOCK ASHLEY AVE Stolen vehicle: '92 Toyota Tacoma,

Theft: 23000 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect(s) defeats lock and takes property/bicycle. •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

You can't put the toothpaste back in the tube, right? Once that minty stuff escapes the cylinder, there ain't no do-overs. So I admit to being a bit of a dinosaur when it comes to technology. And we aren't going back to my heyday, are we? Very, very satisfied to be able to use my cheapo cell phone to occasionally make a call or receive and send very important texts to column-supporters and friends. Which, most times, are one and the same.

But I am chagrined at the fact that too many of you seem to be so preoccupied with these gizmos that you ignore the folks with whom you are actually in personal contact, whether it be out at a restaurant, at a ballgame, on the job, or even in the domicile.

Why is something on that darn screen more important than sharing a convo with the person you are standing or sitting next to? Because you can? Because you bought some outrageously priced data plan that allows you to selfishly and incessantly check said gizmo? To what end? Did I say selfishly?

Gotta opine that, in this day and age, no one is really impressed with you because you can summon up the current temperature in Cupertino on your phone. Or the date of the next Barry Manilow concert in Vegas. Or the start time for an Olympic soccer game.

Case in point. Was out and about recently, diligently doing my poli sci research, when I wondered what the start date of the Republican Convention was. Just innocently trying to make pitter-patter chatter with the good fellows sitting next to me, who were typing away on their phones, ignoring me.

Which happens at times, but I deal with it and move on. But I got the attention of both of the self-absorbed sitters. One intoned, "I can find that out," and started tapping away on his never-never-to-be-put-away tele. But to one-up him, the other fellow started yelling

into his phone, bellowing, "When does the Republican Convention start?"

I was amazed. Did not know that you could yell at a phone and the phone would answer back, so help me, Steve Jobs. Awesome. By the time the tapping guy could answer, after checking some website, the other guy had already replied that the convention starts on August 27 and will be taking place in Tampa. Which was also awesome, to have that knowledge imparted my way. Now I knew that important info and the start date of the coronation for Mitt "The Glove" Romney and schmooze-booze-fest that is a national political convention circa 2012. And which, to be honest, I didn't really care to hear the answer to--just trying to make small talk with some fellow citizens, which seems to be increasingly challenging in this era of incessant, incredibly rude usage of these mobile devices.

So a couple of weeks remain before the Elephant Partiers gather in Florida, and Romney has not released his Veep selection. Last time I looked, there were three to five guys on the alleged shortlist, which could be a list derived from political media boredom and burnout. After all, a couple of days prior to the John McCain camp selection of Sarah "Princess" Palin four years ago, don't think that she was on anyone's shortlist. Or any list at all. Other than a list that might have been compiled by a political writer with a lot of column inches to fill that might have been titled "Most Anonymous American Governors."

Anyway, I will take the safe side here and predict that the furiously fundraising POTUS, Mr. Obama, will nominate the current Vice President, Joe Biden, as his running mate when the Demos meet for their convention, which begins in early September, deep in the heart of NASCAR country in Charlotte.

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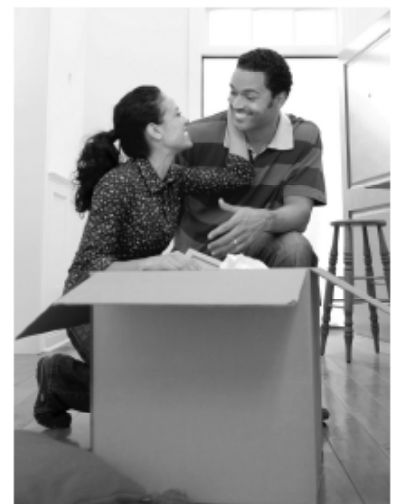
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Together we'll go far

Howard Ready to Don Purple and Gold

By Adam Serrao

No team wins every game they play, especially in a lengthy 82-game NBA season. The way that the Los Angeles Lakers are stacking up, however, it sure looks like they have a chance to do just that. The Lakers acquired Dwight Howard over the weekend and it took a blockbuster four-team trade to finally get the deal accomplished, but most importantly, the team didn't give up the farm to get him. By sending Andrew Bynum to Philadelphia, the Lakers were able to attain the services of Howard while also keeping Pau Gasol on the roster. Now, with four surefire Hall of Famers in the Lakers' starting lineup, it looks as if the purple and gold will be avoiding defeat for quite some time to come.

"There's been a lot of speculation regarding Dwight being traded for the last six to eight to 10 months to a year," Lakers' general manager Mitch Kupchak explained of the trade. "Today, the speculation finally comes to an end. And we're hopeful that 10 years from now, we can add a jersey to that wall over there that says 'Dwight Howard.'" Certainly, Howard is on the right track to get his name on that Hall of Fame wall of which Kupchak spoke. Following in the footsteps of former great centers like George Mikan, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal, Howard should have no problem fitting in here. Clearly the best center in the league today, Howard has now shifted his focus to doing what all of those centers before him have done--bring a championship trophy to L.A.

In acquiring Howard, the Lakers were able to pick up the most dominant center in the league since O'Neal, who also left Orlando to come to the Lakers 16 years ago last month. Howard, though, isn't concerned with those who have come before him. "I don't want to try to compete with those guys," he said. "I want to bring my own flavor to L.A. I saw a picture last night. It was like the Mount Rushmore [of Lakers' centers] and they had all those guys up there and said, 'Will he join the list of heads with the Lakers greats?' I want to write my own history and today is the first day of that history." Howard should have no problem getting right down to it and writing a positive beginning to that history in his first year with the Lakers. Not only will he be the center of an All-Star team that also features Gasol, Steve Nash, Metta World Peace and Kobe Bryant, but he will be supported by what has now become one of the league's better benches as well.

Kupchak and Jim Buss have stayed busy this offseason trying to reshape a team that has lost in the second round of the playoffs the last two consecutive years. Among one of their first moves aside from signing Nash away from the Phoenix Suns was acquiring Antawn Jamison to play as the sixth best player on the team for the veteran's minimum. Jamison has been in the league for 15 seasons now, spending most of his time playing for teams without any playoff potential. That being said, however, Jamison still has a career average of 19.5 points per game and 7.9 rebounds per game, bringing in much-needed production off the bench that was absent all of last season. In addition to Jamison, the Lakers also re-signed Jordan Hill, who proved to be a good player for them down the stretch last season, and added Jodie Meeks, who is a career 37.1 percent shooter from three-point range--another area that the team has recently been in much need of improving.

Anyone who follows the Lakers closely knows that coming into this offseason, there was a lot of anxiety surrounding the team and its potential for next year. Kobe is getting older, Andrew Bynum looked inconsistent and Gasol basically disappeared. All of a sudden, Buss and Kupchak took that anxiety and flipped it on its head. By acquiring Nash for the trade exception received in the Lamar Odom deal of a year ago, adding Jamison for the minimum and trading away Bynum for Howard, the Lakers have created a team that fits perfectly together without really getting rid of anything. Sure, Bynum was the second best center in the league, but his future is still surrounded by question marks. Will his shaky knees hold up? Will he ever reach his full potential? Will he stop taking part in childish antics on and off the court? The Lakers finally decided that they didn't want to wait around for the answers to those questions. When you have a chance to get the best center in the league, you go out and do it. They did. All of the credit must be given to Buss and Kupchak. Instead of throwing players away in possible deals for Deron Williams or other big-name free agents on the market, the Lakers' front office calculated its moves precisely, waited for the right time and was able to keep the team's core, add to it and capitalize on other teams' losses.

Even still, Howard is standing firm on his commitment to not sign a long-term extension with the team. "Right now, it's about today and I'm here with the Lakers and that's the only thing that matters," Howard explained. "Whatever happens a year from now, we'll wait until that time. Right now, it's all about the Lakers and me starting fresh. I'm happy to be here and that's the only thing that matters now." It has been known that Howard would like the ability to lead his team to a championship and not follow in the footsteps of players like Kobe or Gasol. He wants to be dominant in his own right and stand out as the focal point on the team. Clearly with the Lakers, that doesn't seem to be possible, leaving open the scary thought that at the end of the season Howard may move on and leave the Lakers with no Bynum or Howard. Bryant, however, isn't worried about that right now. "I'll probably play two or three more years. Then the team is his," Bryant said from the Olympic Games in London. "I'm excited for the franchise because now they have a player that can carry the franchise well after I'm gone. This should be his and he should want to accept that challenge." Laker fans everywhere are hoping with fingers crossed that he does.

While all of the excitement is sure to continue surrounding the team this offseason, the Lakers haven't won anything yet. With an extremely talented Oklahoma City Thunder team in the way and an even more talented Miami Heat team in the Eastern Conference, the Lakers better make sure that they don't just rely on the big names on the back of their jerseys to get the job done. If the aging Kobe or even older Nash happen to get injured this season, the hopes and dreams of the franchise may immediately go down the drain. Even Howard is recovering from back surgery that prematurely ended his season last year. Health is now of the utmost importance for the Lakers, but should they maintain that, it may not be long before Kobe Bryant is looking in the rearview mirror at the career accomplishments of Michael Jordan. •

Up and Adam

Pioneer League Preview

By Adam Serrao

Are you ready for some football? Sundays and Mondays aren't the only two days of the week that are about to experience the revival of America's most popular sport. Friday nights will get all of the attention that they deserve as well. On just next Friday, August 24, football teams around Torrance will take the field for the very first time this season to kick off the new football year. In a tough and always competitive Pioneer League, there is no telling which team will have the better season and finish out on top to take a first place record into the playoffs. With a closer look at the league, however, we can begin to formulate some opinions.

We can begin the debate with last year's winner of the Pioneer League, the Torrance Tartars. After a rough start to the season in which Torrance lost three of its first four games, head coach Rock Hollis was able to get his boys back on track and close the season out by winning six of the last seven games. This year, the Tartars open the season against Hawthorne, a team they lost to by a score of 20-10 in the third game last year. Though they lost last year, the Tartars are 5-1 in their last six games against the Cougars. If it can keep that above average record alive and start the season off with a victory, the team will be well on its way to another Pioneer League title. No team has repeated as league champions in over seven years, so the Tartars certainly have their work cut out for them. Add to that the fact that the team lost its number one player of a year ago, Tyrone Taylor, to graduation and it becomes easy to see how it will be a challenge, to say the least, for the Tartars to repeat as league champs once again this year.

The second best team in Torrance out of the Pioneer League last year was South High. Certainly, the Spartans will look to reclaim the title of the league's best team, which they also held two years ago when they went all the way to the CIF championship game before losing in the final seconds against Lompoc. Comparatively, last year was a disappointing one for the Spartans, as they wound up finishing in fourth place in the standings. This year, however, the team will look to get back on track when they open up the season against Carpinteria, which the Spartans have not played against in the last eight seasons. A team that

certainly has question marks, South High will once again rely on its stellar offensive and defensive lines as well as an aggressive rushing attack to get to where they want to be at the end of the season. A solid team year in and year out, the Spartans will have another strong showing this year, but are a year or two away from another Pioneer league title.

The North High Saxons had the toughest time in league play last year, finishing with only one win against the only team that finished the season with a worse record than they did--the Lawndale Cardinals. Needless to say, the Saxons and head coach Todd Croce are on a mission to get their team back on track so that they can finish at the top of the league this year--something that they haven't done since the '05-'06 season. North will open the football year against Redondo Union, a team it beat by the final score of 21-14 in the opening game of last season. Last year was a mess for the Saxons. North under-produced because of the offensive strategy coming into the season put together around star running back Ryan McDaniel. McDaniel injured himself early on and was out basically the entirety of the season, putting the Saxons' hopes of having an outstanding season in serious jeopardy. This year, that nightmare is in the past, but so is the talent of McDaniel. The start of the season might be a little slow for the Saxons, as they take on talented teams like Peninsula, Bishop Montgomery and cross-town rivals the West High Warriors, but the challenging start to the year should benefit North in the long run. Look for the Saxons to rebound from last year and run away with the division this year for the first time in six seasons.

Predictions can be made and powerhouse teams can be chosen, but it is a long, 10-game regular season--and as North High knows, fortunes can change in an instant. The only way to know who the real winner of the Pioneer League will be this year is to be there on November 2 when the teams wrap up the regular season. Until that time, it should be a fun and interesting season to watch--a season in which anything can happen and some of the brightest young football stars in Torrance will be on center stage to showcase their skills. Get ready for the ride, because this year the Pioneer League is looking to impress. •



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"Nothing happens unless first a dream."

~ Carl Sandburg

Finance

Stop Annoying Telemarketing Calls

By Jason Alderman

When the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act of 2003 was passed, it was supposed to herald a new era of silence – as in, no more annoying dinner-time telemarketing calls. Based on the number of unsolicited calls our household still receives nearly a decade later, however, I'd say the law has been had only mixed success.

True, the sheer volume of calls did drop significantly after we registered our home and cell phone numbers with the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry. But because so many types of organizations are exempt from the legislation and so many shady companies flout the rules, everyone I know still gets pestered relentlessly.

There are steps you can take to curtail annoying calls; and just as important, ways to avoid falling for telemarketing scams:

First, if you haven't already done so, register your phone numbers with the registry, either online at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 888-382-1222 from each phone you wish to enroll. Although it's illegal for telemarketers to call wireless phones, you may want to register them just in case.

Be aware that certain organizations are exempt from the Do Not Call regulations barring contact. Charities, political organizations, telephone surveyors and companies with which you've done business in the last 18 months (and their affiliates and business partners) are still allowed to contact you unless you specifically request to be removed from their lists.

Telemarketers have up to 31 days to update their lists, so if you're not currently registered it could take that long for calls to cease. After that, you can file complaints about unwanted

calls at the Do Not Call website or phone number. Remember, though: Debt collectors may continue to call you, whether or not your number is registered.

Here are a few additional tips for reducing call volume:

Use Caller ID to screen incoming calls. By law, telemarketers must use some iteration of their business name in their onscreen ID, but many unscrupulous organizations will attempt to "spoof" you by providing misleading identifying information.

If you don't recognize the name or number you can either take the call or let it go to voicemail. If the line goes dead, that usually means it was a robo-call and there was no live operator available. Either way, you'll likely continue to receive calls unless you take action.

If a message is left and you think the organization is legitimate, call them back to request being taken off their own internal Do Not Call list, which they're required to maintain by law or face steep fines. If you suspect the call is a scam, go straight to filing a complaint.

You can also use your phone carrier's call-blocking function to prevent future calls from that number. However, this step won't do much good if someone is harvesting and selling your phone number to multiple telemarketers; plus, many carriers limit the number of callers you can block.

And finally: You can notify specific sellers in writing that you wish to continue receiving their calls. Just be aware that some marketers may attempt to obtain such consent surreptitiously via innocent-seeming solicitations or emails.

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Residents

from front page

we get from citizens that are watching out for their neighborhoods."

Walteria Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Robin Lomas has been a part of the neighborhood watch for seven years and has seen the benefits of being a part of such an organization and participating in this national event. "We feel that it is good for community because in this day and age, people don't know who their neighbors are, people don't get out and talk," Lomas said. "This is a way for us block captains to make sure that people are on our e-mail train, which goes out to let people know if anything happens in the neighborhood. It is a good way for us to meet our neighbors, and once a year it's just a fabulous way to meet everyone. We have about 350 neighbors that show up to the block party. We get to meet people, we get to see faces and get to know their names. It isn't hard for people to meet the people that live around them."

For Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Maureen Trelease, the benefits of being a part of such an organization that participates in these events include public safety as well as networking with the officers responsible for patrolling the streets.

"What I have taken away is that we have just one of the most amazing, proactive police departments around," Trelease said. "We have so many good police officers. A lot of them live in Torrance and they just really care about the community and they want to do a good job. The really do want to get to know the community and really want to be in partnership with us, and get to know who lives in the neighborhood. I just think that it's amazing."

Also involved with organizing the block party were several local businesses that donated raffle prizes and other items to help make the event possible. Trelease believes that part of the efforts behind National Night Out include the safety and well-being of the business community, which is strongly connected to the residents.

"We have a large community, but because we bring different streets together people have gotten to know each other. Kids have get to know each other and friendships have been made," Trelease said. "It really has made our community so tight that there is this sense of trust and calm knowing that we know people three blocks away."

Lomas added, "The kids are so happy and we also have the police here--and there is no fear for the police, so the kids know that the police are here to keep them safe. This is also about letting neighbors know that calling 9-1-1 and being aware of what's happening is important. If something does not look right, it does not matter if you're not sure. Just make the phone call. An officer can drive by and check it out. It's about not being afraid of the police and knowing that they are here to support us."

Organizing a neighborhood watch group is not difficult and the process simply requires organizing a few neighbors willing to be a part of the group. At that point, the process can be facilitated by contacting the Torrance Police Department Community Affairs Division. "The police department is so responsive and helpful in coming out to these events," Trelease said. "Ten years ago it was a bit different, but now they go door to door to help people. If you call the department, officers will come out and guide you through your first neighborhood watch meeting."

Lomas concluded, "We do have neighborhood watch meetings with the police officers that come talk to us and let us know who the people in charge of our area are. As a block captain, we have gotten to know a lot of the officers in charge of our area. It is definitely nice having that relationship with the police and letting them know that if we call in and say that we have seen something, we just say we are from the neighborhood watch and it catches their attention. They know it's not just a random call." •



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A Student's Perspective Looking Up

Think for Yourself

By Glen Abalayan, Torrance High School Student

Just like in high school, most centers of assembly are socially segregated into different groups with similar philosophies. Most members prefer to stay in their own cliques and justify their membership for a sense of belonging, a feeling of safety and approval. This leads members to think collectively and become more like each other by changing their own appearance, interests, or, in more drastic situations, their own morality. But the constant pressure to think as a group and "become one" pushes people to abandon their own individuality and replace it with a crowd mentality. This brings up the issue on whether an individual's thoughts is actually his own or those of the social hive-mind.

Ever since the existence of life, animals had to constantly adapt in order to survive. Although it is less gruesome than before, the "Adapt or Die" ideology is still shown today when individuals are pushed to adapt to different social factors in order to maintain a decent social life. This form of Social Darwinism is similar to what is seen in the wild where individuals form larger groups based on similar attributes for protection. This example is shown in its most primitive form through tribes, and in its more current form as clubs and cliques. Instead of using the group for protection from physical threats, such as a charging Bull Elephant, today's groups are usually created for another form of danger: ridicule and emotional harm. This concept of having power in numbers deters would-be bullies, or charging Bull Elephants, from harming members of the group. The parallel between humanity's tribal roots and its present social state is evident in these examples, as both rely on forming larger groups for protection. But another reason why groups are formed is the human desire for approval.

People desire approval and want to know their hard work is recognized by their superiors. As children, this form of recognition would be a "good job" and a pat on the back, while as adults, recognition would take into the form of a raise or a promotion. The same can be said in groups where people are driven to do even the most mundane and embarrassing tasks just to gain the favor of their superiors. New members of a club are usually looked down upon as "newbies" and are the first choice to do mundane tasks such as documenting activities and picking up trash. But over time, the boring tasks usually are compensated with respect from other members and the individual is entitled to more benefits. Some of these benefits include being accepted into the group as a true member and gaining the privilege to accompany members into social gatherings. Yet again, the natural need for protection is shown in this example. But not only is the person gaining protection, he is also procuring benefits from being in a bigger group. This practice dates back to our formative years when our hunter-gatherer ancestors found it much easier to hunt prey in large groups. But

with the benefits listed in the stated examples, why would any individual choose to remain independent? It is because of the potential troubles of following what others say.

Sometimes, the desperate need for belonging can lead to very life-altering mistakes. A solid example of this is in gangs. Just like in most groups, gangs are mainly made for the sake of protection and acceptance. Gangs function the same way as their more civilized counterparts, but tend to resort to more violent acts to gain respect. For example, instead of doing the mundane task of cleaning desks to gain acceptance, some gangs would instead push a recruit to do illegal acts to prove their self-worth. This includes stealing cars, robbing stores and even inflicting harm on civilians. But although gaining acceptance to the group is an accomplishment to some, the feeling is short-lived as a number of new members regrettably end up in prison cells. So with all the different personalities individuals have to be, when can one separate the thoughts of an individual from those of the social hive-mind? The answer is to single out the individual as a person and not generalize their views as those of the group.

There are many instances in people's lives when they find out that the person whom they believed to be ended up being the complete opposite of their expectations. This may have a positive or negative outcome, but usually surprises or humbles the person. There are a large number of smart and respectable people who unfortunately make the wrong decisions and join the wrong group. Likewise there are also a number of sinister "wolves in sheep's clothing" who are members of reputable organizations. The only way to truly know the thoughts of an individual is to forget about what organizations they are in and focus on the person himself. Generalizing and stereotyping prevents someone from separating the individual from the group because it sets an unfair expectation of the person's beliefs. I have had many instances in my life when I was surprised to find out that the same people who act like gangbangers with their "homies" are the same people who knock at my door with the utmost respect and credibility. The main difference between the person I meet in school and the same respectable man in my neighborhood is the absence of the group, and presence of the individual in the purest and unadulterated form.

With the increasing pressure to join groups, it is ever more difficult to maintain one's individuality. Groups provide the protection and acceptance most people long for, but also can bring forth some unexpected consequences. Blindly following the orders to climb the social ladder causes these problems to occur and produces more harm than good. Unfortunately, people tend to base someone else's beliefs solely on the views of the group and set unfair expectations on the individual. With this, the only way to differentiate the views of the individual from the group is to view him as a person--not a member. •

Penguin

from page 5

North Carolina.

Occasionally opine about the raking over the coals that the oil companies subject us to, and guess what?--more of that has already started coming our way. The day prior to tapping out this tome, the spit hit the fan about a nasty fire at a refinery up in Richmond, Cali that apparently sent "scores of people to hospitals with complaints of breathing problems."

Now, I am sure that these "scores of people" were all devastated by the fire at the big old refinery and weren't racing to the hospital, fabricating their distress and hoping to file a lucrative claim against the humongous oil company that, if memory serves me, was first established in Richmond, wherever that is,

more than a hundred years ago.

And I am hoping that the ambulance-chasing lawyers weren't behind all the folks running to the hospital. Though I will wager a nickel that the joke that is the fossil Gloria Allred has already set up a tent near Richmond and will soon be holding a presser, alleging that some man intentionally set the refinery fire to take advantage of some down-on-her-luck hooker.

But I digress. Guess my thought is: Why did the petrol station down the street from the mansion raise their prices a nanosecond after the fire occurred? Now, I know that is exactly what every other profiteering petrol company does, but this is Mayberry, right? That stuff isn't supposed to happen here, so help me, Andy Griffith. •

Curiosity Rover Caught in the Act of Landing

By Bob Eklund

An image from the High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera aboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) captured the Curiosity rover still connected to its 51-foot-wide parachute as it descended towards its landing site at Gale Crater. "If HiRISE had taken the image one second before or one second after, we probably would be looking at an empty Martian landscape," said Sarah Milkovich, HiRISE investigation scientist at JPL. "When you consider that we have been working on this sequence since March and had to upload commands to the spacecraft about 72 hours prior to the image being taken, you begin to realize how challenging this picture was to obtain."

The image of Curiosity on its parachute: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/multimedia/pia15978b.html

The image was taken while MRO was 211 miles away from the parachuting rover. Curiosity and its rocket-propelled backpack, contained within the conical-shaped back shell, had yet to be deployed. At the time, Curiosity was about two miles above the Martian surface.

"Guess you could consider us the closest thing to paparazzi on Mars," said Milkovich. "We definitely caught NASA's newest celebrity in the act."

The rover Curiosity, NASA's latest contribution to the Martian landscape, landed at 10:32 p.m. August 5, PDT (1:32 a.m. August 6, EDT) near the foot of a mountain three miles tall inside Gale Crater, 96 miles in diameter.

In other Curiosity news, one part of the rover team at the JPL continues to analyze the data from the landing while another continues to prepare the one-ton mobile laboratory for its future explorations of Gale Crater. One key assignment given to Curiosity for its first full day on Mars was to raise its high-gain antenna. Using this antenna will increase the data rate at which the rover can communicate directly with Earth. The mission will use relays to orbiters as the primary method for sending data home, because that method is much more energy-efficient for the rover.



This image taken by NASA's Curiosity shows what lies ahead for the rover -- its main science target, Mount Sharp. The rover's shadow can be seen in the foreground, and the dark bands beyond are dunes. Rising up in the distance is the highest peak Mount Sharp at a height of about 3.4 miles, taller than Mt. Whitney in California. The Curiosity team hopes to drive the rover to the mountain to investigate its lower layers, which scientists think hold clues to past environmental change. This image was captured by the rover's front left Hazard-Avoidance camera at full resolution shortly after it landed. It has been linearized to remove the distorted appearance that results from its fisheye lens. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

Curiosity carries 10 science instruments with a total mass 15 times as large as the science payloads on the Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity. Some of the tools are the first of their kind on Mars, such as a laser-firing instrument for checking rocks' elemental composition from a distance. Later in the mission, the rover will use a drill and scoop at the end of its robotic arm to gather soil and powdered samples of rock interiors and then sift and parcel out these samples into analytical laboratory instruments inside the rover.

To handle this science toolkit, Curiosity is twice as long and five times as heavy as Spirit or Opportunity. The Gale Crater landing site places the rover within driving distance to layers of the crater's interior mountain. Observations from orbit have identified clay and sulfate minerals in the lower layers, indicating a wet history.

IMAGES:

The image of Curiosity on its parachute: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/msl/multimedia/pia15978b.html

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"When nothing is sure, everything is possible."

~ Margaret Drabble

Council

from front page

College) students who address issues affecting youth in Torrance and advise the Council and City staff on youth issues. Scotto spoke highly of the Torrance Youth Council, commending the efforts to keep the ATTIC teen center open despite budget reductions and a proposed cut. "Over the years, I have to tell you, the Youth Council, your role in the city has been vital," said Scotto. "The things you've done have helped us immensely. If the Youth Council didn't exist, the ATTIC wouldn't be where it is today. It'd probably be closed."

This year, 51 students applied to be one of the 18 on the Youth Council. The students were narrowed down to 18 members after interviews with a panel consisting of members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commission on Aging, the Library Commission, the Cultural Arts Commission and three Youth Council members. Each of the 18 students will be serving a one-year term, with half of them starting their first term on the Youth Council and half returning for previous terms. Youth Council Liaison Deborah Reed said that the field of the candidates was very competitive and arriving at a decision was challenging. "It was quite challenging interviewing because so many

where qualified," said Reed.

Lastly, the Council had a short discussion concerning an easement agreement between the City and the Torrance School Board. The agreement would allow the City access to a parcel of land, adjacent to Yukon Elementary, to be used as a water well, treatment and storage facility. The deal would commit the City to improving the school's parking lot and paying a \$0.30 per square foot fee for the use of the District's property to access the site. Over five years the fee would add up to about \$290,000, an amount Sutherland finds unreasonable, especially given the substantial support the City provides to the District. "I'm a little disappointed in the School District," said Sutherland. "We are trying our hardest to work with the School District and I'd like to see the School District work with us."

Still, Sutherland agreed to vote in favor of the agreement as a "necessary evil." Assistant City Manager Brian Sunshine said that the \$0.30 per square foot price was below market value and Scotto noted that if the land was privately owned, the City would probably be paying more to use the land. Ultimately the Council voted to approve the agreement unanimously. •

FOOD & DINING

Zesty Shrimp & Black Bean Salad

Loaded with fresh tomatoes, peppers and cilantro and seasoned with cumin and chile, this shrimp and black bean salad recipe has all the flavors of a great fresh salsa and is a quick and easy no-cook recipe. Serve with tortilla chips or fresh corn tortillas.

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced chipotle chile in adobo, or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound peeled and deveined cooked shrimp, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed
- 1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
- 1 large poblano pepper or bell pepper, chopped

1/4 cup chopped scallions

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Steps:

1: Whisk vinegar, oil, chipotle, cumin and salt in a large bowl. Add shrimp, beans, tomatoes, poblano (or bell pepper), scallions and cilantro; toss to coat.

Serve room temperature or cold.

Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 day.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 273 Carbohydrates - 19 Fat - 12 Saturated Fat - 2 Monounsaturated Fat - 8 Protein - 21 Cholesterol - 143 Dietary Fiber - 6 Potassium - 533 Sodium - 410 Nutrition Bonus - Vitamin C (55% daily value), Folate (20% dv), Potassium & Vitamin A (16% dv)



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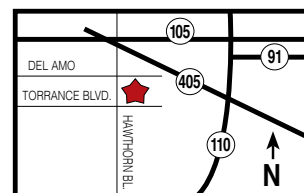
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Taking a summer road trip? Tips for making the best of night-time driving

(ARA) - Summer is a great time for a road trip. With kids out of school and longer hours of daylight, many families will head out on the highway to a variety of summer vacation destinations. For many, night-time driving will be an unavoidable necessity if they want to make the most of their vacation time.

It's important to keep night-time travel as safe, comfortable and convenient as possible for everyone who rides in your vehicle. If you'll be driving at night during this summer's vacation, here are some tips to help ensure you enjoy good travels:

Prepare your vehicle

Before you begin your trip, make sure your vehicle is in top shape for traveling at night. Take care of any necessary repairs or maintenance, no matter how minor they seem, including things like checking that tires are properly inflated and the air filter is clean and functioning properly.

Visibility is an important consideration for night driving. All windows, headlights and tail lights should be clean and unclouded. Check headlights to ensure they're properly aimed; poorly aligned headlights can make it difficult for you to see the road, and can blind drivers in other vehicles.

Don't overlook the importance of comfort and convenience. Outfit your vehicle with accessories that will make operating it in the dark as easy as possible. For example, the Access Truck Bed LED Light attaches to any 12V power source in a pickup truck, SUV, boat or camper, and allows you to easily see important cargo areas at

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Look after your passengers

Before setting out on your summer driving trip, be sure interior climate controls function properly and that all passengers have the proper safety restraints. Infants and children should ride in the back seat throughout the trip.

Although it may be tempting to allow children to lay down in back

seats and sleep during night drives, children should be properly buckled up whenever traveling in a vehicle. Put infants and toddlers in car seats appropriate for their weight and age. Children younger than 12, shorter than 4 feet 9 inches, or less than 80 pounds should use a booster seat, according to SafeKids.org.

Do provide accessories like neck pillows, night lights and

soothing music to encourage kids to rest during night-time driving.

Take care of yourself

As the driver, you are the most important piece of safety equipment in the vehicle. Make sure you are well-rested before setting out on the road. Update eyewear prescriptions and take all necessary medications with you inside the vehicle so you're not tempted to skip a dose while driving.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, but never drink alcohol and drive. The National Safety Council also recommends you avoid smoking while driving, since the nicotine and carbon monoxide in smoke can hinder

night vision.

Finally, avoid frustrated driving by minimizing distractions. Plan your route before you leave home so that you don't have to deal with confusion over where you're going or the distraction of trying to figure out directions while driving. Ask your passengers to take any incoming phone calls or texts on your phone - unless you're driving in an area that prohibits cell phone use in the car.

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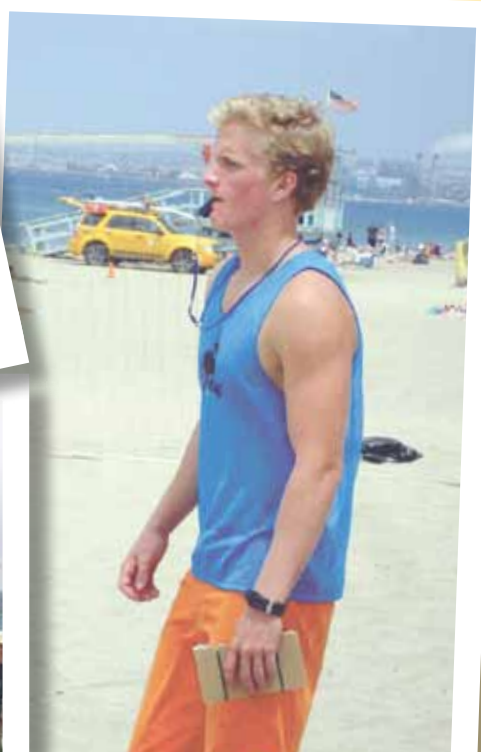
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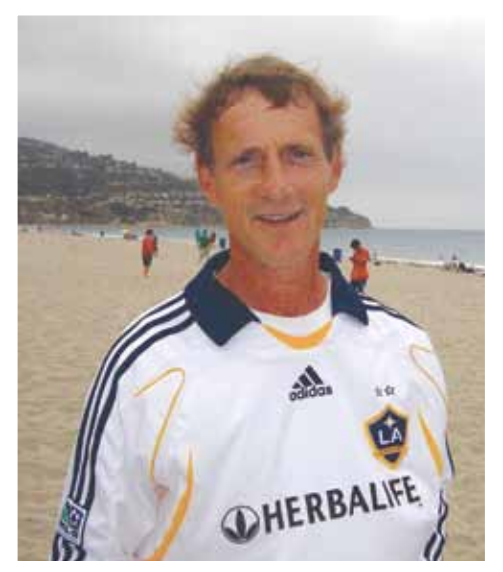
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Dr. George Alexander, M.D.

TerriAnn in Torrance

Sand Soccer – Summer Fun

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week the 51st International Surf Festival was presented by BEACHSPORT.org and the chambers of commerce and cities of Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach. The Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Department of Beaches and Harbors also helped present the six-day event. The 2012 festival was hosted by the City of Torrance, inviting participants from eight to 80 years old to join in the fun. Some of the many events included surfing, bodysurfing, running, sand soccer, paddleboard racing, dory racing and youth events.

Saturday morning arrived and I knew it was going to be a great day at Torrance Beach. Walking down the sand hill to the spot designated for sand soccer, I saw a game in full swing against the backdrop of a picture perfect Pacific Ocean. The mood was light and the young girls playing against the young boys appeared to be having a great time. Sand was flying up as bare feet scuffed against the sand to hit the ball. No shoes. Some wore sand socks (which I didn't know anything about before that day). Steve Thornton, who has participated in the festival for eight years, greeted me at the table where a list of all the sand soccer matches for the weekend was posted. He also had a medal hanging up on the awning to show everyone what the team that wins the tournament will receive. Coincidentally, it reminded me of an Olympic medal!

Mr. Thornton told me, "We have teams from AYSO to teams of a group of girls who put a team together and gave me a couple weeks notice. This is just to come down and have fun—it's part of the Surf Festival." He went on to tell me, "The kids come down and have fun. Right now [as he pointed to the team on the sand soccer field] the blue team is up by quite a few goals, so I put another girl on the field. So now it's five to four. So we try and keep it simple and fun. We try and make it so they stay at the beach all day and enjoy themselves."

Sand Soccer hasn't always been part of

the International Surf Festival. "The Mayor [Frank Scotto] asked me seven, eight years ago if I could pull this off and at the time I was heavily involved in club soccer for 30 years," Thornton said. "I used to run Torrance United Soccer Club and then I merged it with Manhattan and created South Bay Soccer. I kinda got out of it, but I still do this. This two-day 7th Annual Sand Soccer Challenge at Torrance Beach is sponsored by the Community Services Department, Recreation Division of the City of Torrance and The Torrance Sand Soccer Association.

Usually when I see soccer played, girls only play against girls and boys only play against boys, but in this competition the objective seems to be fun and all bets are off as boy teams play girl teams. They seem to be having a lot of fun running in the sand, which is no easy feat. The games consist of three periods of 11 minutes each, so they are quick. Running in the sand is not for the unfit.

A group of young girls were lying on the sand after their game and told me how much they love to play soccer. Angela Yee said, "I have been playing soccer since I was five." This group told me they didn't play their next game until nearly 7 p.m., but they didn't mind. They explained to me they went swimming and then munched on snacks provided by the Torrance Whole Foods Market. Without a beat, these young women told me that most of them started in AYSO soccer and moved to club soccer and they all said they had been playing since they were five years old, though only four years together. They are named Girls U-14. What surprised me was these young women didn't know that AYSO began in Torrance. They do now! Jocelyn Lacrois excitedly told me, "I have been playing since I was four. It's really fun to meet everyone and I live in Torrance."

Although there were lots of children either playing soccer, waiting to play soccer or resting from playing soccer, there also were a lot of parents supporting their children by watching and keeping the water and snacks

handy. Tricia Rapaport was following the action of her daughter, Izzy Wilbur, and when I asked her if she is a soccer mom, she told me, "I'm trying to be a quiet one. This is a good time. I have been a soccer mom seven years now."

I moved toward another team getting ready to play their game dressed in grey t-shirts. Their interim coach, Mark Wilbur, told me this team is Girls U-13. The young women shared that their name for the tournament is Sand Extreme. They are all 12 years old and Robyn Estrada excitedly told me, "We don't like soccer—we love soccer!" Oh, to be 12!

Two games had been played and I noticed a very in-charge referee, Cody Thornton, age 19. He told me he enjoys refereeing and added, "I live right here too and get to see my old coaches. It is pretty easy, I referee at Soccer City too, now L.A. Galaxy and have been there two years. I got a team for this 'cuz we're in college. I play football now and go to El Camino College and play for them."

Some older participants have played a few years in the tournament, like Payam Ansari, age 20. He told me, "I played in this tournament for two years and playing soccer all of my life and I'd say this is way different. You can't control the ball as much, but it's fun. At the beach, nice weather... I used to play club soccer, so we sign up and play. We won it [the tournament] two years ago. I know the people who run it—good people... It's fun, yeah."

Turning around toward the court, I met three young men—all friends who began playing soccer with AYSO when they were five years old who now attend South High School and are in the tournament with the team name, Exiles.

One group, the "open" category, can be any age and George Alexander, M.D. had just such a team entered in the tournament. Dr. Alexander has been involved with soccer for 47 years, coaching for 35, and this is his fourth appearance in the International Surf Festival. For 25 years, specializing in internal medicine, anesthesiology, infectious

disease, and pain management, Dr. George E. Alexander, whose office is located in the Riviera Village, has done a lot of doctoring but he also does a lot of soccer coaching. "Everyone knows me as the Alexander Medical Group—a group of me, myself and the Good Lord up above. He does all the work," said Dr. Alexander. He went on to me he usually brings two teams to the tournament—a girls team and a boys team—but this year, his boys team is a little special because it is a youth team and an adult team combined and entered in the open bracket. Dr. Alexander shared, "I coach AYSO players and then in the spring and summer we play in the club tournaments, so I've been doing that for 20 years through North Redondo AYSO. I also write songs." What? "I'm a songwriter. I have been working on a children's musical actually. I've already written 60 songs for it and the lead song is 'Dork.' This musical is designed to educate. It's got a kid named Bully and a lot of kids' names come from children I've coached in the past that just have unique names."

It took a bit of coaxing, but I did find out that Dr. Alexander also plays on three semi-pro soccer teams in the Central American Soccer League. "I love all sports, but soccer is the one that is inexpensive to play and [there are] always people available for. It doesn't cost a lot to be involved. Most sports have an outlay of expense to get yourself up to play, but you can play in your tennis shoes. All you need is a ball that you can get at any of the local sport shops. They sell them for \$10 and friends are easy to come by, and it's the most popular sport in the world." Most people would think a surf festival would be all about surfing, but it isn't. Torrance has a deep history of soccer and if these young men and women are any indication, the future of soccer in Torrance is bright. Although many events took place in the other beach cities, sand soccer was the event Torrance hosted on its beach. The young and mature players I met were filled with the joy of this popular sport. Yes, it was a great day at Torrance Beach. •



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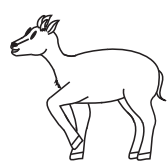
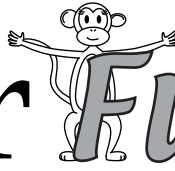
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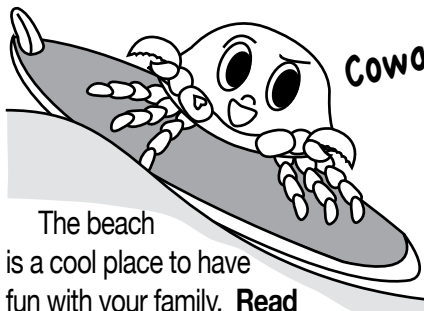
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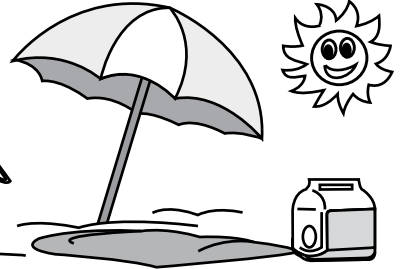
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A Day at the Beach



The beach is a cool place to have fun with your family. Read the clues to fill in these beach puzzles!

What will happen if I pinch this?



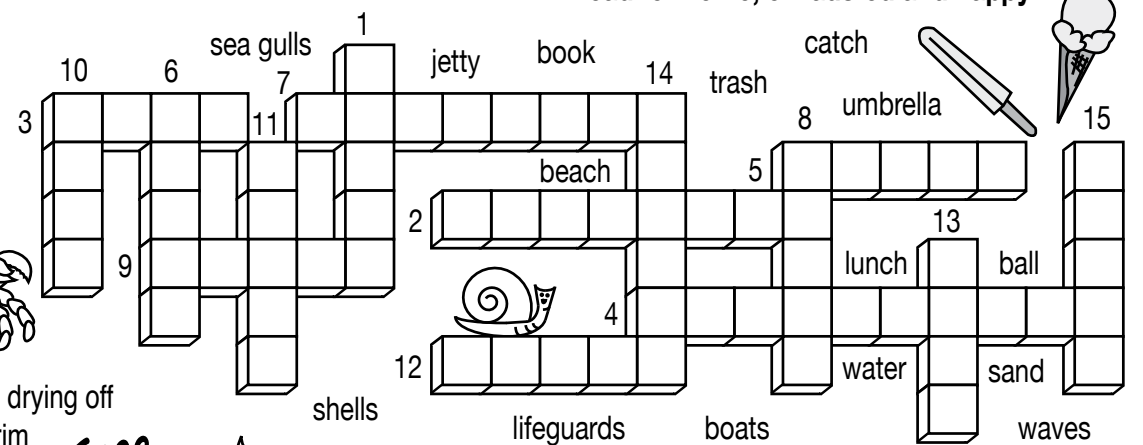
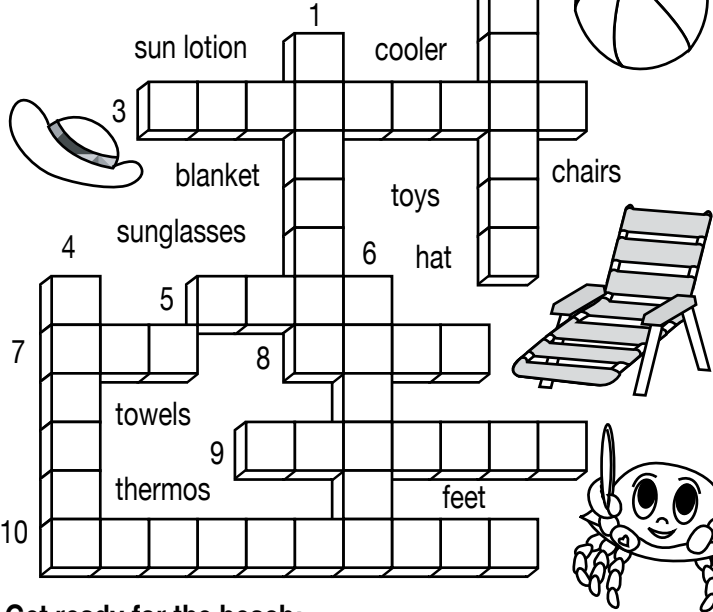
Do I spy a fry?

Head for the beach, excited and happy!

1. carry your share of stuff to the spot you choose on the _____
2. set up blanket, chairs and _____
3. blow up the beach _____
4. check out where the _____ are stationed
5. bob in the _____ and surf on your board
6. unpack _____ from the cooler and share
7. feed bread crusts to the _____

8. put on more sun lotion and drink _____
9. throw and _____ the beach ball
10. read a chapter of your new _____
11. walk on the _____ to visit people fishing
12. watch the _____ and ships sail by
13. shovel _____; dig moat around sand castle
14. walk along shore to find cool _____
15. gather all your stuff and carry out your _____

Head for home, exhausted and happy!



Get ready for the beach:

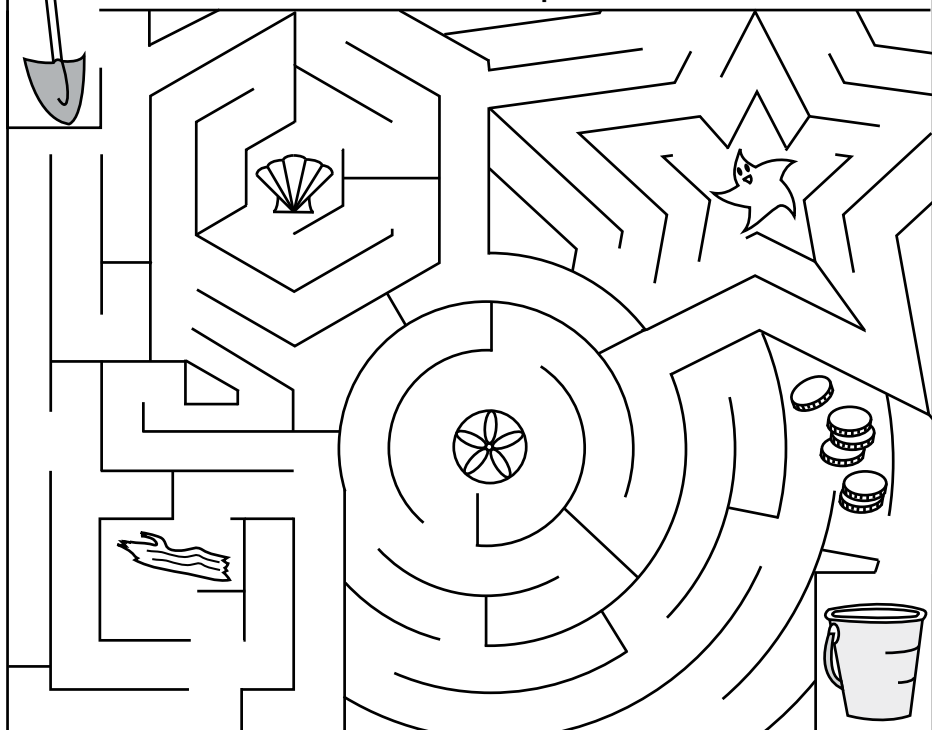
1. fold the beach _____
2. pack a lunch into a _____
3. rub on _____
4. gather folding _____
5. wear flip-flops to protect _____
6. grab beach _____ for drying off
7. find a _____ with a brim
8. grab beach _____
9. pour cold water into _____
10. put on _____ to shade eyes



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Hunting for Treasure

Treasure hunt! Comb the beach for the 5 treasures below. Start at the shovel and finish at the pail.

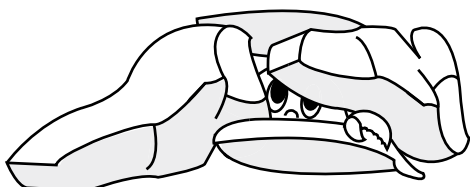


Sand Sculpture Contest!

Did you know that there are people who are pros at building sand sculptures? Some are artists or architects who travel to different countries to enter championships or to bring fun and wonder to special events. Fill in the spaces below with the vowels to see what things are needed at a festival:

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2. w _ t _ r
3. sh _ v _ ls
4. good w _ _ th _ r
5. lots of p _ _ pl _ watching
6. pr _ z _ s

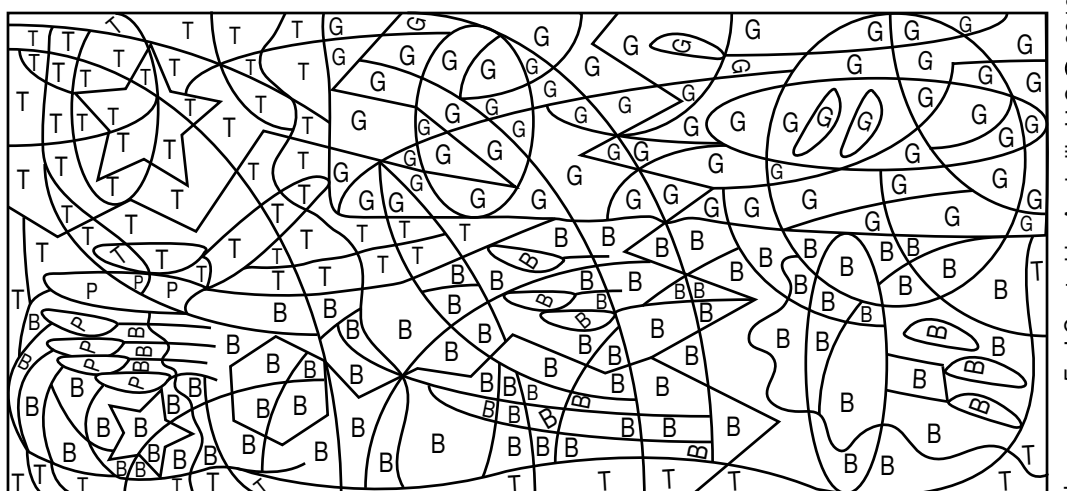
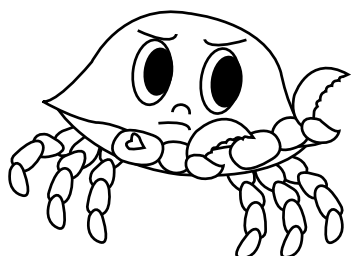
Ugh! You'd think being a crab would make me better at this!



The Giants are Coming

Crabby gets scared when the "giants" come to play on the beach. He hides in the rocks. Pinch gets annoyed and acts naughty. Follow the color key to see what bit of trouble Pinch is about to get into:

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Zeb

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a second chance in life.

Zeb is a gorgeous six-pound apricot Miniature Poodle. He is darling, to say the least. He was brought to us as a stray and we were unable to locate his owners. Zeb is a fantastic little guy and is friends with everyone he meets. He loves to be held or just chill out on your lap. Zeb would make a great companion and fit right into any household like he has been living there for years. Zeb is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, good with kids, and cat-safe.

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To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

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Cherie

thing as the "Cat Olympics," Athena would surely make the team! A curious explorer girl, Athena is always on the lookout for a toy and she finds intrigue and fun with just about everything she does. This vocal girl likes to tell you about her day and wants to keep you company as she snuggles up close to you. Athena would love to be adopted into a home with one of her foster friends Christopher or Matthew or into a home that already has a young kitty looking for a friend. Athena needs a feline friend, as she is just too social to be a single kitty.

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Athena

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~ Laura Smith

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~ Henry James

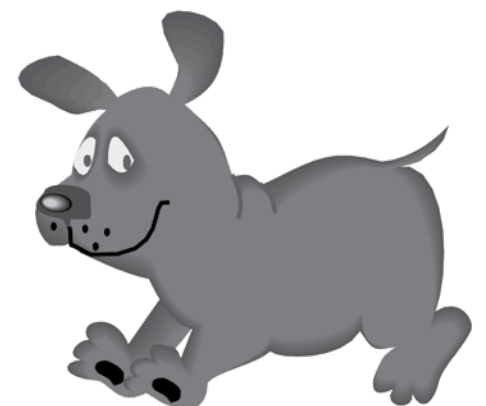
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Seniors

Your Money Has a Lifespan, Too

(ARA) - Ever tried to calculate how long you might live? How much you'll need to save for retirement? If you retire at age 65, are you financially prepared to live 30 more years? Or, will you outlive your money?

These are important questions to ask, as Americans are living longer than ever before. In fact, for couples aged 65, there is a 50 percent likelihood the husband or wife will live to age 94, according to the Society of Actuaries. This can mean more years to enjoy retirement - if your money lives as long as you do.

A recent study from Northwestern Mutual took a look at Americans' financial planning (and saving) habits. The data reveals that many feel financially unprepared to live longer.

Only 56 percent of Americans surveyed say they feel financially prepared to live to age 75. Less than half (46 percent) indicate they feel prepared to live to age 85. And only 36 percent say they feel prepared to live to age 95.

The research also shows that half of Americans take an informal approach to financial planning - if they have a plan at all. Moreover, most feel their planning needs improvement.

"While Americans see the value in setting

financial goals, not everyone has plans to achieve them," says Greg Oberland, Northwestern Mutual executive vice president. "Developing a plan to reach your goals provides confidence that you won't outlive your savings."

On the bright side, respondents say they're taking positive steps to pay down their debt, develop a budget, save a portion of their paycheck regularly, build up an emergency fund and organize financial documents.

"These are good first steps to enhance one's current financial well-being," says Oberland. "But looking at these steps in the context of a comprehensive plan (that offers flexibility as circumstances change over time) can help provide long-term financial security."

In other words, planning can help you manage how long your money lasts. Keep in mind, a prudent plan should work no matter how long you live in retirement.

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS THAT MAY HELP YOU SOLIDIFY YOUR FINANCIAL PLANS:

1. Consider your own longevity.

Longevity calculators like Northwestern Mutual's lifespan calculator can help you understand how long you may need your money to last.

2. Reflect on your current state of financial security.

Ask yourself, "Do I feel financially prepared to live a long life?" Then, put your answer into perspective by playing the "Get Your Financial Security Score," game. The free mobile game (also available on Facebook) awards users with customized financial tips based on responses to a variety of personal finance-related statements.

3. Help your kids develop good "saving" habits early.

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4. Start talking about your personal finances.

Meet with an experienced financial professional who can help tailor a plan to accumulate and protect your financial resources. Consider how your financial plan today can help you build financial security for future life events. •

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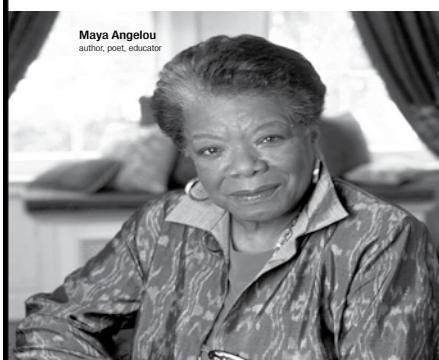
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

Edible Arrangements

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
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ACROSS

- Holy man
- Annoyances
- Like some columns
- Baker's need
- Fancy tie
- Stalactite site
- Sandwich bread
- Bathroom item
- Hands
- Indian restaurant fare
- Coarse file
- Disaster
- Fragrant oil
- Canal site
- Bloodstream fluid
- Start to like
- Miss-named?
- "___ Time transfigured me." - Yeats
- Fine produce
- Apply
- Flatter, in a way
- Building blocks
- Fine thread
- Polar worker
- Idiotic

52. Gorbachev was its last leader (abbr.)

- Floating, perhaps
- Celebratory meal, probably
- Basil, e.g.
- Accustom
- Enthusiasm
- Advocate
- One who makes dreams come true
- Dead against
- Rude person
- Good point
- Bit of choreography

13. Wet, as morning grass

- Third of nine
- Newspaper div.
- Bad
- Foot bones
- Genealogical diagrams
- Sweetheart
- Peach dessert
- Dress up
- Literature Nobelism Hermann
- Lab eggs
- Flight board abbr.
- Table centerpieces
- Bye word
- Windfalls
- Felled trees
- Medium ability?
- Imaginary land of supernatural beings
- Goatlike antelope
- Precipitation
- Great Lakes fish
- Deli sandwich
- Jason's ship
- Women in habits
- Tiny payment
- Can't take
- Mouth piece

DOWN

- Chop (off)
- Tel ___
- Allot, with "out"
- Word riddles
- Yesteryears
- Break
- One who crosses the line?
- No charge on the bridge?
- It is best stainless
- Absorb
- Henry VIII's last wife
- Always

Last Week's Answers

ELSE		ALGAL		SNAG										
GOON		NARCO		PONE										
GOLDEN		PARACHUTE												
SPOOL		BENZENE												
		NIPASEAR												
IMF		CAYS		DROITS										
OIL		INANE		IDEA										
TRUST		THELEADERS												
ATOM		SAVIN		ASS										
SHRIMP		KIRK		LEY										
		DIAS		SEAL										
MAGNETO				RAISE										
PAYEX		ORBITANTLY												
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NESS		SPEND		ELMS										

7	1	8	4	6	3	9	2	5
5	9	6	1	8	2	7	4	3
2	3	4	9	7	5	1	6	8
3	4	5	8	1	6	2	7	9
6	2	9	5	3	7	4	8	1
1	8	7	2	4	9	3	5	6
9	7	3	6	5	4	8	1	2
8	6	2	7	9	1	5	3	4
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SUDOKU Medium

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6	9			5			1	8
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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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How To Keep Cool and Cut Home Energy Costs

(ARA) - The warm weather and long days of summer can give us a free and easy feeling - that is, until it's time to pay the utility bill. Utility costs can add up fast with increased use of the air conditioner, appliances and other household items during peak times. Yet it's easy to cut energy bills if you take simple steps to adjust your daily routine. Here are some tips for staying cool while reducing energy costs this summer.

CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER

Every change of season comes with the need to change the air filter on your home's heating and cooling system. Change it at least every three months and possibly more often at high-use times like summer. A clean filter keeps dust and dirt from bogging down the airflow, helping to cool your home without racking up extra costs.

KEEP COOL EFFICIENTLY

Installing a programmable thermostat will allow you to set a schedule for your indoor temperature throughout the day, ensuring greater efficiency and home comfort. With some models you can pre-set temperatures throughout the week to match your family's comings and goings, or even adjust your temperature remotely. Adjusting the temperature even a little can help a lot: in the summer, cooling costs can be cut up



to 6 percent per each degree you raise the thermostat, according to American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning.

GET IN HOT WATER - THE GOOD WAY

Lower your water heating costs by wasting

less hot water. Instead of taking a bath in a tub filled with hot water, take a refreshing shower using a low-flow showerhead. Other hot-water-saving habits: use only the cold water cycle of your automatic clothes washer, and when using the dishwasher, wash only

full loads and use the air-dry cycle. You can even reduce hot water use around the house by simply repairing leaks in faucets and pipes - according to the U.S. Department of Energy, a leak of one drip per second can cost \$1 per month.

LIGHTEN COSTS WITH NEW LIGHT BULBS

Some of the newer energy saving light bulbs provide colors and light levels similar to traditional bulbs, but require less energy to produce light. For example, energy-saving incandescents provide about 25 percent energy savings; compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) provide about 75 percent savings, and light emitting diodes (LEDs) offer about 75 to 80 percent savings, according to www.energysavers.gov.

GET YOUR HVAC SYSTEM IN SHAPE

People often resolve to get in better shape over the summer, so keep your home's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in shape as well by scheduling a tune-up with a qualified dealer that can inspect your system for efficiency and recommend adjustments. In addition, if your system is more than 10 years old, replacing it with a more energy-efficient model may save you money in the long run. •



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