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Friends Visit from Sister City



Judy Johnson (third from left in front row) opened her historic home in Downtown Torrance to participants of the Torrance Sister City Association who are visiting from Kashiwa, Japan. Judy's home was one of the many stops made by the visiting group to learn more about Torrance's rich background and way of life. TSCA works closely with the City of Torrance, Torrance Unified School District and many volunteers as well as local businesses and organizations. See story, page 2. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Torrance City Council Supports Anti-Marijuana Summit

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council voted to join with the League of California Cities in requesting a state level summit to address the impacts of illegal marijuana grow operations on both private and public lands and develop strategies to end these operations. During the August 19 meeting, Mayor Furey explained that illegal marijuana cultivation has an adverse impact on Torrance.

The city of Torrance has a reputation of being tough on drugs, and according to the Torrance Police staff, illegal grow operations – whether on public or private land – are “contributing to a sense of lawlessness and impacting nearby communities where criminal activities are expanding,” as written in a staff report. Illegal marijuana cultivation is also having environmental repercussions as water is diverted from legitimate agricultural uses and land in state and national parks are destroyed to clear it for hidden grow operations.

“This resolution has an impact on public safety and the environment,” said Furey. “The impact to public safety is an increase in criminal activity due to indoor growing operations in the South Bay and the environmental impacts are the diversion of water for use to cultivate marijuana grow sites, destruction of fish and wildlife habits, soil contamination and water pollution.” This resolution is the only one on the docket for the League of California Cities September conference. The organization is hoping to persuade the Governor and state legislators to help cities come up with solutions to the problem as well the funding support to implement them.

While the merits of the resolution are clear to the Council, the city does have guidelines in place that must be met before the city will endorse this kind of action. The effects of the resolution must address one of three areas:

local control, city finances or public safety. During the August 12 meeting of the Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee, city staff reviewed the resolution and the impacts of illegal marijuana cultivation and determined that it does affect public safety in the city and suggested the committee support the resolution, which they did.

“After studying studying the background materials on the resolution and discussing the issues with staff, the committee voted to concur with staff’s recommendation to support this resolution,” said Furey.

The Council also unanimously supported the resolution, although the specifics of what

the state can do to help cities with this issue aren’t known at this time.

The Council also accepted \$22,250 in donations to support the Toyota Sports Complex at 555 Maple Avenue. The funds were raised via the complex’s donor wall, with two large donors, Alcoa Fastening Systems and LA Galaxy South Bay Soccer Club, each donating \$10,000. To date the city-managed sports facility raised just over \$100,000 in donations. Of the donations taken in, the city has already spent about \$80,000 to purchase 16 goals of various sizes, netting, corner flags, and maintenance tools and equipment including a tractor.

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy
77°/64°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
77°/64°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
77°/65°



Community Banks Have Community Interests at Heart

By Laura Sorensen

According to a 2012 survey by California Bank & Trust, one in two Californian small business owners found it very important to have a trustworthy relationship with their bank. “Small business owners cited ‘access to capital’ and ‘knowledge and advice’ among the top items they depend on from their banking relationship,” according to CB&T’s website. What kind of bank can provide such important commodities to a small business owner? Perhaps a national bank; after all, they have billions of dollars in assets, branches all over the country, and make hundreds, if not thousands, of business loans every hour. But Rick Sowers, executive vice president of Bank of Manhattan, has another suggestion: look into the services a community bank can offer.

Many people don’t even know that these small, lender-focused institutions exist in their area. Sowers admits that even with 11 years’ experience in the banking business, he didn’t know the difference between a community bank and a national bank. He had spent many years flying all over the country giving highly-paid advice to national banks, so when a friend began to talk about starting Bank of Manhattan, Sowers didn’t understand the appeal of opening a bank with only one branch that served a tiny market niche. Bank of Manhattan currently has only \$500 million in assets, a number that seems large unless it’s set against the trillions of dollars that move in and out of national banks. Bank of Manhattan has no way to compete

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Business Briefs

South Bay's Got Talent

South Bay's Got Talent, the first -ever talent competition where talented actors, musicians, jugglers, dancers and any other form of talent imaginable have the opportunity to compete, arrives in the South Bay. The competition is open to all residents and ages of the Beach Cities (Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach), the Palos Verdes Peninsula, neighborhoods of the City of Los Angeles (Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro and Wilmington), El Segundo, inland cities of the

South Bay (Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Carson, Lawndale, Torrance, and Lomita).

Applications are available at torrancearts.org and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, August 27, at 5pm, with auditions scheduled for Monday and Tuesday September 8 & 9, 2014. Performance will be Saturday September 27, 2014, and prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. Please contact the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation office at (310) 378-8100 or by email at contest@torrancearts.org

Sister City Association Visits Torrance

A cutout of City Founder Jared Sidney Torrance is surrounded by participants from the Torrance Sister City Association with the city of Kashiwa in Japan. This cultural exchange program was started in 1973 by then-Mayor Ken Miller (standing in back row) who made a special visit to the Torrance Historical Society Museum to address the students. Each July, Torrance sends about

eight students to Kashiwa for three weeks. In August, Kashiwa sends students to Torrance to stay with host families who learn first hand about the people, culture and way of life. The mission of TSCA is to promote friendship, good will and understanding between Torrance and Kashiwa. To learn more about this sister city program, go to torrancesistercity.org. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.



Torrance PD Receives ABC Grant

The Torrance Police Department has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to battle alcohol-related crime. The grant is awarded in California to local law enforcement agencies through ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP). Members of the Torrance Police Department Special Investigations Division will work together with ABC to address alcohol related problems within the City of Torrance.

The grants strengthen local law enforcement efforts by combining the efforts of local police officers and ABC agents. ABC agents have expertise in alcoholic beverage laws and can help communities reduce alcohol-related problems. The funds will be used to reduce the number of alcoholic beverage sales to minors and obviously intoxicated patrons, the illegal solicitations of alcohol and other criminal activities such as the sale and possession of illegal drugs.

Outback Hosts Networking at Noon



Outback Steakhouse, located at 21880 Hawthorne Blvd. was the site of Networking At Noon on August 14, presented by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce to promote face-to-face member interaction. Proving everyone loves Chamber CEO/President Donna Duperron is Outback Steakhouse Proprietor Scott Easterday. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Duperron Testifies Support for SB718

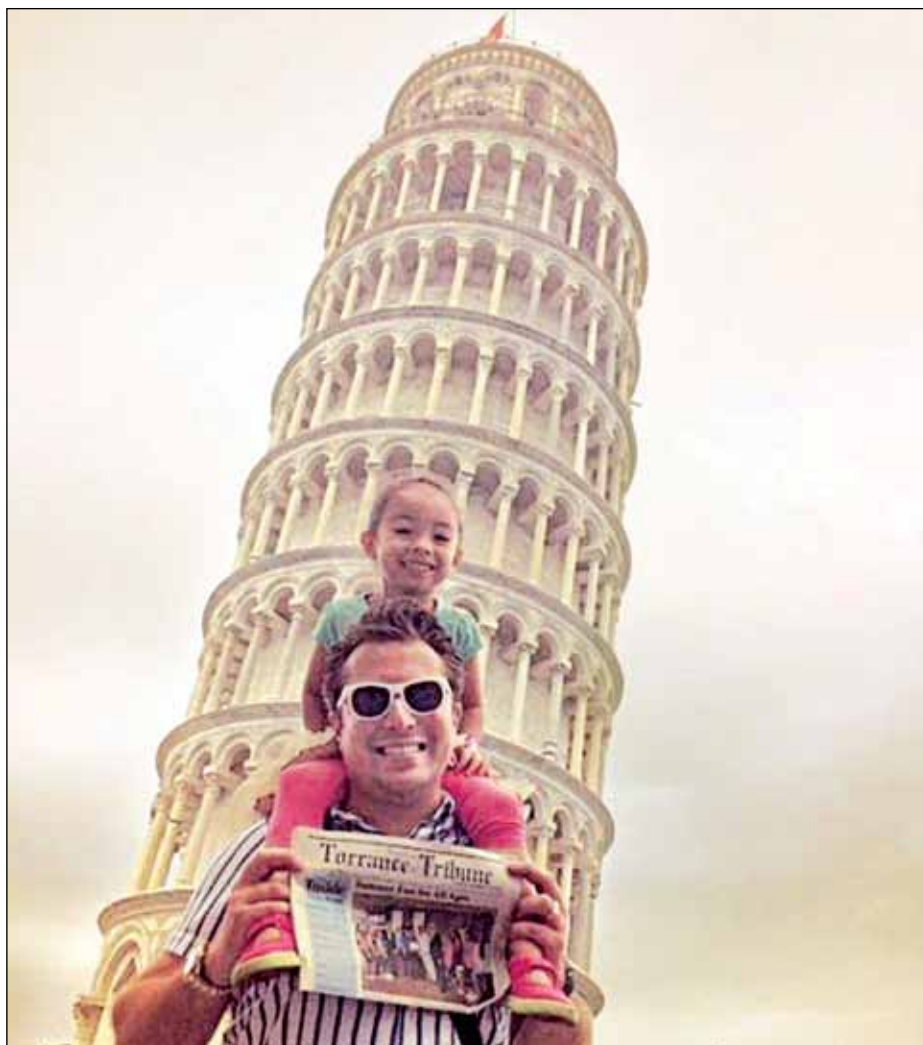
This past week, President & CEO Donna Duperron testified in Sacramento expressing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's support for SB718, which would enhance California's competitive position in the upcoming Advance Strategic Aircraft program.

SB 718 provides sensible tax incentives that would bring the greatest benefit to the state and provide all California aerospace companies an equal opportunity to compete for this aircraft program. Enacting this legislation would help

ensure that well-paying aerospace jobs stay in California.

The aerospace industry is a major force in California's economy, infusing \$62 billion into the state in 2013 alone. By having a strong role in advocacy, the chamber staff and volunteer leaders do the day-to-day work that many business people simply do not have the time to do. The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce applauds the Legislature's efforts to strengthen and grow the aerospace industry in California.

Traveling Tribune in Italy



Jonathan Beutler from Torrance's Sunrider International and his daughter hold up the Torrance Tribune in front of the Leaning Tower in Pisa, Italy. Photo by Sunny Chen Beutler.

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Police Reports

Burglary-Commercial 8/10/2014 4:26:49 PM 20800 BLOCK HIGGINS CT
 Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property from interior, also scratches victim's vehicle's exterior paint/ stereo, interior door panels, fishing rod

Burglary-Residential 8/9/2014 9:03:00 PM 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LAS DELICIAS
 Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open second story window, ransacks/ unknown property loss at time of report

Burglary-Residential 8/9/2014 10:10:00 PM 100 BLOCK VIA MONTE D'ORO
 Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door or bedroom window, ransacks and takes property/ pillowcases and unknown what else at time of report

Battery-Simple 8/9/2014 3:14:56 PM 1900 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD
 Suspect uses his fist to smash one victim's vehicle's window then tackles a second victim, taking her to the ground and repeatedly punching her

Theft 8/9/2014 1:40:00 PM 2700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY
 Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse that is hanging on her chair as she dines/ wallet

Burglary-Commercial 8/11/2014 6:00:00 AM 20800 BLOCK WESTERN AVE
 Suspect(s) enters locked office by unknown means and takes property/ laptops

Burglary-Auto 8/9/2014 9:00:00 AM 2700 BLOCK ANDREO AVE
 Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ cash, sunglasses

Vandalism 8/8/2014 5:47 PM 23600 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD
 Suspect(s) uses spray paint to tag shed at location

Theft 8/11/2014 5:30:00 AM 20900 BLOCK AMIE AVE
 Suspect(s) takes property from underneath

victim's vehicle's hood/ vehicle battery

Burglary-Auto 8/9/2014 9:00:00 AM 500 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE
 Suspect(s) siphons large quantity of diesel fuel from two parked trucks

Burglary-Auto 8/8/2014 2:00:00 PM 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD
 Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property from trunk/ purse

Theft 8/8/2014 9:00:00 PM 2400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY
 Stolen vehicle: '07 Chevrolet Tahoe

Burglary-Auto 8/7/2014 9:19 PM 4600 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD
 Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property from the trunk/ camera, camera lenses, laptop

Burglary-Commercial 8/8/2014 7:30:00 AM 21700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
 Suspect(s) attempts to pry open door/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Residential 8/7/2014 10:00:00 PM 21500 BLOCK ELLINWOOD DR
 Suspect(s) removes window screen, enters already open window, ransacks and takes property/ TV converter box, watch, cash

Auto Theft 8/8/2014 1:15:00 AM 21100 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
 Stolen vehicle: '93 Ford P/U

Burglary-Residential 8/7/2014 7:20:00 AM 23300 BLOCK AUDREY AVE
 Suspects push in screen on open window and begin crawling in same, but flee when interrupted by witness/no loss

Vandalism 8/7/2014 12:00:00 PM 900 BLOCK SARTORI AVE
 Suspect(s) dents victim's vehicle's hood and damages its headlights

Theft 8/6/2014 6:30:00 PM 21000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
 Suspect(s) takes property from victim's pants pocket while he shops/ wallet •

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Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

- Beach Cities Republicans. You will meet Ron Nehring, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Ron is a Republican politician, strategist, commentator, lecturer and past Chairman of the California Republican Party. Also meet Greg Conlan who is running for State Treasurer. Visit www.lagopclubs.com for more info. Please join us! Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance 90505 (Between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds.) 6:00 pm Dinner (no host), 7:00 pm Meeting (in private room) Visitors welcome! Questions: Patti (310) 753-4159 or plagreluis@aol.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Torrance Public Library Presents

"Sneaky Math" Attendees will see introductions to Fractions, Algebra and Geometry and make several fun Math Gizmos they get to keep. A Q & A session will follow. 2:00 PM at Katy Geissert Civic Center Library ~ Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, 310-618-5959 ~ www.library.TorranceCA.gov.

ONGOING

- Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.
- "Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals" hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970. •

Letters

Welcome Councilmember Griffiths

Because Councilmember Pat Furey still had two years left on his term when he was elected as Mayor on June 3rd, a vacancy was created on the City Council. To fill that vacancy, the new Council quickly had to decide whether to make an appointment or hold a special election that could have cost more than \$200,000. After receiving citizen input on the issue, the Council unanimously decided to make an appointment.

Over the next several weeks, the City Clerk accepted applications to fill the vacant seat. In the end, a dozen candidates, all of whom had impressive credentials, turned in their applications. And this past Tuesday night, after considering public comment via phone call,

email, and at the Council meeting, Commissioner Mike Griffiths was appointed.

Mike, who has lived in Torrance for more than 30 years, has a tradition of service to the community. A retired Torrance business owner, he served a full 8 years on the Environmental Quality Commission before becoming a Planning Commissioner. He's also volunteered at the Torrance South Bay YMCA and with the Community Emergency Response Team.

Knowing Mike, I'm confident he will serve Torrance and its residents well and I look forward to working closely with him in the coming years. If you happen to see Mike around town, be sure to congratulate him!

*- In Service,
 Councilmember Tim Goodrich*

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Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

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Save Up to \$10 On Your Transit Pass
 Eligible customers can receive discount coupons to use on the purchase of Metro or EZ transit passes through the Rider Relief Program for low income residents. Coupons can save \$10 for regular riders who purchase monthly or weekly passes, and \$6 for Seniors/Disabled/Medicare or students. Find out more at metro.net/riderrelief.

"Metro Motion" Wins Emmy
 Metro's cable TV show Metro Motion won an Emmy award for its Union Station 75th Anniversary episode. The award in the public programming category for news was presented at the 66th Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards. Metro Motion runs quarterly on 80 cable stations in LA County and on metro.net.

Free AltCar Expo Sept. 19-20 in Santa Monica
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SEEKING TALENT

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD *See Answers Next Week*

Time After Time

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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17					18				19			
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48	49	50				51				52	53	54
55						56				57		
58						59				60		
61						62				63		

Across

1. Under
6. Priestly garb
10. Adroit
14. Caribbean cruise stop
15. ___ tide
16. Dwarf buffalo
17. As fast as possible
20. Small amount
21. Crew members
22. Lassie, for one
23. Area
24. Fast feline
25. Temporary
28. Guiding light
32. Oil source
33. Coffee break snack
34. Genetic material
35. Turning right continually
39. Upholstery problem
40. Carries on
41. Believed
42. Ethanoates
44. Spooks
46. Hawaiian strings
47. Draped dress
48. Food tray

51. High school breakout
52. Dance step
55. Defeats soundly
58. First family member
59. Hate group
60. Ado
61. Capital on the Caspian
62. Like some threats
63. "Snowy" bird

Down

1. Bleats
2. Hence
3. Hilo feast
4. Oriental tie
5. Malicious
6. Cavern, in poetry
7. Leases
8. Dickensian cry
9. Medical tool
10. Second-largest city in Texas
11. Organic compound
12. Central points
13. Profits
18. Told all
19. Total
23. Brass component

24. Johnnycakes
25. African capital
26. Infant's illness
27. Figure of speech
28. Presents
29. Judge
30. New World lizard
31. South African dollars
33. Plunges
36. Legendary sea monster
37. Engage in a summer sport
38. Bangkok native
43. Island nation north of Fiji
44. ___ souci
45. Foundling hospital
47. Display
48. Union foe
49. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
50. Soup ingredient
51. ___ retentive
52. "D"
53. Flu symptom
54. 32-card game
56. Antiquated
57. Account

Last Week's Answers

B	A	S	T	S	A	P	S	E	T	I	P	S		
U	N	C	A	P	W	I	C	K	E	S	A	U		
S	N	A	K	E	I	N	T	H	E	G	R	A	S	
Y	E	M	E	N	I	O	D	O	N	A	T	A		
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Y	E	A	R	O	F	T	H	E	D	R	A	G	O	N
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S	L	A	Y	S	L	E	D	L	A	R	Y			

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

SUDOKU *Medium*

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

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.

Back-to-School Snacking Done Right

(BPT) - As the school year begins, some parents may find that the most chaotic time of the day is around 3 p.m. when class is dismissed and the juggling act of homework, soccer practice and piano lessons begins. With so much going on, it's important to keep kids energized and focused by providing them with healthy snacks packed with key nutrients such as vitamins E, D, B12 and omega-3s.

"The key to making the most of snack time is having an arsenal of healthy foods in your house, which you can mix and match to create a variety of nutritious snacks," says Registered Dietitian Tammy Lakatos Shames. "For instance, I always stock my refrigerator with Eggland's Best eggs because they are a versatile ingredient and contain more nutrients than ordinary eggs, such as three times the amount of vitamin B12. Many picky eaters fall short of this important nutrient since it is only found in animal products."

Tammy recommends the following tips for snacking success during the school year:

* **Wholesome baked goods:** If your kids have a sweet tooth, try serving them a baked good that includes wholesome veggies. Muffins are a portable snack that can be nutritionally enhanced with healthy, unexpected ingredients like carrots and zucchini. Carrots are a good

source of vitamin C and zucchini is a good source of vitamin A, both will help build your child's immune system.

* **Protein power:** Protein can prevent peaks and valleys in your child's energy levels and is a great way to curb your child's hunger. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend children consume 13-34 grams of protein per day, depending on their age. Some great sources of lean protein include nuts, low sodium deli meats and eggs. Spread almond butter on apple slices to give your child an extra source of protein before soccer practice.

* **Portion control:** Today, kids are trending toward three snacks a day so it's important to keep snacks between 50 and 100 calories each. Egg Salad Stuffed Tomato Cradles are a great snack to serve before dinner and will help keep your kids focused during homework. Tammy recommends using fortified eggs like Eggland's Best because one large EB egg is just 60 calories. Plus, EB eggs contain double the omega-3s, which is a nutrient that has been linked to fighting everything from ADHD to asthma in kids.

You can find more snack options like this Egg Salad Stuffed Tomato Cradles at www.egglandsbest.com or www.pinterest.com/egglandsbest.

Egg Salad Stuffed Tomato Cradles



Ingredients

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| 4 eggs, hard-cooked | 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice |
| 1 1/2 tablespoons avocado | Freshly ground pepper, to taste |
| 2 tablespoons plain nonfat yogurt, ideally organic | Salt to taste, optional |
| 2 teaspoons dijonaise | 4 tomatoes on the vine |

Directions

Place avocado in a medium bowl with yogurt, dijonaise and lemon juice and mash together with a fork. Mash until creamy throughout. Chop eggs and stir them gently in the yogurt mixture. Season with salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste. Set aside in refrigerator. Cut a thin slice off the top of each tomato. Leaving a 1/2-inch shell, scoop out the pulp. (Reserve the pulp for adding to salads, topping sandwiches or adding to omelets.)•

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Sports

Saxons Look to Get Over Hump

By Adam Serrao

The North High Saxons have perhaps been the most talented team in the Pioneer League over the past two seasons. Two years ago, the Saxons even made it to the championship

almost two years for. In what will be simply a regular season matchup, North will travel to Nordhoff and take on the Rangers while looking to rebound from their disappointing championship game loss from two years ago.

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game, where they faced off against Nordhoff and unfortunately lost after keeping the game close for the entirety of three straight quarters. This year, North High will look to get over that hump. With nothing less than a championship on their minds, head coach Todd Croce is returning the amount of talent on both offense and defense that he feels has his team poised to win and poised to win big. Before the Saxons can get too far ahead of themselves, however, they must first come up big in the rivalries that have given them the most trouble in the past.

In the two years that the Saxons have been basically on top of the Pioneer League, they have found it easy to win within their own division. The one team that has been a thorn in their side, however, has been the El Segundo Eagles, who finished atop North High last year in the division standings by just one game. Before the Saxons can think about revenge against El Segundo, however, they will have to regain chemistry and get their feet wet against some non-inner-division opponents. This year should be particularly interesting to fans of the Saxons because of the opponents that they face before league play even begins.

The Saxons will open their season up this year on August 29th as they welcome the Redondo Union Sea Hawks to town. The Saxons recent record against the Sea Hawks doesn't look promising to say the least. In their last eight games, North is 2-6 against their foes from the Bay League including a 49-12 loss to open up the season last year. Croce and company will certainly be looking to change history around this year and get their promising season started off on the right foot this time at home against Redondo. Their list of Bay league opponents continues when they take on Palos Verdes Peninsula in the very next game. Peninsula finished just below Redondo in the standings last year, but will be looking to make their mark early on against a North team that they've traditionally been average against in the past. In their last four games, North is 2-2 against Peninsula, but took a horrid 51-0 loss at their hands in the second game of the season last year. Then comes the matchup that the Saxons have perhaps been waiting

If that's not enough pre-league play excitement for Saxon fans, then there's no telling what is.

Though the Saxons start out with some traditionally tough opponents, things tend to get a bit easier for them once they enter into league play. The Saxons have a winning record against every opponent in their division except for only two teams. They come out even against the South High Spartans at 5-5, while the West High Warriors, who are newly inducted into the Pioneer League, have won seven of their last 10 matchups against the Saxons including last year's matchup by a final score of 35-6. North won't have to worry about South until the last game of the season, while the Warriors come up on the schedule in what will be just their second league play game in mid-October.

Though coach Croce's final starting roster is yet to be determined, there is a lot of hope coming out of one position on the field. Well, make that many positions. Mique Juarez will be returning for his third season with the Saxons, all with the starting team, in what will be his junior year. Juarez does it all on the field, including quarterback, wide receiver and even sometimes running back on offense while also playing safety on defense. The 6-foot-3 210-pound junior figures to be at the forefront of North High's offensive and defensive plans this season. Already a star as of last year, Juarez figures to create problems for all opposing quarterbacks while on defense and will certainly make his impact on the offensive side of the ball as well. With scholarship offers from USC, UCLA, Cal, and San Diego State already on the table, coach Croce and the Saxons are simply happy that they have him to rely on for two more years to come.

Obviously, there is no telling what this season holds in store for North High or any team for that matter. With their current success, however, and the return of a star in Juarez, the North High Saxons look to be a preseason favorite in the Pioneer League this year. With any luck at all, Croce and company will look to take the Pioneer League outright and make it back to the CIF championship game where this time, a win will hopefully be in order. •

Football In L.A.?

By Adam Serrao

With the football season right around the corner, many people are making plans for what they will do come the start of the season. Some people are preparing their fantasy teams, others are sorting out the schedule to see which games they will attend or what days they will go tailgating on. For the ordinary sports fan here in Los Angeles, though, a feeling of loneliness almost seems to unintentionally exude. With no football team here in L.A., all of the football talk and excitement surrounding the upcoming season also muffles a bit. Three years ago, the return of an NFL team to Los Angeles seemed like nothing less than an expected lock. Today, however, all of the impetus pushing a team here to Los Angeles seems to have muffled if not, died. So, what can football fans here in Los Angeles really expect? Will an NFL team be headed back to Los Angeles anytime soon, or will Los Angeles be forced to keep their football passions rested upon another city's shoulders for many more years to come?

If you've heard of Farmer's Field, then chances are that you've heard of Los Angeles's best shot in the past 20 years at regaining a football franchise. Farmers field is planned to begin construction at the location that is now the site of the Los Angeles Convention Center's West Hall in Downtown Los Angeles. The project, spearheaded by former AEG (Anschutz Entertainment Group) president Tim Leiweke and former Los Angeles Avengers owner Casey Wasserman was originally proposed in 2002. Now, more than 10 years later, the stadium has still not been built and Los Angeles football fans are left scratching their heads. The Los Angeles City Council approved the Farmers Field project in a 12-0 vote in 2012, but nearly two years later, virtually no progress has been made on a new stadium. One of the main reasons for the long delay in plans may be Leiweke's departure from AEG early in 2013. He was the main driving force in the development of the Farmers Field project that would have lured an NFL team to come play here in Los Angeles. Almost a year and a half after his departure, plans for a team here in L.A. seem to be heating up once more.

Perhaps the best indication that a team should be imminently returning to Los Angeles is NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's desire to bring the NFL back to the L.A. market. Already, Los Angeles is one of two cities favored to host the NFL Draft in 2015. While that may not seem like much since it is only the Draft, it is the first step in returning a purely football environment to the city of Los Angeles. Also, the Los Angeles Times has reported that "the NFL is taking another run at returning to Los Angeles." There are two ways that it could happen. The first way

is the old-fashioned way, in which any team getting approval from the league to come to L.A. would build the stadium itself with a loan from the NFL and own that stadium and all of the profits generated from it. For one reason or another, it has been rather difficult to lure a team to Los Angeles and go through those hurdles rather than simply rebuilding a brand new stadium in their current city. The only other way it could become possible is if the NFL pays for its own stadium, owns the naming rights, personal seat licenses, and anything else that could be sold along with the stadium and basically rents it out to an NFL team who would find playing in Los Angeles as an overwhelmingly attractive possibility.

The way in which it happens isn't of great interest to the fans of the second largest market in America. What matters is simply that it gets done and that the biggest sport in the country return to one of the biggest cities in the country once again. Many high-profile former athletes have also come out in favor of the NFL returning to Los Angeles, perhaps driving a potential deal even more so towards its completion. "I just think it's ripe right now," former Los Angeles Raider Marcus Allen said. "Being the second largest market and being the entertainment capital of the world it's almost necessary to have a team there. I think with the corporate support and the brand that has already been there, that's been established, that has a huge following, I think it'd be a no-brainer." Even basketball Hall of Famer and part-Dodgers owner Magic Johnson is overly optimistic about a potential move being made sooner rather than later. "I think for the first time, I truly believe that we're going to get a team. Finally. Everybody is on board. The city is on board. The business community is on board. The NFL is on board. Finally we have momentum. In the next couple years, at least in the next 24 months, I think one team will be coming. I don't know what team that will be, but I believe in the next two years we'll have a team."

Whether it be the Raiders, the Rams, the Vikings or some mystery team is a conversation for a different time, but what Johnson said is right. For the first time in a long time it feels like the league is moving towards bring the NFL back to Los Angeles. Whether Farmers Field comes to fruition or not, or the league uses the L.A. Coliseum or the Rose Bowl temporarily is irrelevant. The fans of Los Angeles want their football back, and bringing a team to the city sooner rather than later will quell that desire. Los Angeles deserves a team. The city is one of the biggest sports capitals of the world. Commissioner Goodell and the NFL finally seem to realize that and if football is not back in the city within the next two years it will simply be a surprise and a disappointment. •



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

They Only Kill Their Masters

By Gerry Chong

**With apologies to the movie of the same name*

With the Obama Administration mortally wounded, his friends and allies bare their fangs and attack their beleaguered king. Hillary Clinton said Obama's feckless foreign policy created an environment that allowed the rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Bill Clinton chimed in and said the Obama doctrine of "Don't do stupid #@%!" does not constitute a foreign policy.

The President responded by claiming that his underestimation of ISIS was due to a failing of the Intelligence Community; but their representative disagreed with his President. He said the Administration had been alerted to the threat of ISIS a year ago, but the President ignored the warning. The failing therefore was not one of Intelligence, but one of presidential policy (the attacks are getting bolder and more personal).

Forty-seven of the 73 independent watchdogs known as Inspectors General have signed a letter to Congress accusing major agencies, including the Department of Justice, of obstructing their access to data they need to fulfill their responsibilities to oversee governmental operations. (The president forms a defensive perimeter to hold the public at bay and conceal crucial information).

Last month, the Department of Health and Human Services revealed that it could not verify the citizenship of 1,295,571 applicants for Obamacare and Aetna Insurance revealed that only 70% of signups had paid their premiums. So if you deduct the revelations of HHS and Aetna, the number signups for

Obamacare are about equal to the number of private policies that the Administration had cancelled. (As both public and private data dispute Obama, his credibility noose tightens).

Despite mainstream media claims that the economy is growing, the Bureau of Labor Statistics disagrees. As of this July, there are 92 million Americans who have left the labor force and are no longer seeking employment. This is an 11.4 million increase since Obama took office. Moreover, those that are employed are earning 20% less than they had earned in 1984. (The truth will out).

Despite the President's claim that the crisis at the Mexican border was originated by poor conditions in Central America, the Customs and Border (CBP) Agency disagrees. Between 2010 and July 2014, illegal border crossers have come from India, China, Philippines, North Korea, Iran, Poland, Israel, and 15 other non-Central American countries. All any foreigner needs to do is to get to the porous border to access the U.S. (The lies mount and the noose is strangling).

Most astounding of all is the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that \$619 billion is missing from 302 government programs. Only 2%-7% of spending is consistent with agency records. For more than 22% of federal awards, the government literally doesn't know where the money went. (All this as the President says there's no place to cut the budget).

With attacks growing in ferocity and frequency from the media, Democratic Party rivals, and federal agencies, the fanged animal pack has turned on their Master and they smell blood. •

Another Man's Opinion

Personal Choice, Public Health Should Not Be At Odds

By Cristian Vasquez

I've lashed out before about my opposition to localities expanding on the current smoking bans that exist: so if this sounds repetitive, I apologize ahead of time. The issue has been triggered in my head once again after learning that another city has given its staff direction to draft a smoking ban in multi-unit housing. I'll be very clear that I have no problem with people who smoke. I am a former smoker and because of that I do have a bias and tendency to display sympathy toward smokers. Yes, I admit that it is a dirty habit and a health hazard; however, to ban smoking in the privacy of one's home is absurd.

I and any other person who might enjoy the hazards of a cigarette should be able to do so in the comfort of our own home. No government agency has the right or obligation to restrict my private activities because of somebody else's health concerns. I know that this sounds harsh and childish but making it illegal for someone to smoke in the privacy of his or her own home because someone else is complaining is truly selfish. Smokers have been kicked out of restaurants, bars, lounges and any other social, public setting. It's gotten to the point where a smoker can't even indulge on the sidewalk. So now they can't even smoke at home? That is absurd.

If my neighbor wants to enjoy a Camel after a long day at work, in the comfort of his home, for which he makes a rent or mortgage payment, I'll light it for him. Cigarettes are legal products and legislatures should not tell anyone that they

are breaking the law when enjoying a product that is not prohibited. The anti-smoking trend is not a bad thing but the way these groups are whining and complaining to pass smoking bans is ridiculous. Smokers have removed themselves from public spaces for the "well-being" of others for more than a decade, but now it's time that these nonsmokers remove themselves if the smoke bothers them.

Non-smokers, lawmakers and pretty much nobody has the right to dictate what their neighbor can do in the privacy of his or her home. If moving isn't a viable option for these non-smokers, too bad. Smokers have accommodated everyone else so far and to expect smokers to relocate for the well-being of others is the result of lawmakers pacifying one group with complete disregard to others.

If smoking is so evil, make it illegal just like other drugs. Lump it with marijuana and cocaine and meth. Why not? Those too are health hazards. The reality is that lawmakers will not ban cigarettes because they are profitable. It is time that lawmakers stop using the health concern excuse to ban smoking in the privacy of person's home because the truth is that if they were serious about protecting the public's health, they would outlaw cigarettes. It is also time for people to stop whining and complaining about the habits of others, which do not coincide with our own. Yes, smoking is bad for one's health but it is a personal choice that one has a right to make. Banning smoking in the privacy of one's home is outlandish, absurd, ridiculous and plain dumb. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

A Walk at the Marsh on a Sunday Afternoon

By TerriAnn Ferren

After swimming for two hours in the pool, what could I do with 7-year-old Madison Jane on a Sunday afternoon to make memories for us both? Then it dawned on me: we have a fabulous nature preserve right in the middle of town. I have visited the Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve on several occasions and have written two articles concerning the marsh: "Right in Our Own Backyard" (*Torrance Tribune* August 4, 2011) and "Something's Bugging Me" (*Torrance Tribune* June 12, 2013).

Quickly, I called the marsh office from poolside and discovered there was a nature walk at 2 p.m. What luck! We left the pool, had lunch, and headed to the marsh. Driving down Carson Street, Madison asked me, "Is the marsh in Torrance?" I told her yes, then I thought that was a great question because it is rare to have such a chunk of nature available to everyone right smack in the middle of town.

Pulling into the parking lot, I glanced at my watch, noting the time -- 1:58 p.m. -- and I hoped the walk hadn't started. We hurried up the steps into the Nature Center, signed our names, and paid the small fee to the friendly volunteer and we were told to wait in the classroom for the tour to begin.

Immediately, Madison Jane noticed the bunnies in the atrium and asked me if she could hold one. The sign on the window

immediately slathered Madison Jane's face with the cream. Right away I liked Hilary. I mean, really, who else would think about sunburn on a little girl?

Mark Christiansen, who works at the marsh,



Purple Sage, the flowers with nectar bees love.

opened up the back door and we began our tour right outside the nature center to the north of the building. We saw all sorts of grasses and plants that are native to our sandy soil. We snaked around the back and west side of the garden ending up in front of the center by the beautiful Milkweed plants. Mark told us that the Milkweed attracts Monarch butterflies and that's why the naturalists place that particular plant right by the front walkway.



Madrona Marsh Preserve.

said the bunnies were up for adoption but the atrium was closed to visitors at that moment, so we headed into the classroom at the east end of the building. Tables and chairs were set up classroom style and pictures of bugs and animals were everywhere. Madison was excited.



Madison Jane holding Scooby the gopher snake.

After pouring a paper cup of lemonade and nibbling tiny cookies, our tour guide for the walk, Hilary Jamieson, entered the classroom and introduced herself. Hilary is a graduate of West High School and grew up with the marsh. She told us we would be walking around the preserve while she identified the plants and trees indigenous to our area and explained how the Tongva Indians, who lived on the land of the South Bay, used the vegetation. We were ready for the tour! Leaving the classroom, Hilary brought out a tube of sunscreen and I

Nestled next to the Milkweed was a plant that is candy to bees -- Purple Sage. Hilary picked one petal of the delicate flower and showed Madison Jane how to suck out the nectar. This was a beautiful example of why bees' honey tastes so sweet. We hadn't even left the grounds of the nature center and had already learned so much.

Crossing the street, we noticed that we were the only two taking the nature tour that particular Sunday afternoon. Two marsh volunteers, Ruth McConnell and Carolyn Coulter, joined us as well as Mark Christiansen, so Hilary had five of us at her heels. Actually, I was the only one ill-equipped for a walk in the preserve because I had left the house that afternoon hurriedly wearing sandals. What was I thinking? To top it off they were wedge heels, so you can imagine how challenging it was for me to walk on and off the paths that day.

Right away we spotted ants in the dirt. Big ants. Smiling, Hilary told us that the ants are female - you can tell because they are working so efficiently and diligently. Hum. Heading west, we stopped at important bushes and plants where Hilary explained what the berries were used for, how small animals use the bushes for shelter, and how the marsh volunteers work hard to make sure all the trees and plants, eventually, are only 'native.'

One bush had bristles on it that were quite sticky - so sticky that they stuck on everyone's clothes. Come to find out, that particular plant, the Cocklebur plant, was the inspiration for Velcro, according to Hilary. Walking down the path, it got muddy. Madison Jane heard Hilary say we might

see tiny frogs so she was on the lookout. We marched toward the 'frog area' and bent down to hunt for frogs. These little frogs were not easy to see because they are the color of dirt. But Mark caught a frog in his hands and cupped it close, showing Madison Jane. She squealed with delight and wanted to hold it. She finally held it and wanted to keep it, but Hilary explained we only look at the frogs and then let them go. Madison complied but

not just holding it, she had Scooby wrapped around her arm, her wrist and her hand! It freaked me out, but of course I didn't let her know that. Seeing a little girl who was hesitant at first to catch a frog now allowing a snake to drape around her neck confirmed this afternoon's adventure was a big success.

Our little troop had a wonderful time and I was quite surprised when Hilary told me this was her first nature walk tour. She was

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began looking in the grasses intently trying to catch a frog for herself. With the help of Mark, she did it. She caught the tiniest little frog I ever saw and then let it go near the ground in another patch of grass.

The ground was now muddy and tall toolies were everywhere. Looking around, you wouldn't know you were in the heart of Torrance! Hilary told us the Tongva Indians used the toolies for beds and shelter. We then saw eight to ten white Snowy Egrets and a Mallard duck floating in the small pond. This pond used to be huge during the wet season but since the drought, all that is left is a large puddle. That must be why the animals are so close together. They are sharing the water supply. Madison was delighted. She laughed and smiled as she looked at the elegant Snowy Egrets.

We then made our way away from the mud and little pond over to the area where water would be, if we had had any rain. This bone-dry area reminded me once again of how precious life-giving water is to us all. Walking to the east end of the marsh we spotted grasshoppers and Harlequin beetles on Bladderpod plants (*Isomeris Arborea*). Madison got brave and held a Harlequin beetle, which looks somewhat like a ladybug with an oil-slicked looking, multicolor shell. She let that little bug crawl from one hand to the other and it finally flew away.

We had been in the marsh for about two hours before heading back toward the preserve office and museum. We all looked like we had an adventure -- especially me with my muddy sandals, purse dragging, and hat a bit askew. Inside the building we washed our hands and Hilary told us we could get more lemonade and cookies. Madison Jane made a beeline toward the classroom. I went to wash up a bit more.

I was thinking what a great time Madison and I had on our very personal tour through this marvelous marsh. Then I entered the classroom again and found Madison Jane holding Scooby, the gopher snake! Well,

remarkable and her knowledge and expertise were flawless. She truly is perfect for this job and has found her passion. Hilary Jamieson and Mark Christiansen together make a great team. The Madrona Marsh is lucky to have them both.

Madison Jane was chatting how much she loved holding Scooby the snake, and how



Hilary Jamieson, our tour guide for the day.

she had caught and held the tiniest frog. It was indeed a day to remember and one I hope she won't forget. I know I will always remember how we spent one warm afternoon in August at one of the last remaining vernal marshes in Southern California.

Would you like to take your own nature walk? The preserve is located at 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, and is open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 310.782.3989 or access www.torranceca.gov to check the calendar for upcoming special events. If you have any questions, be sure to speak with Beth Scott, Program Coordinator at the Marsh. She is full of information and always there to help!

Sunday afternoon walking through the Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center is a perfect way to relax, learn about the history of our area, and have lots of fun. I do, however, recommend sensible shoes. •



Wilderness in the city. All photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

Police Reports

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Burglary-Residential 8/6/2014 10:52:00 AM 21500 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD
Suspect(s) knocks on front door, removes window screen, smashes bathroom window and flees without taking any property upon realizing victim was inside residence

Burglary-Residential 8/6/2014 7:00:00 PM 3200 BLOCK 177TH ST
Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ collectible figurine

Burglary-Commercial 8/5/2014 8:50:00 PM 4500 BLOCK SHARYNNE LANE
Suspect(s) removes screen, slides open window/ unknown if property loss at time of report

Theft 8/5/2014 8:29:24 PM 2400 BLOCK JEFFERSON ST
Suspect(s) takes unattended property from gym floor/backpack, keys, wallet, eyeglasses, cell phone

Theft 8/5/2014 11:00:00 PM 20900 BLOCK ANZA AVE
Suspect(s) takes secured and unsecured property from carport parking space/bicycles, sewing machine, stereo

Burglary-Residential 8/6/2014 12:30:00 AM 2600 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO
Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/ laptop, charger

Auto Theft 8/5/2014 4:51 AM 17800 BLOCK WILTON PL

Stolen vehicle: '07 Chevrolet

Theft 8/5/2014 6:30:00 AM 2400 BLOCK 227TH ST
Suspect(s) cuts off lock on storage unit and takes property/ bicycles, tools

Burglary-Residential 8/5/2014 7:18:42 AM 18700 BLOCK KORNBLUM AVE
Suspect(s) removes screen, smashes window for entry, but flees without taking any property

Vandalism 8/4/2014 10:00:00 PM 1800 BLOCK ABALONE AVE
Suspect(s) uses spray paint to tag building's exterior

Battery-Simple 8/4/2014 2:46 PM 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect slaps victim in the face

Burglary-Residential 8/8/2014 11:00:00 AM 5300 BLOCK VIA DEL VALLE
Suspect(s) removes screen, pries open window for entry, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, jewelry box, laptop

Burglary-Residential 8/4/2014 10:26:00 PM 2300 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD
Suspect(s) removes screen, enters window, ransacks and takes property/ TV, jewelry

Burglary-Residential 8/3/2014 10:18:00 PM 4100 BLOCK SPENCER ST
Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, but is likely scared off by the alarm/ no loss •

City Council

from front page

Still, not all the needs of the facility have been covered by these expenditures. Community Services director John Jones said the new funding will help to add security cameras to the complex.

"We are still in the position of trying to bring in security cameras for the facility," said Jones. "That's an area that we have yet to make sure we have enough funding for."

The city's goal in running the Toyota Sports Complex is for it to be revenue-neutral. The

includes the city of Torrance," said Furey.

The virus is transmitted by mosquito bites and Furey advised citizens to take precautions like using insect repellents with DEET (check the label to make sure it's applied properly) and wearing long sleeved, loose fitting, light colored clothing when taking part in activities happen at either dawn and dusk.

He also shared some ways to safeguard homes against mosquitoes, like making sure screens are in good repair and are tight fitting.

"West Nile Virus has been found in every county in California, including Los Angeles County . . . and that includes the city of Torrance."

donations raised through the donor wall help achieve that goal by offsetting expenses that would otherwise come from the city's general fund.

Lastly, along with the summer heat comes mosquitoes, which are a source for West Nile virus. Furey made sure to remind the Torrance community how to protect themselves against mosquitoes that could be carrying the virus along with tips on keeping homes from becoming mosquito spawning grounds. "West Nile Virus has been found in every county in California, including Los Angeles County . . . and that

He also asked residents to eliminate any source of standing water around their homes as it provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes. "Just the smallest amount of water that is standing in your yard you should try to get rid of that because that's where the mosquitoes breed," said Furey. "Just a little bit of water . . . can cause thousands and thousands of mosquitoes to breed." More information is available at the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District website (www.lawestvector.org) or by calling them at (310) 915-7370. •

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El Segundo Herald: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2014 H-1136

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014201733

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PIA BOOSTER CLUB, 300 NORTH CONTINENTAL BLVD., STE 315, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) CLAYTON W. WATSON, JR., 21 ORIBIT LANE, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731; 2) TROY R. THROWER, 300 NORTH CONTINENTAL BLVD., STE. 315, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: n/a. Signed: Clayton W. Watson, Jr., Principal. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 25, 2014.

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El Segundo Herald: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2014. H-1137

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014218988

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) 2520 ALSACE AVENUE; 2) 2231 HAUSER BLVD. 1842 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): WILLIAM GARRETT O'NEIL, 1842 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: n/a. Signed: WILLIAM GARRETT O'NEIL, INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 8, 2014.

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El Segundo Herald: July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2014. H-1138

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014203176

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ORDERED STEPS MINISTRIES, INC., 637 E. ALBERTONI ST. #209, CARSON, CA 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ORDERED STEPS MINISTRIES, INC., 637 E ALBERTONI ST., #209, CARSON, CA 90746. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Dr. Michael N. Henderson Sr, President/Pastor. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 28, 2014.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 28, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 28, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

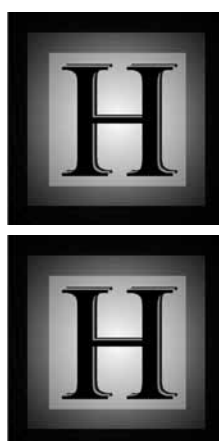
El Segundo Herald: Pub. July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2014 H-1139

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014204643

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CALCRO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 732 CENTER PL. UNIT B, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JOSIP TESKAC, 732 CENTER PL., UNIT B, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: n/a. Signed: JOSIP TESKAC, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 29, 2014.

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El Segundo Herald: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2014 H-1140



Fictitious Business Name Statement 201422767

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WILD TURKEY TOWING, 2401 W. CALDWELL ST., COMPTON, CA 90220, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): KIMATHI SWEENEY, 2401 W. CALDWELL ST., COMPTON, CA 90220. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: n/a. Signed: KIMATHI SWEENEY, MANAGER/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 14, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014221258

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) NICOL REAL ESTATE; 2) NICOL DEVELOPMENTS; 3) NICOL ARTISTRY 905 LOMA VISTA, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) SCOT F. NICOL, 905 LOMA VISTA, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245; 2) KIMBERLY NICOL, 905 LOMA VISTA, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 01/01/2014. Signed: SCOT F. NICOL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 11, 2014.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. August 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 2014 H-1143

Fictitious Business Name Statement 20144221381

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AYSAUCE! MARYOSEP, 4761 W. 141ST. STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. Owner(s): DON S. BRITO, 4761 W. 141ST STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: August 11, 2014. Signed: DON S. BRITO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 11, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014222847

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CARPOOL CREATIVE; 2) CARPOOL MEDIA; 3) CARPOOL PRODUCTIONS; 4) CARPOOL STUDIOS, 4232 LINDBLADE DR. APT. 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CARPOOL LLC, 4232 LINDBLADE DR. APT. 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is being conducted by an Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on: July 18, 2014. Signed: Carpool LLC, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 12, 2014.

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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11/14. H-1146

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014223139

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CBR PRODUCTIONS; 2) CALVIN RHONE PUBLISHING; 3) WORD/SONG, 1939 W. 76TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90047, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CALVIN B. RHONE, 1939 W. 76TH ST., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90047. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 1990. Signed: Name. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 12, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 201422767

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CARPOOL CREATIVE; 2) CARPOOL MEDIA; 3) CARPOOL PRODUCTIONS; 4) CARPOOL STUDIOS, 4232 LINDBLADE DR. APT. 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CARPOOL LLC, 4232 LINDBLADE DR. APT. 6, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is being conducted by an Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on: July 18, 2014. Signed: Carpool LLC, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 12, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 201422767

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014225582

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TACTICAL COMMAND CABINETS, 5528 W. 124TH ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): NIALL MC KEOWN, 5528 W. 124TH ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 08/13/2014. Signed: NIALL MC KEOWN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 13, 2014.

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Hawthorne Press Tribune, Pub. August 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11 2014 HH-1148

YOU SHOULDN'T FOCUS ON WHY YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING, WHICH IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO. YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON WHY PERHAPS YOU CAN, AND BE ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS.

STEVE CASE

Community Banks

from front page

in that arena, and of course it gives the same loans and makes many of the same monetary decisions that national banks do. "Our money is the same green," as Sowers puts it. He quickly realized that the difference for small-and medium-size business owners is in the localized, focused experience that a community bank provides.

"Community banking is entirely relationship-based," says Sowers. A customer can enter a bank branch in Manhattan Beach, Pasadena, Glendale, or Montebello, or even head over to the huge, glassed-in El Segundo headquarters, and meet with a decision-maker who knows – and lives in – the area. "So if [it's] one of our clients, or one of the prospects we're trying to bring into the bank, we know where the property is. We know what their business is: chances are, we go to those businesses and use those services," says Sowers. Business owners benefit when they don't have to call up a service across the country to apply for loans or expand their businesses. Bank of Manhattan also benefits, and its assets grow, with every business success. And the employees and officers of the bank go out to the community and spend their money at the small businesses that dot the South Bay. It's a synergistic relationship, as Sowers likes to say.

Sowers considers himself a business partner in the ventures that Bank of Manhattan takes

on. "We take a 'consultative' approach ... if there's something I can offer to that business owner, that CFO, to help them better their business or a suggestion of someone who might be able to help them in a service capacity ... then



Bank of Manhattan Executive VP Rick Sowers. Photo courtesy of Rick Sowers.

we do that." He feels comfortable enough to advise customers in their business practices or make connections between them – for instance, a contractor might need an electrician, and Sowers might know just the one.

Since the recession, Sowers has seen some

resurgence in small business applications as the economy has started its slow recovery, but most of the resurgence is in the South Bay, where people were not as affected in the first place. In East Los Angeles, he says, growth has been much slower and businesses have stayed shut as credit lines have shrunk and capital has become scarcer. Businesses have become much more cautious in the past years, growing slowly, relying on more technology, and getting by with fewer employees that work longer hours. Bank of Manhattan offers streamlined banking services for businesses who need it, but it also offers an experience unique to small banks: a customer, every so often, might come into the bank simply to sit in one of several very comfy chairs and talk to a person. Sowers says he has clients who prefer a face-to-face interaction, and Bank of Manhattan provides an environment that might seem old-fashioned, but which can appeal to companies who have only dealt previously with a series of apps. "The hardest challenge for us as a smaller bank is ... we can't continue to spend millions of dollars on technology, so how do you bridge that gap to 'the next thing,' and we have to bridge that gap with really good service."

Sowers enjoys the personal connections he makes with his customers. His consulting background, as well as his gregarious personality

and his double degrees in economics and sociology, all combine to create a bank officer who has personally involved himself in not only the world of business loans, but the charitable aspects of the community as well. Bank of Manhattan employees are encouraged to spend their time, volunteering in groups such as Rotary Club, Chambers of Commerce, leadership groups, or other business or education foundations. Sowers himself is a board member of the El Segundo Ed! Foundation and a partner in the White Light, White Night charity gala, helping to raise money for the mentoring and support service Walk with Sally.

Not every loan can be funded, and not every business can stay profitable, or open, forever. But community bank customers can at least put a face to the bad news, or help develop and improve the good news. And Sowers can sit across the desk from someone that he knows – or will get to know – and help them make the best business decisions possible. That's another advantage of living in the community he serves, and he really, truly wants to be available for assistance. "People that come in [here], feel looked after. They feel good about the experience, when they walk out of the branch. ... Something goes wrong, you pick up the phone and just call Rick, he'll help you solve it." •

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Pets Without Partners Purrrfect Companions

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

Prince is a stunning little fellow. He is about a year old and weighs all of 8 pounds. Sadly, his long Yorkie coat was very matted when he came to us. His photo was taken just after he was groomed and he's smelling



Prince is a 1-year-old Yorkie.

like a rose now. Prince is a happy pup with a sweet personality. He is neutered, has had a dental, is current on vaccinations, is microchipped, and is fine with other dogs.

Riley is a great little guy with personality plus! He is approximately 7-8 years old and very small at 5 pounds. He loves his little doggie beds and loves to burrow under towels, blankets or whatever is laying around for him to curl up in for warmth. He is as sweet as pie and a love of a little guy. Although he only has a few teeth, Riley has no problems eating what-so-ever. He would like nothing more than to be your constant companion, purse or lap dog. Riley is very animated during playtime and is just darling to say the least. Riley is neutered, current on vaccinations, is dewormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, children should be 10 and over due to Riley's small size and for his safety.

MaryAnn is a beautiful gold and white colored terrier mix. She was found together with her mom and sister in an empty lot and her owners were never located. MaryAnn

is a sweet little girl, very playful with the other smaller dogs here at the rescue. She is still a pup, so she is learning daily routines and is a quick learner! Maryann loves to be held and snuggled. Her little tail is always wagging! Maryann is spayed, current on vaccinations, microchipped, good with other dogs and children over age 10 due to her small size.

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. Come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Blvd., 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.



MaryAnn is a gold and white terrier.



Riley is a tiny bundle of love.

Add a little love when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Buddha is a handsome six-year-old Bombay. He is very tame, lovable and affectionate. Buddha loves attention so much that he sometimes drools when he is being petted. Sitting on your lap and bathing in the sun are some of his favorite pleasures in life. He has lived his entire life with his buddy Karma since they were kittens and would love a home where they can stay together.



Buddha is a handsome, loveable Bombay kitty.

Karma is a six-year-old Main Coon beauty. A little on the small for a Main Coon, she is very sweet. Karma loves cat towers and sitting by windows watching birds. She is not overly needy, loves being petted and is very gentle. Karma would do best in a home without kids or dogs, as she is scared around loud noises and fast movement. Karma has never been apart from her buddy Buddha since they were kittens, she would adore a home with him.

Calliope is a stunning all white girl with

sparkling golden, amber eyes. Her fur is super soft and just begs to be petted, which she loves. She's very loving and sweet, wanting little more than to be able to hang out with you all day long or at least for whenever you are home. Calliope is a gorgeous girl and would be happy as an only kitty or with a confident, playful cat who won't be easily intimidated. She loves people; just give her a couple of days to get to know you first. Calliope loves to play and romp around when not splayed out on a pillow, decorating your home.

These kittens 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, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kitties, please check our website 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 Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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

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



Karma would love a home with her friend Buddha



Calliope is beautiful and loves to be petted.

Happy Tails

There's something about a boy and his dog, a dog and his boy that creates an extraordinary bond that outlasts a lifetime. When little Hobo (aka Scout) was adopted, he was one of the lucky ones and found his special boy...

"Here is a photo of Hobo. He is doing so well!! He is so lovey and sweet, and listens well. My kids adore him. What a perfect match for our family! Thank you for letting us be his people. My son keeps saying, "I have a dog," and I keep saying, "And he has a boy." He is such a joy... Thank you, Shana."

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. •



Hobo has a boy!

Real Estate

Handcrafted Items Produce Customized Appeal

(BPT) - The quilt handed down through generations, the turn-of-the-century wooden rocking chair made by a long-gone relative, hand-stitched samplers that have graced every home your family has lived in - handcrafted items simply speak to the soul. In today's society, when we're surrounded by technology and homogenous machine-made items from clothes to curtains, handcrafting imparts a human, customized quality to home decor.

If you crave a handcrafted look in your home, it's easy to achieve with design elements that can be as simple or luxurious as you wish. Handcrafted items can be found virtually anywhere, including places like your local antique store, specialty showrooms and even online. Whatever your budget, adding key handmade items to your home can evoke that sense of quality, refinement and soul throughout your interior decor.

Start with these unique elements to bring the beauty of handcrafting into your home:

HARDWOOD SHUTTERS

Beauty, charm and practicality meet in hardwood shutters. The perfect tool to protect rooms from too much sun and to help keep indoor temperatures cool during hot summers and to keep heat in during cold winters, shutters add architecture to the window and are a true design statement. You don't have to scour the Internet looking for a specialized artisan to create hardwood shutters, nor do you have to settle for something mass-produced that lacks the custom appeal of handmade.

Hunter Douglas now offers Handcrafted Series finishing techniques in its heirloom-quality Heritage hardwood shutters, which feature dovetail construction, used on fine furniture for generations. These finishes include special hand treatments designed to replicate the character and charm of natural wood. Whether you desire a rustic appearance that includes knots, pin holes, mineral streaks and growth rings, a glazed and burnished effect with hand-rubbed glaze and hand-sanded frame corners or distressing that celebrates the passage of time, you can achieve the look with Heritage hardwood shutters. These hardwood shutters underscore the attention to detail and quality that characterize hand-

crafting in home decor.

RECLAIMED FLOORING

Older wooden floors were commonly hand-planed, giving them unique beauty and personality. While many flooring manufacturers now offer planks that give the appearance of hand-planed wood, reclaimed flooring (wooden floorboards rescued from older buildings) can be a cost-effective way to incorporate real handcrafting into a room. Reclaimed floors offer singular character by recycling wood that might otherwise have ended up in a landfill, and they also help you do something good for the environment.

HANDCRAFTED FURNITURE

Whether you opt for antiques or choose something more contemporary, handcrafted furniture speaks of quality and customization. Each piece hand made by exacting furniture artisans is unique, and creates a one-of-a-kind effect in your home. What's more, a handmade piece of furniture can become a cherished family heirloom - be it a rocking chair for the nursery or an accent table for the family room. The superior quality and individuality of handmade furniture can make it well worth the investment.

ACCESSORIES

Incorporating handmade art and other accessories is a cost-effective, versatile way to achieve the appeal of handcrafting in your home decor. Antiques are often handcrafted. Placing actual paintings or hand-sculpted artwork throughout your home, rather than machine-produced prints or knickknacks, adds a depth of quality and character to decor. Choose hand-stitched accent pillows or hand-knit throws for comfort and individuality.

With so many handcrafted options available, it's easy to create a one-of-a-kind, quality effect in your home decor. From shutters to floors to accessories, handcrafted items endow interior décor with personality and a custom look that will be truly your own. •



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