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High School student Completes Scientific, Medical Research Program



South Torrance High School senior Tiffany Wiriyaphanich displays the presentation poster she created for the Culmination Ceremony of LA BioMed's Summer Fellowship Program earlier this month. Wiriyaphanich was among 18 outstanding students chosen to participate in the Program by a committee consisting of LA BioMed and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center faculty members. The students were given the unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a scientific and medical research environment as part of the eight-week program. Photo courtesy of LA BioMed.

City Council Supports League of California Cities in Statewide Issues

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday, the Torrance City Council voted to support the League of California Cities in five areas that will be addressed during the League's annual conference. The League is asking city councils throughout the state whether they support five resolutions that affect at least some of the cities in California. The resolutions address revenue, environmental and public safety policy and, if other councils felt the same as Torrance, will be approved during the League of California Cities conference starting September 5. The League is a major lobbying organization in the state speaking on behalf of city governments in Sacramento and these resolutions, if approved, will help shape policy statewide.

The first resolution would ask the Governor and State Legislature to fix inequities in determining how much money generated by fines and citations would be split between state and city governments. Councilmember Bill Sutherland said that contrary to popular belief, very little money for traffic citations and court-ordered fines go to the City. "Everyone seems to think that when the police write a ticket, we make a fortune and that's just not the case," said Sutherland. "In essence, we make almost nothing on a ticket. The State takes the vast majority and we get what's left over. We are just asking for our fair share--nothing more nothing less."

Police Chief John Neu agreed with Sutherland. He added that compared to the cost of enforcing these laws and assisting in prosecuting the guilty parties, the revenue generated by the fines is minimal. "It's a very minimal amount of money that comes back

to the City of Torrance in regards to traffic violations and other forms of enforcement we do out in the field," said Neu. "When a citation is issued and fines are paid, the City of Torrance receives a very minimal amount of those fines. And that goes for court-ordered fines as well. When arrests are made and court-ordered fines [are imposed], the amount of money that comes back to

has exemplary public safety forces in its police and fire departments, in a widespread disaster certain areas will require a majority of the attention, leaving other neighborhoods with a wait before help can arrive. He recommended that citizens ready themselves for a disaster and come up with a neighborhood emergency plan akin to the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) that already exist

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Another resolution approved asked California cities to raise awareness and support tougher laws concerning Internet-based crimes against children. Neu pointed out that Torrance has a successful task force dealing with online predators that has made several arrests, but he also noted that educating the public on how to recognize and defend against these crimes would help keep the community safe from Internet predators.

The Council also agreed with the League's request for an emergency action plan, especially in light of the recent seismic activity in San Diego. Deputy Fire Chief David Dumais explained that while Torrance

in the city. "The better a community can prepare themselves and their neighbors to be self-reliant, the better we can serve those critical neighborhoods," said Dumais.

Councilmember Cliff Numark added to Dumais' comments by noting that the Red Cross suggests citizens store water in case of a major emergency where resources and personnel would be stretched thin. "The Red Cross predicts that when--not if, but when--the next big one hits, hundreds of thousands of people in Los Angeles County will be homeless," said Numark. "We only have 200 emergency personal. By definition we can't help hundreds of thousands of people immediately. The recommendation is a gallon of water per day. So if you have five people

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
77°/68°



Saturday
AM Clouds
PM Sun
77°/67°



Sunday
AM Clouds
PM Sun
76°/67°



PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

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Adopt a “pet without a partner” and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Stretch was found in Torrance without a collar or a microchip, so sadly we were



Stretch

unable to locate his owners. He is a very sweet, loving little guy who loves to be on your lap as he snuggles up to you. Stretch loves to run and play with the other doggies in our rescue and is simply hilarious to watch. Just darling, to say the least, this little Dachshund mix is about one to two years old and weighs about nine pounds. Stretch is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and good with other dogs and mature kids. *Please microchip your pets! Check our website home page for information.*

Bo, a purebred Cane Corso, is a gentle giant who is four years old and currently underweight at 110 pounds as of August 14. After we pulled him out of the Carson Shelter, we spoke to his prior owner. Apparently Rambo (we call him “Bo” for short) fancied the unfixed lady dog next door and kept going there to “visit” with her. Instead of just fixing him, they put him in the shelter. Bo was bought from a breeder and has been with one family his entire life until arriving at our rescue. He is a very gentle, soft-spoken boy who loves everyone he meets. He lived in his prior home with children. Bo is gentle and kind

and so submissive that as you walk toward him, he lies down and rolls over for belly rubs. He is a character indeed! With his beautiful brindle coat along with beautiful brown eyes, Bo is a big goofball who just wants to be loved and part of the family. He especially likes car rides, as he used to go for rides in a minivan all the time. Come and meet him--he won't last. Bo is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and with mature kids, but is not cat-safe.

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



Bo non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

These friendly felines are just two of the many kittens and cats available thru Kitten Rescue. If you're looking for a boy or girl, a Calico or a sleek black beauty, just let us know. We are sure to have your “purr-fect” match.

Alley is a gorgeous, all-white girl with the most stunning blue eyes ever. This precious



Alley

angel was rescued from the Carson shelter, where she was overwhelmed due to her condition. Alley is deaf, which means she can be easily startled. She relies on vibrations and what she can see, so Alley needs a calm household where she won't need to be constantly on guard for new things to sneak up on her. So Alley would prefer to be the only kitty or with another kitty who would leave her alone. Alley is a lap cat and wants to be petted all day long. She is also content to just hang out next to you and when she notices that you've left the room, sometimes she will follow after you because she enjoys company. Despite her hearing loss, Alley is impressively outgoing with new people and takes things in stride rather than the expected reserved nature some cats with disabilities have. Her favorite toy is just a simple paper bag. Give her a bag to hang out in and she'll be one happy kitty!

Andy is a handsome orange Tabby with a cute face! He is a total sweetheart who loves to sleep on the bed and on your lap. Andy will also follow you from room to

room, always wanting to be with you. As is stereotypical of orange kitties, Andy is very personable and easygoing. He is rather outgoing and loves people, which is obvious in how much time he spends with them. He has got great energy, is super-active, playful and easy to please. With his cute little meow and wonderful purr, he has an irresistible charm. Andy can be adopted as a single kitty, but he gets along with other kitties as well and would be perfectly happy with buddies.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.



Andy

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •

Happy Tails

Chico's New Home Really Is a Castle

Chico was adopted at the Manhattan Beach Fire and Police Department open house event. He's now living the good life in Manhattan Beach. Chico went from pauper to prince, as he is treated as the king of his castle. He will never feel unwanted or be left behind again.

Chico is even jet-setting with his family, as he just completed his trip to New York City!

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



Chico in New York Times Square



A man's home is his castle



Chico on the Hudson River

Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

• "Late Night Thursdays", 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

• Raer Occasion, 1 p.m.-8 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

• Hsiang John Tu- piano recital, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

• Third Annual "Hops For Health" to raise awareness for Men's Cancers, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Red Car Brewery and Restaurant, 1266 Sartori Ave. For more information call Theresa Plakos at (310) 376-3550.

• Torrance 100 Years - A Musical Salute, 2:30 p.m., Torrance First United Methodist

Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

• South Bay Republican Women Federated monthly Luncheon Meeting, 11 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call Gloria at (310) 326-9340 or Vera at (310) 320-1431.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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

• Free Gardening & Landscape Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon (First session) and/or 1-4 p.m. (Second Session), West High School Main Library, 20401 Victor St. To register call Martha at (310) 371-7222 ext. 209.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

• Downtown Torrance Centennial Parade. For more information visit www.TorranceCentennial.org, or call the (310) 618-5880.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

• South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

ONGOING

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

Business Briefs

CITY OF TORRANCE SEEKS VENDORS FOR CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH

The City of Torrance Centennial Committee is now accepting vendor applications for the 100th birthday bash celebration taking place at Wilson Park on Sunday, October 28th, 2012. This event brings together citizens of all ages, nationalities, religions, and genders to embrace in the proud celebration honoring the city founder Jared Torrance. Local entertainers, music, arts and crafts, recreation, game booths, pony rides, petting zoo, jump houses, and food trucks are encouraged to apply to this good old fashioned home town celebration for all Torrance neighbors and guests. Free to attend. This full day event begins at 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m located at

2200 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503. To host a booth, please review the information guidelines, complete the application, and submit payment no later than September 28th for consideration. For more details visit <http://www.torrancecentennial.org> click on Vendor Application.

NEW ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE OPENS

The new Orchard Supply Hardware South Bay store opens in Torrance, Saturday, Sept. 1, at 19330 Hawthorne Blvd. Doors open at 7 am -the first 1000 customers get exciting gifts and everyone gets discounts all weekend! Shop the amazing Outdoor Living, Tool Box, Work Bench and other departments with products designed just for our neighbors' home and garden needs. •

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."
~ Henry David Thoreau

Council

from front page

in your family, then you'll need five gallons of water for five days, so 25 gallons of water."

The last two resolutions were related to environmental regulation. The Council decided to oppose the California Desert Protection Act of 2011 and asked to suspend the California Global Warming Solutions Act passed in 2006. The Council opposed these regulations feeling the two acts would hamper development and economic recovery. While the previously mentioned resolutions received unanimous approval, these last two were opposed by Numark, as he disagreed on the impact to cities these laws would have.

During the meeting, the Council also made progress on some long-sought improvements

to the Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard intersection. Mayor Frank Scotto said that the desire to fix this intersection dates back further than his personal involvement in the issue and that he is happy to see some progress on the matter. "This is a long-awaited project—I've been waiting for it as long as I've been on the Council, so at least 12 years, but likely much longer," said Scotto. "So I'm excited to see it get started." The process has been delayed because both roads are under Caltrans jurisdiction. However due to Measure R funding and an arrangement with LACMTA (Metro), Torrance will be leading the project instead of--in the words of a City representative--it lying low on the State's priority list. •

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."
~ Helen Keller

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- Benihana 21327 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Billy's Deli & Cafe 5160 W. 190th St.
- Bottle Shop 2087 Torrance Blvd.
- Brookside Village 621 S. Prospect Blvd.
- Buffalo Fire 1261 Cabrillo Ave.
- NEW** Capricciosa Italian 24301 Crenshaw Blvd
- Chamber Of Commerce 3400 Torrance Blvd.
- Chase Bank 2549 P.C.H., Torrance
- Chateau Liquor 4545 Sepulveda Blvd.
- Chinese Shanghai Restaurant 2880 P.C.H., Torrance
- Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf 21300B Hawthorne Blvd.
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- Cookin' Stuff 22211 P.V. Blvd., Torrance
- Cop-A-Tan 24231 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Cousin Vinny's Cafe 5150 W. 190th St.
- NEW** Creative Cuts Int'l. 21217 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Crest 1625 Cabrillo Ave.
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- Del Amo Car Wash 20505 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Del Amo Professional Pharmacy 21320 Hawthorne Blvd.
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- El Camino College MB Blvd. & Crenshaw
- El Pollo Inka 23705 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Enhanced Chiropractic 23823 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Express Auto Service 20505 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Frank's Liquor 1601 Cabrillo Ave.
- Froots 21219 Hawthorne Blvd.

- Griffith Adult Center 2291 Washington Ave.
- Hamilton Adult Center 2606 W. 182nd St.
- Hof's Hut 23635 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Home Team Realty 23900 Hawthorne Blvd.
- ISU - ERG Insurance Agency 3300 Sepulveda Blvd.
- Jack's Pizza 5007 P.C.H., Torrance
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- NEW** Lingley Chevron Extra Mile 23420 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Little Company Of Mary Hospital 4101 Torrance Blvd.
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- Marriott Courtyard 1925 190th St.
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- NEW** Ralphs , 5035 P.C.H., Torrance
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- Residence Inn 3701 Torrance Blvd.
- Sea Shore Chinese 5137 Calle Mayor
- Seafood Town Resturant 22922 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Shakey's Pizza 5105 Torrance Blvd., Torrance
- Shoe Dog 25359 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Shorewood Realty 1009 Torrance Blvd.
- Snax - Wood Rack 4539 Sepulveda Blvd.

- South Bay BMW 18800 Hawthorne Blvd.
- South End Tennis 2800 Skypark
- Southeast Torrance 23115 Arlington Ave.
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- Star Dental 2370 Crenshaw Blvd., Unit G,
- Starbuck's Coffee 5005 P.C.H., Torrance
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- Texas Loosey's 22252 Palos Verdes Blvd.
- T.R.G. Real Estate Group 3480 Torrance Blvd.
- Thai Massage 24020 Vista Montana #A
- The Depot 1250 Cabrillo Ave.
- The Little Gym 20914 Hawthorne Blvd.
- NEW** Tony Roma's 24301 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Toraya Ramen Restaurant 24231 Crenshaw Blvd., #D
- Torrance Bakery 1341 El Prado Ave.
- Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Blvd.
- Torrance Cultural Arts Center 3320 Civic Center
- Torrance Library 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- Torrance Library 4805 Emerald St.
- Torrance Police Dept. 3300 Civic Center
- Torrance Recreation Center 3341 Torrance Blvd.
- Tortilla Cantina 1225 El Prado Ave.
- Tucker's Market 3690 Newton St.
- Vince's Spaghetti 23609 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Wahoo's Fish Taco 3556 Torrance Blvd.
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- Walgreens 4142 P.C.H., Torrance
- Walgreens 2976 W. Sepulveda Blvd.
- Walgreens 2321 Hawthorne Blvd, Redondo Beach
- Walgreens 22930 S. Western Ave.
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- West End Raquet & Health 4343 Spencer St.
- Western Museum of Flight 3315 Airport Drive
- Yamabuki Restaurant 23863 Hawthorne Blvd.
- YMCA Torrance-South Bay 2900 E. Sepulveda Blvd.
- Zina's Restaurant 4125 Calle Mayor

Realignment (AB 109) Update

Readers, this is one of a number of articles, we will be publishing, which contains a recent overview of Governor Brown's Realignment Law (AB109) and how it's affecting the State and our local communities. We will do our best to keep you updated on this legislation's development and any ramifications it may have on the cities we cover. Questions and comments may be emailed to management@heraldpublications.com and will be included with further posts. Thank you. H.

This article has been edited to reflect more of the Southern California areas.

REALIGNMENT CONTINUING TO DRIVE UP CRIME ACROSS CALIFORNIA

Provided by Criminal Justice Legal Foundation

The Sacramento-based Criminal Justice Legal Foundation has been tracking the impact of Governor Brown's Realignment Law (AB109) since it took effect in October 2011. Under Realignment, inmates who are classified as nonserious, nonviolent, and nonsexual offenders are sent to local jails instead of California state prisons or put under community supervision. However, these Post-Release Community Supervision inmates (PRCS) could have prior convictions for murder or sexual offenses as long as their most recent conviction was for a nonserious, nonviolent, and nonsexual crime.

Los Angeles Police Department Sgt. Jeff Nuttall states, "Some of the people who are on this program are absolutely dangerous career criminals." (Daily News, April 21).

In fact, one prisoner who was segregated in a secure housing unit in Pelican Bay, where the state's worst criminals are incarcerated, was put on probation through California's Realignment. (Daily Bulletin, July 22).

According to the minutes of a recent Los Angeles county meeting on Realignment, "Thus far, over 7000 inmates released. 4227 (about half of those released) have been screened. Of the 4227, 2692 showed at the assessment center for a full AOD assessment (63.6%). Of those assessed, 1176 (43.7%) were referred to treatment and of those 545 (46.3%) have shown to treatment. So, looking at the overall numbers, of the more than 7000 released, 545 have entered treatment for AOD (less than 8%)."

"This means that less than half of the offenders referred to programs are even showing up," said Foundation president Michael Rushford.

In San Francisco, there are 306 inmates who were released under PRCS. On average, each of them has been previously convicted of eight felonies, and more than half convicted of violent, sexual, or weapons-related offenses. San Francisco Adult Probation Chief Stills said, "the population is high-risk with high needs." (SF Gate, July 16).

Carl Landry, a San Bernardino Probation Department supervisor, said that there is an increased number of high-level or leading gang members which have been released as a result of AB109. (Daily Bulletin, July 22).

In Lancaster, more than 300 offenders were

released under partial supervision to Los Angeles probation officers since Realignment began. Nearly 200 of these offenders have been rearrested for new crimes or charges. (Los Angeles Times, July 26).

From October 2011 to July 2012, 3054 offenders were released into PRCS in San Bernardino. Of that number, 606 of them have been rearrested for new offenses, consisting of 489 felonies and 117 misdemeanors. Another 5 percent were re-incarcerated for technical probation violations. (Daily Press, July 3).

Beyond having dangerous offenders in California's communities, there has also been an undeniable increase in overall crime in the state, including violent and property crime, in such cities as Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Lancaster, San Francisco, Redding, Chico, Antioch, and in Kern County.

On January 11, the Lead Type reported that from 2010 to 2011, overall crime in Los Angeles County patrolled by Sheriffs decreased by 4.25%, 13.81% decline in violent crimes, and 1.81% decline in serious property crimes. However, in a year-to-date comparison of July 31 of 2011 to 2012 in Los Angeles, violent crimes are up by 4.91%, from 7426 to 7791, and property crimes are up by 6.07%, from 31,853 to 33,787.

The Lancaster Sheriff's Department reported "that violent crimes, which include murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, increased by 16% in Lancaster during the first six months of this year compared to the same period in 2011. Homicides increased from four murders to eight." (Los Angeles Times, July 26).

According to San Francisco Police Commander John Loftus, the city had seen a 16% increase in burglaries and 12% rise in stolen vehicles as of the end of June. Many of the arrests in those cases were offenders released by AB109. (SF Gate, July 16). Lt. Jennifer Gonzales of the Chico Police Department said, "criminals know the charges that will keep them out of prison and sometimes jail so they will take the risk and commit the offense." (Chico Enterprise-Record, July 26).

Data provided by San Bernardino County Sheriffs shows burglaries in the county have significantly increased. The city of Hesperia suffered the largest increase with 56%, going from 158 burglaries by April 2011 to 246 by April 2012. (Daily Press, July 3).

Two former state prison inmates, a parolee and a Realignment release prisoner, are suspected in the shooting death of a 16-year-old boy in Richmond on August 4. One suspect, parolee Jacob Stevens, is currently in custody. The other, Matthew John Capanis, surrendered August 8. Capanis has a lengthy history of weapons violations, but his most recent arrest was for spousal abuse—considered a minor, nonviolent offense—which is why he was free under Realignment despite his history. (SF Chronicle, August 8 & Pacovilla corrections blog, August 8).

"The Realignment law is causing the injury and death of innocent Californians. The Legislature should repeal it before things get even worse," said Rushford. •

"You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him."

~ Audrey Hepburn

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Police Brief

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

DR# 120051616

AUGUST 28, 2012

On Tuesday, August 28, at approximately 3:45 a.m., Torrance Police Officers responded to an activated burglary alarm at Turner's Outdoorsman in 18300 block of Hawthorne Blvd in the City of Torrance. Upon officers arriving and checking the exterior of the business, officers observed forced entry had been made into the business through the rear door. Detectives are working with evidence collected at the scene and reviewing video surveillance to identify possible suspect(s). At this time, it is believed several handguns and rifles were stolen from the business. Detectives are working closely with the Turner's Outdoorsman management to determine the number and amount of weapons that were stolen. This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this crime is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570. •

DISTRACTION BURGLARY

ARRESTS

On Wednesday, August 22, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Torrance Police Department Detectives arrested three suspects in connection with an ongoing investigation related to a series of distraction residential burglaries committed in the City of Torrance. In these cases, elderly citizens were targeted at their residences.

From evidence located at the City of Torrance crime scenes and further investigation, Detectives identified three suspects. Arrested were Frankie Mitchell – 24 yrs, Mikie Mitchell – 19 yrs, and Erika

Ephraim – 18 yrs, all residents of the City of Anaheim. The case was reviewed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and each of the arrested individuals were charged with three counts of residential burglary, one count of attempted residential burglary, with gang and elder abuse enhancements. The suspects are also implicated in several residential burglaries occurring in the greater Los Angeles and Orange County areas, where the investigation is ongoing.

During the distraction burglaries, typically two suspects would work together at a time and target elderly victims. The suspects would approach the victims at their residence and ask about buying a vehicle parked in the driveway, soliciting work on the house, or claim to be a house cleaning service. One suspect would distract the victim with conversation and the other would enter the residence, or if they were already inside the residence move to another room, and steal concealable valuables. The suspects would also frequent shopping center parking lots and approach citizens who were loading goods into their cars and distract them with conversation while targeting purses and other concealable valuables. Due to the elderly being targeted, the Torrance Police Department allocated a team of detectives to investigate this case, which led to the identification and arrest of these three suspects.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information or feels they may have been a victim of a similar crime are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency or the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at 310-618-5570. •

Police Reports

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

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez

AUGUST 18

Battery Simple: 300 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspects uses his body to ram himself into victim.

Auto Theft-All: 22300 BLOCK KENT AVE Stolen vehicle: '07 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) scratches and makes indentations to vehicle in multiple locations.

Theft: 21100 BLOCK AMIE AVE Suspect(s) uses unknown tool to take secured property from location/ bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 3900 BLOCK 184TH PL Stolen vehicle: '93 Honda Accord.

AUGUST 17

Burglary-Auto: 1700 BLOCK LINCOLN AVE Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, damages steering column and takes property/stereo.

Battery Simple: 22900 BLOCK WADE AVE Suspect hits victim in the face with a closed fist and several other suspects rush victim hitting and kicking him.

Vandalism: 3100 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) punctures victim's vehicle's tire.

Auto Theft-All: MARTHA AVE & 228TH

ST Stolen vehicle: '00 Honda Civic.

Theft: 3200 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from bike rack/bicycle.

Burglary Commercial: 4800 BLOCK SPENCER ST Suspect(s) removes window screen for entry, ransacks, pries cabinet and damages several pieces of computer equipment/no loss.

Burglary Auto: 22000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) defeats door lock for entry and takes property/keys, membership cards.

Auto Theft-All: 4100 BLOCK 175TH ST Stolen vehicle: '95 Honda Accord.

Vandalism: 17000 BLOCK CASIMIR AVE Suspect(s) punctures victim's vehicles.

Burglary Auto: 800 BLOCK ELM AVE Suspect(s) defeats door lock for entry and damages steering column/no loss.

AUGUST 16

Burglary Auto: 16700 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, cell phone.

Burglary Auto: 171ST ST & ELGAR AVE Suspects defeats door lock with a shaved screwdriver to enter vehicle and take property/cell phone, backpack.

Vandalism: 23900 BLOCK LOS CODONA AVE Suspect(s) kicks victim's vehicle damaging paint.

AUGUST 15

Theft: 24500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect enters open business and takes property from counter/cell phone.

Vandalism: 25500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) damages exterior of victim's vehicle side door panel by unknown means.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) enter vehicle by unknown means and takes property/third row seat.

Auto Theft-All: 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '05 Cadillac Escalade.

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Juan Carlos, our neighborhood talking cat, sat bolt upright in his chair, his back arched and his fur sticking straight up. As I approached with a friendly, "Wazzup, cat?", he hissed, slammed shut the book he was reading and spat out, "Man, you know were broke, right? Pick any statistic: unemployment, stagnant economic growth, annual deficit, cumulative debt, Food Stamp participation, unemployment benefits, you name it...we're busted. Worse than the news about where we are is the news about where we're going. Our debt is \$16 trillion today, but you ain't seen nothin' yet. Barack says in 10 years, by 2022, we'll pump it up to \$25.4 trillion. We're broke now, but will be 'broke-er' tomorrow."

The cat went on, "I've been reading Dinesh D'Souza's book *Obama's America*, and saw his documentary showing in neighborhood theaters, 2016...*Obama's America*. Both make the point that the seeds for America's decline were sown two decades earlier, but Obama has put our decline on speed. Conservatives paint him as a Socialist, but he is not. While Socialism dreams of raising its citizens' living standards from the bottom up, Obama has shown little empathy for the poor. Based on his policies, Black and Hispanic families' net worths have fallen to \$6,000...about the value of a used car. Since his own relatives live in abject poverty with no assistance from Obama, author D'Souza gave \$1,000 to brother George Obama because Barack would not. Liberals call him inept because poverty abounds, but he is not inept. In fact,

he is accomplishing exactly what he had set out to do and is far more dangerous than the characterizations of either the left or right.

"D'Souza reaffirms that Obama had little contact with his absentee father, so his mother painted a portrait of her husband as a principled anti-colonialist, a fictional role model for her fatherless child. The anti-colonialists believe that developed countries derive their wealth not through hard work, but through immoral exploitation of the natural assets of smaller third world countries. The goal of the anti-colonialist therefore is to create a world of perpetual reparations in which this 'unearned wealth' is confiscated. Barack Obama, according to D'Souza, is his father's son.

"Domestically, he insists the wealthy pay more to government—their fair share—while neither the economy in general nor the poor in particular benefit.

"Internationally, he wants the U.S. to be a smaller, humbler player, far from today's superpower. He wants us to be 'just another country at the table.' His Middle East apologies tour dovetailed with his willingness to defer both domestic and international governance to United Nations programs such as Agenda 21. Such deference will raise the competitive postures of China and others to a level equal to or greater than ours, but Obama feels that genuflection is in our best national interest because it is comeuppance for our sins."

D'Souza believes Obama needs one more term to seal America's fate. "Will he get it?" asked the cat. •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Well, Condoleezza Rice has now been accepted into the private membership brotherhood at the Augusta National Golf Course. Ms. Rice, the former Sec. of State, and some incredibly rich and privileged woman from one of the Carolinas, were added to the membership list last week after years and years of whining and complaining by the lefties who saw the inclusionary practices of a private entity as somehow discriminatory.

Not that Ms. Rice nor the incredibly rich and silver-spooned privileged lady from the Carolinas cared a hootie about getting into some golf course in Augusta, Georgia. But they did and the libs spun this as a great day. Kinda like the Rosa Parks deal on the bus a way long time ago.

Guess that I don't necessarily agree with that. Private means private, right? You let in who you want to play with, golf with, chat with, drink with, whatever. Stuff like that has been going on for more than 200 years in this country. No matter how much pressure the lefty libs throw out? Augusta National is a private club, and just because they host a prestigious golf tourney in early April, they shouldn't have to adhere to some kind of rules thrown down by the limousine liberals.

And to think some of you think I am a Demo?

Saw a sign on one of the storefronts in Mayberry touting Roseanne Barr for President? Well, I guess that we need more than two choices in the upcoming election, so why not have Ms. Barr be the third?

Now rumor has it that she used to live

in Mayberry? Not sure of the veracity of that. Checked on her Presidential website and her savvy political operatives were scurrying around to get her on the ballot for the upcoming election in the all-important electoral states of Rhode Island, Tennessee, Delaware and Minnesota.

Now, not to downplay the power of Ms. Barr in changing the political landscape circa the vote in a couple of months, but gotta believe if she did get on the ballots on those throwaway states, it wouldn't exactly tilt the upcoming November election one way or the other.

So keep seeing stuff out there about cities going bankrupt. Why are we not able to hold our public officials' feet to the fire? Cities financially go kaput and blame everyone else, as the head honchos cash in on their very lucrative pay packages. Riddle me this, kind readers: Do you know how much your local administrators rake in each year? Just wondering. I will be the first to admit that I am not sure of what the compensation rate is for these hard-working folks. Just wondering. When you factor in vacation pay, sick days, days doing nothing but updating Facebook status, et al...

Okay, so a column supporter asked me the other day why there has been no Sarah "Princess" Palin news recently. Well, the extremely lucky woman hasn't really done anything that caught my attention, or anyone else's. She is still chipping away on the Elephant network, sending out her salvos. And when one of them resonates here, I shall pass it along. •

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Together we'll go far



Sports

They Love L.A.

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Dodgers just can't seem to do anything wrong this year. Think about that statement and go back in time to last season. Dodger fans and even players were convinced that the franchise not only had already gone under, but was headed for an even deeper downward spiral that would have taken the club years to overcome. It's amazing what can happen in one year and with one giant smile. Now suddenly everyone wants to be a part of the Dodgers' brand--and in opposition to last year, if they don't it is their own foolish loss. For the Dodgers this year, the additions just keep rolling in and it wouldn't be farfetched to say that fans can expect a championship out of this organization within the next two years.

Stan Kasten, Magic Johnson and the rest of the Dodger ownership group deserve an enormous amount of credit for stopping at no cost to get the fans of Los Angeles back to Dodger Stadium and put a winning brand on the field. In less than two months, they have not just turned the image of the club around for this year, but they have made their team a contender for at least the next five years to come. "In this position, you have to be aggressive," said Dodgers General Manager Ned Colletti. "You can't be reckless, but you have to be aggressive and creative and think outside the box. For a while there, we weren't really able to do that. From a baseball standpoint, it's far more conducive to be as good as you can be now." The reason that the Dodgers weren't able to be aggressive in the recent past is of course because of Frank McCourt. Going from bankrupt to completely solvent

very soon. What is even more impressive than anything that the players will do on the field, however, is the way that the front office held out for a bit, waited to make its move and acquired the best possible player that they could have imagined to fill their need.

The amazing thing about the blockbuster trade that may have ensured postseason life for the Dodgers is that it came during the waiver period. Such big trades typically happen in the offseason or before the trade deadline where there is more time to work out the semantics of the deal. The Dodgers only had 48 hours to work out the intricacies of the trade with the Red Sox, however, and in just that two-day window were able to address all of the needs that they did not resolve before or at the trade deadline--not only readying themselves for a chance at the postseason, but also for a shot at the World Series title. "We did this for our fans. We want to win now," said Johnson who bought the Dodgers along with the rest of his ownership group last March for \$2.15 billion. "When you bring in the type of players that we've brought in, it sends a message to our fans that we want to win. Our players are extremely happy."

Perhaps the most encouraging part of the deal is that all of the players are happy. Before Gonzalez, Beckett and Punto even got to Los Angeles, they were tweeting out pictures of themselves on the plane ride to the West Coast. It is certainly worth the money if an organization can obtain skilled players who not only want to win, but who also want to be there in the same uniform as their peers, creating chemistry amongst themselves and other team members as well.

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in less than a year sure does help things out a bit, though. Now it is clear that the Dodgers are aggressively attempting to be as good as they can be and it is even more interesting how the front office has not been reckless about it.

Maybe it's pure luck, but when Dodger fans everywhere were down on the play of James Loney at the beginning of the season, all the talk was to bring in a first baseman like Carlos Lee who was, at the time, with the Houston Astros. It turns out that Lee had a no-trade clause in his contract and in turn said no to the Dodgers. Instead, Lee (batting .279 with 8 home runs and 60 RBIs) went to the Miami Marlins, who are in last place in the National League East. Well, Dodger fans everywhere must be saying, "Thank you, Carlos Lee," because by turning L.A. down, the remaining need for a first baseman resulted in the acquisition of Adrian Gonzalez (.301, 16 home runs, 90 RBIs) and the completion of the largest trade in Los Angeles Dodgers' franchise history. Last Saturday, the trade was completed that sent first baseman Gonzalez (the centerpiece of the deal), along with Josh Beckett, Nick Punto and Carl Crawford from the Boston Red Sox to the Dodgers for James Loney, Allen Webster, Ivan De Jesus, Rubby De La Rosa and Jerry Sands. To anyone who doesn't follow baseball closely or see the significance of the trade, don't worry. The players who now don the Dodger blue will make their names part of your household

Since taking over, the new owners of the Dodgers have signed Cuban defector Yasiel Puig for \$42 million over seven years, re-signed right fielder Andre Ethier to a five-year, \$85 million extension and have now acquired nine new players who are all generously rewarded for their skills, to say the least. Just the four players the Dodgers acquired from the Red Sox last Saturday are owed \$262.5 million beyond this season. "We understand that you have to spend money to be good in this league," said Johnson. "We understood that before we bought the team. So we're excited." Well, one thing is for sure: Frank McCourt would truly be embarrassed to show his face in the owner's section at any more games. He simply can't afford it.

A new era has clearly been ushered into Dodger town and the fans certainly deserve it. If the owners say and act like money is no option, then just sit back and enjoy the ride. With a lineup that now features Matt Kemp, Ethier, Hanley Ramirez and Gonzalez, the possibilities are endless with this team. Some say that they are now the New York Yankees of the West Coast, but branding the team with a name serves no purpose. All that does truly matter is that fans want to come to games, players want to stay and the team will win. After the trade, even Vin Scully wanted to sign up for one more year of fun in the booth. So sit back, relax and enjoy because as only the man with the golden pipes can say, "It's time for [real] Dodger baseball!" •

Up and Adam

Reigning Pioneer League Champs Back in Action

By Adam Serrao

The sound of cleats scratching against the pavement echoed throughout the stadium as the Torrance Tartars readied themselves for action for the first time in more than eight months of waiting. As the sparks flashed up from their feet and the concrete turned to grass, it became overtly apparent that the football season was upon us all again. The wait couldn't have ended any sooner for the Tartars, who after taking last year's Pioneer League title were ousted from the playoffs in the semifinal game against the eventual CIF champion Lompoc Braves. The loss, sure enough, left a lasting, nasty taste in the mouths of each and every Tartars player, who unfortunately for the Hawthorne Cougars took out their anger last Friday night at Zamperini Stadium with a 47-6 nonleague victory in the first game of the year.

The Tartars may have just caught their opposition off guard last Friday night. With an offense like the one that head coach Rock Hollis institutes upon his team, normally the rushing attack is featured and is of the utmost importance. Against Hawthorne, however, it was the long ball that got the job done. "Our bread and butter is the double wing, so we've got to pound the ball," explained Hollis about his team's typical in-game strategy. "But we've got a guy that can throw the ball really well and some receivers who can catch the ball. We feel like if we can establish the run a little bit, we should be able to throw the football effectively." Behind returning senior quarterback Jacob Kalama, that is exactly what the Tartars did.

On the first play of the game, Kalama dropped back in the pocket and connected with junior tight end Spencer Kovacs for a 49-yard touchdown pass to make the score 7-0 before 17 seconds had come off of the first quarter play clock. Though the initial strike was quick, history seemed to find a way to repeat itself. Before the teams left the field for the first half intermission, Kalama would find a way to connect with Kovacs on two more occasions--both for touchdowns as well. With less than 10 seconds gone in the second quarter of play, Kovacs would take a 36-yard pass into the end zone for a touchdown before he hauled in a 35-yarder to basically put the game out of reach at 21-0 before the second quarter was even halfway done. "I just went off my blocks and ran good routes," explained Kovacs modestly about his spectacular performance. "Jacob was on the money." It looks like Kalama has quickly found his favorite target on the team and it looks like we'll be hearing a lot more from these two before the season comes to a close.

The passing game wasn't the only thing working for the Tartars, though. The aggressive rushing attack that had worked so well for them last year wound up putting some points on the board in their first game of the season this year as well. With a little over a minute remaining in the first half of play, senior running back Jonathan Heard ran for a 30-yard touchdown to put the Tartars up 28-0 before the break. Heard finished with 92 yards and two touchdowns on only eight carries on the night, while junior running back Bobby Wilson came through with a game-high 116 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries. With a strong ground attack like that, Kalama can afford to take some shots downfield. The quarterback ended up going 7-for-12 for 157 yards and three touchdowns--all of them thrown to Kovacs, who finished the night with 121 yards receiving and three touchdowns.

The Tartars looked very strong to start the season, but still had some minor setbacks in the game when it came to penalties and yards penalized. Certainly, Hollis will work with the team on its discipline going into this week's game against Bell Gardens as well as down the road when the team takes on cross-town rivals West, South and North High.

North High

For a team that went 2-8 last season, the North High Saxons certainly came out against the Redondo Sea Hawks showing a lot of fight. Though the Saxons wound up losing by the final score of 42-35, it was a game that clearly either team could have taken.

The fourth quarter is what changed the entirety of the game for both teams. With 6:09 left in the contest, Redondo scored on an 81-yard touchdown to push its lead to 35-27. North would answer when receiver Michael Jurado caught an 11-yard touchdown pass followed by a two-point conversion connection to Devante Jenkins to tie the score at 35-35. Just three plays later, however, the scoring barrage continued as Freddie Smith broke loose for a 35-yard run for a touchdown with just over two minutes remaining in the game. The score proved to be the final touchdown of the game and ended the seesaw battle with the Sea Hawks coming out on top.

Though the Saxons ultimately took the loss, they received various impressive performances from a variety of players on the team. Starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez showed that he is ready to deliver the ball this year, going 28-for-46 for 359 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. Jurado, who seems to be the favorite target of Hernandez, reeled in a stunning 17 catches for 220 yards and two touchdowns. Jenkins added seven catches for 83 yards and a touchdown. "The potential is there," explained head coach Todd Croce, "but we're going to have to iron out a lot of mistakes. We just had too many missed tackles and too many penalties." Those are certainly problems that the Saxons will have to iron out before they take on this week's opponent Palos Verdes Peninsula, but the team looks scrappy, explosive and ready to put together some wins this season nonetheless. •

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different from before is the emphasis on small plates" says chef-owner Scott Cooper. "We always wanted to do interesting, delicious, smaller-portioned dishes that guests could sample and share." Now open for lunch, happy hour, dinner and late-night; valet parking is available and self-parking is free. For opening news and special events, follow Jackson's Food + Drink on Facebook and on Twitter @hellojacksons. Reservations call 310-606-5500.



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Taking a test drive: Do it right

(ARA) - When shopping for a new or used car, the test drive is an essential part of the process. While the test drive may be exciting, experts advise car shoppers keep emotions in check and evaluate the car in its entirety to make a good purchase decision.

"A test drive shouldn't be just a joyride," says Joe Wiesenfelder, executive editor at Cars.com, who test drives more than 150 cars each year. "This is your chance to size up the car when it's stationary, and to drive it like you plan to every day and make sure it's the right car for you."

When test driving a used car:

* Check for any unusual or bad smells, sounds and sights.

* Write down anything that seems damaged or suspicious; refer to this before you make that big purchase.

* Bring a second person along to act as a second set of eyes and ears.

* Bring the car to a trained mechanic to inspect the vehicle, detect overlooked faults and predict future maintenance costs. If the seller doesn't allow you to take it to a mechanic, walk away.

For both new and used vehicle test drives:

* Explore the car fully before you drive; you can't concentrate on everything at once.

* Make sure you are comfortable in the car.

* Check the visibility in all directions.

* Figure out whether this car fits your lifestyle. For example, can you install that child seat without trouble? Will your bike fit in the trunk? Is there enough room in the cargo area for a dog kennel?

* Judge if the car you're testing has the right options; dealers may have more of the same model with different options, or you may consider ordering a car to suit your preferences.

* Come prepared ahead of time. Do some research on the automaker's website if you



know what kind of car you want, as well as on unbiased third party sites like Cars.com.

* If you are not allowed to test drive the vehicle, walk away and consider a different seller.

"Really drive it," says Wiesenfelder. "Take it to common places you drive. Will it fit in your garage or parking spot? Are you willing to drive this car to work every day? Can you maneuver it in tight quarters with ease? These are all questions to answer before and during your test drive."

While emotions can be the biggest influencer on a test drive, experts recommend that you be prepared to walk away if you are not completely satisfied. "There are plenty of other new and used cars in the market," says Wiesenfelder.

Ask George

Expert Answers to Common DMV Questions

By George Valverde - Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

Do you have questions about general driving related requirements like registration and insurance? Are you unclear about laws and restrictions related to driving? The California Department of Motor Vehicles has answers. Save Time. Go Online at www.DMV.ca.gov.

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I was never a cat person until my wife Janice and I adopted "GYZMO" from the shelter. She was so frightened--this photo was taken on her first day with us as she poked her little head out of Janice's sweater. Photo submitted by Jamey M. Blunt.



I've been around racing all my life, since my father is an announcer/broadcaster for races. This is one of my favorite photos that I've taken. It's of twelve-year-old Lauren Wallace on a 125cc two-stroke flat track bike, taken at Tulare Motorsports park in Tulare, CA. Photo submitted by Jessyca Blunt.

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Downtown Torrance Market Place Draws Crowd, Creates High Expectations

By Cristian Vasquez

Vendors, local owners and curious residents filled El Prado Avenue, between Post and Sartori, for Torrance's first Downtown Market Place. The first gathering was hosted on Thursday, August 9 and is scheduled to take place every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

"This will bring people out in the community," local business owner and founder of the Downtown Torrance Market Place Michael Shafer said. "It will become a centerpiece for our community and it will help all the businesses by bringing people who did not even know that Downtown Torrance exists."

The Market Place is heading into its third week of existence and yet it has managed to draw a considerable amount of vendors with a variety of items including vegetables, fruits, arts and crafts, vintage clothing and vintage items, among other things. There will also be live music featured and an antique appraiser providing their services for a nominal fee.

"That is very awesome to have this in Downtown Torrance," vendor and Torrance resident Mary Modglin said. "There are a lot of friendly people and they do stop and visit with you. It's a great way to meet your neighbors too. I do live in Torrance, so I do see some of my neighbors."

Shafer was inspired and determined to organize this event after a trip he took. However due to legalities and requirements necessary to organize an event of this nature where streets are closed off, the process to get the market started was not simple.

"About three years ago, I was up at San Luis Obispo and they had a market that was similar to what I wanted to do where they had food vendors, artisans, antiques and all sorts of stuff," Shafer said. "It was just a great way for the City to come out, hang out and things like that. So I started talking

to the City and they said 'Sure, we'll try it,' and that's how it started. It took a full year for me to take over the street, but the City has been very supportive."

For Mary Feuer, one of the vendors and new business owner in Torrance, these types of events are more about building relationships in the community than they are about just making money. "It is things like these that will slowly become the center of community life around here," Feuer said. "You see the same people come through every time and people say hi. When you are selling antiques and older things, a lot of people might have similar items at home or it reminds them of when they were a kid, so you have a lot of interesting conversations with people. That is definitely part of the fun. For the community, aside from the economic aspect of it, it keeps people from isolation. Old Town is like living in a small town and this is the day we really get to play it as if we were a small town."

After tackling the formalities and legal requirements with the City, Shafer had to take on the task of attracting enough vendors to organize the event. The well-known Torrance resident, business owner and philanthropist expressed his satisfaction with the response from vendors, whom he describes as being very positive from the very beginning. "Reaching out to the vendors was easy--with the Internet, you can find anybody to do anything within a minute," Shafer said. "Last week, we had the grand opening and it went very well. There are people out here today and I am happy again. The shoppers are here and we just have to get the word out so that everybody knows that we have everything. We have all kinds of stuff."

For Modglin, meeting new people and making new acquaintances is her favorite aspect of setting up for these types of events. Having

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A Student's Perspective

It's Almost that Time of Year Again

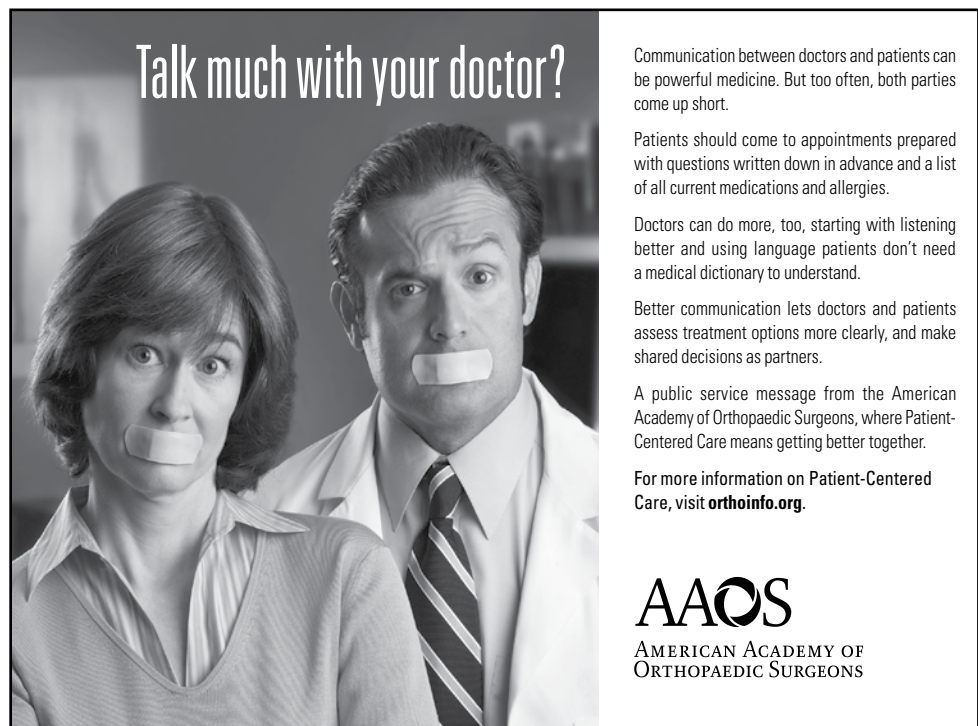
By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

Notebooks for five cents, backpacks for \$20, computers for \$300! The ushering of the massive deals on office supplies can only mean one thing--the end of summer and the start of school. Nine weeks after the glorious start of summer comes the last few days of summer, a period in which students prepare themselves for the upcoming school year by investing in new school supplies and clothes. But on top of doing such enjoyable activities, the last week of school also sparks a great panic for students who have procrastinated on assignments such as summer homework or summer reading. This delicate time period is looked by many as the most hectic and chaotic part of summer.

Registration Day is the first sign of summer's

final week. On this day, students meet missed friends for a brief moment while they turn in their enrollment documents. One of these documents is the student's class schedule. The distribution of schedules to students reminds them of summer's own ephemerality by summarizing what programs they will participate in for the next nine months. The schedule roughly includes which class takes up which period and does not state who the teacher is. Upon receiving their schedule, most students compare the results and look with delight or anguish once they find out their friend is or isn't in the same class. But as they compare schedules, students ask each other, "Where has summer gone?" Another sign of summer's last hurrah are the back-to-school sales attracting parents.

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lived in Torrance for 70 years, she expressed her satisfaction with the community's response at the grand opening, even though there were initially more people looking around than shopping. "I think these events are very important and I am doing it just because I would like to see more of Downtown Torrance," Modglin said. "I would like to see Downtown Torrance get more business and I believe this can bring in the crowd."

For Shafer, it is all about having people come

out to this section of Torrance so residents can get acquainted with the community, its residents and learn a bit more about its history. "They [people] can go into one of the local restaurants, frequent one of the local shops or even open their own business down here," Shafer said. "Ultimately, I want this to grow and become the biggest thing in the world. We are not just here for a short term effort. We are going to be here at least for a full year, if not longer."

Student

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The last-minute rush for school supplies is another signal of the end of summer, with its drastic discounts on supplies such as pencils, notebooks and backpacks that usually start by the beginning of August. The period in which back-to-school sales occur is the only time when a student can buy notebooks for a penny and a pack of pencils for a dollar. Back-to-school deals not only attract students, but eager teachers looking for bargains to resupply their rooms. This sometimes leads to the awkward meetings between teachers and students and debunks the elementary school myth that teachers live inside the classroom. The sales also lead parents to overexploit these deals and purchase items entirely over the necessary amount of supplies needed for a student to complete his school year. I still use notebooks purchased from the massive stockpiles created by the back-to-school sales rush. My mother usually responds to the philosophical question of "why" by saying what most parents usually say and simply state that "it's for a rainy day." But the last week of summer is never truly complete without the lamentations of students procrastinating on their summer assignments.

My Facebook Newsfeed is filled with "friends" posting complaints about their procrastinating attitude and the relatively short span of summer compared to the school year. A

majority of these complaints are aimed toward their summer assignment, which most likely requires a student to read a selection of books and write corresponding summaries based on the plots. The lamentations are caused by a student's continued persistence to always hold things off until the last minute and could easily be resolved by just getting the assignments done early. But this is somewhat justified in high schoolers' minds by their total avoidance of anything school-related during summer. Every student has experienced the back-to-school procrastination panic, a common instance in the chaotic final week of summer.

Summer is the student's brief, three-month-long respite from the rigors of school. But as the first day of school looms closer, the once laidback pace of summer accelerates into a scramble to finish long-avoided assignments and purchase necessary school supplies. Sometimes this rush causes students and parents to overestimate the supplies needed and a panic to students who have long held back their summer reading assignments. But the sudden acceleration in place is merely preparing students for the fast-paced nature of the school year that is inching closer with every day that passes. As summer comes to a close, a new chapter of the year approaches with new challenges to accept and opportunities to accomplish. •



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 ~ Ernest Hemingway*

WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

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 15. Not fine
 16. Acquisition method
 19. Ones at the helm
 20. "You don't say!"
 21. "___ time"
 22. Old Icelandic literary work
 23. Snubbing
 31. West Indian folk magic
 32. Catch
 33. Farm call
 34. Fabric
 35. Acadia National Park locale
 37. Bakery buy
 38. Extreme suffix
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 41. Eluding an officer
 45. Feeder filler
 46. Legal org.
 47. Catalog
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- DOWN**
 1. Cries at fireworks
 2. Map
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 5. Fourth letter of Hebrew alphabet
 6. Exceedingly
 7. "___ go!"
 8. Bygone polit. cause
 9. Tree type
 10. **** review
 11. Sheltered
 12. Maryland stadium
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 18. Certain federal tax
 22. Distinctive flair
 23. Show fear
 24. Having a lot to lose?
- ACROSS**
 25. Boxing blows
 26. Not dis
 27. Kind of jack
 28. Candidate's concern
 29. Standards
 30. Reached
 35. Unaccompanied compositions
 36. Passage
 37. Lookout point
 39. Aggravation
 40. Harsh Athenian lawgiver
 42. King Mark's bride
 43. January's birthstone
 44. Old calculator
 47. Does something
 48. Dirty coat
 49. Cut down
 50. Coconut fiber
 51. African antelope
 52. Play thing
 53. Capital near the 60th parallel
 54. Adult-in-waiting?
 56. U.N. workers' grp.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Remembering Labor Day in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Labor Day falls every year on the first Monday in September. Although its origin is debated, it has been a national holiday since 1894. It is a day to celebrate all those who work and also reminds us that summer is nearing a close and school is starting soon. I decided to ask some people in Torrance and the South Bay what Labor Day means to them.

While having an Italian dinner in Torrance one evening at a table covered with crisp white butcher paper, I spoke with Brian K. Smith, who was born and raised in Los Angeles and has been working at the restaurant for only



Brian K. Smith

three weeks. But Brian is also a student at the University of California, Irvine working toward a master's degree in vocal arts. Brian was a dancer and model for 10 years prior to working on his master's degree and lived and worked in Italy, France, Japan and Brazil. "I came back [to the USA] and decided to take a vocal class, and it just started from there," he said. "I started at LACC and took a vocal lesson and just took the next one and I had vocal class and commercial music and they said, 'You could really do this.' So then I applied when I graduated there--I was a foreign language major--then when I applied to Cal State Long Beach, they had a music department of course and scholarships and I tried out for it and I got it. And that is how it started."

Brian now wants to be a professional singer and branch out into acting. I then asked him what he thought about Labor Day. He said, "I think of unions myself. I used to work for a hotel and I know the union is very important, so that is what it means to me--[the] union protecting me. I have never gotten Labor Day off." Brian is a tenor who prefers singing pop and has written his own music, but told me he wants to get better with the arranging. He plays piano and flute and is learning guitar and violin as well. He added, "My mother

was a teacher and my father was a painter. She [my mother] introduced me to classical music and I didn't realize that she actually sang classical music until I was in it. Her name was Eloise Smith." After Brian left my table, I saw him hurry toward the center of the restaurant where he scooted a wooden chair toward the server's island and stood on the seat. All of a sudden the entire room was filled with a full-voiced tenor singing in Italian. Brian is truly a splendid singer and I see why he was encouraged to pursue a singing career. What a treat to have dinner and a show!

The next day, I drove my very dirty car into the local carwash on Hawthorne Boulevard. After selecting my wash and wax package and my preferred air freshener, I headed into the office to pay. Behind the counter I met Jasmine Vera, age 19, who has been working at the carwash for five months. I first asked her if she liked her job and she said, "I actually do. I love working with people. I am a people person." I then asked Jasmine if she ever thought about Labor Day or what it means.



Jasmine Vera. Age 19.

She told me she hadn't thought about it much and she doesn't get the day off. But she added, "I actually strongly think that we should be grateful for the time that we do work because nowadays it is really hard to find jobs. So for those people who don't get the day off--in a sense it isn't 'cuz people should have the day off. But I wouldn't complain. Just working every day would be fine by me."

A few days later I happened to bump into Bob Gervais, who owns his own closet company in Torrance. For 26 years, Bob and his wife Donna have lived in Torrance and Bob's company and factory are both located in the city of Torrance. He manufactures and installs custom closets for his customers. I asked Bob what he thought about Labor Day and he immediately said with the broadest smile, "People work so hard every year--especially my employees. When I think of



Bob Gervais.

Labor Day, I think of time to give them a break. They appreciate it and we appreciate everything they do. They work hard every day, so it is a day for them to be recognized for everything they do and give them a day of rest. We try to incorporate the Labor Day holiday by closing early on Friday and we have a barbecue right at the shop and thank everybody. We buy the food, we take half a day and we sit around and celebrate. Everybody gets paid for the day and everybody has a good time." Bob celebrates his nine employees and I found that to be a complete turnaround from the days of the beginning of the industrial revolution when employees were not always appreciated as they should have been.

Later in the week, I happened to be at a local hamburger café and spotted some younger citizens and decided to get their views on Labor Day. Landon Smith, age 11, hasn't held a steady job as of yet, but has had a lemonade stand. "I set it [the lemonade stand] up in my front yard and charged 50 cents," he said. I then asked Landon's sister Jacquelyn, age 15, what she thought about Labor Day and



Landon Smith, age 11, Jacquelyn Smith, age 15, and Colby Smith, age 17.

she told me, "People get a day off of work and that we have to go back to school. I am going into ninth grade at Marymount." But 17-year-old Colby Smith, the older brother, has been working this summer and told me, "I go to Loyola. It [Labor Day] is a time for people who worked hard to get a day off and relax and stuff. I just finished working

for my dad helping him sell real estate." Real estate? Wow, I can remember my first big job babysitting for the Matthews' two little girls for two weeks. Real estate sounds so grown up for a teenager. Colby told me when he was younger he cleaned the house for his grandma and grandpa and was paid by them. "Labor Day means taking a break from hard work. I go back to school before Labor Day," he said.

The next day, I met Ron Cessna (who retired from teaching just over a year ago) to get his perspective on Labor Day. Ron said, "For the past almost 25 years, it [Labor Day] meant that school was going to start. It was the last holiday and then school would start. That is what it meant to me over the past 25 years." I asked him how he felt not teaching this fall and he told me that since this is all new to him, not working just feels



Ron Cessna. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

like a sabbatical. Ron has taught elementary school--primarily fourth and fifth grade--but has taught first, second, third and fourth combinations. "I will be in my retirement mode," he said. "Walk the dogs, go for a bike ride...and I am getting back into painting. That is what I actually got my degree in a long time ago--painting and art."

Remember when Labor Day was a time to put away those white shoes? Well, we might not pay as close attention to what fashion dictates anymore, but surely there is a wind of change in the air. Cooler breezes in the evening are welcome after the dog days of summer blanketed the area with heat. And school is beginning again. Kindergarteners are starting off on a new adventure and seniors in high school are beginning a time in their lives that will remain frozen in their thoughts forever. But Labor Day also is time to give a nod to the worker. Work is part of what makes this country great. My hat is off to the worker this Labor Day. And whether you celebrate with a barbecue, a parade, a day off or a picnic, remember that work is good. Happy Labor Day! •

Hometown Recruits

AIR FORCE AIRMAN PATRICK J. CLARK GRADUATES FROM MILITARY TRAINING

Air Force Airman Patrick J. Clark graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Clark is the son of Joann Newcomb of Warmington Lane, Huntington Beach, and stepson of Jon Steinman of Cota Avenue, Torrance. He is a 2011 graduate of Marina High School, Huntington Beach.

AIR FORCE SENIOR MASTER SGT. ROBERT M. ZIPLIES RETIRES FROM U.S. AIR FORCE

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robert M. Ziplies has retired from the U.S. Air Force. Ziplies served as the cyber systems

superintendent assigned to the 21st Space Wing at Fort Carson, Colo. The senior master sergeant served in the military for 23 years. He is the son of Peter and Erika Ziplies of Nadine Circle, Torrance. Ziplies graduated in 1989 from South Torrance High School, and received an associate degree in 1997 from the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He also earned a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Bellevue University, Neb.

ARMY PFC. JARED S. MAXSON GRADUATES FROM COMBAT TRAINING

Army Pfc. Jared S. Maxson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading,

field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Maxson is the son of Diane Balzano of Michelle Drive, Torrance, Calif., and Steven Maxson of West 65th Drive, Arvada, Colo. He is a 2007 graduate of Arvada West High School, Colo.

ARMY PFC. BRIAN A. MACIAS RETURNS FROM OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

Army Pfc. Brian A. Macias has returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base to serve in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Active duty and reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in South, Southwest and Central Asia, the Arabian peninsula, the Horn of Africa, islands in

the Pacific, and Europe. Macias is a motor transport operator assigned to the 539th Transportation Company at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The private first class has served in the military for one year. He is the son of Lydia Macias of Torrance. Macias graduated in 2009 from South High School, Torrance.

AIR FORCE RESERVE AIRMAN 1ST CLASS IVAN D. GALINDO GRADUATES FROM MILITARY TRAINING

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Ivan D. Galindo graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Galindo is the son of Hilda Medina of South Vermont Avenue, Torrance. •

FOOD & DINING

Summer Corn & Scallop Pasta

The naturally sweet taste of scallops partners beautifully with summer corn at its peak in this corn and scallop pasta recipe. To get the most corn flavor into the creamy pasta sauce for this summer pasta recipe, we use the dull side of a knife to remove the extra bit of the corn kernels and the sweet corn "milk" from the ear after cutting off the fresh kernels. Try this technique anytime you are adding fresh corn to sauces or soups.

Servings: 4 servings, about 1 1/2 cups each
 Total Time: 45 minutes
 Ease of Preparation: Easy

4 lemon wedges

Steps:

- 1: Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling water until just tender, 8 to 10 minutes or according to package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid; drain the pasta.
- 2: Meanwhile, stand an ear of corn on its stem end in a shallow bowl and slice the kernels off with a sharp, thin-bladed knife. Then press the dull side of the knife down the length of the ear to extract any remaining kernels and corn "milk" into the bowl. Repeat with the remaining 3 ears of corn, catching the kernels and "milk" in the bowl.

remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Sprinkle flour over the mixture. Cook, stirring, until the sauce is bubbling and thickened, about 1 minute.

6: Reduce heat to low and return the pasta, bacon and any scallop liquid accumulated on the plate to the pan; toss to coat with the sauce. Stir in basil. Divide the pasta among 4 bowls and top with the scallops. Garnish with more basil, if desired. Serve with lemon wedges.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 473 Carbohydrates - 73 Fat - 8 Saturated Fat - 3 Monounsaturated Fat - 2 Protein

- 28 Cholesterol - 42 Dietary Fiber - 10 Potassium - 829 Sodium - 844 Nutrition Bonus - Vitamin C (99% daily value), Magnesium (41% dv), Vitamin A (36% dv), Folate (31% dv), Potassium (24% dv), Zinc (23% dv), Iron (21% dv)

Tip: Be sure to buy "dry" sea scallops. "Wet" scallops, which have been treated with sodium tripolyphosphate (STP), are not only mushy and less flavorful, but will not brown properly. Some scallops have a small white muscle on the side; remove it before cooking.

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Health: High Fiber, Low Sat Fat, Low Cholesterol, High Potassium, Heart Healthy

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces whole-wheat linguine or fettuccine
- 4 medium ears corn, husked
- 2 strips bacon, chopped
- 1 pound dry sea scallops (see Tip), patted dry
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, plus more for garnish

3: Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crispy, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove to a small bowl with a slotted spoon; leave the bacon fat in the pan.

4: Sprinkle scallops with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Add the scallops to the pan and cook over medium heat until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate; tent with foil to keep warm.

5: Add the corn kernels and corn "milk," bell pepper and garlic to the pan and cook, stirring, until the garlic is fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the reserved cooking liquid and wine and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the corn is tender, about 3 minutes more. Stir in sour cream and the

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Beat the Heat with Water Conservation, Home Safety Advice

(ARA) - The peak water usage season, which usually begins in late July or early August, arrived early this year with record

high temperatures and widespread drought. During the warmer months, the average American uses about four times as much

water as they do the rest of the year. More time outdoors translates into more sweat and dirt, which leads to taking more frequent showers and washing additional loads of laundry. Meanwhile, outside, fighting heat and lack of rain requires heavy lawn and garden watering.

All of the increased activity adds up. Fortunately, the plumbing experts at Roto-Rooter recommend a list of water safety and conservation tips to beat the heat.

1. Check the temperature setting on your water heater. It should be set no higher than 125 degrees to prevent scalding and reduce energy use. Summer is a good time to turn the temperature down, especially when away on vacation to save on energy costs.

2. Replacing an old showerhead can save up to 7.5 gallons of water per minute without sacrificing water pressure. Also, try cleaning mineral deposits from the showerhead by unscrewing it, soaking it in vinegar overnight and then gently scrubbing with a toothbrush to remove deposits.

3. To maximize efficiency with each load of laundry, check washing machine hoses for rupture. Turn valves on and off to check for leaks.

4. Water should flow freely from outdoor faucets when watering the lawn, washing the car or filling the pool.

5. If everything is operating as it should, be conscious about conserving water. Water your lawn before sun up or after sun down to reduce wasted evaporation.

6. If you will be out of town on vacation and have no house-sitters requiring the washing

machine, you can shut off the machine's water supply.

7. When traveling, install a rain shut-off device on your automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering. Another useful device is a flood detector that works like a smoke detector, setting off an alarm to warn your house-sitter of a potential flood or leak.

8. Make sure that yard drains, gutters and downspouts are cleaned out, open and free of debris.

9. Beware of standing water. Excess water can result from leaky or broken pipes or a damaged sewer line. Standing water is not healthy for children or pets, and is a breeding ground for insects and germs. Inspect the yard for areas that are too wet and with unusual plant or grass growth.

10. If your region is experiencing or anticipating drought, schedule a pipe and drain inspection. Extended periods of very dry ground can cause strain on pipes resulting in cracks. This can create a very serious and expensive problem for homeowners, so it is best to get in front of it with an inspection. •



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