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# Weekend Forecast Friday Partly Cloudy 90°/70° Saturday Mostly Sunny 89°/69° Sunday Partly Cloudy 86°/66°

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# Local Tuskegee Airman Walter Crenshaw Shares Life Experience



Torrance resident and Tuskegee Airman Walter Crenshaw, 102, was recognized with a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal at a recent City Council meeting. Crenshaw met with TerriAnn Ferren about his experience. Seen here is Crenshaw outside the Tuskegee Room named in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen. Read more on page 13.

# **Council Approves Transit Center Design**

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council on Tuesday approved the final architectural design for the proposed Torrance Transit Park to be constructed near the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Dominguez Street. The center is planned to be a major hub of bus service in the city and eventually lead to a light rail stop and retail shopping.

According to architect Aaron Kelly, the current design offers a "playful" canopycovered walkway, "modern" design for the structures and hopefully an "iconic" look overall. Reaching this final design concept has been a complicated process for the Council. The original proposals for the plaza were rejected by the Council and the second round of concepts received criticism for nearly every member of the group. Eventually during a Council workshop held on June 5, a tentative plan was approved. However, between then and Tuesday's Council meeting, some changes were made to the plan, removing the proposed parking structure and a retail building, as well as changing the design of the canopies to make them look less like port cranes and more like umbrellas. These changes didn't bother the Council enough to reject the plan and all the members voiced their support. Councilmember Gene Barnett said the circus-like canopies were preferable to him compared with the nautical design debuted at the workshop. "I'm in favor of this design," said Barnett. "It looks less like a boat harbor and more like Barnum and Bailey just came to town."

Councilmember Susan Rhilinger was less pleased, but shared Barnett's opinion that the new design was more pleasing than the port-themed concept. "It's not my first choice...it's better than the shipyard," said Rhilinger. "It looks like it's busy with all those columns."

Determining the look of the project wasn't the only thing on the Council members' minds--they were also concerned with keeping the project within budget. "Are we going to be able to afford this?" asked Councilmember Tom Brewer. "Now that we are getting near a final approval, is it within budget?"

Mayor Frank Scotto answered by saying that the new design is closer to budget, and a representative from the City Manager's Office said that the changes--such as removing the parking structure and shrinking some of the retail space--were prompted by budget concerns. The representative said that the City's and the architect's goal is to stay within the \$21 million budget for the project. The Council voted unanimously to approve the concept, which is the first step towards seeing the plaza completed by the estimated July 2014 grand opening date.

The Council also met this year's group of

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# Torrance Hosts 51st Annual International Surf Festival

### **By Cristian Vasquez**

Sand soccer, beach volleyball, surfing and a two-mile beach run were just some of the activities organized during the this year's International Surf Festival. The festival, organized by BEACHSPORTS. org, the chambers of commerce and cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Department of Beaches and Harbors, took place from July 31 to August 5. For the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, this is only the second year it has been involved with organizing the event.

"It kind of bugged me because all the other chambers were involved--we would even meet in their chamber of commerce office and every time I was there I would wish that we [Torrance] would be involved," Senior Recreation Supervisor for Torrance

Carl Kaemerle said. "When Donna Duperron [TACC President] came on board, I asked her if she wanted to be involved. She asked what it was about, I told her and she thought it would be great."

Among the festivities that kicked off the weeklong event was the Charlie Saikley Volleyball Tournament at Manhattan Beach, followed by the L.A. County Lifeguard Championships at Hermosa Beach, which included several other lifeguard events and demonstrations. The Sixth Annual Sand Soccer Challenge, hosted at Torrance Beach, attracted 23 teams for a total of 230 registered players.

"It's kind of cool because a lot of people don't see the City of Torrance as a beach city--we have almost a mile of beach," Kaemerle said. "It's fun. Sand soccer is simply fun. Even if you're an expert in

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# SMILE awhile



Jameson Thornburg enjoying her horse Bellagio. Photo taken and submit-ted by Jesse Thornburg.

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cultural exchange students from Kashiwa, Japan. Scotto gave the group a warm welcome and thanked them for coming to Torrance. He also thanked the Torrance Sister City Association (TSCA) for helping to make their trip possible. "It's my pleasure to welcome a very special group of visitors for our sister city of Kashiwa, Japan," said Scotto. "We are truly honored to have with us tonight eight Kashiwa students and their adult chaperone visiting the city of Torrance as part of the cultural exchange program sponsored by the Torrance Sister City Association."

The students and chaperone arrived in Torrance on August 1 and will be staying with their host families until August 20. Each of the students gave a short speech, in English, about what they have done since arriving here and their impressions of the Torrance community. Chiaki Ozawa talked about how much she enjoyed visiting Torrance Beach. "I tried to boogie board and played beach ball--it was very enjoyable," said Ozawa. "I appreciate all the time and effort people have made to make this possible."

Another student, Nami Sato, shared her experience delving into Torrance culture. She even joked that she was forgetting how to speak Japanese because of how much English she was using. "I only spent six days here and I am already having a wonderful time," said Sato. "Last Saturday, I didn't speak any Japanese at all. It was my first time speaking only English for a whole day. I think now I am forgetting Japanese."

The group's chaperone, Kenji Higuchi, has also been enjoying his time in the city. He said he has learned a lot about America from his stay in Torrance. Higuchi added he hopes that the Torrance and Kashiwa exchange program will continue and that for many of the students with him now, Torrance is a second hometown. "I have no words to add--our students have said everything," said Higuchi. "We have learned a lot about Torrance. For most of the students, this is a first-time trip for them, but I know for them it will be a second home." •



# A Student's Perspective

# A Small Slice of Humble Pie

### By Glen Abalavan, **Torrance High School Student**

Everyone has had a small taste of the bittersweet pastry cleverly called Humble Pie. It is made with a cup of embarrassment, a teaspoon of apologies, a pinch of coincidence and baked in an oven of contemplation. Humble Pie can only be ready when its recipient is ready and is frequently fed to those with large amounts of pride. Unlike other pastries, Humble Pie does not actually have any nutritional benefits, but has long-lasting effects in places where no other baked good can affect--the soul.

As children, most people were humbled for the first time when they decided to defy their parents only to find out their parents were right the entire time. It might have been trying to stay up late on a weekday or sneaking away to a friend's house on the weekends, but most defiant acts in people's childhoods usually ended up to the rebel's own detriment and serves the perpetrator with an appropriate serving of Humble Pie. When the presence of parental supervision diminishes as people grow older, the urges to rebel against the rules their parents enforced increase and causes some individuals to give in and perform quite regrettable deeds. Unfortunately, some individuals refuse to change their arrogant ways and are humbled only when a traumatic event has occurred, such as incarceration or a family death.

Arrogant individuals are the main recipients of this humble soul dish. For centuries, the media exposed haughty individuals such as arrogant CEOs, celebrities and world leaders who fell from grace and were forced to pick up the pieces. Their humbling moment might have been an economic downturn, a scandal, or a rebel uprising. But although their Humble Pies might have been served through different types of personal catastrophes, most chose to change their dastardly ways to avoid another mishap.

A few days ago, I received my serving of this dish when I coincidentally ran into my best friends, whom I have not spoken to this whole summer. This unlikely reunion occurred when I went inside KFC to take a

simple drink of water and was greeted by my friends. As I came inside, my friends asked me why I didn't play basketball with them that day. I told them that I couldn't make it because I had a "family dinner" to attend. I lied. In fact, I actually hung out with another friend and ate at a local buffet. My longtime friends caught my fib as soon as they saw me enter KFC and told me that it was one in the group's last day before moving to Lake Elsinore. I felt a rush of embarrassment and regretted disregarding my friends for the whole summer. Suddenly facing the fact that I may not meet one of my best friends for an extended period of time really made me reconsider my priorities and humbled me in front of the other.

When time came for my best friend to leave the restaurant, I humbly said my farewells, apologized and thanked him for accepting me back into the group. As I shook his hand for the last time he told me, "We always accepted you--you just didn't always accept us." Knowing that it might be the last words I may hear from my best friend for a very long time, I let the words sink in and further humble my once-haughty soul. But in a bizarre turn of events, and in my classic best friend's style, he shuffled back inside the fast food joint to say that he forgot his gym bag. At that moment, I received two servings of Humble Pie when my circle of friends chuckled at me, told me that my best friend wasn't going to move and showed how it feels like to be deceived. The feeling was bittersweet, but was quickly relieved when my circle of friends and I caught up on the three months that we haven't seen each other.

A famous teacher once said that those who exalt themselves will be humbled while those who humble themselves will be exalted. The constant media exposure of famously arrogant individuals falling from grace proves this statement. Just like the taste of the metaphorical Humble Pie, humbling oneself is bittersweet. But admitting one's shortfalls beforehand prevents even worse consequences from ever occurring. A small slice of Humble Pie is far better than a banquet of disgrace. •



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### Saturday, August 11

- Astronaut Captain Dick Richards, 2 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. This event is free, but seating is limited. Fore more information call (310) 618-5959.
- Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Flying Fish, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- · Bark for Life of Torrance, a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Columbia Park. For more information call Sheri Slover at (310) 990-2518.
- Progressive Democratic Club meeting, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., at Dennys Restaurant, 600 E Carson Parkway in Carson For more information contact Steve Varalyay at srvaralyay@gmail.com or Julian Burger at (310) 508-9234

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- · Celebrity Lecture Series: Stealth Fighters Triumph in 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

· 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. 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.
- 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.
- Downtown Torrance Market Place, every Thursday, 3-7 p.m. For more information call (310) 787-7501.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, First Christian Church, Room 8, Maple & El Dorado. Free.
- "Retired Guys Only" Join fellow retirees the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242. •

# <u>People</u>

### **GRADUATION**

Benjamin Turk, Applied Music, MM major and a resident of Torrance, graduated from the University of Houston in May. •



# **Del Amo Rotarians Receive Recogntion**

Rotary International District 5280 Governor Lew Bertrand presents members of the Del Amo Rotary Club with Visionary Awards at a recent meeting. Receiving recognition (left to right) were Marc Benard, Mark Frederick, Bill Oberholzer, Dean Reuter. Also pictured are Lew Bertrand and Del Amo Rotary President Phil Sblendorio.

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- Chris Brasher

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The Nixle Community Information Service allows them to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at at http://www.nixle.com/. The service is reliable and free to use.

The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a 1/4 mile radius, or the whole city, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

There is no spam and no hidden cost. Standard text messaging rates do apply.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter and Facebook, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from the Torrance Police Department via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

"Nixle is a first-of-its-kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, Founder and CEO. "In today's world, you have to trust the source of your information. Residents of Torrance can rest easy that the local messages they receive are authentic."

Residents of Torrance and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

Go to the Torrance Police Department's website, under Community Affairs, and go to "E-mail Alert Program" for instructions on how to complete the registration.

Provided from the Torrance Police Department website. •

# 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 JULY 28**

Vandalism: 3700 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) punctures victim's vehicle's tires.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes victim's forgotten property from seat in fitting room/ cell phone.

**Burglary Residential**: 1900 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ handguns, silver bars.

### **JULY 27**

Burglary-Auto: 18500 BLOCK WILTON PL Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/wallet, jewelry,

Theft: 23300 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's locked property from carport/bicycles.

Burglary-Auto: 3500 BLOCK MARI-COPA ST Suspect(s) opens hood, cuts alarm wires, enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/tools.

Burglary-Auto: 21500 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) removes window for entry and takes property/tools.

Theft: 2300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converters.

**Burglary-Residential**: 22400 BLOCK WARMSIDE AVE Suspect(s) cuts padlock for entry and takes property/tools.

Burglary-Auto: 2800 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/iPod, stereo faceplate,

Theft: 23500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Vandalism: AMIE AVE & TORRANCE

B L V D Suspect(s) punctures victim's vehicle's



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ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse hanging on her chair as she dines/wallet.

Vandalism: 20900 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) slashes tires on four parked

Burglary-Auto: 17000 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/laptop.

# **JULY 26**

Theft: 2900 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/ tires.

Theft: 3800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) enters business and takes unattended property from counter/purse.

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) smashes touch screen on DVD vending machine.

**Burglary-Auto**: 3700 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle via partially open window, ransacks and takes property/ speakers, tools.

Burglary-Commercial: 2900 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) defeats lock by unknown means and takes property from locker/cash, cell phone.

### **JULY 25**

Burglary-Auto: 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) pries door handle for entry and takes property/third row seats.

Theft: 23900 BLOCK OCEAN AVE Suspect(s) takes property without permission while inside residence with permission/jewelry.

Theft: 25500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victims' unlocked offices/tablet, laptops.

Auto Theft-All: 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Stolen vehicle: '94 utility trailer.

Theft: 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) takes unattended property from victim's work area/wallet.

Auto Theft-All: 20500 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Stolen vehicle: '01 Toyota Corolla.

Vandalism: 1700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) throws a glass bottle at victim's vehicle's windshield, shattering the

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# **Distraction Burglaries and Related Criminal Activity**

Details: In the last two weeks four West End distraction burglary incidents have been reported to the Torrance Police Department. The information provided herein is intended to inform the community and prevent any additional crimes in our city.

Monday, July 23, 2012 at 3:20 p.m. in the 5200 block of Milne: Suspect posed as a construction worker needing to see the victim's backyard while his associate entered the master bedroom and took cash; victims are 82 and 85 years old Suspect-1: Other Male Adult, 30-50 years of age, 5'7"-5'9", 175-190 pounds, slim, dark complexion, facial hair, wearing an orange construction vest and carrying a clipboard Suspect-2: Other Male Adult, 20-30 years of age, 5'6"-5'8", stocky, unknown clothing Suspect-3: (Driver) Other Male Adult, in his 30s, light beard, "good looking", wearing a dark ball cap, white tshirt - both S-1 and S-2 had strong unknown accents Suspect vehicle: gray, newer SUV with POWER paper plates

Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the 5200 block of Bindewald: The 86-year-old victim was doing yard work in her front yard when suspects approached her and inquired if her vehicle that was parked in front of her residence was for sale. The suspects then took turns using the victim's bathroom and searching bedroom drawers, but took nothing Suspect-1: "Chris" possibly Hispanic Male Adult, 25-35 years old, 5'8" tall, medium build, dark hair, mustache, wearing a blue and white checkered Pendleton, white t-shirt underneath and blue jeans Suspect-2: "Lisa" possibly Hispanic Female Adult, 25-35 years old, 5'6" tall, medium build, dark hair, wearing a skirt. Suspect vehicle: red, newer SUV \*the same suspects were denied use of the 76-year-old victim's bathroom in the 5200 block of Vanderhill at 4:30 p.m. on the same date after demonstrating a product that would

remove oxidation from the victim's vehicle\* Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 6:37 p.m. in the 19900 block of Hawthorne: Suspects knocked on the 77-year-old victim's door and inquired if a camper and older model vehicle parked in her driveway were for sale, before asking to use the victim's bathroom and taking collectible coins from the master bedroom Suspect-1: Hispanic or Other Male Adult, 20-25 years old, 5'6" tall, medium build, brown eyes, short brown hair, light complexion, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans Suspect-2: Hispanic or Other Male Adult, 20-25 years old, 5'8" tall, thin build, brown eyes, short brown hair, olive complexion, wearing a burgundy plaid long sleeve flannel shirt – suspects spoke to each other in an unknown foreign language Suspect vehicle: newer, burgundy smaller SUV

Background: Male suspects posing as legitimate workers approach elderly homeowners at their residences with the intent of gaining entry under a seemingly legitimate ruse. The real purpose is to divert the homeowner while accomplices search for currency and jewelry. Frequently used ploys include: claiming to be from the local electric company, water department or cable company, roofing, paving or other trade workers, city inspectors, surveyors and tree trimmers. In some instances, women and children accompany male suspects and participate in the diversion of the homeowner. The suspects may offer a rebate by giving the victim a \$100 bill with a request for change. This enables the suspect(s) to determine where the victim keeps currency in the house. The victim is distracted either inside the house turning on/off a light switch, knocking on water pipes or outside observing damage, areas needing repair, determining property lines, etc. Once the victim is distracted, the unseen suspect(s) enters the home and removes currency, jewelry, valuables and documents in master bedrooms and/or wallets and purses near front doors.

Female suspects are responsible for the following:

Knocking on the doors of elderly residents and asking for water for their "sick" child or to use the restroom and then stealing valuables from the distracted victims' bedrooms

Accompanied by young children, begging in front of grocery stores and other commercial locations

Thefts of victims' wallets from their purses as they shop or dine

Swarming (three-five female suspects) predominately female-patronized shops such as salons to distract the employee(s) before targeting cash stashes in backrooms, purses and the register/counter areas

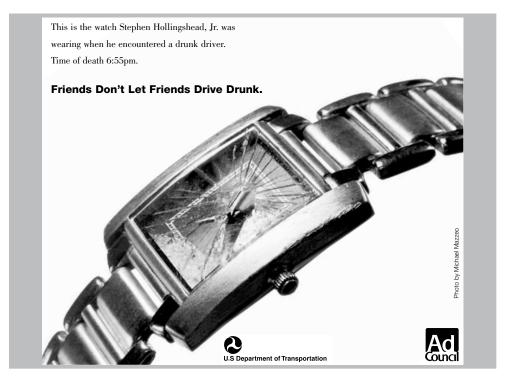
Suspect Description: Often described as Hispanic, Indian and Middle Eastern, from arrests, suspects are known to be of Romanian descent. They may be staying at a motel, apartment or trailer park and often work a large radius away from where they are staying. In other instances, the suspects are extremely mobile, stopping in an area only long enough to commit crimes and then moving on to the next target location. They often communicate with handheld radios or cellular phones while committing crime.

Suspect Vehicle: These suspects generally drive pickup trucks, SUVs and vans, sometimes made to look like government or company vehicles. In some instances, rental vehicles are obtained specifically for use in these crimes.

Residents and community members please notify elderly neighbors, friends, and family members of this information, as it may not be as readily accessible to them.

Report any information believed to be related to this criminal activity to the Torrance Police Department at 310-328.3456.

Provided by the Torrance Police Department. •



# Politically Speaking

# One Man's Opinion

### **By Gerry Chong**

The ever entertaining neighborhood talking cat Juan Carlos sat in my living room today, beaming over the items he had dragged in from a neighbor's basement. With great excitement, he donned an ancient Walter Winchell hat and set up both a giant desk microphone and a teletype machine that still went "rat tat tat" with each pounding. And just like that, the Cat in the Hat News Hour was created!

"What the heck are you planning"? I asked, to which he replied, "I'm Walter Winchell reincarnated, but to make my show even better I'm going to add a feature, asking readers to join me in an exciting and fun contest." "Too cool," I said. "Show me." With that he tugged down

his hat like a baseball pitcher with men on base, wiggled his tail and pitched:

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, New York Times, July 28. The Association of Medical Colleges announced that we have a 69,000-doctor shortage today, but by 2025 it will nearly double to 130,000 under Obamacare.

RAT TAT TAT: Washington, D.C, July 30: Today coal produces 40 percent of U.S. electricity, but EPA regulations will force the shutdown of 8.5 percent of current capacity and prohibit construction of new plants.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Investors Business Daily, July 27. Over the last 10 years, the private sector employment grew by one percent, but government employment grew by 15 percent. President Obama said, "The private sector is doing just fine." The economy needs to grow by three percent just to absorb the population growth...without reducing the number of currently unemployed. Too bad we're only growing at 1.5 percent.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, U.S. Census, July 26: Reports show 224,000 small businesses that had employed 3.1 million people were closed between 2008-2010.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Ernst & Young, July 27: By a 51-48 vote, the Senate approved Barack Obama's plan to raise taxes on small business owners earning over \$200,000 per year. That tax increase will hit 1.2 million employers and cost an additional 700,000 jobs.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, International Monetary Fund, July 30: The world's economy will grow by 3.5 percent in 2012, but the U.S. at less than half that rate. Fifty percent of new jobs created in the U.S. are part-time jobs. For full-time workers, the average workweek is only 34.5 hours. The average family net worth is down 40 percent in the last five years.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Associated Press, July 31: Barack Obama announced that by September 30, the national debt will reach an astounding \$16.2 trillion. He projects that under his programs, the nation's debt will reach \$25.4 trillion by 2022. ("We tried our plan, and it worked. That's why I'm running for a second term." -- Barack Obama, July 25)

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA), July 27: The Federal Register where federal regulations are published has run 41,662 pages so far this year. These regulations will cost the economy \$56.6 billion and will take 114.4 million man-hours to complete. The Small Business Administration (SBA) says red tape costs employers \$10,000 per employee per year.

> RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Heritage Foundation, July 20: George Bush initiated 28 regulations costing \$8.1 billion in compliance. Barack Obama has initiated 106 regulations costing \$46 billion in compliance.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, CBS/ NY Times Poll, July 18: Only 24 percent believe the economy is getting better. Two-thirds believe Obama's policies contributed to the

downturn. Incredibly, 52 percent believe the economy "will NEVER improve under Obama."

"So, cat lovers, this is the first edition of the Cat in the Hat News Hour. We hope you'll stay with us and participate in the contest that follows--and in the meantime, sleep well, America. Government drones are watching you."

Juan Carlos continued, "Without further ado, here's the contest: Since the Obama campaign has already selected its slogan, 'Forward,' it is now searching for a campaign song for the Democratic Convention. The nominated songs are:

Happy Days are Here Again: This is the traditional Democratic song, but in light of the economy, it must be sung with tongue in cheek. TV networks would have to ready the sound suppression button when the guffawing and giggling erupts.

Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow or The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow: Since 52 percent believe the economy will NEVER recover under Obama, neither song with the 'tomorrow' theme will work.

Yesterday: The Beatles' nostalgic look at life before Obama may be just the ticket.

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away; Now it looks as though they're here to stay, Oh, I believe in yesterday.

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be There's a shadow hanging over me

Oh, yesterday came suddenly.

The talking cat pulled off his earphones, clicked off the mike, cradled his head in his

# Political Penguin

### By Duane Plank

So have you wasted, or spent, much of your days or nights watching what used to be the most political event of all--the Olympics? Some of the prepackaged, tape-delayed garbage that the corporate greed mongers at NBC have shoved down our throats? All the while lying to us out here on the Left Coast that some of this taped stuff was live.

As the old huckster and promoter P.T. Barnum was given credit for saying, "There's a sucker born every minute." And we, on the Left Coast, are the suckers, again having to put up with tape-delayed, plausibly live coverage of the XXX Olympiad. Pathetic. And yet we have to accept it, I guess. Bent over again by the corporate greed mongers.

As old, veteran human beings will remember, back in the day the Olympics were supposed to be a sporting contest between our fresh, young, penny-poor amateur athletes, trying to compete with the Commie cheaters from the Evil Soviet empire, or the men posing as women from whichever Germany that was beating us in swimming and whatever other sport we normally care little about but become slave to for a couple of weeks every four years. Think that back then, there was an East and West Germany, and think that the East Germans men and men's teams' (posing as women), were the ones that would royally kick our poor little American butts.

As would the Soviets. But remember the Miracle on Ice, when our actual amateur hockey-playing college kids did beat the Commie Ruskie pros? Back in the Lake Placid Winter Olys back in 1980? Course that game, probably the most famous game ever played in the Olympics, was sent to us tape-delayed by the TV rights' holders at the time. Think it was ABC.

Back then, we were kind of captive. That's right. Back in 1980, we had no access to cellphones, the Internet or any of the myriad ways that we can now get results instantaneously. Which makes the tape-delaying of stuff pretty frustrating. At least for me.

Not so much in the Summer Olympics, but seemed like there was a nasty beat-down every year in the Winter Olys. And we lost, we whined, because their athletes were trained professionals who did nothing but train for the Olys, and our kids were working at Big 5, or the local Jet Strip establishment, making money so that they could train for the 100-yard dash or to cavort on the pommel horse.

Which may or may not have been true back in the day. Americans can also disseminate disinformation and cheat, BTW. And just cuz am astute enough to have figured that out a long time ago doesn't make me anti-American. Just someone who pays attention.

But that day ain't today, is it? We no longer fear the Commies pointing their cannons at our shores. Who even knows if what is left of the Evil Russian Empire has the wherewithal to send a nuclear missile our way? Rumor has it that one of the first spots the Evil Commies would have targeted, were they to hoist a nuke, was at the Aviation Boulevard, which has housed a lot of top-secret and top-notch military stuff for the past many, many years.

And which is pretty darn close to where we all live, right?

So we got tired of not winning and decided to start paying our "amateur" athletes as much or more than the other countries. Won't you be so proud when Kobe Bryant and the other gazillionaires who are begrudgingly taking to the basketball courts in jolly old England pull down the gold medal? I gotta say that I won't be all that upset if the LeBrons and Carmelos of the world are actually challenged a bit. Lose a game? Don't win it all?

So did you see notice last week the political brouhaha that sent the social media-ites into a frenzy, involving the Chick fil-A fast food

> folks? Seems that the leadership of the fast food chain, which I have never chowed down at cuz I don't know where the heck there is one out here, took the stand that they don't cotton to same-sex marriage. Which, if I remember

what the First Amendment is all about, is okay, right? You can say what you want? Unless you pick on gay marriage and then you are labeled a this or that by the notso-tolerant lefties, who then decide to

try and organize a boycott of your little fast food chain?

Seems the lefties are all for freedom of speech, unless the free speech that you espouse doesn't jibe with their agenda.

And, promised a Sarah "Princess" Palin update last week, but failed woefully. Must have been left on the cutting room floor. Anyway, the Princess was tossed under the bus this week by old man Dick Cheney, who served as the VEEP for the last President Bush. Raise your hand if you can remember all of the wonderful accomplishments from the VEEP Chaney?

Anyway, Chaney said that he didn't think that the plucked-from-the-wasteland-of-Alaska Palin was prepared to become President if, somehow, John McCain had triumphed over Mr. Obama and McCain didn't finish his term.

Duh. Good thing that has all been cleared up for us, Mr. Chaney. McCain picked the Princess because she was a nice-looking, if somewhat befuddled woman. First time that has ever happened, right? •

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# **Up and Adam**

# **Home Grown Talent**

### By Adam Serrao

It's not very often that a city can say that one of its very own high school stars has gone on to make it all the way up to the big leagues. Fortunately for the city of Torrance and Torrance High School, they can now say that about Ryan Wheeler. Wheeler is just the latest of a list of baseball stars from Torrance who has made it from the high school ranks to the Major Leagues. The list also includes the likes of Bart Johnson, Justin Miller and Jason Kendall (of Kendall Field fame). Starting his career for the Tartars, Wheeler played for Loyola Marymount University in college before standing out for the Triple-A Reno team enough to get the call up to the major league affiliate--the Arizona Diamondbacks. Wheeler's debut came against the Houston Astros, but the 6'3", 235-pound third baseman recently came home when his team visited the Los Angeles Dodgers and got to put his talents on display in front of his hometown fans for the first time ever in his big league career.

Ryan Wheeler graduated from Torrance High School in 2006. In his senior season with the Tartars, Wheeler batted .454 with two home runs and 30 RBIs to lead his club to a 19-14 season while going 6-4 in league play to finish in third place in the Pioneer League standings. Wheeler and the Tartars were able to make the playoffs that year, getting all the way to the semifinals only to lose to El Segundo by a final score of 7-1. Wheeler went 3-for-3 with an RBI in his last game played as a Torrance Tartar.

Once Wheeler left high school, he went on to star at LMU before making it to Triple-A where he played in an all-star game and rounded out his time in the Minor Leagues by batting .351 with 15 home runs and 90 RBIs for Reno. His coach for the Reno club was former Dodger Brett Butler. Now, Wheeler finds himself playing for former Dodger Kirk Gibson, keeping his Los Angeles ties strong all while being far away from home.

The 90 RBIs Wheeler had in the minors was the best of any player in the same league (Pacific Coast League). To reward the third baseman for all of his hard work, the Diamondbacks gave Wheeler the call-up that he had always dreamed about. Butler was excited to give Wheeler the news after the Reno team won its game that night, but he kept it a secret to the very end. "He told

me he needed to talk to me in his office," Wheeler said of the experience. "I started to try to talk then he said, 'Wheels, forget that, I don't care, congratulations, you're going to the big leagues tomorrow." It was all downhill from there for Wheeler. No more Pioneer League, no more college ball. This was the big leagues and he had finally made it. A lifetime goal achieved.

The 24-year-old Wheeler made his debut for the Diamondbacks on Friday, July 20 against the Astros, batting eighth in the lineup and playing his traditional third base position. Family members traveled to be in attendance to see him make his debut in the Diamondbacks' eventual 13-8 victory over the Astros. The win wasn't what was important. Wheeler's first-ever big league hit, however, was. In the seventh inning, he singled to go 1-for-4 in his big league debut, recording his historic first major league hit in front of eight to 12 family members who were in attendance. "He had a great year down in Triple-A," Gibson said of Wheeler. "He's matured quite a bit since the last time we saw him in the spring. In all aspects of his game, he's worked hard. He's evolving as a player and into someone we've decided to give an opportunity to help us get to where we are going."

Wheeler was selected by the Diamondbacks in the fifth round of the 2009 First-Year Player Draft from LMU. He was named the Minor League Diamondbacks' co-Player of the month for June and the June Topps Player of the Month for the Pacific Coast League after going 50 for 113 to hit .442. Now, Wheeler will try to make his mark in the big leagues. It may take a while, though, as he is being used sparingly by the Diamondbacks who already have everyday players at the positions Wheeler plays (typically third base). On his trip back home, the Diamondbacks swept the Dodgers in the three-game series and Wheeler only came to the plate twice, It may not be right away, it may not even be this year, but Ryan Wheeler is touted to be a serviceable third baseman in Major League Baseball. From Torrance High School all the way to the Arizona Diamondbacks, Wheeler has made his family and his city proud. The latest in the line of incredible athletes out of Torrance, Wheeler will now represent his school and his city in real, professional, big league baseball. How sweet it is. •

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# **Grading the Dodgers**

By Adam Serrao

The baseball season is now more than halfway over and as the final stretch approaches, the Dodgers not only find themselves in contention for one of the two wild card positions, but also in contention for the National League West division title. The team has certainly come a long way since last year and the nightmarish season that took place under Frank McCourt. This year the Dodgers have the same team (for the most part), but a different image under Stan Kasten, Magic Johnson and the rest of the ownership group that has taken over and turned Dodger fans' fears into fantasies. The moves that the Dodgers have made at this year's trade deadline have shaken up the roster a bit, but even so does the team have what it takes to finish in first place and make a deep run into the playoffs?

The Dodgers have been given one of the best grades in the league for their efforts to improve their team in the time leading up to last Tuesday's trade deadline. The move that got everything started was the trade they made with the Miami Marlins to acquire Hanley Ramirez and Randy Choate. Though the Dodgers gave up a talented young pitcher in Nathan Eovaldi to attain the services of Ramirez and Choate, it should prove to be worth it in the long run. Eovaldi may turn into an above average pitcher at some point in his career, but the Dodgers are trying to win now. His time on the mound in the spot starts that he was given didn't impress the Dodgers' front office enough to keep him around, so they did what they should have done and traded him while he still had value. Certainly, Ramirez gives the Dodgers an excellent chance to win in the playoffs this year and winning now is of the utmost importance to the Dodgers' front office. They must prove to the fans that the team is different than it had been under McCourt and that they will do whatever it takes to put a winning product out there on the field.

So far, so good. Choate will slide in nicely to a bullpen that was in desperate need of another quality left arm to go up against talented right-handed bats in the latter innings of games. Ramirez and his resume speak for themselves. With a 2006 NL Rookie of the Year and a 2009 NL batting title already under his belt, Ramirez is a three-time All-Star starter. The 28-year-old shortstop/third baseman has a lifetime batting average of .300 with 482 RBIs, 148 home runs and 230 stolen bases. The perfect addition for the Dodgers, Ramirez can hit for average and power and is a menace on the base paths with his speed. While only batting around the .250 range for the first half of the season, the change of scenery should help get Ramirez's bat back on track. It won't be long before he sparks the Dodgers' offense and leads the team to some key victories down the stretch of the season. He is playing third base now, but ideally Ramirez would like to take over Dee Gordon's position at shortstop. He would certainly be a defensive upgrade over Gordon and bring a better on-base percentage to the lineup. Currently, however, the Dodgers have a black hole at third base due to the disappearance of Juan Uribe (another ex-Giant who never played well with the Dodgers), so the acquisition of Ramirez should help there and assist in the team's chase of an NL West title.

The other key pickup before the trade deadline was ex-Philadelphia Phillies' centerfielder Shane Victorino. The Dodgers gave up more young talent to get him, shipping off Josh Lindblom and pitching prospect Ethan Martin to the Phillies in the process. Victorino is a great pick-up defensively, filling the void in left field for

the Dodgers and adding even more speed to the outfield trio that includes Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier. Victorino will fill in for Gordon at the top of the lineup and give the Dodgers a player who can actually get on base and use his speed once he gets there. His batting average is lower than usual, however, at only .261 for the season. Lindblom had posted a 3.02 ERA in 48 relief appearances for the Dodgers this season with a lifetime ERA of 2.91 in 75 career games. It hurts to see a promising young arm like that leave an already struggling bullpen, but Dodger fans can only hope that Victorino will assist the team in scoring enough runs to make the lack of production out of the bullpen a non-issue. The Dodgers also acquired Brandon League from the Seattle Mariners for the bullpen. The reliever has nine saves on the season with a 3.63 ERA in 46 games.

Though the moves the Dodgers have made have certainly bolstered their lineup, much is left to be wondered about the pitching staff. After Clayton Kershaw, the Dodgers don't have a dependable enough arm in the rotation to make a deep run into the playoffs. The trade deadline is over, but the Dodgers are still able to acquire players off of waivers until August 31. Recently, they added Joe Blanton to the rotation, but even he has a 4.59 ERA and the tendency to consistently give up home runs. What the Dodgers needed to do was acquire pitching. They had a deal in place for Ryan Dempster of the Chicago Cubs, but the Cubs wanted too many talented prospects in return. Better the Dodgers didn't make that move because Dempster can leave the team at the end of this season, leaving the Dodgers empty-handed in the process. Chad Billingsley is inconsistent, Chris Capuano has fallen off in the second half of the season, Ted Lilly has been injured all year and Aaron Harang has more bad days than good ones. The Dodgers originally claimed Cliff Lee off of waivers from the Phillies, but instead settled for Blanton because the Phillies revoked the waivers.

At least the Dodgers are trying--something that they never did under McCourt's reign. The additions that the Dodgers have made thus far have been extremely good ones for the offense, but with little to no pitching in the rotation, a World Series appearance is still more than a long shot. Maybe the Dodgers have another trick up their sleeves before the waiver deadline comes and goes, but at this point their roster seems to be maxed out. They may have the offensive firepower necessary to outgun the Giants and the Diamondbacks in the race for the NL West title, but should they make it to the playoffs, they will leave soon after with an early exit. The Dodgers get an A plus for the moves made at the deadline, but Kershaw won't be enough to keep the team afloat come October. •

# Community Gathers to Celebrate Tortilla Cantina's Second Anniversary



Kathleen Taylor of Professional Training Services, TerriAnn Ferren of City of Torrance Cultural Arts Center and Brenda Wong of Tony Roma's/Capricciosa Italian.



The Tortilla Cantina anniversary celebration continued on Saturday night with lively entertainment from ZERIMAR and FRITZ



Theresa Stanberry of Stanberry Laundry Co. and Leslie Cortez of City of Torrance



Left to Right: Councilman Gene Barnett, Councilman Bill Sutherland, Mayor Frank Scotto, Councilman Tom Brewer



Irving Pacheco of The Office of Senator Ted Lieu congratulates Owners Bert and Rick.

### **Photos by Charlene Nishimura**

Mayor Frank Scotto and several city dignitaries along with business owners from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated Tortilla Cantina's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in Old Torrance with a grand ribbon cutting on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Owners Bert Sierra and Rick Gomez proudly displayed a newly installed restaurant sign and participants were invited to feast on several of their unique dishes. This is definitely a family business and according to Bert, the special Mexican recipes from her 95-year old mother Aurora Sierra remain the essence of the Tortilla Cantina menu. Bert and her son Rick have adapted the cooking techniques of Aurora and their food is "a fusion of both Mexican and California cuisine and everevolving." Tortilla Cantina is specifically known for their homemade tortillas and 25 beers available on tap. They also feature a breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays which include favorite dishes like omelets,

pancakes and waffles along with traditional Mexican entrees with Children and Senior discounts offered.

The family chose the Old Torrance restaurant site two years ago after living in the South Bay where Rick was raised and went to school. They pride themselves on a gathering place which is casual, festive and delicious.

Guests at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony included Mayor Frank Scotto, Councilman Tom Brewer, Councilman Gene Barnett, Councilman Bill Sutherland. Special congratulatory certificates were presented by Irving Pacheco from The Office of Senator Ted Lieu and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Director Peter Issa of CapitalSource Bank.

The anniversary festivities continued Saturday night with a packed house celebration and live entertainment from ZERIMAR and FRITZ who wowed the crowd with their acoustic guitar performance. •

# **Blue Butterfly Tour Offers Look into Preservation Efforts**



The El Segundo Blue Butterfly, which became the first insect to be listed as a federal endangered species, is sometimes referred to as an umbrella species because by protecting the butterfly their habitat and the other species that live in it are also being protected. Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles World Airports.

### By Cristian Vasquez

Squeezed between the western border of the Los Angeles International Airport and the ocean is a dry section of small hills scattered with brush and desolate to the unknowing eye. Home to a wide range of animals and species, the once house-filled hills are now the habitat of the El Segundo Blue Butterfly.

"This is a habitat which supports a lot of unique species. The butterfly though, because it is a butterfly, allows people to better relate to it than they can to let's say a wasp or a cricket or a beetle," Dick Arnold, the entomologist and consultant to LAX for the preservation project, said. "We have legless lizards that are not snakes. There are several rare plants, all of which supply the biodiversity makeup of the El Segundo Sand Dunes. It really is an endangered habitat that is composed of a lot of unique species. However, the way the law is written, we have to recognize a particular species in order to protect the habitat. It's kind of backwards in some sense, but the butterflies are sometimes referred to as an umbrella species because by protecting the butterfly we are able to check its habitat and manage the habitat to benefit the butterfly and other species."

Arnold and a group of four go out to the dunes on several occasions and collect information by observing the butterflies' behavior. This helps Arnold and his group with preservation efforts and allows them prevent the El Segundo Blue butterfly and other species from going extinct.

"Well you figure out how many are out here and whether or not the population is increasing or decreasing. There is normal fluctuation from year to year, but if you start to see an overall trend where it is really declining, then you need to figure out what is the underlying cause," Arnold said. "Is it not enough buckwheat that is flowering? Butterfly depends on the flower of the buckwheat. You can't always identify everything, but you can try to get as much information as possible to identify the underlying problem and eventually correct it. Sometimes we just may need to increase the number of plants. We just need to know what's going on in the habitat."

Arnold will observe the behavior of butterflies when they are alone or in groups. He will then record and indicate how many butterflies were spotted and what their behavior was, which can range from mating to laying eggs, to feeding and simply trying to stay warm. The information goes into a database with GPS capabilities, which helps Arnold analyze the data at the end of the season and the end of count events.

"For the most part, they just fly aroundthey're easier to spot when they fly because a lot of them are well camouflaged when they are sitting in one spot,' Arnold said. "As you approach the plants, if you approach it without casting a shadow on them, the butterfly will sit still. But these are things you learn after years of experience."

Information provided by Marshall Lowe from the Los Angeles World Airports indicates that in 2011 there was an estimate between 120,610 and 125,920 El Segundo Blue Butterflies. That represented an eight percent increase over 2010. The 2010 count, however, represented a 30 percent increase from 2009. Back in 1976, there were fewer than 500 butterflies and that is when the El Segundo Blue Butterfly became the first insect to be listed as a federal endangered species.

"It [population] will go up some years and down other years--that's just part of variation," Arnold said. "If you see a yearly graph you will see spikes and drops, but during the last 20 years it's been pretty stable. If it's a wet year, you will get a lot of flowers and as a result a lot butterflies. If you get a dry year, the buckwheat does not produce enough flowers, so you don't get as many butterflies."

The Blue Butterfly, which is the size of a dime, spends almost its entire life cycle in intimate association with the flower heads of some species of buckwheat. The butterfly emerges during summer when the flowers of its host plant, sea cliff buckwheat, open. The adult life of these butterflies is relatively short, lasting only a few days during which they mate and lay eggs, but the eggs hatch within a week. The larvae feed on the flower heads of the host plant for one month before they outgrow their pupal stage. Then when the next summer arrives, the cycle begins.

"I don't catch them--I only observe them. I have been doing this for 35 years, so I have been able to build up speed," Arnold said. "When you see one, you record his position, whether it was male or female and what its behavior was. When that gets recorded, which takes about 10 seconds, then I move on." •

"Everything about the Olympics was first class, and women were treated as athletes and equals."

- Elizabeth Robinson Schwartz

# **Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Announces 2012-13 Season**

The Foundation launches its 18th season at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center with The Capitol Steps, whose topical political satire puts the "mock" in democracy during this election year.

Whether it's dance and music to move your soul or comedy to make you smile, there's nothing as exciting as seeing a performance live. With help from our donors, sponsors and patrons, we will again present unique, high-energy performances from around the world, at the best value possible.

# GUEST ARTISTS SERIES INCLUDES:

The Capitol Steps poke fun at politics - Fri. & Sat., Sep. 28 & 29, 2012 - 8 pm

Lived To Tell The Tale: Tales From The Road To Hell & Back

The age-old expression "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" takes on new meaning when four award winning actress/writers present a funny, touching and uplifting evening of true stories. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 12 & 13, 2012 - 8 pm - Nakano Theatre

Torrance Symphony - Encore! Winners of the 2012 Young Artists Concerto Competition - Hao Zhou, Andrew Moses and Jeongguk (Jimmy) Ji - perform with the Torrance Symphony under the direction of maestro Frank P. Fetta. Sat. Oct. 20, 2012 - 8 pm

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers Sultry chanteuse Lavay Smith and her all-star eight-piece band dish out classic jazz and blues in the authentic style of the 1940s and '50s. Fri. Nov. 16, 2012 - 8 pm

Story Pirates Using stories submitted by children, the Story Pirates create outlandish sketches and mini-musicals that leave kids and parents howling. Sat. Nov. 17, 2012 - 2 pm. Come early and enjoy an art project provided by Art To Grow On Children's Art Center, Inc.

Charles Phoenix's Retro Holiday Slide Show The pop humorist returns to the Armstrong to supercharge the classic retro living room slide show into a laugh-out-loud roast and toast of kitschy mid-century holiday celebrations. Fri. & Sat., Dec. 7 & 8, 2012 - 8 pm

Stunt Dogs The world's most athletic and talented dogs will wow you with their incredible stunts and comedy antics. Sun. Jan. 13, 2013 - 2 pm & 6 pm. Come early and enjoy an art project provided by Art To Grow On Children's Art Center, Inc.

Big Drum/Small World With Jazz Reach aims to show how jazz continues to unite our world. Each piece is inspired by elements of American jazz and the indigenous music of each composer's country of origin. Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 - 8 pm

Atlantic Steps tells the inspiring epic story of Ireland's oldest dance form through the music, song, dance and energy of the Connemara region. Fri. Feb. 1, 2013 - 8 pm

Male Intellect: An Oxymoron? In this hysterical one-man multi-character show, Robert Dubac ransacks his brain to answer the age-old question, "What do women want?" — all while drinking a beer. Fri. & Sat., Feb. 15 & 16, 2013 - 8 pm - Nakano Theatre

Erth's Dinosaur Petting Zoo This visual feast is an extraordinary performance that takes kids and adults on an interactive prehistoric journey through an incredible cast of dinosaurs. Sun. Feb. 17, 2013 - 2 pm Presented by Erth Visual & Physical Inc. Come early and enjoy an art project provided by Art To Grow On Children's Art Center, Inc.

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**PROUDLY PRESENTS** 

# Lunch and Learn

Thursday, August 16, 2012

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# FOOD & DINING

# Pork Chops with Peach Barbecue Sauce

The tangy peach barbecue sauce that glazes these pork chops is incredible on grilled chicken or salmon as well. Bone-in pork chops (as opposed to boneless) are less likely to dry out. Just make sure to trim away as much fat as possible for healthier results.

Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 1 1/4 hours (including 30 minutes brining time)

Ease of Preparation: Easy

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

1/4 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 cups boiling water

3 cups ice cubes

4 bone-in, center-cut pork chops, 1/2-3/4 inch thick (1 3/4-2 pounds), trimmed

2 ripe but firm peaches, pitted and quartered, or

3 cups frozen sliced peaches

1 medium tomato, quartered and seeded

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1 tablespoon canola oil

1/2 cup chopped onion, preferably Vidalia 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger 2 tablespoons honey

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus more to taste

Steps:

1: Place 1/4 cup salt and brown sugar in a medium heatproof bowl. Pour in boiling water and stir to dissolve. Add ice cubes and stir to cool. Add pork chops, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

2: Puree peaches, tomato and vinegar in a food processor until smooth.

3: About 30 minutes before you're ready to cook the pork chops, heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Add ginger and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the peach puree, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, honey and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until reduced by about half, 20 to 25 minutes. Reserve 1/4

cup of the sauce for basting the chops; keep the remaining sauce warm in the saucepan until ready to serve.

4: Preheat grill to medium.

5: Remove the pork chops from the brine (discard brine), rinse well, and thoroughly dry with paper towels. Season the chops with 1/4 teaspoon pepper and brush both sides with some of the reserved sauce.

6: Grill the pork chops, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 145°F, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, tent with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Serve with the warm peach barbecue sauce on the side.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 291 Carbohydrates - 21 Fat - 11 Saturated Fat - 2 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 27 Cholesterol - 83 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 584 Sodium - 506 Nutrition Bonus - Potassium & Vitamin C (17% daily value).

Brine the pork chops (Step 1) for up to 4 hours. Refrigerate the peach barbecue sauce (Step 3) for up to 5 days.

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# **Expert Answers to Common DMV Questions**

By George Valverde – Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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Q: If traffic in the lane next to the carpool lane is stopped, is it illegal to stop in order to merge out of the carpool lane and into the next lane to reach my exit?

A:Yes, it is illegal. You cannot stop in a lane where traffic is moving to merge into the lane next to it, even if traffic is stopped. Allow yourself plenty of time to safely merge. If merging into the carpool lane, make sure you have enough room to safely accelerate without causing a hazard to motorists already there and traveling at a higher speed. When leaving the carpool lane, it may be necessary to exit earlier than you would like if it allows a safer lane change, even though you are still not at your exit. For more tips on driving safety, read the Important Driving Tips section in the California Driver Handbook available in several languages at: http://www.DMV. ca.gov/pubs/pubs.htm

Q: When collisions damage guardrails, signposts, and other city property, who is responsible for paying the repairs? A: If there is a CHP report and the state can assign responsibility, then the driver that caused the damage pays. If a driver has insurance, the insurance company often processes the report and pays according to the policy. However, if the driver leaves the scene without providing required information, a "hit and run" report may be taken. If a hit and run report is taken, the responsible party could be charged with a criminal offense for leaving the scene. If the driver cannot be identified, the state pays for the damages. For more information, please visit www.DMV.ca.gov.

Q: There have been several vehicles vandalized in my area that were parked outside overnight. I leave my documentation in my glove compartment and my friend suggested that I black out the names and addresses on my vehicle registration and insurance ID cards. That way, if the garage door opener is stolen, the address would not be accessible for a future home break-in. Is this legal?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot alter the DMV documents. If they are altered in any way, they will not be considered as valid documentation. If you are worried about your information being stolen, you can keep your documents in a different location, less accessible to a thief. Keeping them in a hidden space in your car or keeping them with you at all times are a few suggestions.

For more information on DMV documentation, please visit www.DMV.ca.gov.

The DMV is a department under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Acting Undersecretary Traci Stevens. The DMV licenses drivers, maintains driving records, registers and tracks official ownership of vehicles and vessels, investigates auto and identity-related fraud, and licenses car dealers, driving schools, and traffic violator schools. For more information about the DMV, visit www.DMV.ca.gov.•

"To anyone who has started out on a long campaign believing that the gold medal was destined for him, the feeling when, all of a sudden, the medal has gone somewhere else is quite indescribable."

- Sebastian Coe (English middle distance runner after losing the 800m final in 1980)

# The Whee Deal

# With Americans traveling more this summer, tips for safe travel

(ARA) - An enduring love of road trips and stable gas prices are combining to increase the miles Americans expect to log during this summer's travel season.

The longer trips defy early season predictions of fewer and shorter road vacations.

Gas prices rose toward \$4 a gallon during the winter and early spring of 2012. Travel industry observers expected the traditional summer price spike would scare consumers away from long driving tips.

But the gas price spike didn't materialize, and it appears that Americans aren't too worried about what happens in July and August. Only 17 percent are holding off on travel plans, waiting to see whether gas prices come down. The rest have made their plans and they're hitting the road.

Americans plan to drive an average of 212 miles farther in 2012 than they did in 2011 according to the Hankook Summer Gauge Index, which surveyed 1,012 randomly selected Americans. The mean distance of the miles survey respondents are planning to travel jumped from 725 miles in 2011 to 937 miles this year.

Tips for breakdown-safe travel

With more people on the road driving further, vehicle maintenance is even more important for preventing breakdowns. Summer heat is hard on engines and tires. A few simple precautions can help reduce the chances of getting stranded on a back road, in a parking lot or, worse, on the highway:

\* Check fluid levels. Make sure the check includes topping off antifreeze, window washer, brake and transmission fluids.

\* Check brakes and brake pads, especially if you can't remember how long since they were last checked.

\* Park your car in the shade when possible, and keep a pressure gauge handy to check tire pressure often. Heat is your tires' enemy. Air in your vehicle's tires expands as temperatures rise - In fact for every 10-degree increase in ambient air temperature, your tire's inflation pressure can go up by about 1 pound per square inch.

\* Check your trunk to make sure you have the tools you need to change a flat: a spare tire, a lug wrench and a jack.

\* Check the tread depth on your tires at least once a month to avoid hydroplaning on wet roads. If you're in search of an excellent tire for summer and year-round traction, look at Hankook's Optimo H426 luxury performance touring all-season tire. The Optimo H426 is designed with an advanced silica tread compound which offers improved tread wear and lower rolling resistance for better fuel economy.

On the road, what now?

In addition to asking how far

Americans will drive this summer, the index also asked drivers what they like to do while they're logging miles, and with whom.

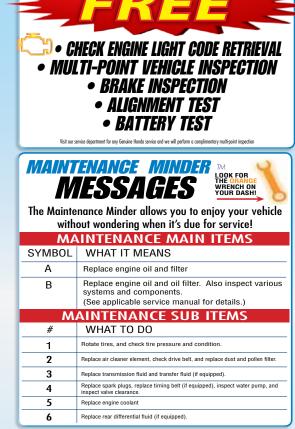
Traveling with a spouse or partner was by far the most popular choice for a road trip at 48 percent. Younger Americans are more likely to travel in packs; 22 percent of drivers 35 and under are road tripping with groups of friends this summer.

The lone-wolf appeal of a solo trip is pretty limited. Only 7.3 percent are traveling alone this summer.

Playing music was the runaway favorite pastime, with 60 percent of drivers saying they need their tunes. Men favor music more than women women are more likely to turn off the radio and talk to other passengers to pass the time.

While talking with other passengers came in at 23 percent, singing and playing games were way down the list at 4 and 3 percent respectively.





**Scott Robinson** 

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# **TerriAnn in Torrance**

# Tuskegee Airman Walter Crenshaw -The Rest of the Story

### By TerriAnn Ferren

On Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the City of Torrance Council Meeting, 102-year-old Tuskegee Airman Walter Crenshaw received a replica of the Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration for the sacrifices he and the other original Tuskegee Airmen made in defense of our great nation during World War II. In 2007 President George W. Bush presented the medal to the Tuskegee Airman, known as the "Red Tails," but Mr. Crenshaw was unable to attend.

The Council Chambers were filled with Mr. Crenshaw's family and friends, civic leaders and WWII veterans. Lieutenant General Ellen Pawlikowski, Commander of the Space and Missile Systems at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, spoke eloquently of the bravery and courage of the Tuskegee Airmen. "Over 500 combat missions and 15,000 times these young men took their aircraft and put themselves into harm's way," she said. "And they didn't just come to the fight. During the invasion of Sicily, they participated over a two-day period where seven other fighter squads--and those fighter squadrons combined are responsible for 32

we raised a beautiful family—five children and a barrel of great- and great-great grandchildren...I want to thank all of you and I feel like a kid." Then Mr. Crenshaw greeted everyone who stood in line to congratulate him and then moved to a reception in the lobby hosted by the City of Torrance.

The event was very special and I was moved to find out more about this fascinating man, so I invited him and his wife Thelma to lunch at one of his favorite places, the Proud Bird. This particular restaurant, located right alongside one of the approach runways of the Los Angeles International Airport, pays homage to aeronautics and is graced with airplanes and various memorabilia. It was Friday just after 11 a.m. as I headed down Crenshaws. As I pulled into the Walter Crenshaw, Tuskegee Airman. Aviation Boulevard to meet the

parking lot, I saw the airplanes covering the grounds. They meant more to me as I gazed



the airplanes zooming past the large picture windows. Forties music was playing softly

in the background, which seemed so appropriate.

I began by asking Walter Crenshaw where he was born. Thoughtfully and very gently, he told me that he was born in Clinton, Pennsylvania in 1909 but soon moved with his family to Greenville, Alabama. Walter explained to me that when he was eight years old, he got a job delivering newspapers. He would use a goat to pull his wagon as he made his way around his route. He went on to tell me that he would walk down to the railway station to pick up the papers in a special place with his wagon and goat. At that time there were two waiting areas in the station--one for blacks and one for whites. I asked Walter if he could remember what



Airman Walter Crenshaw in the Tuskegee Room at the Proud Bird.

he wanted to be when he grew up (when he was little) and he told me, "I never thought about it--there wasn't much of a choice. In the South, you didn't make choices. You had none." Walter went on to tell me he began learning to read during that time. His goat, named Goat, used to sleep under the house and in the morning would wake him up by butting against the house. Walter is the oldest of three boys. He and his two brothers William and Joseph were very athletic and involved with all kinds of sports. He told me he grew up in an "athletic atmosphere." His dad worked hard in the courthouse as a janitor and his mom was a housekeeper and mother. Walter shared that his dad would say, "A wife should raise the children." Walter went on to tell me, "That house is still standing [in Greenville, Alabama] and is a nice house with a banana tree in the front yard. We had no running water, but we had three bedrooms and a small porch. We used to sleep on the sun porch when it was hot. And there are three trees in the backyard. There is a fig tree--I love the figs. Nothing has changed and a cousin still lives in the house."

Around 1918, the Crenshaw family moved to Birmingham, Alabama. Walter attended college in Alabama (where he also played the drums) and then headed to New York in

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Famous Red Tail painted plane

enemy shoot-downs or kills--and of those, 32 from that one squadron, the Tuskegee Airmen. So nearly one-third came from one unit. Clearly they had mastered their skills."

The three-star General went on to say, "The white bomber pilots called these Tuskegee Airmen "angels" because they took on the escort service for those bombers and the success of bombers coming back was significantly improved. It is not just because of those combat accomplishments--it truly is being there to make sure that we can be here today with our freedoms. It is what those young men did in helping this country to recognize the value of every citizen."

Mayor Frank Scotto spoke as well as Brigadier General Terry Ferrell, Commanding Officer of the National Training Center, Fort Irwin. Major Tiffany Rivera, US Air Force, who is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen's Association and graduate of Tuskegee University, read the proclamation before the Congressional Gold Medal was presented to Airman Walter Crenshaw by Lieutenant General Pawlikowski. As he received the medal, Mr. Crenshaw graciously said, "My little lady 72 years ago, my wife Thelma who has stuck with me through thick and thin and at them than they ever have. Walking toward the restaurant, I was stunned to see a "Red Tail" Tuskegee plane with a memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen right out front. I walked through the heavy double doors into a museum-like atmosphere and was greeted by Carla at the reception desk. To the left of the entry was an entire gallery dedicated to the effort and sacrifice of the entire Tuskegee team. What a surprise! The last time I was at the Proud Bird, I didn't really take in all the history on the walls. But on this day, it all came to life for me.

Walter and Thelma Crenshaw along with one of their sons, Andre, arrived on time and we were escorted to our table. What is really cool about this place is that you can sit by the window and put on earphones to monitor the control tower's instructions to incoming aircraft as you observe the whoosh of



Tuskegee Airmen Gallery.





London is busy, busy, busy getting ready to host the 2012 Summer Olympic Games! Millions of people from around the world are expected to visit to see the Games. We've built a main Olympic stadium, a village for the athletes, and centers for swimming and cycling. Seventy thousand volunteers are being trained to

help during the Games. Everything has been spruced up! Even / might even be tempted to take a peek!

# Wescome to London 2012 Summer Olympics



### Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about London (England):

1. capital of England – with about 8 million people it's the largest city in Europe 2. is part of the United Kingdom along with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

\_ with Scotland to the north and Wales to the west 4. connected to mainland Europe by the world's longest underwater train

flows through the city; people ride on a boat called the River Bus 5. the Thames

\_\_\_\_\_ and foggy – umbrellas and raincoats are popular

7. Labrador Retrievers are "top dogs"; plush-haired British Shorthairs are the "top cats"

8. most students wear : they get a certificate when they finish "High School" graduation ceremonies are saved for the end of college classes

9. visitors may dine upon pork or steak pies, sausages or \_\_\_\_\_ n' chips

10. people get around using the subway (the tube), high-speed passenger trains, red double-decker \_\_\_\_\_ or taxis painted black

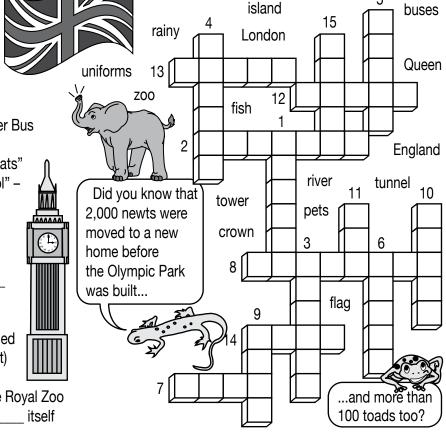
11. was the first city to build a subway and one of the first to open a public

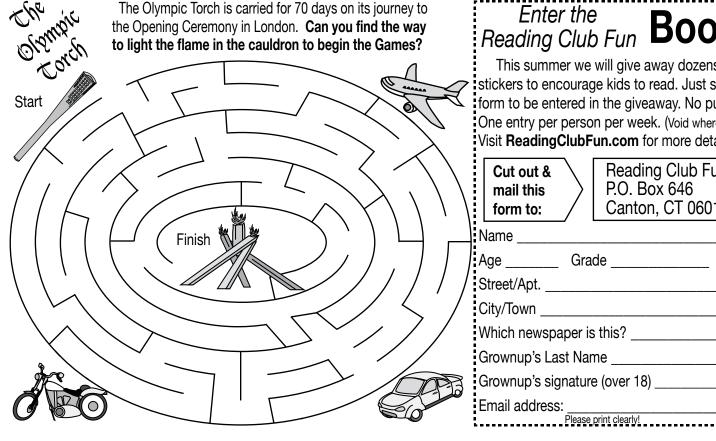
12. London's Big Ben is a with the largest ringing bell in the world inside and a large clock on its front

13. has a \_\_\_\_\_, royal family and group of elected people (like our Congress) called Parliament which chooses a prime minister (whose job is similar to our president)

14. Buckingham Palace flies a special \_\_\_\_\_ only when the Queen is there

15. the Tower of London was used to guard the city; at times it housed a prison, the Royal Zoo and the items belonging to the Royalty such as swords, rings, etc. and the \_\_\_\_\_







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First

Please print clearly! Final Giveaway will be Thursday, August 23, 2012

The Olympic Village:

1. is a cluster of	where over 17,000 athletes and officials will live.	
2. is in the East End of L	ondon and may be the largest one ever	

3. will have over 16,000 beds, some extra long for the \_\_\_\_\_

4. will be with 64,000 bed sheets, 9,000 wardrobes for clothes, 170,000 coat hangers, 11,000 sofas, and 21,000 pillows!

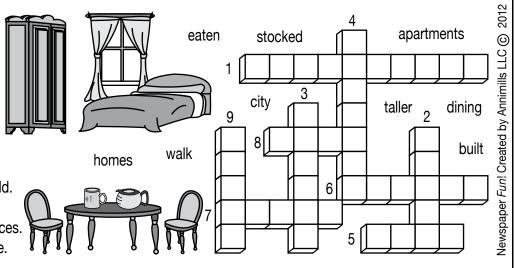
5. is a mini \_\_\_\_\_ with child care, a medical center, a cinema and shops.

6. has a 5,000 seat \_\_\_\_\_ room, which will serve foods from around world.

7. 350 tons of vegetables and 682 tons of seafood will be

8. is close to where the athletes compete so they can to most places.

9. will be turned into 3,000 new for families after the athletes leave.



Grownup's signature (over 18)

Email address:

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crenshaw.

1939. It was in New York that Walter was exposed to the great jazz musicians of the day and even lived with a band. And when I asked him about Count Basie, he said with a smile, "I raised him!" Walter told me, "I saw Ella Fitzgerald on amateur night at a club in New York and she sang A Tisket a Tasket." When I asked Walter about his favorite musicians, he quickly said, "Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong and Dinah Washington for the blues." But in 1939, Walter returned to Birmingham homesick to see his mother.

By this time, Prohibition had been repealed and Walter was out with friends at a second story establishment while down the hall a dance was in full swing in the auditorium. Thelma walked by in the hallway and Walter told me, "I was sitting there with a cold one and she [Thelma] walked past and I fell off the stool. I approached her from that day [but] it took one year to soften her up. We got married December 21, 1940. We were married in Birmingham." Walter was a tailor by trade and was tailoring military uniforms when his wife said he had gotten a draft notice. He joined the Air Force instead and was based at Stewart Airfield in Georgia. He was assigned to Tuskegee and after a few weeks was sent to the Army Air Force School of Administration in Colorado Springs, Colorado and upon graduation was sent back to Tuskegee. For two years, he worked in the MP office and was in charge of furloughs and told me, "Cadets would come into the post and I did run dossiers on them. I was there working in Tuskegee and had full range of the field and would watch the takeoffs and landings and military operations." Walter told me he would travel back and forth from Tuskegee to Birmingham by train to see Thelma getting home as often as he could. Thelma told me, "I knew his footsteps and could hear him walking down the street. I could hear him coming."

Walter Crenshaw was part of the brave, heroic and very special group of African American Air Force men who made history and contributed so much to the war effort. The National Museum in Tuskegee opened on September 2008. Mr. Crenshaw was 98 years old at the time--the oldest airman in attendance--and he said that it was the first time he had been back in 60 years. He was able to identify the sites of the barracks and the airfield and filled in the history for the museum. The property where the original airfield is located is now owned by the Slauson family, which allowed Mr. Crenshaw on the property to point out original sites.

Today, Walter and Thelma Crenshaw live near the ocean that they love. Avid travelers, the Crenshaws have kept busy visiting Egypt, Israel and Mexico. "We had a hotel on the Mount of Olives in Old Jerusalem and followed where Jesus Christ walked and it was dazzling! We were at the Wailing Wall on Easter Sunday," Walter said. The Crenshaws also are involved with their family and although Walter gave up his driver's license five years ago, he still gets around fine at 102 years old. He told me his first car was a 1936 grey Plymouth, but his favorite car is a Honda.

The last story Walter Crenshaw told me was about the *Proud Bird*. "In the '80s, I came here and my car was leaking water and I used the pool [outside] to add to my car." He then looked at me with those piercing blue eyes and said, "We [Thelma and I] are so close to each other, people think we're sister and brother. She's my girl all those years [72] and I am fortunate to have her. A wonderful person--smart too--too smart and a wonderful mother. She raised [the] children. We are fortunate in health to have no [major] disease and we've got our marbles. We're in our second life. First life complete--we raised our children and are still standing. I'm ready for a trip. God is good! It has been a merry-go-round and I love it." •



World War II Veterans at the Torrance City Council Meeting. — Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

# **Finance**

# What Healthcare Reform Means to You

### By Jason Alderman

Much was made of the size and complexity of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act when President Obama signed it into law in 2010. But now that the Supreme Court has upheld much of the act's constitutionality, it's a good time to review key provisions that have already gone live and to plot out what's expected to

and to plot out what's expected to happen in the next two years.

# CHANGES ALREADY IN PLACE INCLUDE:

- Children under 19 cannot be denied coverage because of preexisting conditions.
- Adult children may remain on parents' medical plan until they turn 26.
- Lifetime insurance maximum payouts were eliminated. In addition, annual coverage limits are being phased out. Effective September 23, 2012, the annual limit increases to \$2 million.
- All new plans now must provide certain preventive services for free, such as mammograms, immunizations and colonoscopies.
- People who've been refused insurance because of preexisting conditions may now be eligible for coverage through a "high-risk pool" program. Go to https://www.pcip. gov/ for information and to apply online.
- Medicare Part D participants who reach the infamous doughnut hole now receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name prescription drugs – 14 percent on generics. (These discounts will gradually increase until 2020 when the doughnut hole will disappear.)

Many core features of the Affordable Care Act won't take full effect until 2014 and details are still being finalized, but here are highlights of what's expected to happen between now and then:

• By August 1, 2012, insurance companies that didn't spend at least 85 percent of 2011 premium dollars for large group plans (over 50 employees) on medical care must refund the difference, through refund checks or discounted future premiums (80 percent for individual or small group plans).

• By October 1, 2012, plans must begin



adopting rules for the secure electronic exchange of health information – this will reduce paperwork, costs and medical errors

• By January 1, 2013, new federal funding will be in place to state Medicaid programs that choose to cover preventive services to patients at little or no cost.

• By October 1, 2013, states will receive two additional years of funding to continue coverage for children not eligible for Medicaid.

Effective January 1, 2014, most key provisions will be in place. For example:

- Individuals and those whose employers don't offer health insurance will be able to buy it directly from state-based Affordable Insurance Exchanges, which will offer a choice of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards.
- Most who can afford basic health coverage will be required to obtain it or pay a fee to offset the costs of caring for uninsured Americans.
- Americans earning less than 133 percent of the poverty level will be eligible to enroll in Medicaid.
- Refundable tax credits will be available to those earning between 100 and 400 percent of the poverty level to help pay for affordable insurance. They also may qualify for reduced copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.
- Annual coverage dollar amount limits will be prohibited.
- Adults will no longer be refused coverage due to preexisting conditions.
- Insurance companies will no longer be able to charge higher rates to individuals and small groups due to gender or health status.

These are only a few of the many health-care changes we'll see as a result of the Affordable Care Act. To learn more, please visit www.HealthCare.gov.

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## Surf

# from front page

soccer, sand soccer is very unpredictable. The ball can hit the ground wrong and go in any direction."

Putting together the event required that organizers meet once a month throughout the year. During that time, Duperron became a big part of the organizational efforts and was able to be a part of the festivities on a year when the City was scheduled to host the festival. Duperron and the City of Torrance were fortunate to count on the efforts of many volunteers, including a group of Key Club students from North High School, in addition to chamber ambassadors who volunteered to work events on Friday and Saturday.

"The committee members of the actual International Surf Committee have been together for years," Duperron said. "They have done an incredible job of putting several events together on the beaches of Hermosa, Manhattan, Redondo and Torrance. I have never really seen a committee operate as smoothly as this one does. They work with people from all of the cities, an extraordinary number of volunteers and each of them operate just like clockwork. Everybody is happy to be involved and when you're on the beach, it brings out everyone's special qualities."

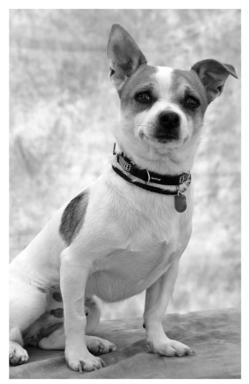
L.A. County's primary role was to provide an adequate amount of lifeguards for each event. In addition, during the mornings when games took place on the sand, County workers were responsible for cleaning the beach and making sure the sand was free of debris. The County also provided parking passes for staff, as well as equipment and support staff for emergency situations.

For Torrance, hosting the festival this year coincided with the City's ongoing centennial celebration and is an opportunity for residents and local leaders to celebrate the milestone occasion. "I'm glad we get to host it in 2012 because it matches our centennial year. It worked out and so we are going to have the centennial logo on all of our shirts during all of the events," Kaemerle said. "This is telling everybody, the thousands of people are going to be involved, that Torrance has officially been around for 100 years."

Each city decides what type of event they want to host and the activities have been known to change from time to time. "I have been involved with it [festival] for 20 years now," Kaemerle said. "We used to be in charge of the two-mile beach run back in the '80s and part of the '90s. It was a two-mile beach run with one mile on hard sand and one mile on soft sand."

There was interest in bringing back the beach run, but the City of Hermosa Beach is now hosting that event. However when sand soccer was suggested, it was embraced by the Torrance community. "The response by the residents has been great--they love soccer," Kaemerle said. "As a matter of fact, youth soccer began in Torrance back in 1964, so what better way to celebrate this than with a sand soccer tournament?" •

# PETSPETS ETSPETSPETS



As our volunteers take a small break from their dedicated scheduled, there will not be adoption events on August 11 or 18. However if you are interested in Rocco, Noble or the other wonderful pups on our website, please email us with your questions or application

of interest. When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Rocco was found down at the Port of LA where all the truck drivers pick up cargo from the ships. We believe he was a trucker's dog who either got lost out of the truck or was dumped. His nails were so long, they were curling under. When he was put on the grass, you would have thought he was walking across hot coals--he had never been on grass...How sad. Rocco is an angel. He is so loving and sweet, is fine with all other dogs and does not make a sound. Rocco would make a great apartment or townhome dog as he is very quiet. He is around one to two years old and weighs 10 pounds fully grown. Rocco is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and would be best children over 10 for safety reasons.

Noble is a sweet Shih Tzu/Lhasa mix who was abandoned in an empty house when the family moved. Noble is a great little guy. As you can see in his photo, he loves to fetch his tennis balls. He has a good eye and will catch them in the air or midflight. Noble is great on leash and loves car rides. This precious boy is ready to be somebody's constant companion. He is around three to four years old and is full grown at 19.5 pounds. Noble has a very go-with-the-flow personality, is

> great with other dogs, loves to play and is sweet, kind and gentle with humans. Noble is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with kids.

> 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.

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

# Pets Without Partners Purrrfect Companions

This darling duo of twin Tabby kittens are sisters Scout and Harper Lee. These charismatic, bouncy, hazel-eyed fluff balls are looking to offer some lucky humans a lifetime of unconditional love.

Harper Lee is not much of a talker, but she's a real purrfiend. She likes to sit quietly next to you or crawl into your lap for naps. Harper Lee also will follow you around to check out what you are doing and would be happy to bounce into bed with you at night. She is the more outgoing of the twins and enjoys being held and cuddled.

Scout is the secret snuggler of the pair, sneaking up to snuggle when you least expect it. She will cuddle up to your legs and even start to knead and suckle on the blankets. This is when her purr becomes evident as well as her love for people. Most of the time, Scout loves to climb and explore everything around her. Her fur is insanely soft, feeling more like silk than fur, and she loves to be stroked for hours on end. Scout will come running to beg for treats with little meows of excitement. She also will chatter to you while you are getting food ready.

If your home has a tall cat tree, Harper and Scout will love it--as they are avid climbers and like to watch the world go by from the top in between catching some Z's. When it comes to nap time, these two girls always choose each other as snuggle buddies over the other cats in their foster home. They both



Scout

need a feline companion, so please consider the two girls together if your home doesn't already have a kitty friend. Both are dogfriendly to well-behaved dogs. Their foster home has three dogs and these girls are fearless and will parade right up to sniff them.

Harper Lee

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.

> 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. •

"THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, CATS WERE WORSHIPPED AS GODS. CATS HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THIS." ~ ANONYMOUS

### "THE PURITY OF A PERSON'S HEART CAN BE QUICKLY MEASURED BY HOW THEY REGARD ANIMALS" ~ ANONYMOUS

# **Happy Tails**



# **Cooper Reaches Another Milestone**

Cooper was rescued from the Downey shelter in December of 2010. He was trembling in the corner of his kennel, trying to disappear. Frightened and scared, he would not come to the front for a pet. He had no self-esteem. He was shut down, awaiting his fate. But there was something special about him, so we took him anyway. Then he was adopted by Judy! What a difference it makes when you take time out of your life and put it into your dog. Anything is possible. Cooper's life has since done a 180...

'Well, well, well--our Cooper is now a Therapy Dog, with Therapy Dogs International! He got his Canine Good Citizen certificate in April as well. The TDI evaluators heard our story and were very complimentary of the job you did in picking him from the shelter. His temperament is so good--they were very excited to have him in the fold. Also, the official evaluators said over and over again that he should be in competitions because his performance was so good--with sits, stays, comes, returns, etc. Thanks again for what you've given me. I always think of you first when we reach another milestone. The AKC has officially renamed him "Cooper of Middlebrook" when I register him for upcoming competitions. It sounds very uppity, don't you think?

I took him to his first match in June--it was a practice match in Downey. He medaled,

taking third place in Rally Novice. What a dog! I think he was the only mixed breed there out of about 300 dogs. (Cooper was DNA tested and he is Husky and Poodle.) As we walked by a woman, I heard her say to her friend about Cooper, "Oh, I've never seen one of those before." I didn't comment, but I was thinking, "Honey, there is only one of these." Or, "This is a very rare breed and unavailable to the average person." Thanks for sharing my pride in him. Warm regards." - Judy.

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. •

# **Classifieds**

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

Errors: Please check your advertisements immediately. Any corrections and/or changes in an ad must be requested prior to the following Tuesday deadline in order to receive a credit. A credit will be issued for only the first time the error appears. Multiple runs will only be credited for the first time the error appears. No credit will be issued for an amount greater than the cost of the advertisement.

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### Apartment For Rent

Beautiful, 1 bedroom unit w/private patio, gas bbq hook-up, double-paned windows, blinds, private 1 car garage & storage, front-loading w & d, full-sized kitchen with granite counters, chrome hardware, custom wood cabinets, gas oven, microwave, refrigerator, hardwood flooring & Italian tile, recessed "can" lighting with dimmer switches, crown molding, cable ready for flat screen TV, and more! Cat okay. \$2,150 w/ 1-year lease minimum. Virtual tour @ www.205Standardstreet. com. Avail. 8/1/12. Call 310-721-3625 for appointment.

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2BD/1BD. Westchester. Immaculate, lower unit. \$1595/ mo. 8820 Reading St. (310) 365-1481 or (310) 641-2148.

3BD/1.5BA. Hardwood floors, W/D hook ups, granite kitchen, carport w/storage. No pets. Non-smoking. \$2,100. Call (310) 955-7202.

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"It is the inspiration of the Olympic Games that drives people not only to compete but to improve, and to bring lasting spiritual and moral benefits to the athlete and inspiration to those lucky enough to witness the athletic dedication."

- Herb Elliott (Australian middle-distance Runner)

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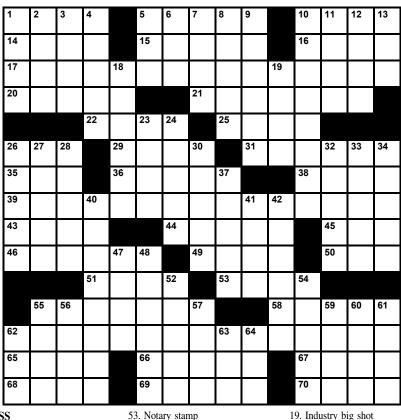
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# WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week Money Makes The World Go Around



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- 6. Notebook, with top
- 7. Seize 8. Lots of land
- 9. Advanced
- 10. Football, in shape
- 11. It may be proper
- 12. Some chips, maybe
- 13. "How about that!"

- 19. Industry big shot 23. Huff and puff
- 24. Maids of India
- 26. Specks
- 27. Jollity
- 28. A soft mineral
- 30. Kind of preview
- 32. Archetype
- 33. Brusque
- 34. Flip, in a way
- 37. "The King"
- 40. Little bits
- 41. Cork's place
- 42. Turkey city
- 47. Coquette
- 48. Poetic syllable arrangements 52. Sharpener
- 54. Charging weapon
- 55. Earned
- 56. Some votes
- 57. Cousin of a bassoon
- 59. "\_\_\_ cost you!" 60. Where Jamal Malik grew up
- 61. Regards
- 62. Signature piece?
- 63. Bed-and-breakfast
- 18. Draw out 64. Guitarist Nugent Last Week's Answers

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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.

Arts from page 8

Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company - Dynasties And Beyond Elegant, sensual and captivating, this company melds ancient Chinese forms with modern dance to reveal the strength, beauty and complexity of the Chinese woman. Sat. Apr. 6, 2013 - 8 pm

Abbamania A rock musical featuring nine musicians and singers that takes you back to the disco era and one of the best pop bands in history, ABBA. Sat. Apr. 27, 2013 - 8 pm

Our Studio Cabaret Series turns the intimate Nakano Theatre into a classic cabaret with four-seat cocktail tables.

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Dala Featuring vocal harmonies guaranteed to give you chills, Sheila and Amanda also make use of their considerable talents on guitar and piano to create a unique brand of acoustic pop. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 5 & 6, 2012 - 7:30 pm (Dinner available from 1321 Taproom Bistro)

Tim Weisberg The pioneer in rock/jazz fusion has sold more than 5 million albums, played some of the largest venues in the world and collaborated with gifted singer/songwriter Dan Fogelberg. Fri. & Sat., Nov. 2 & 3, 2012 -7:30 pm (Dinner available from Lucky Strike)

Louie Cruz Beltran and his ensemble perform an extensive repertoire of music from Brazilian style and Afro-Cuban rhythms blending R&B, Salsa, Reggae, Latin, Rock and Jazz. Fri. & Sat., Jan. 11 & 12, 2013 - 7:30 pm (Dinner available from Red Car Brewery)

Seth Greenberg Quartet With Gina Saputo The memorable melodies of Billie Holiday take center stage with a mix of fresh arrangements, amazing vocals and masterful musicianship. Fri. & Sat., Feb. 8 & 9, 2013 -7:30 pm (Dinner available from Mama Terano Restaurant)

Perla Batalla "An astonishingly rich contralto capable of stratospheric arches of unadulterated emotion." (SongTalk) Fri. & Sat., Mar. 8 & 9, 2013 - 7:30 pm (Dinner available from TBA)

Returning this season is the San Francisco Opera Cinema Series. Filmed in high-definition, multi-camera shot and projected in Blu-Ray with stereo sound. During intermissions patrons can enjoy wine and snacks at the concessions area or watch behind-the-scenes footage of the opera.

Salome by Richard Strauss - Soprano Nadja Michael is "mesmerizing" in the title role (The New York Times) opposite bass-baritone Greer Grimsley (Jokanaan) and tenor Kim Begley (Herod). Music Director Nicola Luisotti conducts "with flair and muscle." (San Francisco Chronicle) Sun., October 7, 2012 - 2 pm and 6 pm; one intermission.

Madama Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini - Internationally acclaimed soprano Patricia Racette is a geisha tragically torn between two worlds and forced to make the ultimate sacrifice to

retain her honor. Sun. Nov. 4, 2012 - 2 pm & 6 pm; one intermission.

Il Trittico by Giacomo Puccini - This trio of one-acts is "smartly directed by James Robinson and conducted with sweeping lyricism by Patrick Summers." (San Francisco Chronicle) Patricia Racette tackles all three soprano roles. Sun. Feb. 3, 2013 - 2 & 6 pm; two intermissions.

Otello by Giuseppe Verdi - In this masterful adaptation of Shakespeare's tragedy, a great warrior discovers the one weapon against which he has no defense: his own jealousy. South African tenor Johan Botha sings the title role opposite Bulgarian soprano Zvetelina Vassileva as Desdemona and Italian baritone Marco Vratogna as the villain Iago. Sun. Apr. 28, 2013 - 2 & 6 pm; one intermission.

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(ARA) - A still murky economy and uncertain real estate market may have you wondering if buying a home is a good idea. Whether you're thinking about buying, or already have and just need some affirmation, you may find it comforting to know there are still plenty of good reasons for financially stable people to buy a house. Here are a few:

\* Homeownership can help make good credit even better. If your credit is in poor shape, you'll want to monitor it before seeking a mortgage. But if you have good credit, live within your means, and consistently make good financial decisions, a mortgage can be the kind of "good debt" that helps your overall financial health. Making regular payments on a mortgage shows potential lenders that you're a less risky candidate for a home loan. Before you begin home shopping, it's a good idea to check your credit. Enrolling in a product like freecreditscore.com can help you better understand and leverage your credit.

\* A mortgage can function like an automatic savings plan. By now, you've read the news reports about how little we Americans save these days. Well, every year you pay on your fixed-rate mortgage, is a year of building equity, and equity is like money in the bank. When it's time to sell - whether you've stayed in your home seven years or the full 30 year term - you'll have created equity and should

be able to sell your house for more than you owe.

\* Homeownership comes with plenty of financial perks, including an income tax credit for property taxes you pay on your home. For detailed information on tax breaks check out IRS.gov. Buying a home also affords you the opportunity to halt your housing costs. Rent will always go up from year to year, but if you have a fixed-rate mortgage (avoid adjustable rates) your biggest annual expense - housing costs - will be locked-in.

\* Mortgage interest is a good deal when stacked up against other types of interest that don't do much for you - such as high credit card interest rates or low rates on savings accounts and CDs. Mortgage rates are low right now, meaning you can pay less over the life of a loan than at practically any other time in recent history. Plus, it's the only kind of interest that you can deduct from your taxes.

\* Prices are still relatively low and inventory is high. It's been a buyer's market for a long time, but that's going to change. The question is: when will the market start to improve in your area, taking home prices with it? You'll have to do some legwork and astute research to determine when is the best time for you to buy.

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