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Community Gathers to Celebrate Torrance's Centennial Plaza



Torrance Community gathered for a Downtown Community Parade culminating with the new Centennial Plaza Dedication and Time Capsule Ceremony. The non-motorized parade ended at the new Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park. Following a reading of an original poem entitled "Our Torrance Centennial" by resident Sally Jo Kinsey, the Centennial Time Capsule Lid was revealed to the audience. After a ceremonial cake cutting, guests were free to view commemorative personalized bricks that were sold to the public to help finance the construction of the plaza. Photo courtesy of the City of Torrance.

City Council Meets With North Torrance Voters

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council took its show on the road this week, conducting its meeting at North Torrance High School's library in an effort to meet with more constituents. During the meeting, the members discussed supporting education bond Measure E, and outlined some of the North Torrance-specific programs and improvements in the community.

Before getting into the agenda, however, the audience heard from Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who, after redistricting, represents the 43rd Congressional District that includes North Torrance. She is seeking reelection and made a stop at the meeting to give a short speech. In it, she mentioned how impressed she has been with Torrance's Centennial celebration. On Sunday she took part in the Centennial parade, joking that people noticed she did the route in high heels, and added a letter to the Centennial time capsule. These events and the City's yearly Armed Forces parade drew praise from the Congresswoman. "It's a city that really works," said Waters. "All of your activities have been so well-organized. I believe that Torrance has the greatest participation and community activities of any city in the South Bay."

Waters was also impressed by the Council's outreach. She said that getting out in the community and making the effort to listen to the residents is an important part of politics. "That's democracy at work--making sure that all of your community has an opportunity to participate," she said.

The Council also heard from Francisco Arce, Vice President of Academic Affairs at El Camino Community College, who was hoping to get support for the campus' bond measure appearing on the November 6 ballot. The \$350 million bond would be used to build new fine arts, music and physical education facilities, as well as modernize

safety, technology and energy efficiency campus-wide. The bond would add \$7 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of residents' homes per year to their tax bills. Arce noted that the last bond El Camino received in 2002 has already been used to modernize buildings and has so far saved the college \$100,000 per year in energy expenses.

The Council agreed and voted to support the measure. Councilmember (and El Camino alum) Pat Furey mentioned that El Camino

has been a fixture in the Torrance educational landscape and right now serves a more important role than ever with a workforce looking for new skills and additional training that the college can provide. "Everyone in Torrance has been touched by El Camino--if they didn't attend classes there, then their children or their parents have," said Furey. "I think at this time, we need retraining of our population and I think that's the most

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West High School Celebrates 50th Birthday with Festivities

By Cristian Vasquez

A Day of Golf, the Welcome Home Meet and Greet and Friday night's football game will kick off the weekend celebration of West High School's 50th birthday. "I think it will make for a pretty special weekend. We will get to see some parents who went to school here themselves, walk their children around in the different events and talk about memorabilia that is on display," West High School Principal Ben Egan said. "Having the different folks being recognized and the retired teachers that have returned to meet and greet with others will definitely be very cool, not just for their individual families but for the larger West High family as well."

The festivities will begin Thursday, September 21 with the Day of Golf at El Dorado Park Golf Course. The next day West High will host South High with the meet and greet event prior to the game and the Celebration Hootenanny, a folk song

sing-along after the game and an after-party following the sing-along. Saturday the celebration continues with the 50th Anniversary three-mile Run/Walk at 8 a.m. and is followed by the all-day 50th West High Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The open house will allow families and alumni to walk through campus and observe memorabilia and old, historical items representing the school.

"We found a time capsule that was built in 1962 when the school opened, so the time capsule items will be displayed in the archives," West High School Activities Director Sue Eriksen said. "Current students were involved heavily with campus clean-up volunteer work. Students were also asked to put together during the school year another time capsule for the next 50 years. The open house on Saturday will allow the current students to put out food and games for alumni to come back and visit. We host an event every year called 'Spring

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
78°/66°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
78°/67°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
75°/65°



A Student's Perspective Community Briefs

Why Must Differences Separate People?

By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

My current alma mater, Torrance High School, boasts a quality that most public schools possess--the aspect of cultural diversity in every classroom. Inside each room is a fair mix of students with different ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations and political views than their neighbors. In fact, something which the heads of such institutions should be proud of is how seamlessly classes are run in such a dynamic student body.

This reality was once the dream of many Asian, African and Latino students who lived during rise of the civil rights movements. During that period, tolerating a neighbor's beliefs was considered as a willful act of defiance against the social norm and would even entice violent behavior onto the supporter. Toleration and acceptance used to directly translate to being shunned by one's peers. In the gradual transformation into a more accepting community, the celebration of diversity in classrooms has gone a long way from a time when "white" students wouldn't be socially allowed to converse with "colored men."

Today, the act of coexisting with each other is gradually becoming a more common practice. It seems that every new generation of students graduating from high school possesses an equal, if not greater, respect of the differences that characterize every individual. As the past generations mature, coexisting with different peers is now becoming more common in workplaces, where each worker is exposed to an even more diverse environment. Perhaps humans have learned to not fight over petty differences once they are placed in a situation that relies heavily on working together.

I have come to a similar realization when I was placed into my first class in the United States. As an immigrant from the Philippines, it was surprising to encounter such a diverse group of individuals inside one classroom. When I was at school in my homeland, everyone came from the same area and it

was a rarity for a student to be from another country. But a countless number of group projects and recesses have taught me that biological and innate differences of people do not change the way one views another.

Perhaps to truly view how humanity should react to individual differences is through what my English teacher, Mr. Bostwick, says: "Through a child's eyes." In his brief but effective talk about differences last year, he made the clever point of showing how a child does not care what color or ethnicity another child is, as long as the other child can be the child's playmate.

But yet some individuals insist that their way is right and are disgruntled once they encounter someone who has different views. So naïve in their nature are these individuals that they would even resort to physical and emotional harm to prove that their way is right and the others are wrong. In school, these individuals would be considered as bullies, or jerks in the workplace. This behavior is similar to how young children would fight over someone who "would not play with them." Some individuals have even sent innocent souls into wars for their ignorance in accepting diversity.

Why must people continue to put their differences in front of the common good? What makes individuals' dissimilar views so important that they cause people to start disputes and nations to go to war? These questions can only be answered once the problems correlating to these questions are solved. For the thousands of years that humanity has dwelled upon this earth, it is quite disheartening for people to remain primitive in their ways of dealing with those with opposing views. People need to set their minds into more important matters than naively criticizing another's different beliefs and views.

Maybe the answer to this problem to this persistent problem is simple and perhaps my English teacher was right. Perhaps humans should begin viewing the differences between people in all its humanity "through a child's eyes."

"True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own."

~ Nikos Kazantzakis



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Volunteers needed to teach English as a Second Language to non-English speakers and reading skills to slow-readers. No previous experience is necessary. Training will be provided. The South Bay Literacy Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching adults to speak, read, and write English effectively in order to better function in today's complex society. Please attend an informational meeting at Katy Geissert Civic Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. Call 310-373-7003 for information.

FREE PROSTATE CANCER LECTURE

"Prostate Disease: Demystifying PSA and Prostate Cancer." That's the title of a lecture by urologist Timothy Lesser, M.D., on staff at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center. There's so much in the news recently about the treatment of prostate cancer. Dr. Lesser will explain the Prostate-Specific Antigen test, diagnosis and treatment options and answer questions from the audience. The event will take place at Manhattan Beach Marriott, located at 1400 Parkview Ave. in Manhattan Beach. For more information, interested persons may contact 1-888-432-5464. •

West High

from front page

Fling' in the spring time and it has been ongoing at the school for at least 30 years and we are recreating that for alumni to come back to it. Another thing we are doing in student government and student activities is putting the archives together and putting together a school history for each decade to be displayed in the archives."

Organizing the event has been a two-year-long effort that has included students, alumni, retired faculty and the West High 50th Anniversary Planning Committee. Saturday's events will wrap up with the 50th Golden Anniversary Banquet at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Decades of Warriors Celebration Party at 6:30 p.m.

"It is pretty exciting--that is why I have been putting in a lot of time and effort in gathering the stuff that we are going to be displaying and all the memorabilia," Eriksen said. "We have drill team costumes from almost every decade--things that the school has had in storage. I have been digging out and digging hard, pulling it out so that other people can see it and go through the history of the school."

The celebration not only commemorates a milestone number, but it also allows Torrance residents to reconnect and celebrate as a community. Many of the teachers and faculty at West High are from Torrance and the general South Bay area. There are also many current and retired staff and faculty that attended West High, giving the event a very personal touch.

"In addition, we have some staff that has been working here for many, many years. We keep people around for a long time," Eriksen said. "There are several West High families, including my own, whose entire families attended West and then many of their kids also go to West. A lot of families have married other West High families. It is very interesting when you look at the families and look at the names. It is very common to have a kid's parents who came to this school, so it is kind of a neat deal to celebrate the 50th birthday. It does feel

really close because of the consistency of teachers, directors of programs and the kids and their parents graduating from the same high school."

West High prides itself in the consistency of their programs and personnel which include only three directors in the history of the band, three directors for the drill team that has been around since 1964 and a choir that has only relied on two directors over a span of 48 years.

"It has been very interesting to see the number of people that have come out and have demonstrated how much the school has meant to them over the years," Eagan, who taught and coached at West before working himself up to Assistant Principal and eventually Principal, said. "We have seen alumni as far back as 30 years ago that are getting very involved with the planning of the event as well as retired faculty who were here to mentor me when I started. Seeing them return after being gone for more than a decade has helped make this a special weekend and series of events."

Eriksen herself is a West High graduate, as are her four siblings. Three of her siblings also had their kids attend West High, so for her the celebration definitely has a very personal meaning. "There are still some details that need to be taken care of that might come down to the last minute," Eriksen said. "Some people are still mailing letters and jackets. We really are trying to display the history of the school and the cost of that is that it is very time-consuming. Once that is set up, we will definitely be ready for the festivities."

Eagan added, "In a lot of ways I feel as if I have grown up here because I was a student-teacher here about 16 years ago and I taught for a number of years. I have now been Principal for six years, so I feel that I know the school well and I feel that it has been part of my life. It is definitely a big event for me personally. It is a meaningful event all the way around." •

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Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• "Restaurants for Roses" Fundraiser for 2013 City of Torrance Rose Parade float, 5-8 p.m. at Panera Bread, 2733 Pacific Coast Hwy. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• 5th Annual South Bay Business Environmental Coalition Awards, 3-5 p.m., at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information visit info@sbbec.org.

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

• West High 50th Anniversary Celebration. For more information on all events and activities please go to http://www.whs.tusd.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4fa3f481dacc7 or email Elizabeth (Avoian) Dye at cheffiz@verizon.net.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

• Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Windy Ridge, 6-9 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332. Sept. 29-Flying Utensils

• Free Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, West Maint. Bldg Parking Lot, 24501 South Figueroa St., Carson. For more information call (310) 781-6900 or 1-888-253-2652.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

• Open Enrollment: Boots & Bows Square Dance Club Classes, 7-9:30 p.m., Torrance Womens Club, 1422 Engracia St. Also Oct. 3. For more information call Rosemary at (310) 372-9263.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

• Creative Spirit Book Group, 7 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Medical Center West Tower, "C", 3300 block off Lomita Blvd.

• Mychal's Monthly Seminar: Transitions, 6:30 p.m., Mychal's Learning Place, 4901 W. Rosecrans Ave., Hawthorne. Please RSVP to info@mychals.org or call (310) 297-9333.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

• Capitol Steps Armstrong Theatre, 8 p.m., 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

• Musical Mornings (ages 1-5), 10:30 a.m., Katy Geissert Library, Community Meeting Rm, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964.

ONGOING

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

Police Reports

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

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez SEPTEMBER 8

Batter-Weapon/Agg: 22500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect points handgun at victim and simulates shooting as victim walks to his vehicle.

Auto Theft-All: 2900 BLOCK AIRPORT DR Stolen vehicle: '96 Saturn SL2.

Robbery-Strong Arm: TORRANCE BLVD & ANZA AVE Suspects pull up, exit vehicle, block victim's path, throw him to the ground, punch him in the face and flee with his property/cell phone, skateboard.

Robbery-Strong Arm: 1100 BLOCK CRAVENS AVE Suspect approaches victim who has just parked and exited her vehicle, knocks her to the ground and takes property from inside her vehicle/ tote bag, cash box, cash, tablet, camera.

SEPTEMBER 7

Burglary-Auto: 4700 BLOCK 191ST ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/camera.

Theft: 23500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries windows on multiple

vehicles for entry and takes property/third row seats.

Burglary Residential: 20500 BLOCK EASTWOOD AVE Suspect(s) removes screen, enters unlocked window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry, pillowcase.

Burglary Residential: 5200 BLOCK SCOTT ST Suspect(s) pries off screen, climbs in window and takes property/laptops, DVR, jewelry box, jewelry, game console

SEPTEMBER 6

Auto Theft-All: 1100 BLOCK COTA AVE Stolen vehicle: '96 Honda Accord.

Theft: 1400 BLOCK CRAVENS AVE Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from porch/bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 3900 BLOCK 171ST ST Stolen vehicle: '96 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Theft: 3900 BLOCK 171ST ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from victim's side yard/copper pipes.

Theft: AMAPOLA AVE & SIERRA ST Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/license plate.

SEPTEMBER 5

Vandalism: MAPLE AVE & TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) etches tags on bus stop partition.

Burglary Residential: 18500 BLOCK ROSLIN AVE Suspect(s) pries open door for entry/unknown loss at time of report.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes victim's property as she is preoccupied with ringing up a sale/cell phone.

Burglary Commercial: 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) throws an unknown substance on victim's vehicle, damaging the paint.

Vandalism: 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) throws an unknown substance on victim's vehicle, damaging the paint.

Burglary Residential: 3700 BLOCK 225TH ST Suspect(s) removes screen and forces open window, but flees before taking property. •

"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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Ralphs, 5035 P.C.H., Torrance

Rascal's Teriyaki Grill 5111 Torrance Blvd.

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Seafood Town Resturant 22922 Hawthorne Blvd.

Shakey's Pizza 5105 Torrance Blvd., Torrance

Shoe Dog 25359 Crenshaw Blvd.

Shorewood Realty 1009 Torrance Blvd.

Snax - Wood Rack 4539 Sepulveda Blvd.

South Bay BMW 18800 Hawthorne Blvd.

South End Tennis 2800 Skypark

Southeast Torrance 23115 Arlington Ave.

Southwood Cleaners 22232 Palos Verdes Blvd.

Star Dental 2370 Crenshaw Blvd., Unit G,

Starbuck's Coffee 5005 P.C.H., Torrance

Staybridge Suites Hotel 19901 Prairie Ave.

Texas Loosey's 22252 Palos Verdes Blvd.

T.R.G. Real Estate Group 3480 Torrance Blvd.

Thai Massage 24020 Vista Montana #A

The Depot 1250 Cabrillo Ave.

The Little Gym 20914 Hawthorne Blvd.

Tony Roma's 24301 Crenshaw Blvd.

Toraya Ramen Restaurant 24231 Crenshaw Blvd., #D

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Zina's Restaurant 4125 Calle Mayor



Sports

“Fight Off” Becomes Trojans’ New Motto

By Adam Serrao

Whether you’ve realized it or not, it has been a downward spiral for the USC Trojans since week one of the regular season. Initially stated as the number one team in the land, the Trojans had a convincing win over Hawaii in their first game since being reinitiated after being scrutinized for penalties brought upon the school by the now Miami Dolphins’ standout running back Reggie Bush. That was week one. Though the team won by 39 points in their opener, they dropped a spot in the rankings from number one to number two in the polls behind the Alabama Crimson Tide. Week two against Syracuse was a little bit closer of a game, with the Trojans only winning by 13 points (a slim margin of victory for those faithful to the cardinal and gold). Week three was a game that every Trojan fan and player had circled on their schedules: The Stanford Cardinal. Winners of three of the last three meetings against USC... But this was supposed to be the Trojans’ year. This was supposed to be a championship in the making. Lane Kiffin, Matt Barkley and incomparable athletic talent across the roster meant a championship to those who followed college football all across Los Angeles and beyond. But with a 21-14 third week defeat, the Trojans’ hopes of glory and redemption all but flew right out the window to dissipate amidst the clouds that formed above Stanford Stadium last Saturday night in Palo Alto, California.

There was no more Luck on their sideline. No, that Stanford Heisman Trophy runner-up is now making big plays in the NFL for the Indianapolis Colts. No matter, though. When the clock hit zeroes at the end of the fourth

quarter, the Stanford Cardinal and second-year head coach David Shaw had all of the luck that they needed on their side. “We don’t want to be that team known for one victory,” Shaw said. “We want to be known for victory after victory, stacking wins on top of wins.” Well, Shaw is off to a good start. He’s already got two wins in a row against that team from down south that happens to be the Trojans. Add to the equation that starting quarterback and probable first round draft pick Matt Barkley is 0-4 in his college career against the team with a weird-looking Christmas tree as its mascot. Okay, maybe God wasn’t involved in any menial activities like football at all, but when Josh Nunes threw a go-ahead 37-yard touchdown pass to Zach Ertz in the fourth quarter of what was a seven-point victory for the Cardinal last Saturday night, it certainly seemed to be heaven-sent for Stanford.

Perhaps the biggest surprise about the Trojans’ loss last week was that the UCLA Bruins won in their game against the University of Houston. Now, the Bruins sit a game ahead of the Trojans in the Pac-12 standings. Maybe that standing won’t last for long, but who knows? Maybe it will. For now, the Bruins have bragging rights and Kiffin and the rest of the USC campus must be fuming before they lie down to sleep at night—only to have nightmares laced with blue and gold before they wake up in a cold sweat, already anticipating the week 11 matchup between the two cross-town rivals.

The real story here isn’t about the UCLA Bruins. That’s a story for another day and another time. What really matters is that the

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Up and Adam

Spartans Slightly Simmer Down

By Adam Serrao

To start the season, the South High Spartans have been just as hot as the weather that we all have been experiencing here in Torrance lately. Once they took the football field in their first two games of the year, the Spartans sizzled like an egg on the asphalt. Two games, two wins for South High and head coach Joshua Waybright. Needless to say, the Spartans and their faithful have to be feeling good about this season in general. Last Friday night, though, the Spartans’ first real test of the year would come at home against Mira Costa. Costa, a Bay League team and traditional football powerhouse, had added motivation coming off a loss against Serra. Though the game started off close, South eventually got hit by a freight train in its 35-14 first loss of the season.

The Spartans came out licking their chops early as they jumped on a fumble from Mira

Costa starting quarterback Khalil McClain on the first possession of the game. With a little eight-play drive, the Spartans would make their way to the end zone and watch starting running back Ryan Bowman punch it in for a score on a five-yard run to give South a 7-0 lead. It would stay that way until the second half. “South came at us with a different scheme in the first half,” opposing quarterback McClain explained. “They came out with some different stunts with their linebackers and it was a

different look for us. But we went back and corrected it.” Corrected it they certainly did and McClain was the main reason why. To begin the second half, he led Costa on scoring drive capped off by a 47-yard run and an 18-yard touchdown run to quickly tie the game at 7-7. That was only the first score of a 28-point run in the third quarter that would see Costa go up 28-7. Each team would manage another touchdown before the game’s end, but by that time it was basically inconsequential as the Mustangs steamrolled their way to a win.

Though the Spartans started off strong, their offense really began to sputter in the second half. They didn’t manage a first down until late in the fourth quarter and were limited to only 31 total yards in the second half of play. “That’s a great team Mira Costa has, so I’m real proud that our kids battled,” said Waybright. “McClain was just unbelievable

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in the second half. He had some great runs.” McClain wound up producing almost all of the Mira Costa offense. He rushed for 111 yards on nine carries and scored two touchdowns in the third quarter alone. The Spartans managed 148 total yards on the day, most of which came in the first half of play. Costa on the other hand tallied a total of 414. The Spartans will look to get back on track next week, but will face up with another power opponent in

See **Spartans**, page 12



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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Ever have one of those days where you just wished that you had stayed in bed, pulled the darn covers over your head and just let the day go by? Deal with everything tomorrow? Well, had one of those days last week, day that the PP was due to be filed.

Now nothing really game-changing or earth shattering occurred, but have been dealing with some off the field and on the field challenges recently. And the day job duties have somehow morphed into retro, causing me some consternation. Had been excelling there for the past six months. Least that was my opinion. Feel like I am back to square one, sometimes. But I shall soldier on.

A few quickly increasing and unforeseen expenses hit the proverbial fan, ratcheting up the anxiety level. Then, visiting the recuperating sis, who is lolly-gagging around recovering from knee surgery, and after leaving her palatial hillside estate, noticed that I had idiotically locked the keys in van. Tried the old coat hanger deal to no avail and had to sheepishly call home and ask the Kid to bring a spare set of the keys over so that I could open the doors.

Sorry, digression. Just wanted to share with the faithful readers who have been besieging me lately, asking for more breezy stuff in the columns.

So I sit down in the gloaming to write, and the news of the political day centers around the murders of Americans in Benghazi, Libya.

President Obama, flanked by Sec of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, had addressed the murders earlier in the day, and of course, Mitt "The Glove" Romney had tried to seize

political capital by blaming the administration for the tragic events. Both candidates were trying to gain politically from the deaths of the four Americans, which is a sad but true commentary on the politics of 2012.

Was speaking with the Kid about the deaths. My comment was that I was hoping that we would unleash the incredibly well-trained American commandoes who are itching for a fight, send them into the Libyan wasteland, track down the bastards who perpetrated the murders, decapitate the sorry suckers and toss their remains into a fire pit.

Maybe I overreacted, but back in the day when we let covert operatives act covertly, seems a lot less of these string bean republics messed with the good old U.S. of A.

I will calm down.

Now that the political conventions are in the rear-view mirror, with the partying, blustering and speechifying long gone in both Tampa and Charlotte, the election beckons.

But the national numbers, the total raw vote, don't matter much, as you all know, right? What counts are the tabulation and accruing of the electoral votes, and the courting and conquering of the all-important swing states. It takes 270 electoral votes to capture the Presidency and most non-biased projections have the POTUS with a healthy lead at this time.

Florida and Michigan are considered the critical swing states and unless Romney and his strategists find a way to overtake perceived Obama leads in these critical states, the Prez will be the winner on that Tuesday night in November when you must go to the polls. Game over.

Ready for four more years of... "hope?" •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

For the third time in as many years, for the briefest of moments, the Gates of Hell cracked open allowing outsiders to glimpse its goings on. The heat, the furnace-like heat, singed our eyebrows. The flashing lights and the screaming souls told us the Prince of Darkness was in residence and entertaining the grinning American ambassador.

From astride his throne, the Supreme One asked, "How goes the battle between good and evil?"

"Extremely well, dear leader," said the American. "As you recall, in years past we had the mention of 'God' removed from schools. We had His symbols, like the sign of the cross and nativity scenes, removed from public display. We even forced U.S. Marines who wanted to erect a cross to honor fallen comrades to remove it from public view. To borrow a term from Hannibal Lecter, we are silencing the lambs."

"Wonderful, wonderful," said the Caped One. "But that's old news. What is today's progress?"

Smiled the American, "We are doing even better. We attacked the Catholic Church's right to practice its religious convictions on contraception and abortion, forcing Notre Dame University and several dioceses to bring suit against the government. Critically, churches feel constrained to criticize government because of the constitutional separation of church and state, but the state feels no such compunction in attacking religion. Therefore, in our ongoing efforts to create a godless society, we have a structural advantage the followers of God

cannot overcome.

"For example, the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defines marriage as between a man and a woman. That is federal law. But as your follower, by presidential edict, I have directed my administration to refuse to defend that law. You and I, my lord, know better than the people. Without moral judgment, in our view, it is a civil right for people of the same sex to marry.

"To take our position even further, California State Senator Mark Leno (D-SF) has introduced SB- 1476 to allow groups of people of any sex to marry and parent children. Twos, threes, fours, any combination of people of any sexual orientation... would be allowed to marry and raise a family. Senator Leno has taken literally Hillary Clinton's view that 'it takes a village.'

"In 2004, the Democratic Party platform mentioned God eight times, but by 2008, we had reduced His name's mention down to four. This year, we came very close to eliminating Him entirely. We even had Sandra Fluke, an advocate of taxpayer-funded contraception and abortions, speak during prime time. It was our party's de facto endorsement of her position.

"A right wing Republican zealot was heard to grumble, 'If God doesn't destroy the Democratic Party, He should at least apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.' I trust you will not allow that to happen."

Replied a smiling Satan, "I have always defended you and the Democrats and now that we're winning, I will protect you through eternity." •

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Seniors

Hearing Aids to Benefit Boomers Staying in Workforce Longer

(ARA) - Let's face it. The Great Recession put a kink in many Americans' retirement plans. Combine that financial blow with the general uncertainty regarding Medicare and the future cost of private health insurance.

As a result, more boomers are staying in the workforce longer. In fact, between 2006 and 2016 the number of older people in the workforce is expected to soar, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Workers between the ages of 55 and 64 are expected to increase by 36.5 percent; the number of workers between 65 and 74 is expected to climb by 83.4 percent, and even the number of workers who are 75 and older is expected to grow by 84.3 percent. By 2016, the BLS says, workers age 65 and over are expected to make up 6.1 percent of the total labor force - a steep jump from their 3.6 percent share in 2006.

So what does this mean for individuals? It means people need to do what they can to age productively. It means they need to take charge of their health - including their hearing health - so they can maximize their chances for success on the job. Along with maintaining a healthy lifestyle, it's important that boomers routinely get their hearing checked - and that they address any hearing loss so it doesn't undermine their efforts on the job or their quality of life.

Gone are the days of ignoring hearing difficulties. There are no more excuses. And given the technological advances of modern

hearing aids, and the compelling data that illustrate the downside of leaving hearing loss unaddressed, there's only one reasonable course of action. Maturing workers should be getting their hearing checked. And if there is hearing loss, they should discuss with their hearing healthcare provider whether or not hearing aids could help.

Consider this: More than 34 million Americans suffer from hearing loss - about 11 percent of the U.S. population - and 60 percent of them are below retirement age, according to the Better Hearing Institute (www.betterhearing.org). Research shows that the use of hearing aids reduces the risk of income loss by 90 to 100 percent for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65 to 77 percent for those with severe to moderate hearing loss. Those with moderate-to-severe hearing loss who use hearing aids are twice as likely to be employed as their peers who do not use hearing aids. And three out of four hearing aid users report improvements in their quality of life due to wearing hearing aids. The vast majority of people with hearing loss, in fact, could benefit from hearing aids.

More good news: Today's employers recognize the changing demographics of the modern aging workforce and increasingly are making efforts to hold onto their older workers. Employers value the experience that mature employees bring to the job - along with the

strong work ethic and other positive attributes that older workers tend to possess.

More and more companies, in fact, engage in workplace wellness programs to help keep their employees in good health. And hearing health

potential, enhance their communication skills, improve their professional and interpersonal relationships, and stave off depression.

"I urge anyone planning to stay in the workforce longer to take that first, most critical



- including hearing checks - is increasingly included in these programs.

"Never before has good hearing been so important - or so attainable," says Dr. Sergei Kochkin, Executive Director of the Better Hearing Institute. "When people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they improve their job performance, increase their earning

step to optimizing your hearing health and enhancing your chances for career success by taking a confidential, online hearing check at www.hearingcheck.org. It will help you determine if you may need a more thorough hearing test by a hearing health professional," Kochkin continues. "Your hearing health and continued job success are within your control." •

Finance

Government Proposes Simplified Mortgage Disclosure Forms

By Jason Alderman

No doubt many wannabe first-time homebuyers have been sitting on the sidelines of the volatile housing market, unsure when or how to enter the game. If that describes you, you're probably fortunate to have missed out on the housing bubble and lax lending standards of a few years ago, when millions of people took out mortgages they couldn't afford - or understand.

Homeownership is a long-term commitment filled with expenses (both expected and unexpected) and responsibilities. The upsides - not to mention the tax advantages - are why approximately two-thirds of Americans own instead of renting. But homeownership is not always right for everyone or at every stage of life.

Here's hoping that now, as home prices have plummeted and loan interest rates are at historic lows, you can resist the temptation to get in over your head and first bone up on the many one-time and recurring costs involved in owning your own home.

A good place to start is Know Before You Owe, the financial education initiative launched last year by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to ensure that people receive concise, easy-to-understand information regarding mortgages, credit cards and student loans, among other major financial decisions (www.consumerfinance.gov).

After soliciting input from thousands of consumers, lenders, mortgage brokers and consumer advocates, the CFPB recently developed new prototypes for the federal disclosure forms borrowers receive after applying for a mortgage and before closing on the loan.

"When making what is likely the biggest purchase of their life, consumers should be looking at paperwork that clearly lays out the terms of the deal," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

The proposed forms combine several different but overlapping documents now required by various federal agencies. But



they will simplify the language and format and make it easier to compare different mortgages and more easily understand loan terms, including interest rates, monthly payment amounts, closing costs and how the loan amount might change over time (e.g., with an adjustable-rate loan). They also highlight features borrowers may want to avoid such as prepayment penalties and negative amortization.

In the meantime, if you're considering buying a home, review the proposed forms to get an idea of which costs you should be watching out for. And, even if you're already comparing loans or in escrow, ask your lender to show you where the various costs highlighted in the new forms are located in your current disclosure documents - it might help avoid costly last-minute surprises.

Here are some factors future homebuyers should keep in mind:

Start planning now. It could take years to save enough for a down payment and closing costs.

Don't forget ongoing expenses like a monthly mortgage payment, mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, furnishings, maintenance and repairs.

People with poor credit ratings usually either don't qualify for loans or pay much higher interest rates. Work on repairing your credit at the same time you launch a savings plan.

If your down payment isn't at least 20 percent, you'll probably be required to buy Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which protects the lender if you default.

For a comprehensive overview of how different types of mortgages work, check out Bankrate.com. Also, watch the easy-to-follow video explaining mortgages at Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney>. •

City

from front page

important thing we have at El Camino College--there are actual trades you can learn at the college level. For that reason, I support this measure."

Councilmember Bill Sutherland asked the community to consider supporting Measure E amidst an election season replete with bonds and taxes. He also touched on the importance of colleges (especially community colleges) as the next step after Torrance high schoolers graduate from the city's highly praised schools. "There's lots of taxes and bonds on the ballot of which I think the vast majority of them are going to fail," said Sutherland. "However, this isn't just a thing that will last two years or five years. The money may be spent by then, but these buildings will be there 25 years from now. The City of Torrance is very educational and we like to think that we provide a good education for our children. I'd like you all to know that no matter what our high schools do, if our El Caminos, Harbor Citys and other colleges don't build and don't add, it won't do much. There's going to be lots of issues you're going to vote no on, but I really think this is one you have to consider."

Lastly, the Council had representatives from a number of City departments inform North Torrance residents about what current

projects would impact that part of the community. Most notably the Community Services Department announced its work in refurbishing Colombia, Pueblo and McMaster parks. McMaster Park is seeing extensive work, including an expanded community center and new basketball courts. Pueblo Park is also receiving some much-needed attention, including new restrooms--as the current ones aren't a permanent solution. Public Works announced that the Del Amo extension has been opened for traffic, which is of special importance to North Torrance residents since it should reduce traffic on one of the community's major thoroughfares--190th Street.

Overall, the Council was pleased with how its first "on the road" meeting of the year turned out. Mayor Frank Scotto thanked City staff who put in extra work to make the meeting a success. While he was doubtful that the Council would make another trip to North Torrance during his term as Mayor, he said he would like to see the practice continue. Furey added that after Scotto leaves the Council, he will bring the group back to North Torrance. "I'll make sure we come back at least at some point in the next four years," said Furey. •

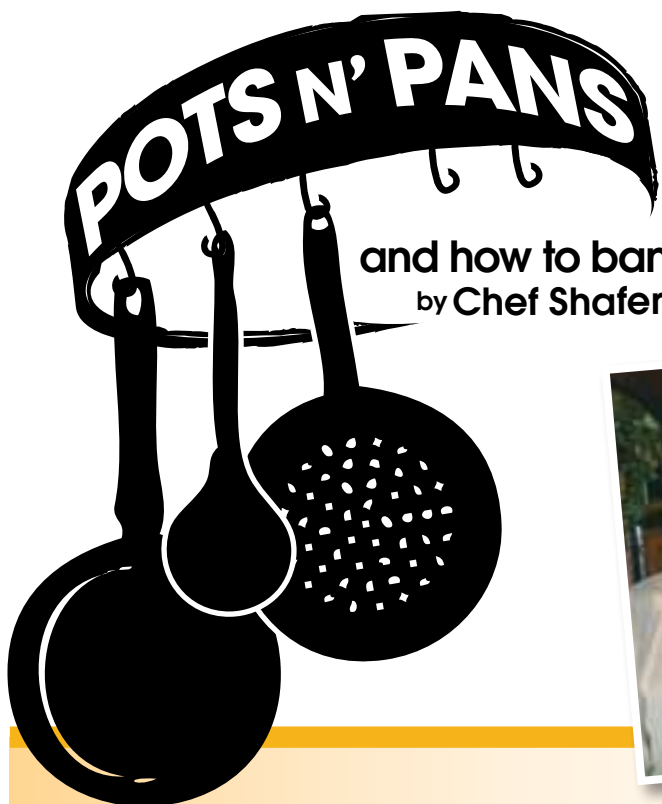
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by Chef Shafer



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That was me. And although my first love was the arts, I needed a job to pay for school and partying, so the kitchen became my home through high school and college.

In 1977, at the age of 21, I moved to California to try to find fame and fortune as a photojournalist. In Buffalo I was freelancing and shooting lots of concerts, so why not L.A.? The market was a little bigger and not as lucrative, so back to the kitchen I went.

That is when I met my mentor and he showed me that the culinary world was both an art and a passionate career. The rest is history. I've since worked in five countries and 30 different cities.

In 1991, The Depot opened and has been my home for the past 20 plus years. The Buffalo Fire Department came along three years ago and this year we opened the Downtown Torrance Market Place. Needless to say, the South Bay is my sole. lol.

In the following weeks we will have recipes and talks about the restaurant world. If you have questions please email them to me. Here is a teaser of things to come...

Fresh Basil Vinaigrette

The heirloom tomato season is upon us. Head out to the Farmer's Market and get some while they are at the season's best. Here is a simple dressing for them:

Ingredients -Makes two cups

10 to 12 basil leaves ripped by hand into 3 pieces

1/2 cup finely chopped green onions

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1/4 cup fresh orange juice

1 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar

Pinch kosher salt

Pinch coarse ground black pepper

Steps

Mix together and spoon over the sliced tomatoes and your favorite soft cheese blue goat brie, etc. and eat. This dressing can also be used as sauce to spoon over grilled seafood chicken lamb, etc.

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Sweat the small stuff

Just about every vehicle on the road has some scratches, nicks, chips and dents; parking lots and garages can't protect a vehicle completely. Inevitably, doors get dinged and bumpers scuffed. And even if the blemishes on your leased car are small, don't think the dealership won't notice. Even small flaws can quickly rust and grow into large headaches, so fixing the problem as soon as possible is always the best solution.

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Tire check

Like a pair of shoes, constant use will cause tires to wear down quickly. Tires are often one of the first places a dealer will look when inspecting a vehicle, and besides being a safety concern, bald or damaged tires can cost you big when your lease is up. Tires with less than one-eighth of an inch of tread need to be replaced before the dealership's inspection. An easy trick to get an idea of whether your car needs new tires is the "penny test." Simply place a penny in the tread of

each tire with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If the top of Lincoln's head shows, it's time for new tires.

To get the most life out of your leased car's tires from the get-go, check tire pressure regularly and rotate your tires about every six months. When your lease end date draws near, do a full check on all tires and replace any that show cuts, cracks or bulges in the sidewalls or treads. Purchasing new tires may seem expensive, but paying for them to be replaced by the dealership will likely cost you even more.

It's in the details

Before you hand over the keys for inspection, make an effort to get the vehicle looking and working exactly as it did when you drove it off the lot. Check that all features, including the sound system, keyless entry, windows and any other components, work properly and that all extras, from luggage racks to the spare tire cover, are accounted for. Though these extras may seem insignificant compared to the vehicle itself, the leasing company will check every single aspect of the vehicle when you return it.

To give your lease a good-as-new appearance, consider having the vehicle detailed before inspection. Turning over a vehicle that has already been thoroughly cleaned will make for an easier and less costly trade-in.

By taking advantage of the tips above, you'll skip the headaches when it comes to turning in a leased car.

"Ask George"

EXPERT ANSWERS TO COMMON DMV QUESTIONS

By George Valverde, Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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

Q: Should temporary physical conditions, such as a broken bone or being pregnant, be reported to DMV?

A. Temporary conditions that do not affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle do not need to be reported. Temporary conditions that *do* affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, a broken right leg for example, do not need to be reported; however, you should not drive until it is safe to do so.

Q: What is the Electronic Lien and Title system (ELT) System?

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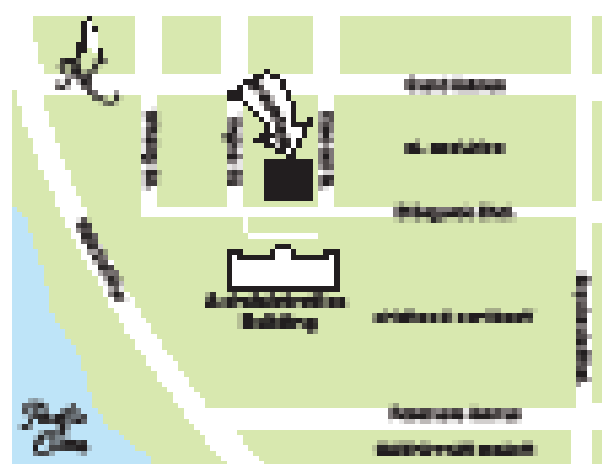


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TerriAnn in Torrance

Torrance Celebrates Centennial

By TerriAnn Ferren

We are nine months into the centennial celebration of the City of Torrance. One hundred years and counting. Our Centennial Year Celebration began with the wonderful feelings that the *Light Up Torrance* kick-off created on November 6, 2011 when hundreds of Torrance citizens gathered together at night in Wilson Park to spell out T-o-r-r-a-n-c-e with flashlights (see *Torrance Tribune*, "History in the Making – An Evening of Lights" from November 17, 2011). This

"Happy Birthday, Torrance" issue, March 30, 2012). And my campaign to blanket the city with delphiniums was a success as I drove around town seeing the beautiful lavender flowers everywhere. Although it is past spring when the delphiniums bloom, the ones I planted in a pot at my home are still popping up with green leaves! Maybe they know it is the City's centennial and they want to celebrate and shine.

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Banners on El Prado.

eventful year has already made memories that will not be forgotten.

February 12, 2012 was the red letter date for the Torrance Women's Club *Valentine Tea and Centennial Fashion Show*. On February 29, John Powers' *Works in Progress - Visionaries Series* began with a one-man show in the George Nakano Theatre highlighting Jared Sydney Torrance. I remember how Mr. Torrance, recreated by the actor Mike Campbell, told the entire audience about his life, his work, how Torrance came to be named 'Torrance' and lots of other fascinating



My Hybrid Delphinium still blooming with green leaves.

facts. The other remarkable visionaries Powers brought to life through his actors were Mother Jones, portrayed by Penny Orloff; Zane Grey, portrayed by Jim Senti; and L. Frank Baum, portrayed by Mark L. Colbenson (see *Torrance Tribune*, "L. Frank Baum and His Wonderful World of Oz" from June 22, 2012).

The City of Torrance planted our city flower, the Hybrid Delphinium, in front of City Hall with the help of the Rotary Club on St. Patrick's Day (see *Torrance Tribune*,

made Memorial Day, 2012 very special this centennial year with their *Names on the Wall* program, as every name on the Veteran's Memorial Wall was read aloud. I can still hear the flag lapping at the flag pole as the names were read (*Torrance Tribune*, "Memorial Day 2012" – June 8, 2012).

The Riviera Garden Club outdid itself this year with its *Riviera Historic Homes Tour* on June 1 and 2. It had been 30 years since the last Historic Homes tour and since the club was celebrating its 55th birthday, it decided to really do something special because of the City's centennial. That it did. I hope all you were able to check out the homes during the tour (see *Torrance Tribune*, "The Riviera Historic Homes Tour" – June 15, 2012)

On September 15, the Torrance Employees will once again grace the stage of the James Armstrong Theatre for charity in *The Torrance Employees Variety Show – Then and Now – The Centennial Edition* at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life. And Sunday, September 16, the *Hometown Community Parade and Time Capsule and Dedication of the Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park* will take place.

This afternoon, I headed to Downtown Torrance to get a sneak peek and check out the plaza at El Prado Park. The new plaza is located at the north end of El Prado Avenue at Cravens Avenue before you head toward the shops. I could see the workmen busily putting on the final touches. The chain link fence was still up and bags of cement, brooms and loose bricks were here and there. After parking my car, I walked toward the beautiful brick walkway. What a lovely place! The time capsule sits at the center of the plaza. As I walked past the blooming white rose bushes, I met Tom Legault, Public Works Inspector for Anderson-Penna, who told me he has worked on this project since July. He



Tom Legault, Public Works Inspector for Anderson - Penna.

explained to me, "The capsule is already in. We debated about whether they were going to put it in during the ceremony, but the lid itself is probably a thousand pounds--four inches thick with concrete and it is four inches wide, so we couldn't figure a way they could lift it and then set it in place. So it was decided to put the capsule in beforehand. It was all documented. That is all done."

At this point I was very excited to find my brick. You see, at the beginning of November

Tom had a large plan, but it was filled with numbers--not names. I thanked the Scottos for their help and headed back to the plaza to make one final pass over the names to find my brick. Cindy told me because I purchased my brick early, it might be in a certain spot. I took her advice and was scouring that area. Then I noticed a big bag of cement over a section of walkway I couldn't see. I moved it a bit and found my brick! I couldn't budge the huge sack of



Centennial Plaza still in process.

2011, I bought a commemorative brick for the *New Torrance Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park*. I could use up to three lines of 16 characters per line to put whatever I wanted on the brick. After much thought, I settled on "In Memory of David S. Ferren-The Ferren Family," in memory of my late husband. As you can imagine, I couldn't wait to find my brick. I looked everywhere. I read all the names as I walked along the path. Honestly, I knew so many of the names. Some bricks were still in need of cleaning. Tom Legault helped me look for my brick. He felt sorry for me, but assured me it must be here because all the bricks had been installed into the plaza and he promised after everything was cleaned up it would pop right out and be easy to spot. The hot midday sun was beating on the back of my neck and I could feel beads of perspiration roll down my back. All of a sudden, I heard my name called and looked toward the curb and saw Mayor Frank Scotto and his lovely wife Cindy smiling from their car asking what was I doing. I told them I was on a mission to find my brick. They assured me I would find it and suggested I contact the City to find out what number brick I had. You see, all the bricks are put in by number.

cement, so I asked a nearby worker, Tomas, to help me and he kindly moved the sack off the brick. I yelled, "I found it, I found it!" Tomas said a lot in Spanish I couldn't understand, but he seemed happy for me. I took a moment to look at the inscription and check the spelling. It was perfect. It made me happy and sad at the same time. I was relieved to have found the brick. It is not too late for you to be part of history. You too can still purchase a centennial brick. All you have to do is visit www.TorranceCentennial.Org for all the information.

As we head into the fourth quarter of the centennial year celebration of the City of Torrance, there are many more special events planned. Coming up on Sunday, October 28, 2012 is the *Torrance Birthday Bash* at Charles H. Wilson Park at 10 a.m. If you would like to be a vendor or if you are a performer, access the Centennial Committee website at www.TorranceCentennial.Org.

I can't remember a celebration that ever lasted a year, but the 100th anniversary of the City of Torrance is a very special occasion. Many people are working tirelessly to make this a success. Get out there and join in the fun, check out all the events coming up and make this year a year to always remember. •



My brick.



Finishing up the last touches of the Centennial Plaza. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

Looking Up

Shine On Harvest Moon!

By Bob Eklund

Songs are written about it, lovers sing of it, but when's the last time you actually looked at a harvest moon? First, what is a "harvest moon"? It's defined as "the full moon nearest to the September equinox" (the first day of autumn, which this year is Saturday, September 22). For everyone, the harvest moon is conspicuous. For farmers in years past, it was vital. At the climax of harvest, they could work late into the night by this autumn moon's light. It rises due east about the time the sun is setting due west (6 p.m.), the sun and moon both being roughly on the equator at this season. And for a few days, instead of rising its average of 50 minutes later each day, it rises at nearly the same time for several days. This is because the moon's orbital path is tilted somewhat sideways (horizontally) this time of the year, so that it makes a shallow angle relative to the horizon.

This year, the harvest moon will rise at its fullest on Saturday, September 29, one week after the autumn equinox. And while moon-watching is always interesting, it will be especially so a week before the full moon, on the night of the equinox, Saturday, September 22—which has been designated "International Observe the Moon Night."

You'd be surprised how many lunar features you can see, with even a small telescope or binoculars, when the moon is at this phase—

with only its right half-lit, looking like a "D" in the southern sky.

If you feel like a Saturday night outing to a local observing event on the 22nd, here are some local possibilities:

Pacific Astronomy & Telescope Show (PATS) at the Pasadena Convention Center September 22 and 23:

<http://www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org/pats/index.php/>

Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers (Friday in Pasadena Old Town, Saturday in Monrovia Library park: www.otastro.org/)

Griffith Observatory, free public star party 2 to 9:45 p.m. September 22:

<http://www.griffithobs.org/pcalendar.html>

For a directory with links to many L.A. area astronomy-interest websites: www.at-la.com/@la-astro.htm

International Observe the Moon Night is an educational outreach event sponsored by multiple NASA and astronomical organizations. Some 300 events in over 40 countries are being hosted by universities, observatories, NASA agencies, high schools, and amateur astronomers to observe the moon and share information about it. Events are offered both in person and via Internet streaming video. The date was selected during the moon's waxing gibbous phase, to enhance visibility of lunar craters.

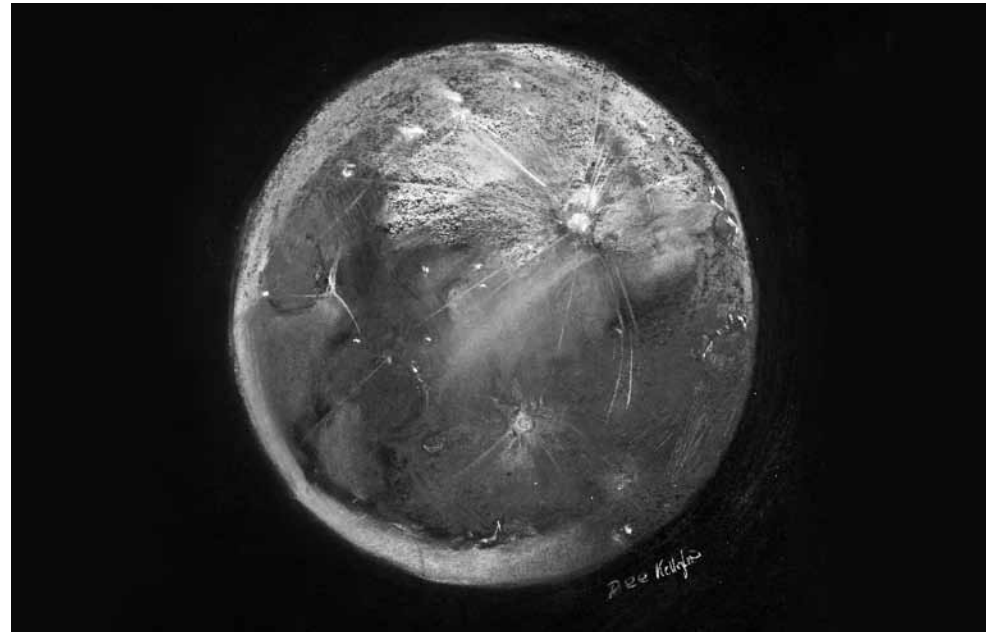
For more on International Observe the Moon Night: <http://observethemoonnight.org/>

Finally, a bit of lunar (or it is loony?) trivia: How many moon-related songs can you think of?

Let's start with the classics: Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Debussy's "Clair de Lune." Then fast-forward to jazz age and swing era standards like "Shine on Harvest Moon," "Carolina Moon," and "Moon Over Miami." Remember "Moonlight Becomes You" from one of those 1940s *Road to...* movies with Dorothy Lamour, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby? From

the big bands, there's "Moonlight Cocktails" and Moonlight Serenade." And finally, who could forget Audrey Hepburn singing "Moon River" in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*?

And here's a final idea: Why not invite friends in for a backyard moonlight barbecue, with or without telescope, on either September 22 or 29? A background of some of the above songs to accompany your "moonlight cocktails" would be nice—and that Old Devil Moon overhead is sure to be good company.



Almost Full Moon sketched live at the telescope with pastels by Deirdre Kelleghan, Bray Co., Wicklow, Ireland.

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Fight Off

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Trojans had just come out of a two-year bowl ban with nothing but national title hopes on their minds. The team, led by Barkley, is so talented that they not only had all of Los Angeles convinced that they could get there, but they had the rest of the coaches in the NCAA and the AP poll convinced as well. Now the Trojans, who were held scoreless for the last 41:19 of their game against Stanford, not only have another hole to climb out of, but also have a whole world of doubt to go up against going forward. Doubt that they can beat other teams within their own division, doubt that they have enough focus to get back to another BCS championship game, and doubt that they are actually as good as everyone has made them out to be. "It's not the end of the world," said Kiffin. "We'll get back on the plane, go home and we'll get better." Maybe it's not the end of the world for Kiffin, who has previously been outcast from the Oakland Raiders' and Tennessee Volunteers' head coaching positions only to conveniently find a nice, comfy home

back here in Southern California where his coaching career began--but the fans that he's never been able to relate to sure feel that way with this loss.

Now Trojan fans are left wondering what's left of their season. What was once a number one-ranked team with hopes of a national championship running rampant across their minds has now deflated to a 13 seed, seemingly with hopes of only getting back to another Rose Bowl to play on what ironically happens to be UCLA's home turf. The talent is there for USC. That alone is indubitable. Making plays down the stretch when it really matters, however, has yet to transpire for this team. So for now, Trojan fans are left with no solace but to heed the words of Kiffin and simply wait for their team to get better. Until that time, however, they must find a way to not let the sight of UCLA sitting above them in the standings drive them towards madness. Truly, the Trojans will live to fight on another day, but the Stanford Cardinal has found their own unique way to turn the Trojan fight off. •

Spartans

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the West High Warriors. The Warriors, from the Bay League like Costa, are undefeated on the season and in first place in their division.

WEST HIGH

The West High Warriors are back. Not just back to trudge through another long and grueling football season, but back to show the rest of the league and the city who the best football team around is. Already 2-0 to start the young year, the Warriors will get a taste of the Pioneer League now before they start play within their own Bay League in a couple of weeks. The El Segundo Eagles were up first, but the Warriors left them in their dust.

Naturally the difference in the game was West High starting quarterback Joey Notch, who may just be up for player of the year honors. Notch went seven for seven on passes to open the game, including a five-yard touchdown pass to open the game and another 30-yarder to set the score to 14-0 early on. "I thought we played well as a team," Notch said. "We came out hot." By the end of the first quarter, the Warriors led by those two touchdowns to burn out to a 21-7 lead. After a back and forth second quarter that saw each team score 17 points, West broke it open in the third quarter. Barry Thomas, the Warriors' starting running back, made sure that El Segundo wouldn't come back in this one. With two touchdowns in the third quarter alone, Thomas finished with 134 yards on just 14 carries. "I'm so tired about hearing about the West High air attack," Thomas exclaimed. "We can run the ball too!" Thomas' rushing touchdowns put the game out of reach and the Warriors ahead 52-24. A safety in the fourth quarter would set the final score at 54-24. West, now at 3-0, is on a five-game winning streak dating back to last year and is now really beginning to flex its muscle. Already having beaten Torrance High, South and North are next up on the schedule for West to show just how good it has become.

NORTH HIGH

If it weren't for a tiny slip-up in the opening week against Redondo in which the Saxons only lost by a touchdown, we would all be marveling at how seamlessly they are performing right now. Instead of letting that loss cloud our judgment, let's marvel anyhow. Bishop Montgomery sure is, after it got trounced by the Saxons last Friday night by a final score of 56-0 at Bishop Montgomery.

There's not much to explaining how this game went. North scored first, they scored last and they scored everywhere in between. The Saxons put up 306 yards of total offense in the first half and 348 yards in the whole game. With 28 points in the first quarter and 28 points in the second quarter, the second half basically didn't even need to be played. It's not like Bishop Montgomery is a slouch of a team either. "We've seen them on film and they've got some good players and done some great things the first three weeks," North head coach Todd Croce explained. "It was a surprise to come out and start so well."

In its first three weeks of play, Bishop came out and beat all three of its opponents. In those three victories it compiled 110 points, which is an average of 36.6 per game. So the offense for the Saxons isn't the only thing doing its job. To hold Bishop to zero points all game, the first, second and maybe even third string defensive units had to be on point.

North starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez finished with 180 yards passing and five touchdowns. He also scored on the ground, rushing for a total of 59 yards. Four different receivers caught touchdowns, including Devante Jenkins who hauled in two. Next up for the Saxons is West High. Both teams have been playing extremely well this season. The cross-town rivalry should certainly be a clash of two titans.

TORRANCE HIGH

Bye Week •

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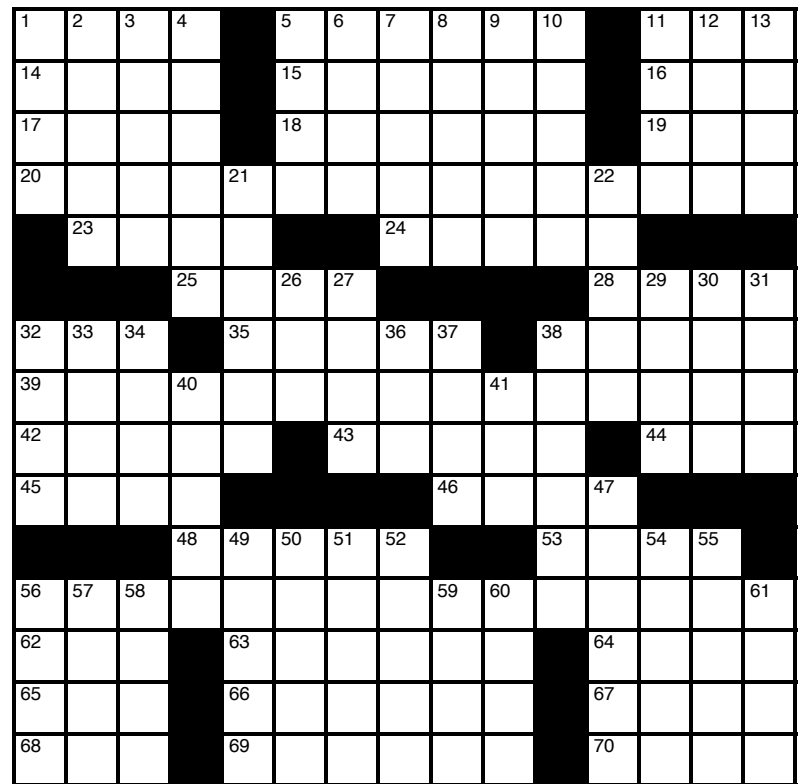
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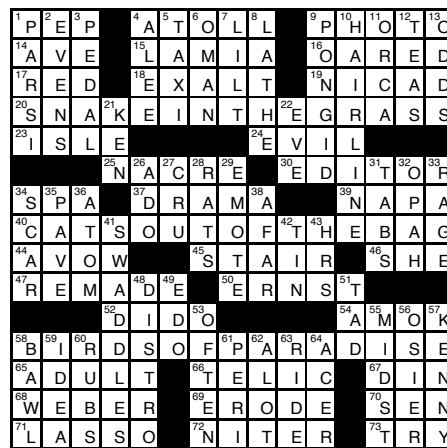
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SUDOKU Medium

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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.

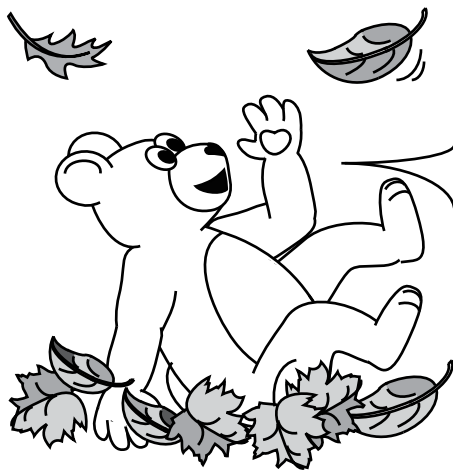
Fall is football, apple picking...

...crisp air and getting ready for winter.

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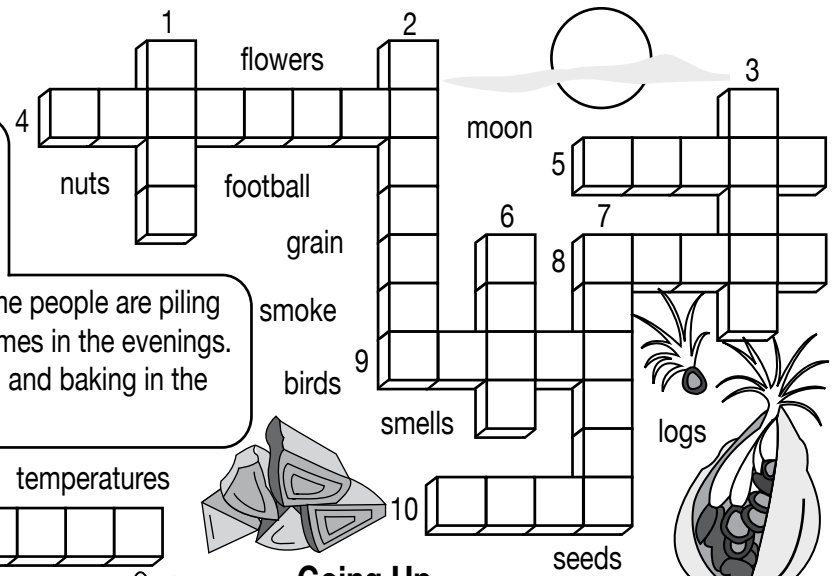


Fall is Coming!

Fall is coming! Leaves are starting to drop from the trees. Some birds are flocking together and flying south for the winter. Animals are gathering seeds and nuts to store for the winter.

Children are playing soccer and football. Some people are piling logs for fires that will take off the chill in their homes in the evenings.

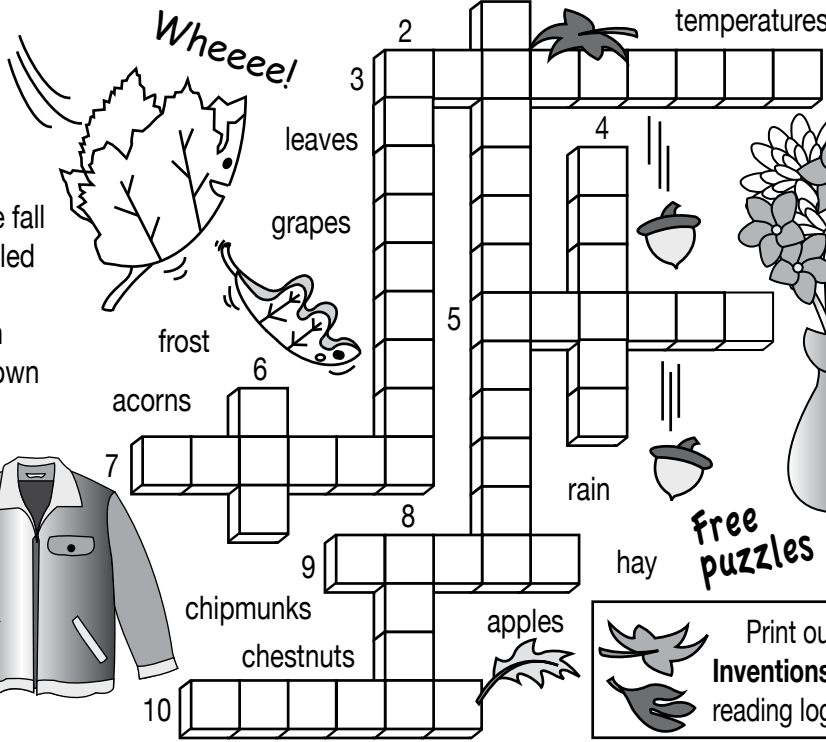
Families are starting to cook more hot meals, and baking in the oven begins again! Yum!



Some things fall "down" during the autumn season and some things go "up":

Falling Down ...

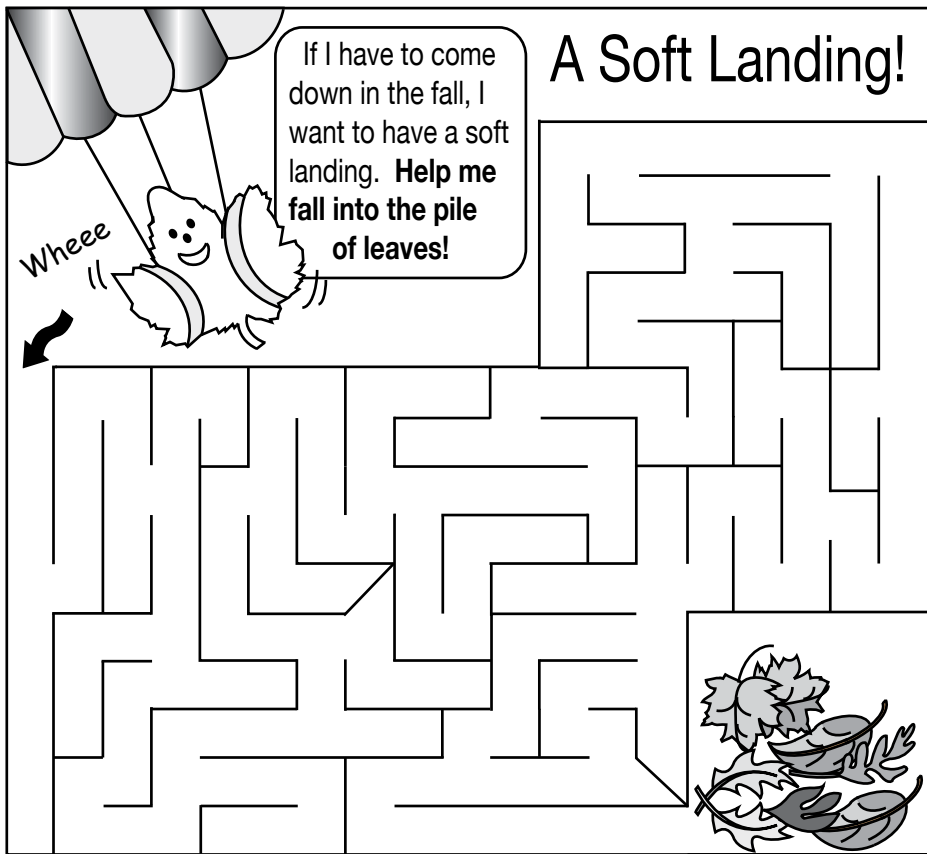
1. get out sweaters when these fall
2. the scurrying _____ tumbled down into their burrows
3. roasted over a fire and eaten
4. clusters of _____ hang down heavily on their vines
5. crisp and fresh! pies! sauce!
6. fields of _____
7. rake them up!
8. umbrellas, raincoats needed
9. coats the grass and windowpanes
10. fall from mighty oak trees



Going Up ...

1. stacking _____ in piles for heating
2. picking _____ to dry for fall bouquets
3. flocking together to fly south
4. kicked up over the goal post
5. piled into silo for winter feeding of animals
6. harvest _____ rising into the sky at night
7. _____ of baking pies, hot cider
8. milkweed pods open and their _____ float away
9. _____ from fires warming houses
10. squirrels pick up _____ to store

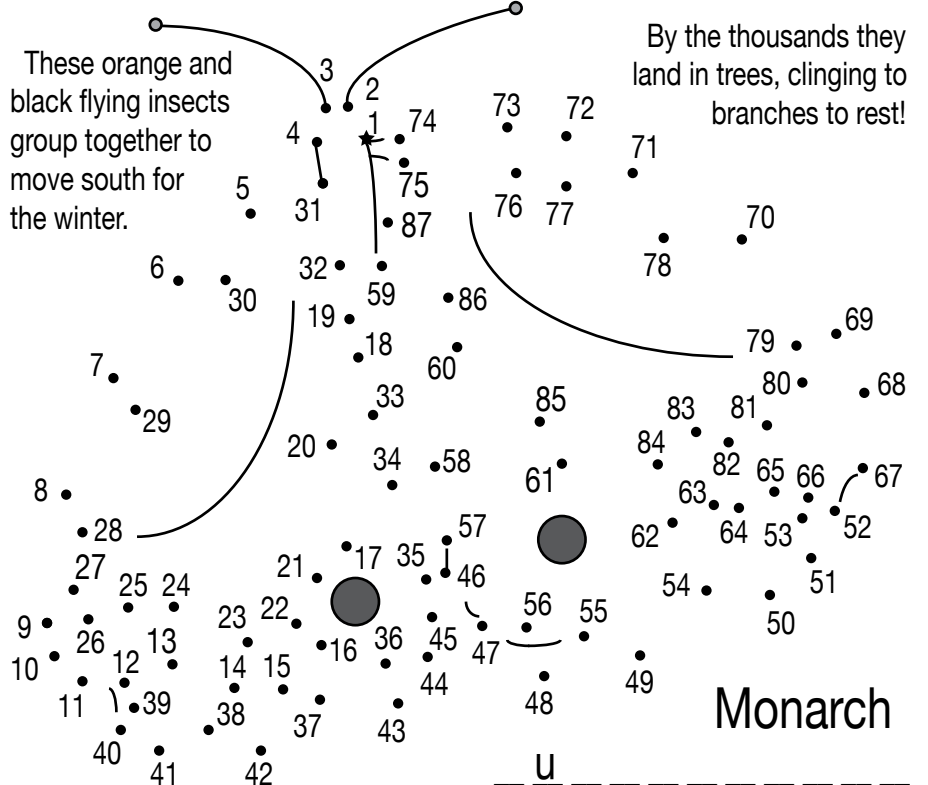
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Orange Clouds Moving South?!

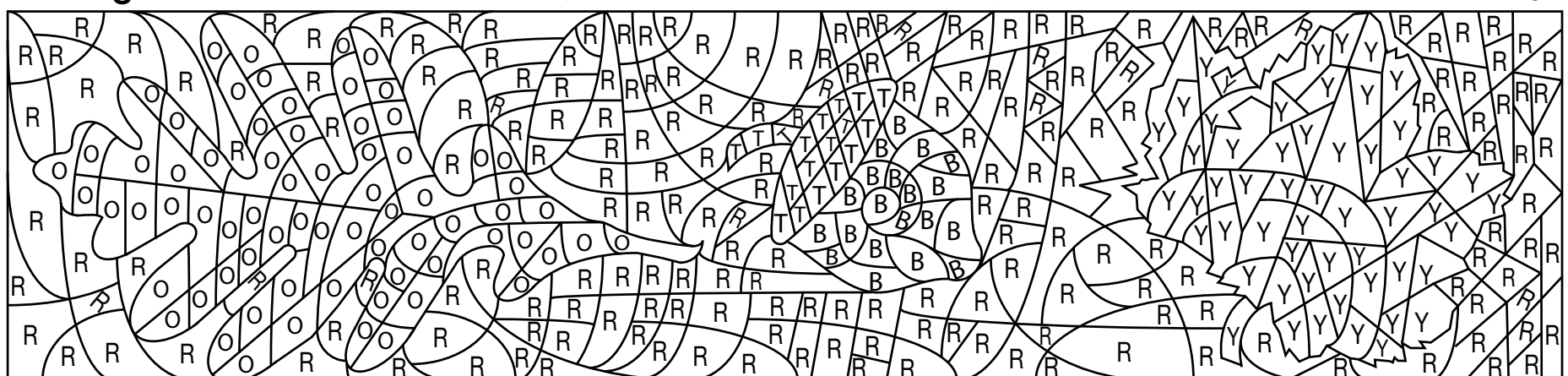
These orange and black flying insects group together to move south for the winter.

By the thousands they land in trees, clinging to branches to rest!



Falling all Around!

Grab your colored pencils and fill this in to see what is falling: B = Brown, Y = Yellow, T = Tan, R = Red, O = Orange



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Pets Without Partners

Adopt a “pet without a partner” and give a homeless pet a second chance in life! Animals Rule will be having special adoption events, including one this week in Long Beach. Please check our website for upcoming locations.

Rocky was found as a stray by a Good Samaritan. Since he was not microchipped



Rocky and did not have tags, his owners were sadly never located. This spunky little guy is around two years old and weighs eight pounds. His middle name is “personality.” He is a charming little guy who plays well with the other dogs and children. He loves to fetch, will hop up on your lap, walks perfectly on leash and comes when called. Rocky also has a very unique, spotted undercoat. Extremely attentive, fun and affectionate, he will make a great addition into any family home. Rocky will be neutered, is current on all vaccinations, is de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and good with kids.

Lady was pulled out of the Harbor Shelter on her last day. She is a true rescue, as she



Happy Tails

Our Tiny Girl found a great home with her new family and their “tiny boy.”

Tiny Girl (we are trying out Suzy for a name) is doing very well. She is eating well and uses her bed at night, but prefers to sit with my husband during the day. The landscape guys are here today, so she is barking whenever they come close to the front door (my husband’s recliner is by the front door). Let me tell you...when she barks, it sounds so ferocious. I did give her a bath, which was quite an experience. Holding her as she climbed out of the sink onto the counter all soapy. She did like the drying off process and the brushing though. Maureen, my groomer, says she was a really

was scheduled to be euthanized. Her name reflects her personality. Lady has wonderful house and play manners. Her very sweet and loving heart will win you over in an instant. Add to that she is a really good listener and mindful in the house...what more could you ask for? She currently resides in a foster home without a yard where she will go to the door and bark or whine to be let out to do her business--or she will use wee wee pads if you put them out for her. Don’t pass by this terrific Dachshund/Corgi mix. She is a perfect size and age at 25 pounds and one to two years old. Lady is spayed, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and good with mature children.

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.

good little girl and thoroughly enchanted everyone who came in. Suzy’s nails were trimmed--her ears done and brushed (of course, she got a bath).

She spends most of her time with my husband John. He sits in his chair most of the day or naps on the bed. She loves to eat! I mix just a little over one-quarter cup and then split into two--one for breakfast and one for dinner. She is really adapting to our schedule and household quirks. Last night she was in her bed, but about 2 a.m. she decided that she wanted to sleep on the bed. So I got a dog bed and put it in between my pillow and John’s. She immediately fell asleep and stayed that

Purrrfect Companions

Happiness is waiting around the corner when you adopt a purr-fect partner.

Cherie is a beautiful girl, a young mama cat who is ready to find her forever home and begin her new life with a loving family of her own. Cherie and her five kittens spent many weeks with the help of a Kitten Rescue bottle-feeder as she and her babies were very ill from exposure. Thankfully, they all survived and are now healthy and energetic. Cherie is a little princess who acts like a kitten herself as she chases her toys around the house and runs up and down the cat tree. She gets along with the other cats in the house with minimal fuss. Cherie didn’t seem to mind when an Italian Greyhound came to visit, so it’s obvious that she has been around dogs at some point in her life and she would be okay in a house that has a small to medium dog. Cherie is sweet and loving, loves to be petted and brushed and of course she loves, loves, loves when someone plays with her. She is ready to become a beloved pet and will grace her new home with delicate beauty.

Sarah is a little beauty of a kitten, with expressive, round, green eyes that look meltingly into your eyes with love and mischief. She is super-sweet and loves attention, but can also be a little bit shy in a new situation. Sarah loves to hear her name called over and over and drop and roll when she is feeling

through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped,



Cherie 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.



Sarah playful and asking for your attention. She is full of spice when she’s playing with her toys or the other kittens in the house, but will climb to the top of the tallest cat tree when it’s time for a nap. Sarah gets along well with all the cats in her foster home, but really only plays with the other kittens and her mom Cherie. She is a real sweetie pie of a kitten and will be a nice asset to any home. Since Sarah is a kitten, she needs to be adopted into a home that already has a young cat or with another kitten, or even her beautiful mom Cherie, who is her best friend. These kittens/cats are available for adoption

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.

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way until John woke up. Thank you for letting her join our family. A nice aside, while I was dropping her off at Maureen’s, a couple was there to pick up their Yorkie. They were interested in where I got her. I recommended your rescue. When I came back, Maureen asked that I write the information down because the wife had forgotten it and the husband was really interested. Perhaps one more can be loved and in a forever family...” -- Regards, Rebecca and Suzy.

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.

Real Estate

Beautiful Rooms Are Meant to Be Lived In

(ARA) - Fall is the time of year when thoughts turn back toward the home. With kids back in school and the holidays approaching, many homeowners look for ways to make their rooms more stylish, but struggle to find the balance between beautiful and livable.

“Of course your home should be stylish. But if you can’t enjoy living in it, what’s the point?” says Erinn Valencich, a Los Angeles-based interior designer and blogger for HGTV’s Design Happens. “I believe in creating beautiful spaces that are fun, elegant and livable.”

Redecorating a space with a few key elements can completely transform the look and feel of the room without breaking the budget. “When starting the room refresh process, keep the livability of the design elements in mind to make sure you have a balance that works within your lifestyle, but still gives the room personality and a special flair for style,” notes Valencich.

One of the easiest ways to breathe new life into a room is by refreshing the floors. A dull or scuffed floor can make a room look tired. Selecting the right flooring will create the perfect canvas to help tie all a room’s design elements together. Flooring is one of the key design elements that will bring both personality and livability together.

ADDING PERSONALITY

“Great rooms have a personality ... a mix of vision, style and inspirations from everyday life, all while being comfortable and easy to live in,” says Valencich, who shares her tips at www.quickstepstyle.com/videos.

Blending a variety of influences will add

distinction to a room. Start off by having a clearly defined color palette. One option Valencich suggests is selecting a rich-toned floor to serve as a warm background for furniture. “I like the Burnished Walnut planks



visual interest. Once all these elements are brought together, Valencich recommends adding a few pieces and accessories that will add dimension, such as a chandelier or colorful accent pillows to tie the entire

and flow of the room.

- Select flooring and furniture that is durable. Be sure to review all the warranty information before making a purchase.

- Consider how much maintenance will be required to keep the pieces in your room looking fresh.

- Don’t let the room get too cluttered so that it becomes uncomfortable for guests to relax.

- If you are going the DIY renovation route, seek products that are easy to install.

“Keep all these different pieces in mind while going through the design-planning process. Then, mix in your sense of style and personality for a room that will fit all your needs,” says Valencich.

GETTING STARTED

If you are considering purchasing a new floor, quickstep.com offers a floor configurator that allows you to choose both wall color and floor styles to see how they work together. To make floor selection even easier, Valencich has curated her own collection of Quick-Step “Designer’s Choice” floors, which can be viewed at quickstepstyle.com.

from Quick-Step’s Veresque collection to really help ground a room,” says Valencich. “These floors feature exclusive GenuEdge Technology, which provides a realistic hardwood edge visual. The floors stand up to busy lives, and stay looking great.”

To add contrast to a warm floor, add a subtle color to the walls. Then, incorporating a collection and variety of prints and frames will help break up the wall color and add

room’s personality together.

LIVABILITY WITHIN DESIGN

Authentic style that works in real life is key to achieving a beautiful and comfortable room. Valencich’s recommendations include:

- Keep both comfort and style in mind when selecting furniture pieces.

- Develop a list of how the room will be used by your family and guests. Keep it top-of-mind when determining the layout

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