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## Sunny Days and Breaking Waves Beckon Families to Torrance Beach



School is out and families across the South Bay are taking advantage of the summer weather to spend a relaxing day at the beach. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Patchy  
Fog  
74°/63°



**Saturday**  
Patchy  
Fog  
73°/65°



**Sunday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
75°/66°



## Local Student Earns Valedictorian Honors in Nontraditional School Setting

By Cristian Vasquez

For Angelica Pronto, graduating valedictorian was a goal she had established for herself years before high school. Earning her 4.41 grade point average was the result of a commitment to earning the highest academic honor in high school and working to achieve it since seventh grade, when she first entered Capistrano Connections Academy.

"When I joined Connections Academy, I always knew that I wanted to attain that achievement," Pronto said. "I wanted to follow in the footsteps of my mom who was a valedictorian as well."

Unlike traditional schools where students and teachers meet in a classroom for several hours a day, at Capistrano Connections Academy teachers work directly with each student and their parents (learning coaches) to develop an individualized learning plan that provides instruction while evaluating assignments.

"All of our students are working from the comfort of their own home--they are working virtually with a fully qualified and credentialed teacher," teacher at Capistrano Connections Academy Leslie Dombeck said. "That means that the teachers are better able to individualize the curriculum. We are able to tailor our instruction to more one-on-one tutoring or smaller group instruction as well. All of our students receive the curriculum at home and then they are doing lessons live with their teachers in something we call live lessons. That is similar to the teacher being in front of a classroom except that they are doing it virtually."

Instruction and administration are both conducted via the Internet, by telephone and

e-mail. All teachers work from centralized offices and hubs, under the supervision of a principal or other administrator. Due to the virtual nature of the academy, students are constantly reminded that teachers are just a phone call away.

"Our teachers, our administrative staff and our advisory staff work very closely with

the student and also with the family and the parents to ensure that everyone is on the same page and that we not only talk about the process and how things work, but how we can make things better for everyone," Dombeck said. "Every student, parent and teacher goes through training before it all

**See Valedictorian, page 6**

## Volunteers Looking for Help Building Bocce Courts

By Dylan Little

The Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes (FTEA) is looking to raise money to construct three handicap and elderly accessible bocce courts on an unused basketball court at Columbia Park to provide a safe and convenient place for Torrance's aging, physically challenged and general populations to a sport dating back to ancient times. The group hopes to raise between \$55,000 and \$60,000 to create three unique bocce courts at Columbia Park. Before setting off on this project, FTEA surveyed the existing bocce courts in the South Bay and found that all of them were inaccessible to wheelchairs and treacherous for crutches and other mobility-impacting afflictions--and few had illumination in case matches run a little past sundown. They then found a possible location and designed a more accommodating layout for their courts that would be free of steps and provide illumination. The only hurdle left for the group is funding. They are hoping to build these courts at no cost

to the City and are instead relying on tax-deductible donations. Volunteer Bob Chiota hopes the community will be generous with the project and see the benefits not only for older residents and special athletes, but for all of Columbia Park's visitors as well as for anyone looking to save money on their taxes with a donation. "This is a win-win-win initiative," said Chiota. "Dig deep. I mean, please be generous."

Bocce is a staple of FTEA's athletics, especially for older athletes who are no longer able to participate in strenuous contact sports such as soccer or basketball. Bocce provides them with many of the benefits of the sports they can no longer play, such as staying active and healthy, being social and building self-esteem. Chiota says the game can be played by anyone, regardless of disability, including the wheelchair-bound and the blind. Currently there are over 50 athletes participating in FTEA's bocce program.

**See Bocce, page 4**

# TerriAnn in Torrance



Left: White roses.  
Above: Seagull and the Sea.  
Below: Sea-Aire Golf Course.  
Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



## Summer in the South Bay

By TerriAnn Ferren

Fragrant jasmine and roses are blooming in my garden, peonies are beginning to appear at the grocery store and there seem to be more teenagers at the mall and at the movies. Yes, summer is finally here. All of us have our own memories of summer. Last week as June 21 rolled around marking the first day of summer, I couldn't help but think back to all the things I did on my summer vacation. Summer meant going to drive-in movies in my pajamas sitting in the backseat of the car with my sister Linda. We had our favorite spot not far from the snack bar where my daddy would park the car on the undulating black pavement. He would set up the speaker on the car window and get it just right usually while we were playing on the swings in front of the large outdoor screen before the feature began. The Vermont drive-in had swings. Back then we would watch a cartoon or two or maybe even a newsreel before the two feature movies began. Now that I think of it, when my sister and I would go to the summer afternoon movies at *The Rolling Hills Theatre* on Pacific Coast Highway, I remember they had contests before the film began. One afternoon at the movies, the manager of the theatre got on stage and hosted a limbo contest before the movie and our friend Kathy Monson who lived across the street won. But I can't remember what she won. And I vividly remember one weekend when my girlfriend MaryAnn Franek was over, my daddy went to the movies with us (to see Julie Andrews in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*) because I wasn't yet allowed to go alone at night! Now, most drive-in movies are a memory

and large movie houses have been renovated into multiplexes with 10 screens showing one feature per screen (including advertisements that go on for so long, sometimes I nearly forget what movie I went to see).

One summer I decided to tackle the *Nancy Drew Mysteries* books my Aunt May and Uncle Millard had given to my family. Each week, I would read another blue hardcover mystery with the book cover of a picture of Nancy Drew and imagine myself solving the problems of the day right along with her.

There were day trips too. Sometimes we would take a drive around Palos Verdes for the views or head north to visit the Santa Inez Mission in Solvang, have lunch and take home cookies from the Danish bakery. As I recall, my sister and I would sing along with the summer tunes on the radio as we rode up the coast and back. Lots of Sundays, we would walk around Knott's Berry Farm with my grandparents Grammie and Bumpa. That was before there were thrill rides at the park. Walking down the main street heading toward the panning for gold area or the antique shop after visiting Virginia's Gift Shop was fun and

See TerriAnn, page 10

# SMILE awhile

**Smile Awhile's June 2012 Winner**

Our Staff Pick for June is "Devin Preston," which was published on June 14 and submitted by Sharon A. Jackson. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser Valentino's Pizza with locations in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach.

## People

### Graduations

**Mike Wilcox**, the son of Bruce and Nancy Wilcox, of Torrance, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Lawrence University on June 10. Wilcox is a 2008 graduate of South High School.

**Chelsey Alpough**, of Torrance, graduated from the University of New Haven on May 13, 2012 with a B.S in Management of Sports Industries.

### Engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Mando Luna are thrilled to announce the upcoming wedding of their only daughter, Miss Shatera Luna to Mr. Luke Duperron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Duperron.

Shatera was born in Downey, CA, while Luke was born in Riverside, CA, and in 2007 their paths would cross while attending North Torrance High School. Shatera, the former Homecoming Queen, was new to the area, trying to navigate her senior year when she met Luke. Luke was the record-breaking, All-State, All CIF, All County and All-American Nominee basketball player and he had eyes for the new girl, getting her out of class by pretending he had to interview her for his newspaper class. After a year of friendship, they decided to take things to the next level in their first year of college and have been going strong ever since.

Shatera and Luke are living in Torrance where Luke is the Head Coach of North Torrance High Schools' Varsity Basketball team. Shatera is a recent graduate of Biola University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology. They are very dedicated to each other, their church and helping others; having traveled to Mexico and the Philippines to do mission work, they wish to continue by traveling to Israel next summer.



The happy couple will make their vows at Calvary Chapel Downey with celebration to follow at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel on July 28, 2012. Luke and Shatera will continue the celebration with a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." •



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Sophie (dog) and Preston (2 years old). Submitted by Kristen Poulos.



Green Dolphins - Big Smiles after a Big Sand Soccer game in Santa Monica. Submitted by Sass Muncey.

# Faith

*This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.*

**What is salvation?**

The concept of salvation is central to the Christian faith. We believe that we are saved from the power of sin and death and given new life. This means that we are forgiven our sins, restored to a right relationship with God and our fellow human beings, and given a new life here and now and eternal life after death.

We also believe that salvation comes to us as a gift from a loving God. We can't earn salvation by doing good things; it is a gift that comes to us through faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—and even that faith is a gift! In other words, salvation is given to us when we put our trust in God's love in Christ. It is also a life-long process in which God continues to help us grow in faith and love through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We are saved from a life of struggle with guilt and fear. We are also saved for a life of love, joy, peace, and hope: love that results in joyful service, peace within ourselves and with others, the hope of God's guidance and life eternal. To be saved does not mean we will not suffer. Rather, it gives us assurance that God will help us when suffering comes to us.

God's salvation is not just for individuals. God is also working to save the whole world from hatred, pain, and death, and we are partners in that work.

—Rev. Lee Carlile, *El Segundo United Methodist Church*

Growing up in Pennsylvania Dutch country, when my grandmother was exasperated with something, she would say: "Give me strength and salvation!"

Asking ourselves questions such as "What is salvation?" is a good thing for we many times use terms and think we know exactly what they are but have really never questioned them as adults.

Whatever salvation meant to my grandmother, I will never know for I never knew a child but I did know it had something to do with religion!

Many people would most likely define salvation as a saving from wrong doing/"sin" or a deliverance from wrong doing/"evil". Sin, evil, hell then creep into our definitions and light on their meaning must be given as well. Sin is an archery term meaning you have missed the target or bull's eye and hell is Sheol in the Bible which meant you burn in hell when you miss the mark. It was an idiom which meant a state of consciousness not a geographical place. Unfortunately, mistranslations, misunderstandings of idioms, customs and mannerisms of speech have obscured the simple and clear words of the great masters

and orators of the Bible. I might add, in particularly Jesus.

Salvation is found when we regain (assumed lost) our conscious possession of God-given attributes. It comes as a result of going FROM God TO God. The story of the prodigal son is an example. Salvation is a not a thing, not an end but a Way for our salvation is through our unity with God. Salvation comes to all of us as a free gift from God. It is a gift which is total Love and frees ourselves from all limitation. A belief that Jesus in some outer was atoned for our sins is not salvation. Salvation is an inner understanding and overcoming which comes individually as a change in consciousness. We use the Christ consciousness (separate from the man, Jesus) to cleanse the mind and free us from wrong doing. This consciousness gives us that "strength and salvation". Now, whether my grandmother would agree or disagree, I will probably never know!

—Rev. Bonnie S. Wulff, *Living the Inner Light Church and Science Of Mind Center, El Segundo*

The most basic question that we need to answer in addressing this topic is simply this: Do we even need to be saved at all? The clear testimony of Scripture is an unflinching "Yes". We – as humans – need to be delivered and emancipated from the just penalty due for all our offenses against God's righteous laws. And because the penalty for breaking such laws is unending banishment from God's presence (in a terrible place called Hell) the stakes simply could not be higher.

And here's the Great News: God *Himself* has undertaken to suffer that punishment and pay that penalty for all who will commit their lives to Him as Savior and Lord.

He did *His* work (taking sin's penalty) when, in the person of Jesus, the dreadful debt for human sin was fully paid by Him upon the cross. We make *our* response (committing our lives to Him) when we: (1) Admit that we have broken God's commands; (2) Believe that Jesus has paid sin's debt; and (3) Come to Him as our only Savior and rightful Lord.

It is when we make that simple three-fold (A.B.C.) response that God will cancel our debt, wipe clean our slate, adopt us into His family, walk with us through life, and take us, one-day, to live with Him forever.

Who would want to pass up such an offer of free and full salvation? Make Jesus Christ your personal Savior and Lord today – and that salvation will be yours!

—John Svendsen, *First Baptist Church of El Segundo*

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## Calendar

**THURSDAY, JULY 5**

• Free Art Exhibition: Kit and Caboodle, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Creative Arts Center, 1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Exhibition Dates: June 8 to July 12, 2012.

**SATURDAY JULY 7**

• Recycling at the Church, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**

• Bridge USA Japanese Summer Festival, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

**FRIDAY, JULY 13**

• Free Shakespeare by the Sea: Romeo and Juliet, 7:00 p.m., Polliwog Park Amphitheater, 1601 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Bring picnics, blankets and low back beach chairs. Sat., July 14 - Two Gentleman of Verona.

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**

• Rollin' South Traffic Style Car Show & Traffic Safety Fair, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., LAPD Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, 5651 W. Manchester Blvd. For information call (323) 421-2588.

**SATURDAY, JULY 21**

• Celebrity Lecture Series: Back from Combat, 11:00 a.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

**SATURDAY, JULY 28**

• 26th Annual "Evening Under the Stars," Gourmet Food & Wine Festival to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Medical Center. 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., at American Honda, 700 Van Ness Ave. Advanced tickets purchase required. For tickets and information call the chamber at (310) 540-5858, the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation at (310) 517-4703 or visiting [www.TorranceMemorial.org](http://www.TorranceMemorial.org)

**TUESDAY, JULY 31**

• Artful Days: Artists Who Laid the Groundwork for Leonardo and Michaelangelo, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

**ONGOING**

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, Rm 1. For more information call (310) 370-3228.

• Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Torrance Memorial Conference Center, Rm 5. For more information call (310) 517-4666.

• Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, First Christian Church, Room 8, Maple & El Dorado. Free.

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**SOUTH BAY**

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**Construction Begins On Wilshire I-405 Ramps**

As part of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, crews will demolish and reconstruct I-405 freeway ramps over the next year and a half. Construction on the first pair of ramps at Wilshire Boulevard is now underway. Check [metro.net/405](http://metro.net/405) for the latest information on closures and construction schedules.

**Look For Metro At CalCon Expo August 2**

Contractors, construction professionals and suppliers can learn about \$150 billion in public works projects underway by attending the upcoming California Construction Expo (CalCon) at the Pasadena Convention Center. The government sector is in need of qualified firms to support construction programs. Learn more at [calconexpo.com](http://calconexpo.com).

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**JUNE 17-23, 2012**

**Compiled by Cristian Vasquez  
JUNE 23**

**Burglary-Commercial:** 24200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) pries open exterior door and interior metal security door for entry, pries open safe and takes property from the office and the register/cash, laptop, receipts, paperwork.

**Burglary-Residential:** 25600 BLOCK AMBER LEAF ROAD Suspect(s) pries off screen, forces window off its track for entry, ransacks, forces open locked desk and takes property/cash, jewelry.

**Burglary-Residential:** 2300 BLOCK 238TH ST Suspect(s) pries open sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/watch.

**Burglary-Residential:** 100 BLOCK VISTA DEL PARQUE Suspect(s) enters secured garage by unknown means and takes property/bicycle.

**JUNE 22**

**Burglary-Auto:** 3600 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle parked in open garage/ backpack, handgun, magazines, baton, handcuffs, o.c. spray.

**Auto Theft-All:** 2300 BLOCK ABALONE AVE Stolen vehicle: '95 Honda Accord.

**Vandalism:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) enters open business and cuts dresses hanging on rack.

**JUNE 21**

**Burglary-Auto:** 400 BLOCK VIA PASQUAL Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/camera, sunglasses, converter.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 21100 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) pries door for entry, but takes no property.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 20400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries open lock on storage container for entry and takes property/tools.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 19300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) cuts locks on storage containers for entry and takes

property/tools, copper piping.

**Theft:** 3500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from sales floor/bicycle.

**JUNE 20**

**Theft:** 1400 BLOCK ABALONE AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, vandalizes office with soft drink and takes property/monitors.

**Robbery-Weapon:** 3100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect enters business and demands property at gunpoint/cash.

**Burglary-Auto:** CARSON ST & CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/receipts.

**Auto Theft-All:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Stolen vehicle: '05 GMC Sierra.

**Theft:** 2900 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked locker/cell phone.

**Battery-Simple:** 21700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspects punch and kick victim repeatedly before striking him in the head with a napkin holder.

**Auto Theft-All:** 22200 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Stolen vehicle: '94 Honda Civic.

**Auto Theft-All:** 5500 BLOCK 190TH ST Stolen vehicle: '04 Chevrolet Astro.

**Battery-Simple:** 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST Suspect punches victim in the lower back, kicks him in the leg and bites his arm.

**JUNE 19**

**Vandalism:** 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's window/no entry, no loss.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 4500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/cash.

**Burglary-Auto:** 3900 BLOCK 242ND ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicles and takes property/documents, bank cards.

**JUNE 18**

**Auto Theft-All:** 3400 BLOCK CARSON ST Stolen vehicle: '92 Chevrolet Camaro.

**Vandalism:** 2400 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window/no entry, no loss.

**Theft:** 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect grabs victim's property from the chair where she is seated/purse.

**Battery-Simple:** PACIFIC COAST HWY & CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect slaps victim in the face.

**Vandalism:** 1700 BLOCK BORDER AVE Suspect(s) uses spray paint to tag interior walls of vacant business.

**JUNE 17**

**Theft:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) forces open vending machines and takes property/cash.

**Theft:** 4700 BLOCK DEELANE ST Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/wheels, tires.

**Battery-Weapon/Agg:** 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) in a moving vehicle fires multiple rounds at victim.

**Vandalism:** 4500 BLOCK BULOVA ST Suspect(s) spray paints the side of victim's vehicle.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 1900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, cuts wiring pipe and takes property/copper wire.

**Theft:** 20400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) enters service bay and takes property/tires. •

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# Assault With Deadly Weapon On Police Officer

## Carjacking Suspect in Custody

On Thursday June 28, at approximately 7 p.m., gang investigators with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Operation Safe Streets Bureau arrested the outstanding suspect sought in connection with a carjacking incident occurring in the City of Torrance and a separate incident involving the suspect shooting at Torrance Police Detectives near the City of Compton. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Investigators identified and located the suspect during an ongoing investigation following the shooting incident near Compton. The suspect arrested was identified as Markeese Slocum, 25 years, who resides in the City of Compton. Slocum was arrested in an apartment complex in the 500 block of East Esther Street in the City of Long Beach and charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, attempted murder on a police officer, carjacking, and robbery.

On Sunday June 24, at about 11 p.m., a victim in the 23800 block of Crenshaw Blvd. in the City of Torrance reported being confronted by a male suspect with a handgun and having his truck carjacked. The suspect fled the area in the victim's truck.

On Wednesday June 27, Torrance Police Detectives developed information on the possible whereabouts of the stolen truck taken during the carjacking. At about 9:00 a.m., while conducting follow up investigation in the area 139th Street and San Pedro Street

near Compton, the detectives attempted to contact two males who were possible suspects. Both suspects fled from the detectives, one ran away into the surrounding neighborhood and the other got into a truck and drove away. The detectives followed the truck and the suspect driving fired an undetermined number of rounds from a handgun at the detective's vehicle, hitting the detective's vehicle at least one time. No officers were injured. The suspect in the truck fled the area. A containment of the area was set up with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other surrounding agencies. The suspect who ran away was located and arrested inside the containment area. That suspect was identified as Antwan Bacon, 20 years, who resides in the City of Los Angeles. Bacon was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle. The second suspect was not located at the time of the search. The truck in which the second suspect fled in was later located unoccupied in a nearby area and determined to be the stolen truck taken during the carjacking incident in the City of Torrance on June 24, 2011.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Acting Captain Michael Jezulin of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information about these incidents is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570. •

## Bocce

*from front page*

A game is played between two players, or two teams of up to four players each. A match is started by having one side throw a smaller ball called the pallino from one end of the court into a zone near the far end of the court. The side that threw the jack is then able to start bowling. Once the first bowl has taken place, the other side has the opportunity to bowl. From then on, the side which does not have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining balls. The team with the closest ball to the jack is the only team that can score points. The scoring team receives one point for each of their balls closer to the jack than the closest ball of the other team. The length of a game varies, but is usually between seven and 13 points.

Lorna Clark, the mother of a bocce-playing special athlete, would like to see FTEA's bocce players get a court they can make use of every week instead of the current chaotic incarnation that has them playing at different parks throughout the city. "My daughter has always loved sports," said Clark. "Now that she has aged out of basketball and other contact sports, bocce has provided her a great deal of pleasure through exercise and social opportunities. Up until now, special needs athletes have been playing in various parks on courts marked with ropes and utilizing whatever space may be available.

Maximum benefit will be obtained from this non-threatening sport with the acquisition of a permanent bocce location."

Torrance officials are also excited by the idea of new bocce courts. At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Frank Scotto asked Chiota for a game once the courts were completed. Community Services Director John Jones also backs the project and wrote FTEA a letter of support. He said that the new facilities would benefit all the residents of Torrance, including but not limited to seniors and special needs bocce players. "I am proud to endorse the fundraising campaign to develop and install three state-of-the-art bocce courts at Columbia Park," wrote Jones. "Bocce is a popular sport that allows for group participation of all ages and physical abilities. All residents within the city of Torrance will directly benefit from the creation of these courts, including the special needs and senior population."

Louie Zamperini, a well-known figure in Torrance and former Olympian, World War II prisoner of war and inspirational speaker, also penned a statement supporting the bocce courts. In it he said that facilities similar to the proposed bocce courts were part of how he dealt with the challenges he faced. "These unique courts will provide fun, sociable and healthy exercise alternative for all South Bay residents, especially the Wounded Warrior Veterans," wrote Zamperini. "These benefits are part of what allowed me to survive the challenges I faced." •

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

This morning I'm working on my first cup of joe--the neighborhood cat wrapped around my feet looking for a handout and I'm browsing through the morning rag's report on national tragedies. A small inside page article called my attention to the fact that the Fourth of July is coming, and it got me to thinking about the Founding Fathers and what they would have thought about our stewardship of this ship of state they had handed to us. Thomas Paine, reflecting the challenges of his time, said, "These are the times that try men's souls," but I would suggest those sentiments apply to us as well. Pull up a chair, pour yourself a cup and let's chat a bit.

Do you remember when the very foundation of the American dream was an education from a word-class American university? That the result of that education was a satisfying career...not just a job...but a career of the graduate's choosing? That the graduate could marry, have children and save enough money to buy his own home in a safe neighborhood? That his children could attend a functioning public school and the family be allowed to worship in a religion of its choosing? Wasn't it the dream of every parent that his children would stand on the shoulders of generations past and accomplish that which had eluded his elders? Where did that dream go?

Today, every aspect of that dream (quality university education, post-education career, marriage between a man and a woman, home ownership, quality public schools, practicing religion of one's choice) are all under siege. Elaborating on each of their challenges would be depressing and lead me to add Kahlua to my coffee. Suffice it to say, the American Dream has turned into a cruel mirage.

The most insidious consequence of our failing may be the death of national optimism--the belief in upward mobility and confidence in a brighter tomorrow. Sadly we now focus negatively on just avoiding catastrophe for one more day, one more week, one more year. After nearly four years, 62 percent of

the country believes we are still in recession. The best we can dream of is anemic economic expansion that is insufficient to keep up with population growth, and the worst is a flat out 2013 economic recession. In the words of the civil rights movement, "Been down so long, it looks like up to me."

And in this era of discouraging news on an individual level, wouldn't you at least expect a President to respect the rule of law and the will of the people?

The Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defined a marriage as between a man and a woman, and is the law of the land, but President Obama has chosen to reject the Constitutional requirement that he enforce the law--but instead supports gay marriage. The issue is not whether or not one supports gay marriage. It is whether or not the President of the United States is required to follow the law. He says "not." In another arena, only 38 percent of the population supports Obamacare, but the President has chosen to reject the public will, directing the Health and Human Services Department to spend \$2.7 billion over the last three months to implement the unpopular law. Regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court, the President has flipped off the court of public opinion.

On June 15, the President by fiat declared that he will not enforce the provisions of the Immigration Act by stopping deportation of young illegals and beginning approval of work permits. Left unsaid was whether or not the parents of the 800,000 young immigrants will also be exempt from deportation. The President violates federal law, making supreme the opinion of one man.

On June 25, the Supreme Court said Arizona police have the authority to ask for evidence of legal residency during otherwise legal stops, relaying information on illegals to the federal authorities. Following the ruling the Administration responded by terminating immigration enforcement agreements with the state, thereby defying the intent of the court.

Thomas Paine would undoubtedly agree that these are times that try men's souls. We

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## Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Greetings, comrades and revelers, the day after the Fourth of July festivities. Trust that you all behaved somewhat responsibly? Did not partake in any of the illegality of fireworks, point a dangerous bottle-rocket at one of the neighbors' abodes, the neighbors who are constantly oh-so unfriendly and tight-lipped as you try to greet them as they walk their dog by your residence and let the scurvy hound relieve himself on your pristine lawn?

I will take a leap of faith and tell you I behaved just like some of you column fans would have expected me to behave.

The Fourth is the most political of holidays, right? The day, 236 years ago when we declared our independence from the British rogues who had deified and vilified the oppressed who would soon become Americans after braving a scurvy-laden boat ride across the pond. Seems that we have patched up our differences with the British folk, and in fact are getting ready to send our finest professional athletes over to jolly old England later this month and try to bring back the gold and the zillion dollars in endorsement money that is out there in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Now, I will watch a heck of a lot of the Olympic coverage, but not all too interested in waving the jingoistic red, white and blue pom-pom. Yes, I want the American professional athletes to outpoint the professional athletes from the other participating countries, but it just ain't the same as it was back in the day when we would watch the tube and root against the evil Russians, the evil East Germans--especially the East German women who seemed to have more facial hair than the Canadian men's team. In any and all sports...

The Bolshoi that was promulgated back then, that the Games of the Olympiad were pure, was a crock. It was beat the Evil Empire and the other commies. And there were some epic battles between the alleged free world and the Russian empire, but they seemed to take a backseat to politics in 1980, when the miscast peanut farmer President from the

sticks of Georgia, one Jimmy Carter, screwed a bunch of our young athletes and decided to boycott the Olympics that year that took place in the very Communist Soviet Union. Red scare and all. Boy, that seems like a long time ago, doesn't it?

Seems that the Commies had invaded Afghanistan and the overmatched one-term President from Plains, Georgia got his skivvies in a bunch and spearheaded a boycott of the Games that took place in Moscow. So shockingly, a bunch of Eastern European athletes brought home a majority of the coveted medals, leaving our getting-paid-under-the-table athletes out in the proverbial cold.

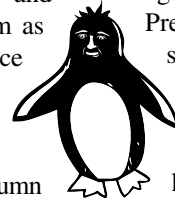
Course the tables were turned four years later when the Soviets and their sympathizers said nyet to attending the Summer Olympics that went off without a hitch in Los Angeles. And opened the doors for a bunch of American guys and gals to win medals in sports that heretofore had been dominated by the men and women/men of the Soviet bloc countries.

Speaking of Afghanistan, why is such a heck-hole of a country allowed to cause so much worldwide consternation? A boycott of the "all-important" Olympics 32 years ago and a war to track down the dirt-bag Bin Laden that has taken the lives of how many Americans? According to a CNN report about three weeks ago, the 2,000th American lost his life in the war that has lasted nearly 4,000 days.

Marine Corporal Taylor J. Baune was killed--number 2,000 for whom the bell tolled. Baune had just been recently married, three months before his deployment to Afghanistan. Can't even fathom sending a son, a father, a brother off to a so-called war, only to have them be returned to American soil in a flag-draped coffin. War for what? Think Bin Laden was sent to the bottom of the ocean a good while ago.

We, and I use that term loosely, found him, eliminated him and sent his sorry carcass into the ocean, to hopefully be devoured by

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# Dodgers Fall From Grace

By Adam Serrao

It wasn't long ago that the Los Angeles Dodgers had the best record in the National League West and even beyond that, the best record in all of Major League Baseball. Anyone who watches the game of baseball, however, knows that the same boys in blue that previously had climbed to the top of the league are now looking like bums in blue, sliding all the way to the bottom even faster than they ascended. Certainly, the baseball season is a long campaign. With 162 games to be played to complete the sports year, it is regular to see good teams at times fall into slumps along the way. The Dodgers, however, aren't only in a slump. They are on a meteoric descent that when over with may be the worst in team history, begging the question are these in fact the same Dodgers of last year that finished in third place in their division just slightly above the .500 mark?

The Los Angeles Dodgers led the NL West by as many as 7 1/2 games on May 27. At the time that this is presently being written, the Dodgers are now a game back in the standings of the San Francisco Giants and have been shut out five times in six games and six times in 12 games—including all three at San Francisco and at least two out of the four games against the New York Mets. Presently, those same Dodgers have produced only two runs in their last 57 innings played, seeing them lose seven games in a row and 11 out of their last 12. The slide has dropped the Dodgers from five games ahead in the NL West and in first place to where they are now—one game behind the Giants and in second place. These Dodgers don't seem to be the same team they were last year. Now, they seem to be even worse.

To give the team credit, the Dodgers are depleted by injuries that may explain some of their insufficiencies lately. Obviously, Matt Kemp has been out of the lineup for the majority of the year with his hamstring injury. Andre Ethier has been sidelined a few games with an oblique injury. The team's number two hitter and one of the best defensive second basemen in the game, Mark Ellis, almost lost his leg due to complications resulting from the injury that he suffered on May 19 that has seen him sidelined for almost a month and a half now. When you take the number two, three and four hitters out of any lineup in the league all at the same time and for an extended amount of time, you can expect the team's run production to drop off drastically. Not only are the big hitters for the Dodgers sidelined, but the other hitters on the team are being asked to

take their spots and step into roles that they are not used to filling, thus having to work harder and thereby producing less.

Even so, help is on its way very soon. While Ethier was only sidelined for a few games, both Kemp and Ellis should be back directly after the All-Star game that takes place on July 10. Once those three get back into the lineup, the Dodgers will once again have their core back and the offense should finally do its part to end its worst slide in years and eventually start scoring runs again. Even through their horrific play of late, however, one thing separates this team from last year's. Stan Kasten and the ownership group that includes Magic Johnson, unlike Frank McCourt, are willing to do whatever it takes to win. Already looking overseas to enhance the team, Kasten and the Dodgers' front office recently signed 21-year-old Yasiel Puig to a seven-year deal in order to hopefully be the Dodgers left fielder of the future. Beyond that, the hot stove is burning white hot with trade rumors that have the Dodgers looking in various areas to improve their team and their brand. "I promise you we'll explore everything," Kasten said of his team's position on the trade market this year. "Look, as candid as we can be, we're the Dodgers. We're supposed to be big. We intend to be big. Will we look at big things? You bet."

While there is nothing big about the way the Dodgers have been playing on the field recently, fans can rest assured that although it feels like it, it may not be the end of the world just yet. With names like Carlos Lee being rumored to join the Dodgers' clubhouse soon, it is clear that management is doing everything it can to better the team for a run at the playoffs this year. Once the lineup gets healthy and the trade deadline passes, the runs being put up on the scoreboard for the Dodgers should make this, the time of a completely anemic offense, almost completely forgettable.

Though many fans would love to see that 7 1/2 game lead reappear in the standings, when put into perspective, the Dodgers aren't really putting themselves out of misery just yet. Only one game back of the National League West-leading Giants, the Dodgers still have the opportunity to retake the lead in the division standings even before the entire team gets healthy. Even so, if the Dodgers can make it to the All-Star break without slipping much more, then they certainly won't have to worry about the ghosts of last year with the visage of Frank McCourt revisiting their clubhouse anytime soon. •

# Up and Adam

## Tiffany Liu Who?

By Adam Serrao

If you haven't heard her talked about before, start getting used to it now. Tiffany Liu is one of the best swimmers in the city of Torrance. As a freshman, Liu isn't only new to West High, but is also new to Torrance. After being born in England, Liu grew up in Florida where she spent seven years of her life and later moved to Kansas where she spent three years before coming to California. Liu has moved around a lot due in large part to her father's profession, but through all of the change of scenery along the way, she has definitely made herself right at home here as a West High Warrior in Torrance.

Liu got her start in the city competing for Swim Torrance for the last two years before she finally entered high school and chose West as her destination. Though high school competition can be much different than competing on the club level, Liu was prepared in a way that most swimmers are not. For her, it is not how athletic she is that makes her such a fierce competitor. Rather, it is the mental capacity that she encompasses that makes her an almost unbeatable swimmer. "To get yourself in the right state of mind and be confident in what you are doing and push yourself in a positive way is a huge part of it," Liu said. "Having confidence and being positive is very important."

That confidence and positivity, combined with her pure athleticism in the water, is what has led Liu to success most recently at the Bay League finals at Mira Costa and the CIF Southern Section Division II finals at Riverside City College. Liu wound up taking home a win in the 100-meter freestyle at the Bay League finals, but didn't just beat the competition—she did so in record time. Posting a time of 52.08 seconds, Liu set the league record before moving on to CIF. While at the CIF Division II finals, Liu took second place in the 100-meter freestyle and almost matched her time at the Bay League finals by posting a mark of 52.10. She also finished tied for fifth in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:52.74.

Though she didn't beat all of the competition down at the CIF finals, Liu certainly made a statement. As only a freshman in high school, Liu's positive thinking certainly has her poised to do big things in her three years remaining at West High. "Our bodies are capable of doing things we don't realize they can do and having confidence helps

you realize your potential," a cerebral Liu related. "Positive thinking in yourself, your teammates and your coaches is a huge part of it. You need to have faith in yourself." That faith has enabled Liu to master her sport at an early age. The experience of swimming competitively since the age of seven hasn't hurt her cause either. With three years of high school left for the young swimming star, we can certainly get used to hearing Tiffany Liu's name repeated in the headlines for years to come.

### North Torrance

North Torrance is making a splash in news this summer and the headlines are being written because of the school's golf star Alice Jeong. Jeong recently captured the U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifier at the Los Angeles Country Club after returning home from New Jersey where she made it to the semifinals in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. At the Qualifier, Jeong had a one-over-par 73 to tie Beverly Hills' Lydia Choi for top tournament honors while also becoming one of only nine girls to make it to the U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Championship that will be played in Merced on Friday, July 13.

While in New Jersey at the Links, Jeong took a quarterfinal victory over Annie Park of Levittown, New York who committed to USC before being defeated in the semifinals with a 3 and 2 loss against Kyung Kim of Chandler, Arizona. Even though her ride ended somewhat prematurely, Jeong was happy to be able to have the experience of playing on such a competitive level. "My goal entering the Public Links was to just make the match play and I did that," expressed Jeong. "Being that it was my first time in match play, I didn't know what to expect. I was playing my first round and then second round and I felt like I was pretty experienced."

The experience she has gained in both Links play and the U.S. Girls Junior Amateur matches has Jeong confident she can compete on a professional level, but even still she intends to go to college in order to hone her skills and take in the college experience at Cal. "I'm sure everyone wants to play pro, but college is definitely the first step," said Jeong. She has certainly done more than just take the first step and it won't be long before the professional levels see an even more ready and experienced Alice Jeong from North High bringing home championships. •

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starts that includes some basic training to give them the tools to know exactly what to do, how to access the teacher and how to submit their work. It's something we carry out throughout the entire year just to make sure that everyone is comfortable and the best way to do that is to ensure that everybody understands the process."

Being away from the traditional school setting did pose some challenges for Pronto. However, she believed that there was something missing in the traditional school setting that she was able to find through the curriculum offered at Capistrano Connections Academy. "I have always been an independent learner—even as a kid I never really asked my parents for that much help," Pronto said. "My mom quit her job because she wanted to take care of us, so she decided to try homeschooling with me and that's kind of how this would all develop. We knew that I would be able to thrive there because I am such an independent learner and rarely asked for help. This place would give me attention only if I would really need it."

Despite the convenience and flexibility that is attached to studying at Capistrano Connections Academy, there is a demand-

ing curriculum with a great deal of focus on core courses such as English, History and Math. The individualized work is then discussed with teachers in several formats, more often through teacher-led live lessons.

"To be honest, sometimes it was difficult for me because being at home takes away from that feeling that students have which makes you think you have work that needs to be done," Pronto said. "At home, we have so many distractions. I am on the Internet all the time, I can watch shows, I can browse the Internet or since I'm home I can sleep in. I can choose to do other things besides homework, so it is difficult. So it really does take an extra willingness to learn with a lot of self-discipline to continue with your work to get good grades. It's definitely easy to slack off."

Capistrano Connections Academy is an option for students who for various reasons can't attend a traditional school setting. Some of the student body's members are involved in the pursuit of acting careers, or dedicated to athletic development, which allows them to continue pursuing their passion while meeting the academic requirements set by the State.

"There is always a different reason for

being in different types of educational settings and we are of school choice, so if you are in search of something different from a traditional school, we can fill that need," Dombeck said. "As a teacher it is definitely something that because we are able to work with our whole class, we are also able to break it down to what those individual students need."

Pronto, who is now planning on attending UCSB, is excited to take on the challenge of college life and believes that she will be ready to excel academically at a four-year university because of the preparation she received during her time at Capistrano Connections Academy. "It was definitely challenging," she said. "If there was one thing I can say it's that the Connections Academy curriculum definitely lives up to its reputation—it is challenging and rigorous. Although the teachers have lectures and weekly lessons to explain the material, we don't get that daily lecture like most people do, so it just makes the class 10 times harder. The fact that we are homeschooled also means that we receive more work and that just makes it more time-consuming. It's a lot harder than most people would probably think."

# FOOD & DINING

## Grilled Steak with Pepper Relish

Here, we toss colorful bell peppers in a balsamic-herb vinaigrette and grill them in a foil packet at the same time as the steak. Serve with corn on the cob.

Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

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**Ingredients:**

3 small red, yellow and/or orange bell peppers, sliced

1 small onion, halved and sliced

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed  
 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried, divided  
 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided  
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided  
 1 pound sirloin steak or strip steak (1-1 1/4 inches thick), trimmed and cut into 4 portions  
 1 teaspoon garlic powder

**Steps:**

1: Preheat grill to medium.  
 2: Combine bell peppers, onion, vinegar, oil, capers, 2 teaspoons fresh thyme (or 3/4 teaspoon dried) and 1/4 teaspoon each salt

and pepper in a large bowl.

3: Stack two 30-inch-long pieces of foil. Arrange the pepper mixture on one half and fold the foil. Tightly seal the packet by crimping and folding the edges together.

4: Sprinkle both sides of steak with garlic powder, the remaining thyme and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

5: Oil the grill rack (see Tip). Place the steak and foil packet on the grill. Grill the steak about 4 minutes per side for medium-rare, 5 minutes per side for medium. Grill the packet until the vegetables are tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Let the steak rest for 5

minutes. Serve the steak with the peppers.

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## Department of Transportation provides 'Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving'

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U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood released the Department of Transportation's "Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving" during a press briefing Thursday. The plan, which builds on three years of research and initiatives to reduce distracted driving, details what needs to be done to further reduce traffic fatalities caused specifically by texting or talking on a handheld cell phone while driving.

"Distracted driving is an epidemic. While we've made progress in the past three years by raising awareness about this risky behavior, the simple fact is people are continuing to be killed and injured -- and we can put an end to it," LaHood explained.

The plan focuses on four main recommendations to Congress, states and individuals and is available for download at [www.distracted.gov](http://www.distracted.gov). Here are the main points: Enact tough laws against distracted

driving and provide good enforcement of those laws

As of June 8, 39 states have bans on texting while driving, and 10 states have outlawed the use of handheld devices while driving altogether. The Department of Transportation would like to see the remaining 11 states enact legislation banning texting.

Pilot projects publicizing and enforcing these bans in Hartford, Conn., and Syracuse, N.Y., proved beneficial and did

reduce the amount of texting and driving in these areas. Tickets and fines were issued. During the press briefing, LaHood said an expansion of these pilot projects is underway and will be focused on the areas of Sacramento, Calif., and the state of Delaware.

The Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Act of 2012 currently includes \$39 million in grants to be awarded to states that have enacted distracted-driving legislation in order to help publicize and enforce the laws. Provided this element of the legislation is not removed before it is approved, these dollars could go a long way toward helping a larger percentage of the U.S. population see a greater reduction in distracted-driving incidents and fatalities.

Provide better education for young people about the dangers of distracted driving

Part of the blueprint discusses the importance of adding data about distracted driving to the standardized driver's training curriculum. In order to get teens involved in spreading the antitexting word, the Department of Transportation launched a design challenge. Teens have been charged with designing an icon that could be shared via social media and become known as a symbol of safe driving habits.

Address safety of developing technology

This portion of the plan urges manufacturers to be cautious when designing in-car technology and to take distraction into account. This applies to developers of other handheld devices, too, as many drivers have become accustomed to bringing their technology with them into the car. A complete list of guidelines for manufacturers was rolled out as Phase I of transforming how vehicle manufacturers approach distracted driving. Phase II will further address other handheld devices but has not been released yet.

Get involved

During the press briefing, LaHood introduced a woman whose life had been instantly changed by a distracted driver. She described how she was stopped at a red light three years ago and was hit by someone who had been texting. The impact was severe and caused the innocent driver to suffer brain and spinal-cord injuries among others. She spent every day of the year following the accident in physical therapy trying to recover. Because she needed to work on her rehabilitation, she was forced to miss out on much of her high-school-aged son's life. She felt horrible about this as she is her son's only parent. Her message was not only that people should not text and drive, but that everyone should let their loved ones know how much they are cared about and needed so that they think twice before texting too.

The blueprint encourages parents to talk to teens and suggests community members get involved in enacting legislation to stop distracted driving.

Involvement is important because, when all is said and done, the blueprint is nothing more than a recommendation and does not mandate safer behaviors.

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## Tips for Traveling with Extended Multigenerational Family



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(ARA) - Family travel, also referred to as multigenerational travel, is a growing trend not likely to slow any time soon, with more and more people considering the benefits of traveling with extended family. If the idea of taking a trip with your family - children, parents, grandparents or more - appeals to you, here are some tips that will help ensure your vacation is one everyone in the family will enjoy.

Forty percent of U.S. leisure travelers - 20.8 million people - had taken a multigenerational trip in the previous 12 months, according to

a 2011 Preferred Hotel Group study. This year the numbers could grow even more. To plan the best multigenerational trip, possible, follow these insider tips:

Tip 1: Make planning a group activity

The most successful multigenerational vacations are when all family members are involved in choosing the destination. It will take some research to find the right locale for your vacation, and brainstorming with the entire group, young and old, to get ideas of where to go is a wise way to start your travel adventure. Do more people want a secluded trip with outdoor activity options, or does your family lean more toward travel to a big city with lots of shopping and museum visits? If everyone has a say in what type of vacation they enjoy up front, it's easier to narrow down destinations that will make everyone happy.

Tip 2: Find group accommodations

While getting separate hotel rooms can work for multigenerational travel, having a large suite or private residence where the entire group can reside provides a more

unified travel experience. The key is to find a place that is comfortable for all and provides many of the conveniences of home, but still feels like a grand escape. An extra consideration: Look for accommodations with a full kitchen so your family can cook and eat meals together as desired. Starting the day with a full family breakfast or ending it with fresh baked cookies and milk can be a bonding experience in itself.

Many resorts have accommodations appropriate for groups, such as the Inn on Woodlake or The American Club Resort in Kohler, Wis. The resort recently opened a nearby private cabin, Sandhill, nestled on 350 acres in the wilderness near the western shores of Lake Michigan and approximately an hour north of Milwaukee. The cabin is close enough so groups can enjoy the amenities of the resort, yet far enough away to feel like a private retreat. This charming, yet rustic, private cabin sleeps six comfortably and has a full kitchen and an attached sauna and poker shack with fireplace.

Tip 3: Research activities



Sandhill, a private escape and part of The American Club Resort in Kohler, Wis., offers a variety of activities for the multigenerational family trip

When you're narrowing down where you'd like to take your multigenerational vacation, consider the activities that are available. You'll want options to entertain both young and old, so be sure to seek variety. Access local travel resources and online travel reviews to find destinations that are a good match for your group. You might even be able to schedule some activities in advance to reduce stress once you have arrived.

Guests of the Sandhill cabin, for example, **See Travel, page 10**

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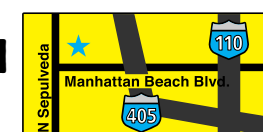
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have access to renowned golf at Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run, home of the 2012 US Women's Open. Both kids and adults enjoy top-notch golf lessons at Kohler Golf Academy. While group activities are plentiful, there are also many options for alone time too - while Dad and Grandpa hit the greens, Mom and Grandma can head to the Kohler Waters Spa and the kids can head to Kamp Kohler, a four-hour camp full of fun activities including crafts and swimming.

Tip 4: Adopt the multigenerational mindset  
Traveling with a group of different aged people brings with it a unique set of variables. It's important to remain flexible and set a comfortable pace. There are always traveling snafus, such as uncooperative weather or the kids losing their luggage, but remember to relax and deal with any bumps in the road as they arise. Sometimes overcoming these obstacles can make for the best family memories because you must figure out solutions together and spontaneous activities are often the experiences that are most cherished. •

## TerriAnn from page 2

hearing the whistle of the train was thrilling. Sometimes we would have a chicken dinner or go to the steakhouse before leaving. Before Orange County was a sea of growth, it was a land of orange groves and dairies. When we would head home from a visit, I distinctly remember plugging my nose as we drove past the dairy cows. I knew where we were by the smells. Now, I don't think there are any dairies left near Knott's.

Summer is a time of play and for me growing up in Southern California, it was a sun-filled potpourri of activities just as it is today. The beaches are dotted with families and children as they were many years ago. Theatres are showing the latest animated film to a new generation of theatergoers. And trips to the mountains, deserts, parks and campsites are still popular.

Clear Lake used to be where we would go to water ski. For several years when I was in my pre-teens, we would drive our blue and white Pontiac and then our maroon station wagon up to Clear Lake for a week or two. My aunts and uncles would come with their families, and one time several families from our neighborhood even got together for a summer getaway. One family always owned a boat and we would share (well, the parents) the gasoline, etc. I remember I was a pretty good water skier back then and one summer graduated to a single ski and that was a huge accomplishment for me. I haven't been back to Clear Lake in years, but I am sure it remains a mecca for families every summer.

Torrance has a lot to offer all summer and some of the activities haven't changed. The Fourth of July fireworks off Torrance Beach still fill the sky as we watch from the sand bundled up against the breezes of the night. Picnics are still popular in the many parks around Torrance and *Sea Aire Golf Course* is always busy. This summer, I plan on visiting the golf course with my son Christopher and trying out some clubs I found in the garage.

Summertime in the South Bay is a time to catch our breath, do the "slow walk" and remember we live in a slice of paradise where the ocean and sunshine, parks and amusements come together for a perfect blend of the sights and smells of summer.

Open windows and fresh sea breezes blow memories of our youth. Summertime is special when we pause and take a look at all there is to see and do that don't cost a thing, like walking on the beach and riding a bicycle along the path. We have popsicles and ice cream, corn on the cob and barbecue, cold lemonade and iced tea clinking in glasses. Snap a picture in your mind and hold it there forever. Summer in the mind of our hearts yet to be made under the warm sun--saved for another day.. •

# A Student's Perspective

## Society's Addiction to Busy and Ignorance of Rest

By Glen Abalayan,  
Torrance High School Student

Society has bred a generation of workaholics. It has changed people's attitudes about work and rest. Today, people are working too hard and resting too little. For 200 years, society and personal lifestyles have changed man's definition of the word rest and skewed it from a refuge from daily life into an activity that is looked down upon. With society's rapid pace, changing attitudes and transition into an interconnected global system, can people still get the rest they need?

Unfortunately in a number of developed countries, the answer is most likely to be no. Society has an addiction to staying busy--busy doing work, busy worrying about work, or even busy when there isn't any work. With the introduction of the computer, Starbucks and the disposable coffee cup, people are further disregarding a proper night's rest and replacing it with more activities to keep them away from the bed and into the workplace.

The key cause of society's ignorance of rest is because people tend to not get enough sleep. Unfortunately, today's generation thinks sleeping causes them to miss out on opportunity. But developing a habit of sleep deprivation is a risk to one's health and the safety of those around them.

Not giving your body the rest it deserves can greatly put you at a higher risk of heart conditions. According to the studies conducted by the University of Warwick, an individual who sleeps less than six hours a night has a 15 percent higher risk of developing or dying from a stroke and a terrifying 48 percent greater chance of developing or dying from a heart attack. Sleep deprivation also affects one's appearance and behavior as a lack of sleep can translate into an increase in weight, a short temper and a decrease in attention span and life expectancy.

Sleep deprivation can also endanger the safety of those around you. A study conducted by the *British Medical Journal* during 2000 announced that individuals who stayed awake for more than 17 hours possessed the behaviors and blood type of a drunkard. Their research involved sleep-deprived drivers taking various tests and compared it to results from an individual with a blood alcohol level of 0.5 percent. After the experiment, they concluded that the sleep-deprived driver actually performed worse than the intoxicated driver. The test's result is an accurate reproduction of real life as the National Sleep Foundation reported in a 2012 survey that 14 percent of truck drivers said they encountered a near miss

because of their lack of sleep. The number of truck drivers experiencing near misses is small compared to train operators, with 18 percent, and airline pilots, who are at most risk with a stunning 20 percent.

Along with people not getting enough sleep, another reason for society's lack of sleep is how people spend their time away from work. Ever since the introductions of the television, individuals have spent their time away from work staying up later and giving up sleep to watch television. As the main source of entertainment changes from television to computers, individuals are more likely to stay up late because of the unlimited source of information and entertainment the Internet provides. Although activities such as watching television or using the computer may be considered as a way to unwind, they do not provide the body with any way of recovering from the rigors of everyday life and only gives the user headaches after prolonged use. By failing to take advantage of the time given to rest and instead using it to interfere with one's sleep cycle, the individual is putting their life at risk for the health problems listed earlier.

While society's rapid rate continues to increase, more companies are exploiting tired workers and creating an entire industry dedicated to keeping people awake. Instead of listening to their bodies and giving it a rest, people look for high caffeine beverages to temporarily mask their bodies' yearns. This is where coffee chains like Starbucks and Coffee Bean succeed. Companies such as the world famous Starbucks have mastered the science of marketing and transformed the coffeehouse from a simple beverage store to the social watering hole.

As society continues to grow, humanity should be more responsible in listening to their bodies. Contrary to what others may say, rest should be as, if not more, important than what happens during the daily grind. In the issue about society's sacrifice of rest for opportunity, the dangers outweigh the benefits. Although people claim that giving up sleep is the key to success, it is also a path to a shorter life. When given the opportunity to get enough rest, people should take advantage of such an opening instead of wasting it doing senseless activities. The Dalai Lama famously said that man "lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never truly lived." In the world's rush toward an everlasting workday, people should take responsibility of their bodies and not ignore its needs in exchange for the mirage of opportunity. •

### One Man

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are beset by an endless recession with a national debt growing at \$4 billion per day. Of the 11 recessions over the last 60 years, this recovery ranks last in terms of GDP growth and ninth in job growth. The American Dream

is under the threat of extinction and we are governed by a man who will not abide the rule of law or the consent of the governed. Come to think of it, I will add a shot of Kahlua to my morning coffee. Join me? •

### Penguin

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the predatory sharks of the waterways. So, game over. War over. Time to come home, right, Mr. Obama?

Course the POTUS said that he was going to get us out of this mess over there, but like a lot of his campaign promises, they never came to fruition. Which is to be expected. Par for the course. You think that you can actually believe most of the rhetoric that Mitt "The Glove" Romney is currently promulgating as he sharpens his attack on the policies of the one-time community organizer from Illinois?

Did find it interesting that recently a few Demo politicians said that they will be skipping the Donkey Party's nominating convention

slated to take place in NASCAR territory, Charlotte, North Carolina, in early September. Seems that some of the Demos who are facing a tough reelection challenge this November would rather distance themselves from the Prez instead of trying to latch themselves onto his coattails. Stiffing an incumbent President is an interesting strategy. We'll see how it plays out in November.

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Turner

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Wilma

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Horchata



Princess

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"Hi... We are so happy to have Mr. Clooney as part of our family! He eats everything we put down for him, his dog food is the same food as you fed him. He loves to cuddle, really! When we're on the couch, up he comes and snuggles right in. He is very curious about the cat still and she is very slowly acclimating to him. He is not showing a lot of aggression towards her and a baby gate

separates them upstairs. He uses the doggie door all the time. He has marked once that I know of...upstairs on a cat toy on the day after he got here. I haven't used the belly band yet since he has only marked once. We are ordering shampoo today, getting more doggie food and he is going to Home Depot with Fred for "man adventures." Mr. Clooney is well-behaved (for the most part) and is getting over his abandonment episode. I can see he is worried when we leave him still. He is my little shadow all around the house. He is the star of this home--all three of us shout his name when we get home. It's sort of an inside joke about whom he likes better since I walk in the house and there is my daughter with Mr. Clooney asleep in her lap. He likes all of us, but me the least since

I administer his eye drops throughout the day. Thank you for the pictures. Clooney is a wonderful Pug who is providing us a lot of joy and laughter. We are so thankful you saved him from a poor life. His shelter picture makes me want to cry. The rest of his life with us will be safe, secure, loving and full of pug hugs..." - Dena.

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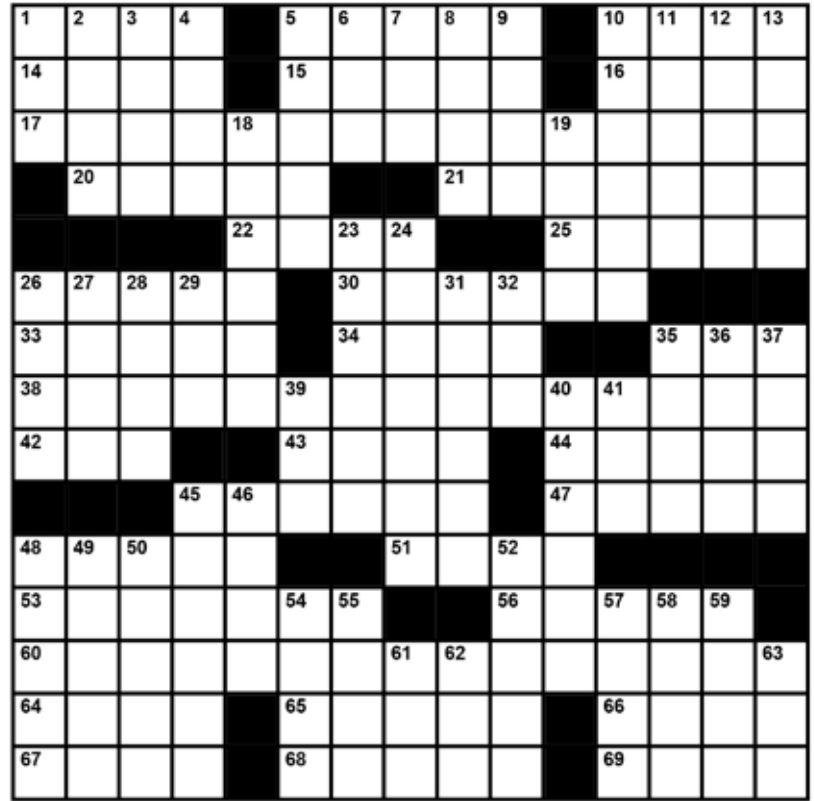
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## WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week



### ACROSS

- K follower
- Said sheepishly?
- Big laugh line (slang)
- Old World bird
- Charles de Gaulle's birthplace
- \_\_\_ Danger
- Convention city for felines?
- Pang
- Masses formed by heating
- Downer
- Brahman, e.g.
- 1935 Triple Crown winner
- Ancient Greek weight
- Lifeboat lowerer
- Fair share, maybe
- "My man!"
- Class for teen felines?
- But, to Brutus
- Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
- Kind of wave
- Of a great range
- Wee
- Big sheet
- Dalai \_\_\_
- Ham it up
- Santa's original reindeer, e.g.

### DOWN

- \_\_\_-Atlantic
- Risk prison
- Little impressionist?
- Anastasia's father, for one
- More gloomy
- Balloon filler
- "Aladdin" prince
- Building additions
- Kosher \_\_\_
- Diminutive
- Double-reed instruments
- Bat an eye?
- Band on a shield
- As yet
19. Creep
- Cleave
- Slow but steady
- Ends partner

- Filly's mother
- All fired up
- Certain retrovirus
- She has a degree
- Certain refrigerant, briefly
- Dwell
- Bookbinding leather
- The "O" in S.R.O.
- "Awesome!"
- Hook up
- 20-20, e.g.
- Cooling system (Brit.)
- Wyle of "ER"
- Central
- Egg producer
- "Take your hands off me!"
- Recurring theme
- Eur. think tank
- Field \_\_\_
- Heavy furniture wood
- European language
- Ilk
- 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- "The Matrix" hero
- Cousin of -trix

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3-Digit Security Number (on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

### Last Week's Answers

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### SUDOKU Medium

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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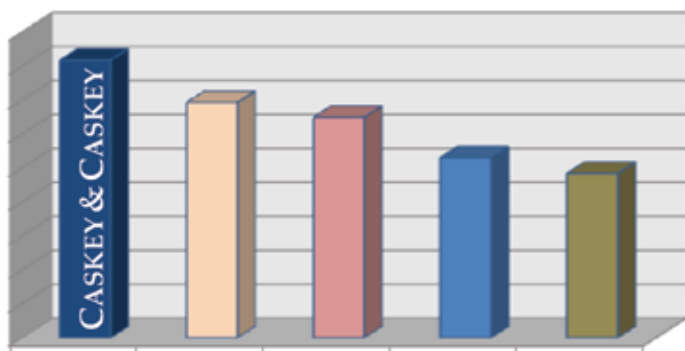
## Manhattan Beach May Closed Stats

Sales data May 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012. Property types include single family homes, condos and townhomes as reported in the MLS.

Stats by Market Area	Sand Section	Trees	Hill Section	Village	Heights/ Liberty	Mira Costa
<b>Closed Sales</b>	18	11	3	5	4	10
<b>Avg. Days On Market</b>	97	58	41	30	81	73
<b>Avg. Sold Price</b>	\$2,274,618	\$1,482,090	\$2,166,667	\$1,018,200	\$1,185,725	\$1,505,790

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- **North HB Sand Section**  
3 bed+ up to \$1,500,000
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## Buying A Home: Prepare by Getting Your Finances in Order

(ARA) - For those considering buying a home, the current real estate market presents some unique opportunities. One of the side effects of the economic roller coaster ride of the past few years is that home prices have gone down and more homes have gone on the market. For buyers, that means more choices and better deals. However, those same tumultuous years also can also teach buyers a lesson: Make smart buying decisions and be wise with your finances.

Impulsive buying is never a good idea when it comes to a purchase as significant as a home, but it was something of a trend at the height of the mid-2000s. Now, with banks lending far more cautiously, you need to be absolutely certain that your finances are in order - and healthy - to be able to get the best deal on your purchase.

There are a number of steps you can take to get ready to buy a home, and you might need to work on them simultaneously. Consider that you'll need to start saving, if you haven't already, but you'll also need to review your credit score and do what you can to either maintain it or work toward healthier credit. Both of these tasks will help make the home-buying process better for you.

Your credit is an important factor in determining the terms under which you can get a mortgage. Broadly speaking, the better your credit is, the more positively you'll be viewed by lenders - and that can lead to better interest rates. And because you'll be paying off your home for years to come, it's important to get the best rate possible.

Start by checking your credit report. You're entitled to one free check of your report, from TransUnion and other credit reporting agencies every year. As much as you need to check your report to find out what shape your credit is in, it's also essential to review it for inaccuracies or fraudulent activity, both of which can have a negative impact on your score.

If your credit health needs some work, start taking action immediately. Paying bills on time, reducing your overall debt and limiting new credit inquiries can all help to build your credit - but be patient as it can take time for your positive actions to take effect. Nevertheless, the sooner you make the effort, the sooner you'll see results.

Making a prudent decision about buying a house comes down to an honest assessment of what you can afford. Keep in mind that you might be approved for a loan that's larger than what is practical for you to afford. While it may be tempting to buy a pricier house, the stress of struggling to make payments could diminish your enjoyment of your new home and even put you at financial risk. One rule of thumb is that most borrowers can afford a home loan that runs about two and a half times their annual salary.

Buying a home is a complex process, but one that is ultimately very rewarding when done right. By organizing your finances well in advance, you'll help set yourself up for success. For more information about credit and buying a home, visit [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com).



Make sure your finances are in order - and healthy.

### Open House Directory

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	Bill Ruane	RE/MAX Beach Cities Realty	310-877-2374
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