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## Cardinals Have a Field Day Against Tartars



Last weekend, the Lawndale High Cardinals had their way with the Torrance Tartars in an impressive 42-0 home victory. In this photo, Lawndale's Jordan Wilmore sprints down the sideline with Torrance's Adam Mendoza in pursuit. Wilmore finished the game with 172 rushing yards on just 15 carries. Photo by Dirk Dewachter

## Lawndale Remains Safe After Early Morning Alert Rouses Neighborhood

By Haleemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council opened Monday with a dramatic account of a bomb scare that had over 100 residents evacuated from their homes in the early morning hours of Friday, September 29. Captain April Tardy reported the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department emptied homes in a four-square-block area surrounding the 14700 block of Avis Avenue, after officers found a cache of firearms and other World War II-era weaponry at an abandoned home. "Over 50 ordnances were found in the initial search," said Tardy.

The entire ordeal unfolded over a 14-hour period, during which the Sheriff's Department and LA County bomb and hazmat squad, and other first responders were called to the scene. Captain Tardy said an anonymous call triggered the response. After a neighbor reported a suspicious occupied car, officers found the occupants in possession of a handgun they claimed came from a nearby house. The house was apparently abandoned since the death of an unidentified veteran, and had been taken over by transient individuals.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles thanked the community for its cooperation in de-escalating a potentially volatile situation. "Evacuating your home is an inconvenience, but a resident saw something that just didn't seem right," he said of the anonymous source. He credited the safety protocol of "see something, say something," emphasizing that it proved essential in this case.

"Despite the danger these explosives posed to the community," said Pullen-Miles, "it worked out just the way it should have." Several of the ordnances appeared to be in an active state, according to Tardy. All were confiscated by the Sheriff's Department arson and explosives detail, ultimately to be stored and investigated at a military facility or detonated at the Wayside facility, according to Tardy.

In an incident filed on September 28, an officer was assaulted after a routine stop for a code violation. Tardy reported a female suspect assaulted the officer, biting him on the arm and kicking the mirror of a service vehicle. The

incident was recorded by the officer's partner. The woman was recognized as a local transient. She was arrested and booked without further incident.

The Council took action to clarify nomination criteria for the City of Lawndale's second annual Wall of Distinction induction. The entire pool of applications will be returned to the nominations committee for review under "clarifying changes" to Council policy #101-16. The change reflects the Council's direction to staff to bring back language spelling out the original intent to honor "unsung heroes...individuals who had not been and would not likely be honored by other means."

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid, who was not present at the meeting, had vigorously objected last week to amending the policy. In his absence, the four members voted yes to accept the change.

The Council also approved capital improvement funds of \$189,000 for street and alleyway repairs and appropriated an additional \$69,000 from the general fund in accordance with SB1. The expenditures assure the City keeps up its end of the bargain to receive state funding under the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act. "Basically, we need to appropriate \$70,000 from the general fund yearly to be eligible for the federal funds," said City Manager Steve Mandoki.

Mayor Pullen-Miles added, "It's unprecedented for the state to have a plan to update infrastructure like this." RMRA funding was approved this year and mandates "basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on... local streets and roads." Monies will be used in part to repave a stretch of alleyway east of Hawthorne Boulevard at 163rd to 166th and from 167th to 168th.

In public comments, resident Gary White asked the Council to enforce safety protocol for City public workers, saying he observed a man sawing concrete and running the saw with one hand. "He wasn't wearing his glasses either, and that's just not the way to act," said White. "Safety is a no-excuses program." White noted that litigation in the event of an accident can impact the whole city.

Also, White said, cars speeding through the neighborhood has started again on residential streets. He asked if officers could be posted during the peak hours of 3 to 6:30 p.m. "That deters it," said White, noting that Condon Street is a main drag.

Resident Pam London asked to have the minutes of the September 21 meeting edited to better reflect the conversation about code enforcement to eliminate RV parking in residential areas.

Councilmember Jim Osborne reported on the recent South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Osborne said the COG announced a Take Back Our Communities campaign. Osborne said efforts are underway to counter the negative effects of Bills 109, 47 and 57. "We are looking at ways to combat the rise in crime associated with the move," he said.

In announcements, Councilmember Pat Kearney said Torrance Memorial Hospital will give free flu shots to the first 100 responders on October 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. Councilmember Osborne noted the next Coffee with a Cop session will take place October 10, from 9-11 a.m. in the Library. The outreach program promotes awareness and community building. Kearney also announced the annual Halloween Haunt on October 31, from 4-8 p.m. on the City Hall Plaza.

Mandoki said submissions for the Veterans Day Field of Honor are now available. The City promotes the memorial event and sponsors flag sales. The field will be installed on the City Hall lawn November 10 and will remain on display through November 12.

Mayor Pullen-Miles requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of Marvin L. Kennedy. The longtime resident was a veteran and joined the Navy after graduating from Gardena High in 1950. Kennedy was honorably discharged in 1954. As a civic leader, he sat on the Parks and Rec Committee, before serving two four-year terms on the City Council, including one as Mayor.

The Lawndale City Council meets the first and third Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. The next regular meeting is on October 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chambers. •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
76°/64°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
81°/62°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
74°/62°



# Finance

## Credit Union or Bank: What's Right for You?

(BPT) - The banking and credit union worlds are as much the same as they are different. Both are eager to earn your business and to provide you with loans, mortgages, savings and checking accounts. With that said, there are some significant differences between the two financial institutions.

The primary difference between a credit union and a bank is that a credit union is a not-for-profit cooperative, meaning it's owned by its members or customers. Profits made by credit unions are returned back to members in the form of reduced fees, higher savings rates and lower loan rates. A bank, on the other hand, is for-profit, owned by shareholders and focused on its stock value.

Joining a credit union is fairly simple, and membership is inexpensive - typically a one-time fee of between \$5 and \$25. Depending on where you live, many credit unions serve a geographic area, such as a state or metropolitan area, and are open to anyone who lives in that area.

There is no membership fee to "join" a bank. All you need to provide is some money to open a checking or savings account, a government-issued ID card, and some personal information (address, Social Security number, etc.).

Credit unions, by and large, are able to provide better rates to their members. Unlike a for-profit bank, credit unions return their "profits" to members in the form of lower rates on loans, higher interest on deposits and more personalized services. Other advantages of a credit union are that they tend to have lower fees on checks, withdrawals and electronic transactions, and many offer checking accounts with no minimum balance and without a monthly service charge. Finally, because credit unions are smaller and have a focus on member service, they may be

more flexible when it comes to working with someone with financial challenges.

Banks, because of their size and scale, tend to offer more financial products than credit unions. For example, a credit union may have two or three different types of checking and savings accounts, whereas a bank may have dozens to choose from.

Depending on where you live, you may have numerous options for selecting a credit union. Some credit unions may have only one location and offer basic financial services like auto loans, checking and savings accounts. Most offer free, nationwide ATM access, and since many credit unions belong to cooperatives, members can access accounts across the country through other credit union branches. Belco, for example, offers a full range of financial products and services, including mortgages, auto loans and checking accounts. Today, Belco has more than 300,000 members who benefit from the advantages of a credit union, including lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings and access to thousands of ATMs nationwide.

Services: Compare the basic banking services and access to specialized financial products, including advanced online services and mobile banking. Rates and incentives: Look at the current rates, fees, and incentives - as well as overall benefits to being a customer or a member of the bank or credit union.

Finally, it's important to note that both banks and credit unions insure your money up to \$250,000 per person, across a group of accounts (checking, savings, and CDs would be considered one group). The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures banks, and credit unions are backed by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). •

# Seniors

## Smartphone Market Responds to Senior Users



(BPT) - Smartphone technology may seem complicated and flashy, but don't believe anyone who says it's only for the young. In fact, 73 percent of those 50 to 59 years old now own a smartphone, according to a 2016 survey from AARP. Going one step further, a recent study of smartphone user habits by the Pew Research Center concludes that 92 percent of those aged 50 and above now use text messaging, 80 percent use their phones to access the internet and 87 percent use them to send and receive email.

Still, a significant smartphone generation gap exists within the baby boomer set. While smartphone owners 50 to 59 regularly perform common daily tasks and even occasionally play a game on their smartphones, AARP's study noted adults 60 to 69 are far more likely to rely on a laptop or desktop computer for email or internet use, and tend to avoid apps and games altogether.

It's no great mystery why certain baby boomers have been hesitant to fully embrace smartphone technology. Traditionally, mobile phones have simply not been designed with seniors in mind. Rather, they are designed for the larger share of the market represented by younger users, who grew up playing high-tech games, surfing the web and using touchscreens.

Software interfaces are often not particularly senior friendly. Small content size and busy screens can be difficult to read and comprehend. The challenge of navigating multiple menu levels is simply not intuitive for many older users.

The small physical size of many devices, and the even smaller size of things like number keys and icons, present challenges that can make smartphones frustrating for seniors to use, and sometimes even seem a little intimidating.

Fortunately, the wireless industry has responded, and the gap is quickly being filled. Savvy manufacturers and specialized carriers have recognized the potential of the senior market, resulting in more and better choices than ever.

Samsung's Android smartphones, for instance, include a simplified version of its operating software designed to make navigation more convenient. Called "Easy Mode," this optional setting is found in nearly every modern Samsung device.

Most Android and iPhone models also offer options within the Settings menu that allow users to adjust things like font size and screen brightness to tailor the user experience to their specific needs. With any Android smartphone, users also have the option of downloading a third-party launcher from the Google Play Store, which provides big pictures and text to simplify navigation.

There's even a growing segment of the carrier market focusing on seniors. Known for its affordable rates and excellent customer service, Consumer Cellular is a full-service, no-contract carrier that offers a range of specifically senior-friendly smartphones for any skill level. Other carriers have gained popularity among older users by offering simplified smartphones with convenient emergency calling features.

Beyond a slight learning curve, there's no longer any reason for seniors to feel left out, or even limited, by smartphone technology. By integrating new, senior-oriented designs and features, today's smartphone experience can be as simple and user-friendly as they need it to be.

The Pew study reveals just how integral smartphones have become to the lives of users over 50. Going beyond standard uses, 39 percent in this age bracket also use their phones to access information about health conditions; 34 percent use them to do online banking. Fifty-five percent use smartphones for social networking, and another 55 percent use their phone's features for entertainment.

There are truly almost no limits on what can be done with a smartphone. No longer a mere toy or gadget, it has evolved to become an indispensable modern tool. The good news for older users is that it is also now more accessible than ever. •

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## Hawthorne Happenings

**News for the City of Good Neighbors from an Old Guy named Norb Huber**



**OCTOBER**

The month of October is here. The weather is changing. Football is in full swing. The baseball playoffs are beginning. (Go Dodgers!) Halloween will be here soon. Of course I can't forget about Oktoberfest when the Germans have another reason to drink more beer. Drink Beer Day has already passed us. My ol' lady's birthday is this month, God forgive me if I forget that. In addition to Halloween being on the 31st of October, that same day is Reformation Day. This year, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, German. His act started a movement that still affects the way things are in our world today. Common citizens began to read the Bible for themselves and seek the truth found therein. Luther brought about much more than a reform of the Roman Catholic Church at that time. In many ways, Martin Luther laid the groundwork for open and free education, and freedom to worship the way we see fit. No government nor church official could keep us from educating ourselves through reading and studying on our own.

**GET RIGHT WITH GOD**

This column is supposed to be an informative blog about what is going on in Hawthorne. That sounds pretty boring to me, so I have taken the liberty to expand it to include random views and thoughts that pop into my head. I try to make the reading of my ramblings a "little break from the real world". I hope it's kind of like the way watching sports used to be, a time to forget about the problems of the world. I really don't want to talk about mass killings, anthem protests, and Obamacare. That's really heavy world stuff. I would rather talk about cold ones and God. A friend of

mine said that everyone needs to "get right with God" during these crazy times. The only problem with that advice is that we don't "choose" God. God has already chosen us. When we are repentant and know we need help, God reaches out and saves us. It's not us choosing to save ourselves, out of pure love and grace, God rescues us from this world of sin and evil. He gives us life here and life after death. Am I getting too preachy? Okay, I'll get to the point. Repent and Live. Rejoice and have a cold one.

**KIWANIS CLUB INSTALLATION**

Congratulations to Dr. Dennis Wild upon his election to be the incoming president of the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club. This will be his second try to get things right as president of the club. His installation banquet is scheduled for this Friday, October 6th. All of the officers of the club will be sworn in and sent on their way to serve our community. The Kiwanis club is one of the oldest service clubs still active in Hawthorne.

**HUGH**

Hugh Hefner died last week and will be laid to rest right next to a lady named Marilyn who lived in a foster home on 134th Street in Hawthorne many moons ago. Hugh had many girlfriends along the way, but he chose a Hawthornite to spend eternity with. Can you imagine that? Lucky Hugh picked a "good neighbor" to sleep with.

**UPCOMING HAWTHORNE EVENTS**

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th - 6 p.m. Council Chambers • Senior Resource Fair - Thursday, October 12th at Memorial Center. • Hawthorne Presidents Council Community Dinner • The Hawthorne Presidents Council will be sponsoring their annual fall, Community Dinner on Thursday, October 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Center. • Resolve to Rise Event - Saturday, October 21st •

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# Sports

## Lawndale Cardinals Defeat Torrance Tartars 42-0

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Joseph Edwards (Lawndale #23) tackles Torrance's Ethan Meyers (Torrance #4) in the opening drive of Torrance at Lawndale



Jalen Hamler #15 eludes Torrance's Brian Downie (#21).



Josh Barbarin (Lawndale #11) gained some significant yardage early on during the first quarter. He left the game with a concussion in the third quarter after a collision on a punt return.



Jordan Wilmore (Lawndale #1) stiff-arms an approaching Nathan Gottlieb (Torrance #18).



Jalen Hamler (Lawndale #15) prepares to throw a long pass to Jonathan Blackman for a 70-yard touchdown.

## The Magic Runs out for Sam Darnold, USC Trojans

By Adam Serrao

The projected number one quarterback in next year's NFL Draft finally had his (and his team's) magic run out last Friday night in Pullman when the fifth-ranked USC Trojans took on the number 26 Washington State Cougars. Though the game was close and particularly exciting in the final quarter of play, Sam Darnold was outplayed by his Washington State counterpart, Luke Falk. There is absolutely no doubting the fact that this year's Trojan team is exciting, to say the least, but their 30-27 loss on the road may just have proven that they are vulnerable as well.

Darnold is the engine that makes the USC Trojans Mack Truck run. Despite being the heart of the team, however, the quarterback was extremely inconsistent in last week's loss to the Cougars. While Darnold watched Falk complete 34 of 51 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns, he struggled mightily—completing just 15 of 29 passes through the air for 164 yards and an interception. Multiple injuries along the Trojans offensive line certainly didn't help Darnold and his team's cause either, but there is now reason to believe that the sophomore quarterback might need a bit more experience before he's ready to be called one of the best quarterbacks in all of college football.

Despite not throwing for a touchdown,

Darnold was able to run it in not once, but twice for touchdowns on the ground. Even still, it was the first time in 15 career starts that he failed to throw for more than 200 yards as his passes were inconsistent and his decisions remained questionable at best. It was even Darnold who gave away the ball on the final possession of the game as he tried to lead his team from behind to victory, fumbling the ball directly into the arms of the waiting Washington State defense.

"I thought Sam made some really good plays and there wasn't good plays," said Trojans quarterbacks coach Tyson Helton. "That's playing quarterback, though. You're going to have some good plays and you're not going to have good plays." Darnold's struggles may be more telling of one bad night on the job as opposed to a quarterback who's simply not ready yet, though. His inconsistency is certainly hurting the Trojans, but a subpar offensive line may have more to do with bad play coming from the quarterback position than anything else. USC lost three starters on the O-line to the NFL this offseason and another three to injury this year already. A team that gave up a total of 12 sacks all of last season has already given up nine through five games of the regular season.

Despite injuries mounting up, neither Washington State nor any other opponent

will feel bad for USC or give the Trojans any breaks. Even Darnold acknowledged that as a quarterback and leader on the team, he needs to play better. "I think I didn't play my best, for sure," he explained. "There's a lot to learn from. We're going to look at the film and learn from there." Darnold was thrust into his first role as starting quarterback of the USC Trojans almost exactly one year ago to the week. To say that he is not necessarily the best quarterback in all of college football is less of a crucifixion of the sophomore and more of an admission that no matter how talented you are, there is much to learn going forward about a position as complex and important as the quarterback position is.

The Trojans' winning streak has officially ended at 13 games and has dropped the team out of the number five seed in the rankings. USC had previously looked vulnerable in its last two games against Texas and Cal, respectively. Those vulnerabilities finally caught up with them all at once in the loss to the Cougars. It wasn't just Darnold's fumble that lost the team the game. It was the lack of execution on both sides of the ball that allowed Washington State to hang around all night before it finally pulled the rug out from underneath the Trojans.

As good as Darnold has the potential to be, it is perhaps his aggressiveness that leads

to mistakes and eventually puts stress on the defense and the team as a whole. While he has thrown nine touchdown passes this season, he has also thrown eight interceptions through just the first five games in what can be seen as a clear attempt to simply try to do too much for his team. Darnold threw nine interceptions all of last season through 10 total starts. While USC's starting quarterback remains one of the top prospects in all of college football, it may be his inconsistent play that has led the team to risky performances and the first loss of the regular season rather than becoming the top team in the nation.

The Trojans and Darnold still have the opportunity to turn things around following their loss and drop in the rankings. This week's date against the Oregon State Beavers should be the perfect get-right game before USC takes on the currently 20th-ranked Utah Utes. Matchups against Notre Dame and UCLA will round out the schedule for the Trojans as they look to rebound and make it into this year's Pac-12 championship game. While USC and Darnold are fully expected to shake off the rust and win every game remaining on their schedule, there is no doubting the fact that a bit of the magic surrounding the team and their quarterback has now been lost.

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# Honey Soy Grilled Pork Chops Korean BBQ Sauce

Recipe by Chef Ernest Servantes for Smithfield

## Ingredients

- 6 to 8 (4-oz.) Smithfield® Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops
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  - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
  - 1 to 2 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 1 tablespoon white or rice wine vinegar
- Korean BBQ Sauce**
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1/2 cup water
  - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 2 tablespoons sriracha sauce
  - 4 teaspoons brown sugar
  - 2 teaspoons minced ginger
  - 2 teaspoons KC Masterpiece BBQ Sauce



## Preparation

1. Sprinkle both sides of the pork chops with salt and pepper and place in a large resealable food storage bag.
2. Whisk together honey teriyaki marinade, oil, soy sauce and vinegar; mix well. Pour over pork chops; seal the bag and let stand 1 hour. For Korean BBQ Sauce, heat oil in small saucepan on medium; fry garlic until it begins to turn color. Stir in water, soy sauce, sriracha sauce, brown sugar, ginger and BBQ sauce. Bring to a simmer; reduce heat and cook for 10 minutes or until it becomes thick.
3. Heat charcoal or gas grill to medium. Remove pork chops from marinade (discard marinade) grill for three minutes or until the pork chop easily releases from the grill.
4. Flip chops and continue to cook for three more minutes until internal temperature reaches 145°F to 160°F. Baste each pork chop with Korean BBQ Sauce, grill one minute on each side. Let chops stand for three minutes before serving.

Makes: Six to eight servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes plus one hour marinade time. Cook Time: 18 minutes.

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"They call me **Snookie** -- that's with an "IE"--and I've never been to the Jersey Shore! When I was rescued from an LA county shelter, where I was called a stray, I was such a matted, stinky mess they couldn't



Snookie



Beanie

even identify my pedigree--not even a guess! To make matters worse, I had to remain in the infirmary because I had a slight injury. Luckily it was only a bit of trauma to some soft tissue that healed completely and quickly on its own. Well, once I was bathed and (embarrassingly) shaved down, they discovered I was an adorable one-year old, female Shih Tzu mix! No one is sure what the mix is--possibly a Brussels Griffon? However, one thing everyone agrees upon is that I'm 13 pounds of absolute cuteness. I did have one of those nasty foxtails embedded in my ear that caused a slight infection, but a quick trip to the veterinarian took care of that issue. Now I'm so ready to find a forever family! If a quiet cutie pie that gets along well with other dogs and is easy to cuddle and love is what you're looking for, here I am!"

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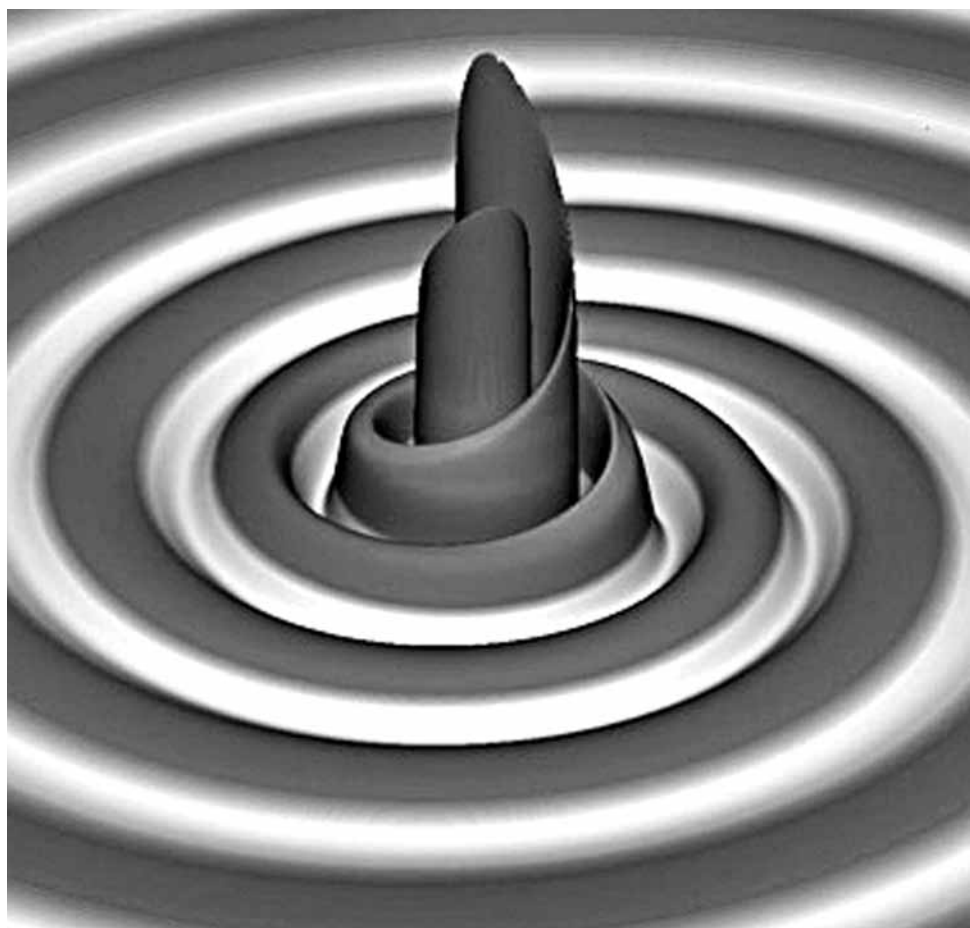
Rochester Institute of Technology researchers helped pinpoint the precise location of a gravitational wave signal—and the black hole merger that produced it—detected by gravitational wave observatories in the United States and in Europe.

For the first time, the LIGO and the French-Italian Virgo were used to triangulate the position in the universe where the binary black hole merger occurred 1.8 billion years ago. The black holes are 25 and 31 times the mass of the Sun before the collision and 53 times the Sun mass after, when a merged black hole formed.

The signal was detected on August 14 by the LIGO detectors in Louisiana and Washington and the Virgo detector near Pisa, Italy. The findings were announced recently in a news conference in Turin, Italy, and will appear in *Physics Review Letters*.

The addition of the third observatory has widened the window on the universe, said RIT professor Carlos Lousto. “We now can pinpoint where those black holes collided in the universe with 10 times higher precision than we had with only two detectors,” Lousto said. “Astronomers can look more accurately toward this direction in sky with conventional telescopes to see if there is an electromagnetic counterpart to such cosmic collisions.”

John Whelan, RIT associate professor and



A simulation of gravitational waves produced by the collision of binary black holes. Courtesy of Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, Nicole Rosato

the principal investigator of RIT’s LIGO group, said, “Our Virgo colleagues, who have been collaborating on the analysis since our first joint initial detector runs 10

years ago, have now joined the advanced detector network. We now have, for the first time, three advanced gravitational wave detectors observing together.”

Richard O’Shaughnessy, RIT assistant professor, adds that “with Virgo, we can now reliably point to where a gravitational wave signal came from. We can tell astronomers when and where to point their telescopes.”

Scientists will gain a deeper understanding of astrophysical phenomena by combining gravitational wave astronomy with traditional methods using the electromagnetic spectrum.

“Precision pointing makes multi-messenger astronomy possible,” O’Shaughnessy said.

The current study cites 2005 breakthrough research by Lousto, Manuela Campanelli, RIT professor and director of the Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, and Yosef Zlochower, RIT associate professor, which solved Albert Einstein’s strong field equations. The group was one of the first to simulate a black hole on a supercomputer. Their “moving puncture approach” has been adopted by other research groups and helped lay the foundation for gravitational wave astronomy.

“Our supercomputer simulations of black-hole collisions continue to be crucial to determine the astrophysical parameters of those extreme objects and they provide important information for modeling their history, from the death of their progenitor stars to their final merger into a larger black hole,” Lousto said. •

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# Future-of-Work Report Lends Direction to Local Colleges

**By Rob McCarthy**

There are more sound engineers than studio jobs available in Los Angeles County's television and recording industries. The same goes for fashion and photography, social media marketing and computer-designed graphics. What the region lacks are people to manage information technology systems, healthcare plans and sales territories.

LinkedIn, sometimes referred to as "Facebook for business professionals," alerted job-seekers recently to several skills gaps in the Los Angeles County workforce. Hollywood, television and the music business have stolen the spotlight from other less-glamorous industries. Those include schools and hospitals, recruiters and human resource departments, and the large number of manufacturers spread throughout the L.A. and South Bay.

The people at LinkedIn say they want to give individuals and working families a heads up to plan career changes and relocations for better opportunities. Meanwhile, a group of jobs economists this week will reveal a long-term forecast for hiring and in-demand skills at "The Future of Work" forum in downtown Los Angeles. Cal State Dominguez Hills is a co-sponsor of the event, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation and other business-minded organizations in the L.A.-Orange County metropolitan area.

A highlight of Tuesday's forum was the report, which pairs data about college grads with data about business needs. Businesses and schools, including local community colleges and four-year universities, have an opportunity to get out ahead of a skills gap that would make the region less competitive in coming years, the event organizers said ahead of

its release. The findings by the L.A.-based Center for a Competitive Workforce may "expose opportunities to teach new skills and facilitate more partnerships between business and colleges."

Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, D-Inglewood, was among local leaders who spoke and gave workforce development insights at Tuesday's forum. The future-of-work report was released as part of the forum. Jobs economists gave their predictions on what job skills will be most in demand. Whether young adults will have the talents and skills when they graduate is a question that El Camino College administrators will want to consider.

The LinkedIn snapshot of what is happening currently in the job market could hold clues as to what the labor economists will say. The most recent (August) skills snapshot from LinkedIn noted the Los Angeles' workforce looks lopsided with creative and technical talents sought by the entertainment and media arts businesses. LinkedIn did not disclose how many of its members live and work in the region, or why it concluded that L.A. has a glut of creative talent--both in front of the cameras and behind the scenes. It found an abundance of members listed on their profiles:

- TV and video production; theater and drama, music production and radio broadcasting.
- Fashion clothing, social media marketing, graphics computer design, and photography.
- The lone non-entertainment field listed was real estate and home buying, which include flipping houses.

The social media site is used by 138 million people and 20,000 companies that recruit

and hire LinkedIn members. "This gives us unique and valuable insights into the U.S. workplace trend," according to LinkedIn that analyzes 20 metro markets each month to identify skills gaps, migration of workers to different cities, and who's hiring. The company says its reports offer snapshots that can be valuable when considering a career move. "Whether you're employed and wondering if hiring is improving in your industry, exploring new skills to learn to make yourself more attractive to employers, or considering a move and curious which cities your skills most," according to LinkedIn.

Based on LinkedIn member profiles and job listings on the site, skills missing in the local workforce are:

- IT Infrastructure and management, and Microsoft Windows systems.
- Healthcare management and nursing.
- Education and teaching.
- Human resources and HR benefits and compensation.

- Sales, business development and relationship management.

- Lean manufacturing and quality management.

The bright lights of the local entertainment and media arts industries are attracting jobseekers from New York, Chicago and Boston and adding to the oversupply of creative talent here, LinkedIn found. People leaving the Los Angeles area to look for work elsewhere most often head for San Francisco, Las Vegas or Seattle.

JP Morgan Chase sounded the alarm, too, about a middle-skill talent gap in greater Los Angeles. The financial service company predicted the L.A. County economy will grow by 12 percent in the next decade. That expansion is expected to create one million middle-skill jobs paying close to \$30 per hour. Healthcare is expected to be the top job creator, along with global trade and logistics being so close to the Port of Los Angeles and LAX. •



The study predicts skills El Camino graduates will need to enter the local workforce.



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