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Kings Staffer Shares Stanley Cup Day with Police Department



Torrance resident and Assistant Athletic Trainer to the Los Angeles Kings, Myles Hirayama, shares his day with the Stanley Cup with members of the Torrance Police Department. Inset: The Stanley Cup made a special appearance on Monday at the Torrance Police Department allowing members of the department and their families to be photographed with the 3-foot chalice. The iconic trophy is now continuing its tour. Photo courtesy of the Torrance Police Department.

“Who Do You Think You Are?” To Highlight Three Torrance Families

By Cristian Vasquez

The South Bay Cities Genealogical Society will host “Who Do You Think You Are?” as part of its participation in the Torrance Centennial celebration on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in the James R. Armstrong Theatre. “The City put out information that they were soliciting participation in the centennial and because we have had a really positive relationship with the City for a number of years, we thought we should participate--so we applied,” Connie Moretti, Education Chairman of the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, said. “The whole idea was to create a program that the public would not fall asleep during or would not be bored out of their minds. As a corollary because we would have done the research and collected the documents, we decided to produce a scrapbook for each family that will have copies of the documents if they ever want to do anything with it. There will also be a DC of the PowerPoint being presented the night of the program.”

With the 1940 census being made available this year, the club wanted to do something commemorating the release of the information that has been filed for 72 years as a centennial event. However, some members believed that a census event would not invoke much public participation.

“At that time, ‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ was on television and I had read some things about places and other parts of the country that had done successful shows of their own,” Moretti said. “When we contacted Ancestry, I asked if they had any guidelines on how to do it. They thought it was a good idea, but said they had no guidelines.”

The SBCGS then had to contact Shed

Media, which owns the copyright to the title “Who Do You Think You Are?” and was very cooperative and willing to let the club use the title so long as it did not use the related logo. The theme of the Torrance Centennial Celebration is “Looking Back and Moving Forward.” The Society added “Honoring the Present” so that programs could include “Look Back” with the Post family, “Honor the Present” with Mayor Scotto and his wife, and “Move Forward” with Michael Shafer.

intermission between each one. In each one of those three sections, there will be a guest expert: Janet Payne will be the guest expert during the Post family segment and will speak about the history of Torrance. Eric Siess, a SBCGS member, will speak about the value of the census in doing research during the Scotto portion of the program. Lastly, Paul Lipinski, also a member and former president of the Polish Genealogical Society, will talk about Polish research as Shafer’s story is shared. There will also be a

Our primary motivation is giving back to a community that has been generous to our organization and doing something to make the centennial a success.

“So we are sort of building on the TV show--the first thing we told our featured families was, ‘We aren’t going to fly you anywhere because we have no budget,’” Moretti said. “But most of them had seen the show at least once, so they knew what we were talking about. We tried to pattern along the show, keeping in mind that we are doing something in a 500-seat theater for the general public.”

The presentation will be narrated by Moretti and Lisa Schumacher, President of South Bay Cities Genealogical Society. In an effort to make the event like the real show, there will be experts on-hand for each portion of the show. The program will be divided into three sections, with an

surprise ending for everyone in attendance.

“We have one of the first families, we have the Mayor and his wife and we have the Citizen of the Year,” Moretti said. “We think we have a pretty well-rounded representation in line with the centennial. They are all so different, but each of the families has been very excited about it and very generous with their time. They have shared a lot of family photos, time and family information with us. They are all ideal representatives of the three phases of the centennial celebration.”

Planning for the presentation began in January, even though the idea had been floating around a while before that. The families highlighted are considered to be

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds
PM Sun
74°/67°



Saturday
Sunny
75°/69°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
78°/69°



PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

Pets Without Partners Purrrfect Companions

Please join us at a special event at the Liberty Art Gallery in Long Beach, Saturday, September 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring a free pet psychic! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Animals Rule. This is the closing reception for "Best in Show-Art Goes to the Dogs." Further details are on the home page of our website.

There is something magical about **Havana Joe**. His personality is contagious and his



Havana Joe

heart is genuine...there is simply no other way to describe him. When we pulled him out of the Carson Shelter, he needed a complete amputation of his right front leg due to nerve damage/injury. Being left at the shelter, he surely would have met his fate. Joe will make a full 100 percent recovery, his bushy white hair will grow back and his scar will never be seen again. As you can see on his YouTube video, he gets around just great. This cool little Corgie mix is around one to two years old and just the *niciest* dog ever--so gentle, sweet and kind-spirited. He is very happy-go-lucky in his personality and will make an absolutely fabulous addition into any home situation. Havana Joe is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and good with kids. Donations towards his care are tax-deductible.

Wendy is darling Terrier mix who is about two years old and weighs 13 pounds. She is a pretty little girl with her white, wirehaired coat and apricot ears and saddle. She was running near our rescue as a stray and her partner had already been hit by a car. She is very sweet, soft-spoken and loving. Wendy

gets along with other dogs and is fine with cats too. In foster care, she has learned to use the doggie door and is completely housebroken. She walks about four miles a day on multiple treks and is friendly with everyone she encounters. Wendy is a sweet, loving little girl and will be a great addition to your family. Wendy is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and would be best with children over six.

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



Wendy

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. •

There is an unending variety of kittens and cats available through Kitten Rescue from fluffy longhaired to sleek and slender shorthaired. Just let us know--we are sure to have your "purr-fect" match.

Matthew is a gorgeous gray and white Tuxedo kitten. This sociable little boy *loves*



Matthew

his humans! In fact, Matthew is a sweet talker and a total charmer who is eager to please and wants to make sure you know he loves you. He will follow you around the house going from room to room with you. Matthew is perfectly content to sit on your lap for long periods, but is fine with short sessions too. His favorite playmates are his brother Christopher and his foster friend Athena. If you want a little lover, then Matthew is the one for you! Matthew would love to be adopted into a home with his brother Christopher or with his friend Athena, or into a home that already has a young kitty looking for a friend. He is just too social to be a single kitty.

Christopher is a darling, medium-haired, gray Tabby with warm, hazel eyes and a heart of gold. He is a beauty with a lion's heart and has charged himself with watching over his brother Matthew and the other fosters in his foster home. He thinks it is his job to protect the ones he loves and that includes watching out over his humans and making sure that they are safe. Like all kittens, Christopher

is extremely playful and he loves to romp and run around the room chasing his toys and wrestling his kitten friends. Christopher is a little charmer and will steal your heart with his sweetness and affection! Christopher would love to be adopted into a home with another kitten from Kitten Rescue or into a home that already has a young kitty.

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. •



Christopher

Happy Tails

Reba, aka Ellie, was our gorgeous little red-haired Pomeranian--hence the name "Reba" McEntire. Her sweet personality landed her a home with a Pom-loving family and her new friend Missy...

"Ellie is doing really great with us. She had her first grooming with her new friend Missy. The groomer said she did very well. Ellie is sitting on her new daddy's [Paul] lap and Missy is with her mom [Katy]. She is fitting in really well. She has advanced into the big bed with the rest of her family and has found her spot. Missy and she are doing really well together. They have not started playing together, but it has only been a week and two days that she has been with us. She gets along with our cats really well...I believe our cats think they are seeing double.

This is our first experience with a rescue dog and it has been a pleasant one. Animals Rule Rescue is a very well-organized organization. Shannon and the rest of the ladies were very helpful the day we went to get Reba, aka Ellie. We picked the name Ellie because it seems to be a soft and sweet name just like her. Thank you for saving her so that we were able to adopt her." -- Paul and Katy.

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.



Calendar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

• Torrance 100 Years – A Musical Salute, 2:30 p.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

• "Key to the City" presented to Carmelita Jeter at the start of the City Council Meeting, 7-8 a.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

• Downtown Torrance Centennial Parade, 12 p.m., on Post Ave., south of Cravens. For more information visit www.TorranceCentennial.org, or call the City Manager's Office at (310) 618-5880.

• Dedication Of Centennial Plaza At El Prado Park along with the burial of a time capsule, 2 p.m., at Carson Street at Manuel Ave. www.TorranceCentennial.org

• Japanese Folk Song & Dance Show, 1 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Box Office: (310) 781-7171.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

• Pajama-rama, 6:30 p.m., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. For more information call (310) 323-7200.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

• City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call City Clerk (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

• South Bay Cities Genealogical Society presents "Torrance: Who Do You Think You Are?", 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Free admission. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

• 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 Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup in the City of Carson open to all L.A. County residents, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., City of Carson, Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, West Maintenance Building Parking Lot, 24501 South Figueroa Street. For more information call (310) 781-6900 or 1-888-253-2652.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

• City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call the City Clerk at (310) 618-2870.

Business Briefs

SOUTH BAY BALLET'S SKYLAR KOLBY BURSON SIGNS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

Skylar Kolby Burson, 21, of the South Bay Ballet, located in Torrance, has landed a professional contract with Utah Regional Ballet. Burson signed on as a company member for the 2012-2013 season and commence rehearsals in August.



Artistic Director, Diane Lauridsen stated, "I am so proud of Skylar, who has worked extraordinarily hard to achieve this goal. The entire Company congratulates him and wishes him nothing but the best as he follows his dream to dance professionally. Skylar's achievement is testament to the hard work and dedication of our young dancers, who continue to excel as they study and perform

classical dance."

Burson says he is very excited about this new milestone in his life. "I have trained and worked extremely hard for a very long time in preparation of beginning my career, and I am ready. I look forward to all that there is to learn at the professional level as I move on to the next stage in my life's journey." Burson will concurrently attend Utah Valley University to continue his academic studies as a dance major.

His principal and soloist roles with South Bay Ballet include the Nutcracker Prince (2010), Spanish soloist (2009), and Chinese soloist (2008) in The Nutcracker; the Gold Jewel (2010) in The Sleeping Beauty; Nick Bottom (2009) in A Midsummer Night's Dream, the Dancing Master in Cinderella (2012), as well as many senior corps de ballet roles. Additionally, Burson has been privileged to perform under the direction of many notable choreographers including Jacqueline Colledge, Heather Gray, Lorin Johnson, Robert Kelley, Eva Stone, and others.

Early in his training, Burson performed with The Royal Ballet of London while on tour in the United States with Cinderella in 2004. Since 2007, he has consecutively been awarded scholarships from The Petit Oasis Foundation, an organization dedicated to furthering ballet training for boys and young men. Burson has won acceptance and full scholarship opportunities to summer

intensive programs through the years from prominent American dance institutions including Atlanta Ballet, Boston Ballet, Houston Ballet, Kansas City Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Utah Regional Ballet, and USA International Ballet Competition.

Also of note, Burson has choreographed several original ballets; was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in 2006 by the Boy Scouts of America; and was valedictorian of his graduating class in 2009 from Pacific Coast High School.

THE DEPOT'S 17TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BALL FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC THERAPY NETWORK HOSTED BY CHEF SHAFER OCTOBER 14


The 17th Annual Halloween Ball hosted by Chef Michael Shafer of The Depot and Buffalo Fire Department restaurants will be held on Sunday, October 14 from 4 to 9 pm in front of the Depot Restaurant on Cabrillo Ave, under a ghostly white tent. This premiere South Bay event, which features Chef's fabulous dinner buffet, hosted martini bar, live music and costume contest will benefit Pediatric Therapy Network, a non-profit research, education and therapy center for children with special needs located in Torrance. The event, attended by over 600 costumed guests from all over Southern California,

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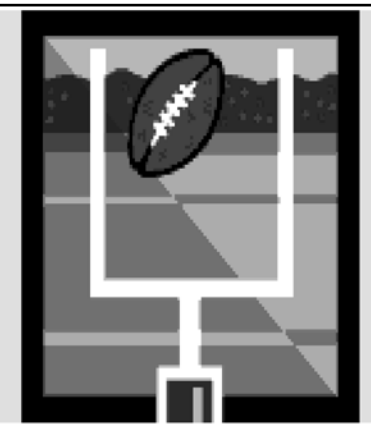
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♦ Exhibitors may display merchandise, raffle items, and take orders. No direct sales please.

Police Brief

SEXUAL BATTERY ARREST

On Thursday, August 30, 2012, at approximately 5 pm, Torrance Police Detectives arrested a Torrance area podiatrist and charged him with two counts of felony sexual battery. Dr. Arnold Serkin, 67 years, surrendered at the front desk of the station was taken into custody without incident.

Detectives believe that Dr Serkin unlawfully touched two patients during medical examinations at his Torrance office.

Detectives have been in contact with the Los Angeles District Attorneys Office as well as with surrounding agencies in an attempt to locate any additional victims and/or evidence.

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

Police Reports

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

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez

AUGUST 25

Burglary-Auto: 2400 BLOCK 227TH ST Suspect(s) smashes windows of two vehicles for entry and takes property/duffel bag, paperwork, wallet, cell phone.

Battery Simple: 3200 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD Suspect strikes victim in the face and head.

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) writes on victim's vehicle.

Vandalism: 3400 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) writes on carport storage cabinets.

Burglary-Auto: 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/wallet, gym bag, iTouch, sunglasses.

Burglary Commercial: 3700 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD Suspect(s) enters offices by unknown means, ransacks desk drawers and takes unknown property.

AUGUST 24

Burglary Residential: 1900 BLOCK 185TH ST Suspect(s) forces open door for entry/no loss.

Burglary-Auto: 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/cell phone, keys.

Burglary-Auto: 17100 BLOCK CASIMIR AVE Suspect(s) defeats door lock for entry and takes property/third row seats.

AUGUST 23

Theft: 20900 BLOCK EARL ST Suspect(s) enters victim's room and takes property/cash, check book, gold coin.

Burglary Auto: 18300 BLOCK MANSEL AVE Suspect(s) enters by unknown means and takes property/cash.

Auto Theft-All: 3400 BLOCK FASHION WAY Stolen vehicle: '11 Hyundai Elantra.

Burglary Residential: 18500 BLOCK REGINA AVE Suspect(s) enters through unlocked window, removes screen and takes property/game console.

AUGUST 22

Burglary Auto: 18000 BLOCK BAILEY DR Suspect(s) enters via unlocked door and takes property/wallet.

Vandalism: 2700 BLOCK ORANGE AVE Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's window/no entry, no loss.

Auto Theft-All: 23800 BLOCK AUDREY AVE Stolen vehicle: '12 Toyota Sienna.

Burglary Residential: 2300 BLOCK NEARCLIFF ST Suspects enter through window, ransack and take property/laptop.

Burglary Residential: 3400 BLOCK CRICKLEWOOD ST Suspect(s) enters through rear window, ransacks and takes property/computer, jewelry, cash.

Burglary Auto: 2700 BLOCK ORANGE AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/poker game set.

Auto Theft-All: 4100 BLOCK 182ND ST Stolen vehicle: '87 Harley Davidson M/C.

AUGUST 21

Vandalism: 2700 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect fails to remove hose from vehicle causing damage to gas pump.

Theft: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes unattended property from counter/cell phone.

AUGUST 20

Vandalism: 2100 BLOCK 235TH PL Suspect(s) uses unknown tool to scratch victim's vehicle's paint and sketch obscenities.

Theft: 19400 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) uses unknown tool to remove property from building/water valves, copper piping.

Burglary Auto: 5100 BLOCK CATHANN ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/cash, registration, insurance.

Burglary Auto: 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/gym bag, vehicle registration documents.

Burglary Auto: 3400 BLOCK MARICOPA ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle via unlocked door and takes property/purse.

August 19

Battery Simple: 4100 BLOCK 180TH ST Suspect hits victim in the head causing her to fall.

Theft: 20800 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) takes locked property from carport/bicycle.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes property from victim's wallet as she shops/cash.

Theft: 20800 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) takes locked property from carport/bicycle.

Theft: 2800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) takes vehicle parts from the exterior of victims' vehicles/two tailgates. •

Realignment (AB 109) Update

By Dylan Little

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

AB 109 MOVES SENTENCES FOR OVER 500 CRIMES TO COUNTY JAIL

Under AB 109, the prisoner realignment act passed in 2011, more than 500 crimes have had their sentences changed from state prison sentences to county jail time. Due to the influx of new prisoners and infrastructure that wasn't built to handle prisoners for more than short stays between court dates, many of these prisoners are being released after serving only half their sentences.

AB 109 was passed in anticipation of a negative ruling by the United States Supreme Court on whether California state prisons were overcrowded to the point of violating the prisoner's constitutional rights because of inadequate medical care. In addition, the law is also a cost savings measure for the state government, because under AB 109 a huge chunk of the cost of housing prisoners and supervising them after release is moved to county level budgets. Currently only about 70 crimes result in a state prison sentence, the rest have been moved to a list of more than 500 non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual crimes.

However, some in the law enforcement field dispute that all of the crimes on the list are truly non-violent, non-sexual and non-serious. Torrance Chief of Police John Neu has pointed out a large number of crimes that are supposedly non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual are in fact very serious.

"The state representatives that wrote this law have said all of the 500 plus laws that have been reclassified are non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual," said Neu. "That's a flat out lie."

Some of the supposedly non-violent crimes are offenses like brandishing a gun or deadly weapon with intentional infliction of serious bodily injury, battery with serious body injury, assault with a stun gun or less lethal weapon. Even in cases where there are additional circumstances that logically should mandate harsher penalties, these crimes are still on the books as jail – not prison – worthy offenses. These include crimes like, making a credible threat to use force or violence against a witness in a trial, vehicular manslaughter due to intoxication (without gross negligence), extortion with force or threat of force and even inflicting cruel or inhuman corporal punishment on a child.

"In what way are these non-violent and non-serious?" said Neu. "Whose interpretation is this?"

Families

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very strong representatives of Torrance who have gone above and beyond what would be expected of anyone in order to make Torrance a desirable place to live. "These families have been wonderful to work with," Schumacher said. "We are as excited as they are to discover their ancestral roots". Moretti, who grew up in Torrance, knows much about the Post family even though none were her contemporaries. She had previously done work on the family in conjunction with the Historical Society, so it was expected that the family would be part of the presentation. However, it took the group quite longer to select the other two families.

"This has been one of those things that we figured out as we went along because there are no guidelines anywhere. It has been a really interesting process. It took us awhile to decide," Moretti said. "We

How about we use the victims interpretation."

There are also inconsistencies on what constitutes a non-sexual crime. Included in the list is child molestation in which the perpetrator unlawfully either entered a home or had a specified prior conviction. Also included are two crimes involving sexual intercourse with minors, one with a minor three years younger than the perpetrator, and another with minors over 16 having relations with an adult over 21.

Hawthorne police chief Robert Fager said that crimes like these are crimes that affect the average citizens on a regular basis. Crimes like grand theft of an automobile, Second degree burglary (also known as commercial burglary), sale of a firearm to an ex-felon, reckless driving with injury and sale of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a school are all crimes that happen frequently and have a negative impact not only for the victims, but in many cases the whole community.

"These are really the crimes that affect quality of life, even more than some of the more serious crimes," said Fager.

Other crimes on the list tie-in to some of the major challenges facing the country. In the wake of a massive economic meltdown, AB 109 moves mortgage fraud of less the \$400,000 to a county jail offense. Likewise after years of fighting terrorism, possessing a weapon of mass destruction, use of explosives in acts of terrorism and terrorism with hate symbols (burning crosses and swastikas) have all been realigned to end up in county jail, instead of state prison.

The problem with giving these crimes county jail sentences instead of state prison sentences is that county jails are not designed to house prisoners for long terms. They are designed for prisoner movement and transfer, not housing prisoners for multi-year sentences. Also, just like the state prison system, the county jail system is also overcrowded, meaning de facto shorter sentences, with the average prisoner being convicted of a sentence of between 19 and 26 months and getting out in half the time.

"Now if you are guilty, the penalties are lesser," said Fager. "The chance of you staying [in county jail] for three years is minimal. The old adage of a revolving door, it's completely accurate."

These individuals are then released into Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for rehabilitation. While both Neu and Fager are supporters of rehabilitation, both of their departments have been impacted by influx of people in the PRCS system. According to Neu, statistics show that for many in PRCS rehabilitation isn't working.

"The problem is in the current population of 10,300 individuals in PRCS half of them are choosing to ignore the best practices of rehabilitation and are continuing their criminal lives," said Neu. •

knew the Mayor's father emigrated from Italy, so we decided we would also do his wife, who happens to be on the Centennial Committee and we knew she has a longer history in this country. I have long admired The Depot restaurant and have known Michael for a long time, so we decided on him and as soon as we did that, the City honored him as Citizen of the Year, so what could be better."

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"Our primary motivation is giving back to a community that has been generous to our organization and doing something to make the centennial a success," Moretti said. "I am strong on that because I was born in Torrance. Secondly, we certainly hope that people will become interested in genealogy." •

"Chance is always powerful. Let your hook be always cast; in the pool where you least expect it, there will be a fish."

~ Ovid, Heroides

Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So did you get an opportunity to watch Mitt "The Glove" Romney give his Elephant Party acceptance speech on the third night of the weather-plagued Republican National convention that took place in Tampa, Florida? Unfortunately, I didn't get to see it. Or, more correctly, I didn't get to see the speech and opine on the virtues of Romney's most important televised commercial before the presidential campaign kicks off in earnest. Because a couple of inches of rain threatened the area a few days before the Republican festivities were set to kick off and everything was set back a day. So the not-so-telegenic, somewhat-stilted Romney gave his speech on Thursday night.

Was able to see the speech made by the Elephant Veep candidate before my filing deadline--the young and debonair Paul Ryan from the cheese-head state of Wisconsin. The 42-year-old Congressman Ryan, the youngest vice presidential candidate in the past quarter century, extolled the virtues of Romney, saying that "our nominee is sure ready. His whole life has prepared him for this moment."

Course, I was easily confused, thinking maybe the gadfly, ex-presidential perennial candidate Ron Paul, was the second banana on the ticket. Luckily, the Kid came into the front wing of the mansion, glanced at the plasma and noted that the ancient Ron Paul was not the youngster on the tube making election-year promises that he can't keep.

Paul Ryan just said something somewhat interesting, I guess, but didn't seem to strike a chord with the young partygoer/convention goer--a pretty blonde who first yawned big-time on camera. Then, like a Stepford wife,

she rose to applaud the comment that I am sure she hadn't paid attention to at all.

And I liked the catchy penning that Ryan mouthed, courtesy, I am sure, of one of his speechwriters: "After four years of getting the runaround, America needs a turnaround. And the man for the job is Governor Mitt Romney."

Also liked the Ryan comment, speaking of businessman Romney: "Being successful in business, that's a good thing!"

Slight correction, Mr. Ryan. Romney isn't the Governor of anything at this point. Just a rich guy running for the presidency. Nitpicking maybe. And it was nice to see Ryan point out his starstruck family, who had to be incredibly incredulous to be ensconced in a favored spot at the Tampa convention, basking in the post-selection limelight, much like the Palin clan four years ago.

And finally, nothing like a little salacious political stuff to finish off another boffo column. Former North Carolina Senator Terry Sanford gave notice that he was tying the marital knot with his ex-mistress, the very lovely Argentinean lass Maria Belen Chapur. Sanford, who at one time was considered a possible player in the 2012 Republican presidential horserace, got his "Mitt" caught in the ringer a few years ago when it was brought to light that the married Guv was having a cross-continental affair with Ms. Belen Chapur.

Scandalous! Not the first time such shenanigans have occurred between very consenting adults. And so help me, Slick Willie Clinton, doesn't necessarily disqualify one from running for the highest office in the land. Alas, the Sanford for President, 2012 campaign, petered out... •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The battle flag hung limp from the pole, its previously vibrant blue field faded and tattered, and the red and white orb now nothing more than the perfect metaphor for a setting sun. Republicans had bashed him effectively with facts and responsible approaches to problem solving at their convention while accusing him of personal self-aggrandizement. The One sat with his head in his hands and called for his chief advisor. "What have you done to me?" he wailed.

Into the room slinked a figure dressed wholly in black, from his pointy-eared hat to his cape and his four black shoes. Magically, Carlos, my neighborhood talking cat, had transformed himself into the sinister Alley Cat...the new prince of darkness!

"Fear not," he said, "my plan is just starting. I was the one who got the Democratic National Committee to depict a faux-Paul Ryan pushing a wheelchair-bound granny off a cliff. I know your level of ethics better than anyone, so I tailored your campaign to your standards.

"I convinced ol' Uncle Joe to warn Blacks against Romney returning 'y'all to chains,' and I selected Maria Ciano to star in the ad representing Republican women defecting to Obama. I knew that Maria has been a Democrat for six years, but I made a point, right?"

"Give me some credit, Mr. President. I was the one who got Harry Reid to accuse Romney of not paying any income taxes for 10 years--an accusation so sensational it had a news cycle life of one week and

diverted the media away from the misery of your economy. No one else has done anything this good for you, Mr. President.

"Speaking of the media, I got them to put their fingers to their lips and go 'ssshhhh' so they wouldn't report that personal incomes had fallen more during your economic recovery than during the recession.

"I got the DNC to open your convention with a Muslim invocation.

"Your Super PAC accused Romney of killing Mrs. Soptic, your supporter's wife. Remember, Romney had left Bain Capital to run the Olympics in 1999. Bain had closed a business in 2001, costing the woman's husband his job. Subsequently, he found another job that offered them both medical coverage, but he declined to cover her because of the coverage's cost. When she died of cancer in 2006, I made that Romney's fault. Brilliant!

"I got Stephanie Cutter, your deputy campaign manager to publicly confess, 'I'm just going to make S%&t up about jobs.' She accused Romney of being a felon and was hammered by CNN's Anderson Cooper for misquoting the *LA Times*, but said, 'It doesn't matter.' In all, she has been your worthy representative, sir.

"Of course, your condemnation of private enterprise, saying, 'You didn't build that' was brilliant.

"So you see, Mr. President, I have faithfully led the 'spitball' campaign your Chicago-style ethics require, so let's keep our chins up and keep the Obamanation flag flying!"

Thus spake the dark genius, Alley Cat. •

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Sports

USC Lives Up to Hype

By Adam Serrao

It has been nearly 20 years since the city of Los Angeles has had its very own professional football team. The year was 1994 when the Raiders played in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the last time before moving to Oakland where they still reside to this day. In the Raiders' absence, however, there has been another team to take their place—a team with 11 claimed national titles, 38 conference titles and an all-time record of 779-313-54. Though the vacancy has been left by the NFL

year—a place they haven't been since the 2005 season when they lost to Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns. Motivation certainly won't be a problem for the Trojans now that they are allowed to play a brand of football that finally means something to the school and its fans for the first time in two years of deprivation.

Though the Trojans are raring and ready to go, it won't be as easy as it looked in game one of the regular season. With much more talented teams on the schedule to come, the Trojans will have to make sure that they stay

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in the City of Angels, it has seemingly gone unrecognized due in large part to a school that has dominated the college football rankings over the past two decades, despite sanctions brought on by the NCAA that might have crippled any other program. The USC Trojans are this city's football team and they are ready to show why they deserve all of the attention once again this year.

The USC Trojans are beginning this season as the number one-ranked team in the nation and certainly showed why last Saturday night against Hawaii. In their 49-10 victory at the Coliseum, not only did the Trojans live up to all the hype, but so did the top Heisman trophy candidate and USC quarterback Matt Barkley. Barkley threw for 377 yards and four touchdowns en route to the victory and showed why his decision to don the cardinal and gold for another season was the right one to make. Perhaps one of the biggest reasons why Barkley decided to stay was returning receiver Marqise Lee. Lee has been highly touted coming into this year as quite possibly the best receiver in college football. So it may not have been a surprise to anyone when he took a short pass from Barkley on the first play of the game 75 yards for a touchdown. Maybe it's symbolic, but since the bowl ban is now over, Barkley, Lee and the rest of the Trojans chose not to wait past the first play of the game to start chasing their first championship.

One thing that will make the Trojans an even more dangerous team this year is their desire to get back into the limelight of college football. "We're just excited to play football again," said a relieved Barkley after taking the field last Saturday night. "There's so much talk, especially this year, will all the rankings and the hype. This was just a good way to kick off the season and really find that rhythm and flow." Barkley and company are hoping that the newfound rhythm and flow will carry them straight into the championship game this

healthy in order to take on the long and arduous schedule of 12 regular season games and a Pac-12 championship game should they want to get to the BCS championship. Perhaps the Trojans' biggest challenge comes on November 3 when they take on an Oregon team that happened to win three consecutive conference titles while the Trojans were ineligible. The game this year is in Los Angeles, which may give the Trojans the upper hand, but November is a long ways away and a roster like theirs, though powerful and explosive at the starting ranks, certainly lacks depth. Just one loss can ruin their bid for a championship, so a healthy team becomes imperative. Everyone knows just how explosive the Trojans' offense is and can be. On defense, however, safety is the only position where there is solid, proven depth. A healthy and consistent defense will be necessary in order to carry the team all season long.

Last year, the Trojans went 10-2 and finished sixth in the final poll of the year. The team looked much more impressive in the first game of the year this season. Playing with their first top ranking since 2008, the Trojans were balanced on both sides of the ball. "If we can get the ball to [Woods] and [Lee] in space, we can be pretty good," said head coach Lane Kiffin. "We're not going to win a ton of games if we're not balanced...I thought Matt did really well. He's a couple of drops away from some big-time numbers."

You can expect big-time numbers all season long from not only Barkley, but also Woods and Lee as they do their best to make their mark on a season of freedom for USC. Not only are the Trojans out to prove that, given the opportunity, they can be the best football team in college football, but they are also out to prove that the city of Los Angeles already has its football team. Certainly, a 39-point victory in the first game of the season is a good way to start. •

Up and Adam

West High Takes Big Sigh in Home Opener

By Adam Serrao

The West High Warriors are tired of being labeled as the underdogs in the Bay League. A title that they are not willing to get used to, it has been five years since the Warriors finished on top of their division. At the end of last year, though, West began to show promise. With consecutive wins over Peninsula and Leuzinger, head coach Greg Holt could already feel the momentum building towards next season. Well, next season is now and the Warriors faced a familiar foe to open up the season as they took on the Culver City Centaurs. Last year, Culver City pulled away with a 51-28 victory over West to open the season. This year, however, the Warriors are new and improved and put their skills on display in their home opener as they pulled away with a 30-25 victory last week at West High.

If the first quarter of play was any indication, West High clearly looked to be the superior team on the field last Friday night. Jumping out to a 14-0 lead behind quarterback Joey Notch and his prime target Dane Silverlake, it seemed as if the game was clearly in hand going into the second quarter of play. Notch and Silverlake hooked up for scores of 18 and 40 yards respectively on West's first two possessions of the game to get the team out to an initial two-touchdown lead. The Centaurs, however, weren't ones to back down from a challenge as they came back and put a touchdown on the board before halftime to cut the Warriors' lead in half and put their first stamp of the evening on the game. From then on out, the crisp play that got the Warriors their 14-point cushion seemed to all but disappear.

In the second half, the story of the game became apparent. West was in fact the superior team, but mistakes and penalties began to take the ball out of their hands and give it back to the Centaurs to own the time of possession. In all, the Warriors were penalized 14 times for 115 yards on the night. In addition to that, Notch threw two interceptions and the offense turned the ball over three times in total. "I was getting frustrated out there because the penalties were taking me out of my game," Silverlake said. He wasn't the only one becoming frustrated. The entire West High team all of a sudden found itself struggling to hold on to the lead in the final minutes of the game. With less than two minutes remaining, the Warriors were down by the score of 25-24, struggling to keep themselves in the game. That's when Notch took the ball out of his own hands and put it into the tight grip of running back Barry Thomas, as the latter ran 34 yards to score the final touchdown of the game as precious seconds ticked off the clock and the Warriors regained their lead to the eventual final score of 30-24. As the Centaurs attempted to answer back in the final seconds, West defensive back Jimmie Giardini intercepted the ball to ultimately seal the fate of the game in the Warriors' favor.

After the first quarter of the play it certainly wasn't pretty, but the Warriors got the job done in the end. Perhaps a microcosm of their season to come, the Warriors can expect tough challenges like this one from nearly every opponent on the schedule this year. "We didn't play a very good second half," Holt explained. "I don't think we played very good after the first quarter. But I've always said two things happen on Friday nights—you either win or you lose and it's better to feel like this." The players certainly had reason to feel good about their performances as Notch finished with 313 yards and two touchdowns while going 20 of 38 on the

night. Silverlake had five catches for 90 yards and two touchdowns while Thomas finished the night with 92 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries. Now the Warriors get ready for their first cross-town rivalry game of the year in what should be an interesting matchup against the Torrance Tartars.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars began this year just as impressively as they ended the last one. In their week two matchup against the Bell Gardens Lancers, the team would really be tested. Last year when the two teams faced off, it was a spectacular offensive display as a total of 93 points were put up on the board. In this matchup, the Tartars looked to be on their way to repeating that impressive offensive outing before they shot themselves in the foot in the waning moments of the game to ultimately take the 36-33 nonleague loss last Friday night at Bell Gardens.

The Tartars were looking good at the half, leading Bell Gardens by three points at 25-22. A late touchdown by the Centaurs put them up by the score of 29-25 before it all began to unravel. With 2:28 remaining in the game and the Tartars attempting to fight back, starting quarterback Jacob Kalama dropped back in the pocket and was sacked by the Lancers. Kalama fumbled the ball on the sack, which eventually led to another Bell Gardens touchdown to push the deficit to 36-25. On the very next drive, Kalama threw an interception that the Lancers almost returned all the way for a touchdown. The Tartars were able to make a stop and score again while succeeding on a two-point conversion with just seconds left, but it wasn't enough to take the lead as Torrance ultimately fell three points shy of tying the game.

"You can't make mistakes," related dejected Torrance head coach Rock Hollis. "You got to hang on to the ball, you got to catch passes and all those things hurt us." The season is still young for the Tartars and they will look to improve on offensive efficiency and more as they take on the West High Warriors next week in what should be an electric cross-town rivalry game.

NORTH HIGH

The North High Saxons may have lost their first game of the season in a close one against Redondo, but rest assured that this year they are the real deal. The team showed just how real they were last Friday night as they took on and crushed Palos Verdes Peninsula by a final score of 42-3.

North starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez was outstanding on the night, completing 17 of 27 passes for 391 yards and six touchdowns. Mike Jurado was the recipient of nine of those passes, racking up 270 yards receiving and two touchdowns, while Devante Jenkins added five catches for 80 yards and three touchdowns. Clearly, the team's offense through the air is its sharpest weapon. The same offense was on display last week against Redondo, but mistakes had North fall just a touchdown shy of tying the game up. "We definitely cut down on the mistakes that we had last week," explained head coach Todd Croce. "You're at an advantage when you've played one game before. You definitely have an edge."

We'll see if the Saxons can keep that edge sharp going into next week's game against Leuzinger and put together a winning streak that will have them competing for the Pioneer League crown by season's end.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans got a scare on the road last Friday night against Carpinteria

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 1/2 teaspoon salt
 12 raw shrimp (8-12 per pound), peeled and deveined
 3 jalapeño peppers, stemmed, seeded and quartered lengthwise

2 plums, pitted and cut into sixths
 Steps:

1: Whisk oil, cilantro, lime zest, lime juice and salt in a large bowl. Set aside 3 tablespoons of the mixture in a small bowl to use as dressing. Add shrimp, jalapeños and plums to the remaining marinade; toss to coat.

2: Preheat grill to medium-high.

3: Make 4 kebabs, alternating shrimp, jalapeños and plums evenly among four 10-inch skewers. (Discard the marinade.) Grill the kebabs, turning once, until the shrimp are cooked through, about 8 minutes total. Drizzle with the reserved dressing.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Historic Road Opening in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

A new stretch of Del Amo Boulevard connecting Crenshaw Boulevard to Maple Street was dedicated in Torrance on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Preparations were made by the City of Torrance with



Council Member Sue Rhilinger.

Mayor Frank Scotto, Council members Gene Barnett, Tom Brewer, Pat Furey, Cliff



Council Member Bill Sutherland.

Numark, Sue Rhilinger and Bill Sutherland all in attendance to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The hot afternoon sun was baking down and the warm wind was whipping up over the bridge across the newly completed stretch of road. The black top was pristine and seemed to call out to the antique cars parked and ready to initiate the road. In the center median were a line of young Crepe Myrtle trees. Several vintage automobiles were lined up toe to toe to participate in a small parade that would take the Mayor and Council and citizens for the first ride across the length of the new connection.

Sue Hankins, who owns a 1931 Model A Ford Coupe with a rumble seat told me, "This is actually the first car I bought. I have always loved them and bought it in 1963. I was just out of school, saw it and bought it for \$400, drove it around for four or five years--then my brothers drove it to high school and then I put it in my mom's garage for 26 years when I moved away to



Sue Hankins, Pat Yacklon, Doris Marshall.

Northern California. Then I got back, got it out and started restoring it and joined this club we are all in. [It is] the Harbor Area Model A Club in Torrance." Sue's friend Pat Yacklon told me she is the official waver and horn blower and assured me she has been practicing her wave. Doris Marshall was sitting in her 1931 Town Sedan ready for the parade. These three women are part of the antique car club that meets at WALTERIA Park once a month.

Sitting in a gorgeous yellow 1929 Ford Station Wagon or Woody were Liz and Dan Fitzgerald. Dan told me, "This is the original station wagon that Ford designed to take people from the train station to the hotel." Honestly, I had no idea that was

the origin of the station wagon. Now it all makes sense. The Fitzgeralds told me they drove their Woody to Napa and back. "That was our longest trip," said Liz. Dan added, "These cars get about 15 to 16 miles per gallon. The beauty of this station wagon impressed me. The wood inside top and the way the car was put together oozed with handcraftsmanship. The Fitzgeralds then invited me to ride along with them in their vintage car in the parade and I happily accepted. What fun that would be!

Further up the line I met Richard Lusk. He explained to me his light green car, restored 40 years ago, actually used to be two cars. He found one car that had a good front and one that had a good back, cut them both in half and put the good parts back together. Richard told me, "I go to schools, usually to small kids. I drive into the school and let the kids sit in the car and blow the horn."

The lead car, a red roadster, is owned by Art Wagner. Art told me, "I was in Korea--I was an old army man--and nearly froze to death. But this was my dream. I said when I get home, I am going to build me a '29 Roadster and I did. This was 50 years ago. When I got married and we had kids, the kids would go to school and ride in the rumble seat. As time went on, the kids grew up and got married and now the grandkids--I took them to the same school. I was born and raised right here in El Nido. I went to Torrance High School. You know, when I



Richard Lusk with first his restored car.

got back from Korea two years later, I put it together and it didn't have any windshield, no paint on it and it had a hot four-banger in it and we used to race up and down Hawthorne Boulevard." Mayor Scotto will be riding in his pristine red roadster to lead the parade.

A sense of excitement was building as people began gathering for the festivities. Citizens, commissioners and former Council members were arriving for this special day. Councilmember Rhilinger said, "I think this day has been a long time coming and we are so glad to have it finally here. They did a good job on it. Actually once we got construction started it went really quick, so I am happy." Councilmember Furey told me, "I think it is about time. It is neat to be able to open this road after about 15 to 20 years in the making and I think it will alleviate the traffic on 190th Street and Torrance Boulevard." Councilmember Sutherland said, "This [the road] is supposed to alleviate traffic from 82 intersections plus east and west and it will definitely make a difference. They are thinking an additional 10,000 vehicles a day will use it. And it cost the City less than \$800,000 for a \$33 million project." Councilmember Numark added, "This is inspiring. It is so fantastic and it is the final piece of the puzzle for the Torrance road infrastructure. And it



Liz and Dan Fitzgerald in their 1929 original Ford station wagon or Woody.

is a great thing for the City."

The opening of this road is historic. Not only is it a road, but it is also a bridge. What a great project to work on for any engineer or architect!

Mayor Scotto said, "We are pretty excited [about the street]. We approved this in 1999 and here we are 13 years later and there are some people who said we'd never be here today--and two years ago when we had the ribbon-cutting, we really didn't expect it to only take two years. We actually anticipated much longer because the project was so intensive...building a bridge, moving part of the refinery, moving a railroad track. The



Traffic Commissioner Richard Tsao. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

tracks alone we thought would take a long time. But we got it all done within two years, which is absolutely amazing and it turned out to be beautiful. It is going to be a great addition to Torrance and really will help the traffic on 190th Street, but mostly it will impact the traffic on Torrance Boulevard. We are hoping it will decrease traffic an estimated 15 to 20 percent daily. The last part of this though, we need the [Los Angeles] County to complete this all the way to Orange County. We need them to get proactive and build this one little segment that they need to do to make the street go from the ocean all the way to Orange County."



Officer Fierro and Mayor Frank Scotto.

Richard Tsao, Traffic Commissioner for the City of Torrance told me, "We have been waiting for this how many years? This is a



Art Wagner in front of his 1929 Roadster.

major project and we finished another one--Skypark--a double left turn going south. So we are doing more and more for the city."

A large crowd gathered and the program began with Torrance's Public Works Director Rob Beste welcoming everyone to this historic event. And after the historic ribbon-cutting including the Mayor, current and past Council members and Congresswoman Maxine Waters, everyone scurried to board their antique car for the inaugural ride on the new stretch of road over the bridge and back.

I half expected someone to yell, "Gentleman, start your engines." Joining the Fitzgeralds and me in the Woody were Don Lee and Paul Nowatka, both former Torrance Council members. We rode along the lonely and deserted road. This surely will be the last time this beautiful engineering masterpiece will be so vacant. Antique horns were being blown and smiles were everywhere as the two "motors" (Officer Fierro and Officer Cho) led the parade and let loose with their sirens. As we drove over the bridge, Lee pointed out the old baseball field tucked away on one side of the bridge. I saw the back of Exxon Mobil and the site of the upcoming transit center toward Crenshaw Boulevard. This historic trip east toward Crenshaw Boulevard and back again toward Maple Avenue didn't take very long, but couldn't help but feel a great sense of pride in the community. Many people worked very hard to accomplish this momentous task.

After the trip on the new road, I thanked the Fitzgeralds for inviting me to ride along and slowly walked back to my car. Officially, the stretch of Del Amo Boulevard doesn't open until 6 p.m. I can't wait to drive my car over this new stretch of road. Many people working together toward a single goal have accomplished this big project. Well done! •



Council Member Cliff Numark, Council Member Pat Furey and Congresswoman Maxine Waters waving in their Woody.

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Mrs. McQuade kept campaigning for a national holiday for grandparents. She saw her dream come true in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter signed a declaration that said the Sunday after Labor Day would be National Grandparents Day. Hooray! Now get busy and visit, call, e-mail or write to your grandparents. (Remember other seniors too!)

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shop, sweep, bake, cut, play, pray, study, drive, lunch, design

We have such fun!

Grandpa

I love spending time with my grandparents! **Read the clues below to fill in both puzzles with activities I do with my Grandmother and Grandfather:**

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| 1. _____ broken items around the house | 1. _____ in the park |
| 2. _____ bulbs in the garden | 2. _____ squares for quilts |
| 3. _____ a story aloud | 3. _____ the birds at the feeder |
| 4. _____ lunch | 4. _____ up to go to see a play |
| 5. _____ at the alley | 5. _____ greeting cards |
| 6. _____ his favorite T.V. show | 6. _____ to swimming lessons |
| 7. _____ the dog | 7. _____ bikes |
| 8. _____ the bird feeders with seeds | 8. _____ the porch and steps |
| 9. _____ at board games | 9. _____ for groceries |
| 10. _____ and glue model cars | 10. _____ cards |
| 11. _____ off the bridge | 11. _____ photos for scrapbooks |
| 12. _____ songs at the top of our voices | 12. _____ at a new restaurant |
| 13. _____ horseshoes in the park | 13. _____ before I go to sleep |
| 14. _____ up our mini-golf scores | 14. _____ cookies |

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watch, bowl, sing, fill, repair, fish, add, walk, play, read, compete, plant, make, paint

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Fill in the missing vowels to see what kinds of things you can learn about your family or do with them:

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Family Memories

The Lake, Family Reunion

Grandmother and Grandfather - All Over the World!

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Ubabamkhulu

Oma
Opa

Italian

We speak different languages, but we all love our grandparents! **Match the set of names for grandmother and grandfather to the language we are speaking:**

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Grand-papa

German

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Dedushka

Abuela
Abuelo

Zulu (South Africa)

Nonna
Nonno

Nainai
Yeye

English

Grandmother
Grandfather

Dutch

Grootmoeder
Grootvader

French

Finance

Social Security Statements Now Available Online

By Jason Alderman

Until last year, Social Security sent taxpayers an annual personalized statement showing a complete record of their taxable earnings as well as estimated retirement, disability and survivor benefits based on those earnings. Unfortunately, budget constraints brought put an end to those yearly mailings.



- Find information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare.
- Review topics to consider if you're 55 or older and thinking about retiring.
- Apply online for retirement and disability benefits.
- Access a printable version of your Social Security Statement.

To create your online account, go to www.ssa.gov/mystatement and follow the directions. You must have a valid email address, Social Security number, U.S. mailing address and be at least age 18.

You'll need to verify your identity by providing personal information (birth date, Social Security number, current address, etc.) and answering several questions whose answers only you should know. Social Security contracts with credit bureau Experian to design these questions based on their records about your credit history.

Once your identity has been verified, you can create a password-protected account. Social Security emphasizes that you may sign into or create an account to access only your own information. Unauthorized use could subject you to criminal and/or civil penalties.

It's important to review your Social Security statement at least annually to ensure your

on-file information is correct. For example, make sure that your taxable earnings have been reported correctly by your employer – or you, if self-employed. Otherwise, when Social Security calculates your benefits at retirement, disability or death, you could be shortchanged; or, if your earnings were over-reported, you could end up owing the government money.

If you spot any errors, contact Social Security at 800-772-1213, or visit your local office. You'll need copies of your W-2 form or tax return for any impacted years.

Another valuable piece of information found in your statement is an estimate of what your retirement benefit will be at age 62, at full retirement age and at age 70. Use those numbers to start estimating your retirement needs. These online calculators can help:

The Retirement Estimator at www.ssa.gov/estimator automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates.

AARP has a retirement calculator at www.aarp.org that helps determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

Bottom line: Understand what Social Security benefits will be available to you and how much more you'll need to save in order to have a comfortable retirement.

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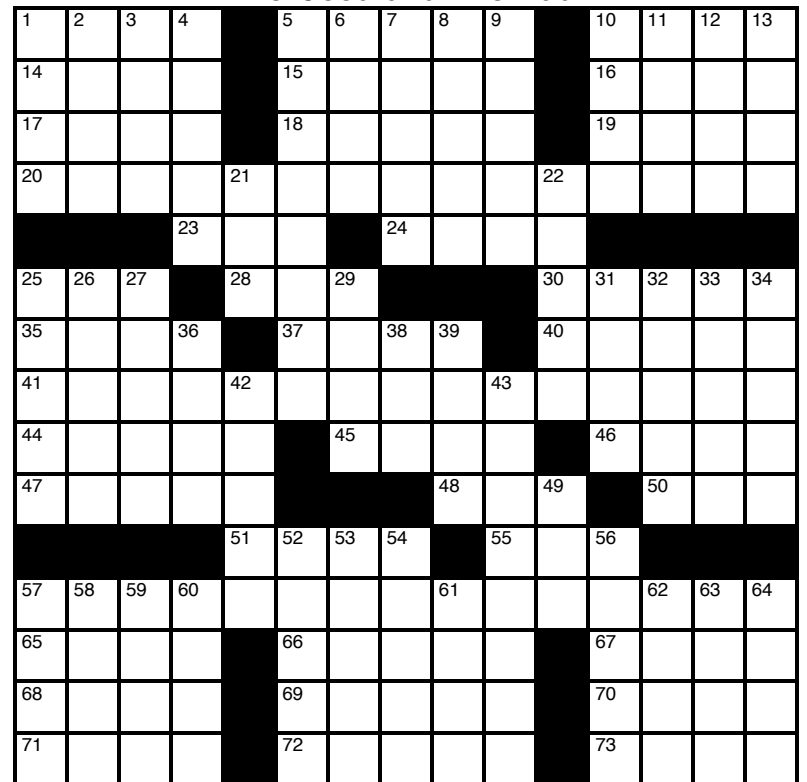
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- "Otherwise..."
- Nuncupative
- "Here he is now!"
- Carry the day
- Chop finely
- Queen, maybe
- Goose egg
- Drink garnish
- Lower the ____
- Word with bar or color
- Removes with a dipper
- Brown thriller
- Neotropical mammal
- Tribe of ancient Media
- Bummed out
- State in NE India
- Double curve
- __ kitten
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- Strips
- Kind of tax
- Behind
- Mall component
- Mongol rulers
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- Graphical user interface feature
- Spicy stew
- Mysterious: Var.
- Tinker with, in a way
- Different
- "Come Back, Little Sheba" wife
- Galley mark

West High

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when they went into halftime trailing by a score of 12-10. The Spartans were able to get a lead in the third quarter behind starting quarterback Kyle Nesbit's one-yard quarterback sneak and a two-point conversion to push their first lead of the game to 18-12. Later in the fourth, running back Brandon

Chavez took a 40-yard gallop into the end zone to put South ahead 25-12. Carpinteria would score and later attempt an onside kick, but South recovered and wrapped up the game and the 28-20 nonleague victory at Carpinteria. Next week, the Spartans will take on Rosemead looking to stay undefeated. •

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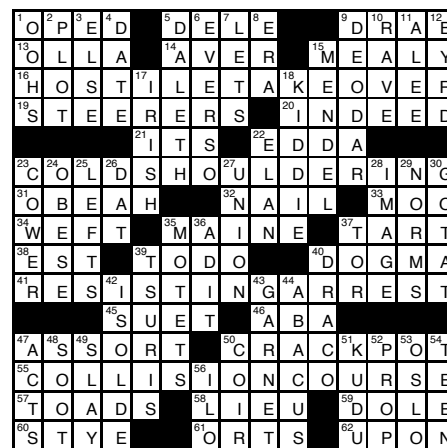
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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Seniors

Tips For Seniors On Managing Health Care Costs

(ARA) - Finding the Medicare coverage that best fits their needs and their pocketbooks is challenging for many seniors. Health care plans make changes to their coverage. People's health conditions change. Not keeping on top of these changes can mean problems. Suddenly seniors may find they don't have needed coverage, their doctor no longer takes their plan, or they face steep medical or prescription drug costs.

That's why it's essential to review Medicare coverage and individual needs each year, and to use the Medicare annual open enrollment period to make changes to coverage. Medicare annual open enrollment runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, with new benefit choices effective the following Jan. 1.

"Getting started early is key," says Mary Dale Walters, senior vice president of the Allsup Medicare Advisor, a Medicare plan selection service. "Choosing Medicare coverage is complicated, even when you have lots of information on the Web. It can be difficult to get current plan information and to get an apples-to-apples comparison of plans."

Walters offers these tips for seniors to manage and lower their health care costs.

1. Be an informed consumer. Millions of seniors, their families and caregivers will be pleased to know that for the third straight year the average basic Medicare prescription drug premiums will remain steady.

Since enacted, the Affordable Care Act has helped more than 5.4 million people with Medicare save more than \$4.1 billion in out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses. These are significant results as the law closes the Medicare Part D donut hole coverage gap, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Seniors can capitalize on those savings by knowing exactly what they are paying for — shop around for better prescription prices and ask about costs. For additional savings, use generic medications. Take advantage of

Medicare preventive services, including many types of screenings, tests, shots, counseling, training and supplies now offered without co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs.

2. Ask for help. In addition to guidance on retirement, estate and long-term care planning, seniors can rely on professionals to help them with health care choices. Walters points out this can include Medicare specialists such as Allsup or financial planners who often consult Medicare experts.

"Health care planning is a quality of life and a financial issue," Walters says. "If you need assistance sorting through the overwhelming number of options, it's important to know that help is out there for you — don't be afraid to ask."

Grace Hercules used Allsup to research her Medicare needs and found she could save more than \$1,000 a year by switching drug plans. "I thought a mail-order prescription plan was best for me, but their specialists proved me wrong about this — and I am so happy," she says.

"People can probably do their own taxes, but when they pay a tax adviser they get better returns," Hercules adds. "It's getting the mindset that good help is available. It's really worth getting expert help and not having the aggravation."

3. Be proactive. Having known and been around seniors, Hercules says she is saddened that so many settle for high costs or keep the same Medicare plan year after year because of a lack of understanding.

Just as seniors review their finances or taxes each year, Medicare annual enrollment is the ideal time to review health care coverage, Walters says. "It's OK to admit it's confusing and that help will be valuable. Look at all your Medicare options and take charge of your health care."

In addition to annual Medicare enrollment, special enrollment periods happen throughout the year for specific situations. •

A Student's Perspective

What Not to Do in High School

By Glen Abalayan, Torrance High School Student

By the time this article is in publication, virtually every student in the Los Angeles area will have already encountered the first day of school. This day is marked with lines of students receiving their official schedules, reunions with old friends, and the widespread feeling of a fresh start. But as the first few weeks of school come to a close, the once enjoyable seven-hour time period begins to slowly develop into what some students call "the daily grind." Eventually, this forms bad habits that taint the school year with distractions. The two main culprits of this issue are procrastination and the spreading of gossip. Unless these habits are put to an end, the fresh start everyone believes in will always yield to the same disappointments of last year.

Procrastination is the main reason for all the stress caused in high school. This can easily be avoided if students choose to properly practice time management. Procrastination is primarily caused by a student's attitude of continuously holding things for later. Gone are the days of elementary school when assignments could be completed within a few minutes. Today, most high schoolers spend hours completing their assignments. Having to balance a social life, extracurricular activities and homework successfully is one of the hardest things to accomplish in any student's life. Sadly, not everyone can manage to balance all three at the same time and thus turn to procrastination to compensate for the lost time caused by other activities. This leads to some students coming to school early in the morning in the hopes of finishing their homework. Although this habit may sometimes work, students should never rely on a stressful 30-minute period to complete multi-hour-long assignments. Continuing to do so will only create unnecessary distractions that

will keep them from fully enjoying their high school careers. But a bad habit even worse than procrastination is the spreading of gossip.

Eleanor Roosevelt famously said, "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events and small minds discuss people." Unfortunately, the small minds discussing people are usually the ones who do most of the talking in high school. After two years in high school, it is not a surprise to hear anyone resort to gossip as an effective conversation starter. This then starts a chain of other students trying to outdo the previous story by providing an even more outrageous rumor. It is interesting how a majority of conversations mindlessly talk more about another student's pitfalls than how they can do their part in helping their peers. The spreading of such gossip is toxic to any student's high school life because it spreads accusations without any viable proof and starts the diabolical act commonly known as drama. Next to procrastination, causing drama is one of the two things most high schoolers regret doing because of how it creates unnecessary amounts of stress and heartbreak. The proliferation of gossip can only lead to the destruction of once-great friendships and building relationships with the wrong type of people.

Procrastination and gossiping are the two leading causes of preventable stress in high school and students must rid themselves of these unnecessary anxieties to maximize their efforts in more meaningful places, such as maintaining their grades. Everyone deserves a fresh start, but it seems unfair how some students take these second chances to merely repeat the same mistakes of last year. Every student has only four years to experience the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of attending secondary school and should live the time to the fullest—and not waste it by continuously holding assignments back and searching for petty scandals to blabber about. •

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Real Estate

Quick Fixes For Swift Home Sales

(ARA) - First impressions are everything when it comes to selling a home, and peeling paint, stained carpets and unpleasant odors can be an instant turn-off for buyers. Fortunately, you can take simple and inexpensive steps to prep your home for a quick, top-dollar sale.

Freshen up: Paint is an easy, cost-effective way to improve any interior, and a new coat can make all the difference in selling your home. Cracked or peeling paint will repel potential buyers, and faded or boring walls can create a lackluster overall appearance.

Make your home stand out with a fresh coat in a vibrant color, such as those found in Dutch Boy's Crayola palette. Perfect for

showcasing a finished basement, kids' room or accent wall anywhere in the home, these bright shades will make any space "pop." With 96 colors to choose from – from Marshmallow and Ice Pop, to Wild Strawberry and Inch Worm – you're sure to find a shade to help make your home memorable. And as you are updating walls with new color, use a paint that not only adds beauty but also reduces odors. Along with the exceptional coverage Dutch Boy is known for, Refresh features Arm & Hammer Odor Eliminating Technology to rid your home of unwanted odors, leaving your home smelling clean and inviting. Available for walls, trim and ceilings,

use Refresh throughout the home to create a pleasant walk-through experience. Add a few scented candles or potpourri to make the home even more appealing to buyers' noses.

Little fixes: The little things can make a big difference when it comes to the appearance of your home. Many buyers are looking to make as few improvements as possible, and even tiny cosmetic repairs can seem like a huge project. The more move-in-ready your house appears, the faster it will sell, and more likely buyers will be willing to pay the asking price. Some easy fixes include replacing broken counter and floor tiles, patching holes in any surfaces, making sure all lights work properly and doors open and close smoothly.

Organize and de-personalize: To give your home a spacious showroom feel, take time to remove any superfluous "stuff." Show off your kitchen countertops by storing unnecessary appliances, clear the sink and dishwashing machine, and organize refrigerator contents. Keep the bathroom vanity clear of personal items, neatly fold or hang clean towels, and clear or cover clothing hampers. Organize your cupboards, closets and drawers to maximize the appearance of your home's storage capabilities.

Clearing your home of visible clutter will not only make it seem more spacious but also make it easier for potential buyers to picture it as their own. Minimize family photos and personal items to help visitors more easily see themselves – and their things – in your home.

Curb appeal: First impressions can make a world of difference, so don't neglect your home's exterior as you prepare to sell. The

mailbox should be in good condition and the house number easily visible from the street. Keep exterior doors, including garage doors, free of flaking or fading paint and freshen the trim around windows and shutters. A fresh coat of paint on the front door can add to your home's curb appeal and affixing a seasonal display of flowers or a festive wreath on the front door also makes a warm, welcoming statement.

A few simple projects can vastly improve your home's overall appearance, and with these tips, your home will be sold in no time. •



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