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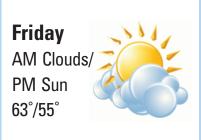
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Torrance City Clerk Candidates Speak At Forum



The Old Torrance Neighborhood Association hosted a candidate forum on April 10 at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center. Janet Payne and Debbie Hays from OTNA moderated a Q&A with the candidates for the Torrance City Clerk and Mayor's office in front of a full house crowd of community residents and business owners. Pictured (L to R) are City Clerk candidates Gina Semana, Jay Scharfman and Rebecca Poirier and current City Clerk Sue Herbers. Upcoming candidate forums will be held Thursday, April 17 starting at 8am (City Council) at the Nakano Theatre; Wednesday, April 23 starting 630pm at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center; and Tuesday, April 29, 6pm start at the Toyota Automotive Museum. Additional forum details are available at: www.torranceca.gov. The Torrance Tribune's continuing series of Q&As addressed to the mayoral and city council candidates starts on Page 3. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Weekend **Forecast**



Saturday

Partly Cloudy 64°/55°



Sunday

Sunny 71°/56°



New Chief of Police Appointed

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council and City Manager LeRoy Jackson appointed interim Torrance Police Chief Mark Matsuda to take over the department and permanently fill the position. He took the oath of office during the April 15 meeting of the Council. Matsuda was sworn-in with the help of his wife Kristin Matsuda and his three daughters. The role isn't completely unfamiliar territory for Matsuda, as he has been serving in the interim role since his predecessor Chief John Neu stepped down earlier this year. Prior to serving as interim Police Chief, he served in the City's first gang task force, and has taken on responsibilities as diverse as managing the SWAT team and training officers. Upon being sworn-in, he reaffirmed his and the department's commitment to keeping the city safe and secure. "The Torrance community has high expectations of its police department and working together we will continually to strive to exceed those expectations," said

Mayor Frank Scotto reminded the audience assembled in the nearly full Council Chambers that leading Torrance's police force is a monumental undertaking. The department has a budget of \$68 million and employs nearly 240 officers as well as additional civilian personnel. The department also has a wellearned reputation for effectiveness, helping Torrance consistently rank among the safest cities in the nation. Scotto said the new chief

will continue the department's impressive record. "It's not just a department head--it's truly a really essential part of our city," said Scotto. "Just today, we were proclaimed the 10th safest city in the United States. [Crime] will never be taken lightly. Anybody who is a victim of crime is one crime [victim] too many. We have very, very committed officers. In the middle of the night, when

we are sleeping comfortably in our homes, they are out there protecting us from crime."

Jackson praised Matsuda for his history of adopting innovative tactics for the department. He started the Community Lead Officers program and has been instrumental in the force's adoption of focused basis policing and team policing. Jackson said that Matsuda

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Super Intent on Youth

By Charisse Kubr

When students speak, he listens. He delivers. Superintendent Dr. George Mannon of the Torrance Unified School District is a man of action. In a richly diverse district where students speak over eighty different languages, Mannon helps develop educational opportunities and programs to serve the needs of each unique student.

When it comes to success as a community, Mannon said it is not about placing people into groups, even by grade level. "For a community to excel, all the pieces must work together for the whole," said Mannon. The district implements this philosophy through collaboration. Leaders come to a consensus and work toward one goal. What is the goal? Maximizing student achievement. Whether meeting with staff, parents, students, volunteers, city leaders, or potential career partners, Mannon said, "We always ask the same question. How do we maximize student achievement?"

A group of TUSD high school students were asked this specific question. "The students were very precise in their answers," said Mannon. "They asked for more career education starting in middle

The students' requests were a priority when reworking the counseling program. By collectively working with district administrators and counselors, the counseling program has been redesigned to better serve the needs of all students, with earlier intervention a focal point. Starting in the next school year, the

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Calendar

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- City Council Candidates Forum hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 8:00am breakfast/8:30 a.m. program, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For reservations, call (310) 543-3113, or visit TorranceChamber.com.
- Beach Cities Republicans monthly meeting, 7 p.m. (6 p.m. no host dinner), Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd., For more information email plagrelius@aol.com or call (310) 753-4159.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- Celebrity Lecture Series: Michael Donley, former Secretary of the Air Force, 11 a.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.
- Free Earth Day Events In Torrance, 8 a.m.-Noon, Toyota Employee Parking Lot on Toyota Way between Van Ness/Western Ave. For more information call (310) 781-6900.
 - Breakfast With Bunny hosted by The City

of Torrance Community Services Department, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Toyota Meeting Hall, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• Fourth Annual California State University, Dominguez Hills Pow Wow, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (also April 20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.), California State University, Dominguez Hills, 1000 E. Victoria St. at Sculpture Garden adjacent to the University Theatre.

Tuesday, April 22

- City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.
- Wednesday, April 23
 Torrance City Council Candidates Forum
- hosted by OTNA, 6:30-9 p.m., Bartlett Senior Center, meeting room, 1318 Cravens Avenue. • Goodwill Donation Drive, 7:30-11:30
- a.m., Kaiser, 25825 S. Vermont Ave.
 Accepting clothing, household items and
 e-waste products such as TVs and
 computer equipment.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- "Marshmallow Madness", 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information please call the Henderson Library 310-371-2075.
- South Bay Ostomy Support Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block Lomita Blvd., West Tower building, 2nd floor in # "C". For more information call Carol Hubert (310) 378-5331 or Anne Marie Knudsen (310) 548-8558.
- Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce 100th Year Celebration event, 12 p.m., Torrance Marriott. For more information call (310) 543-3113 or visit TorranceChamber. com. Reservations must be made in advance.

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• Hardback Booksale, 2-6 p.m. also April 26 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

Saturday, April 26

• 42nd Annual Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural

Festival, (also April 27), 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Boulevard

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

• BubbleMania: Comedy with a Drip!, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

Saturday, May 3

• "May is for Memories" Genealogy Seminar, 9 a.m.-1p.m., Torrance Stake, 22605 Kent Avenue. Classes and registration form (due April 26) at rootsweb.ancestry. com/~casbcgs.

NGOING

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

Salvation Army Spring Event Raises Money for After School Programs

By Charlene Nishimura

The Spring Splendor Arty Party special fundraising event was held on April 4th at the California Museum of Fine Art in Downtown Torrance at 1421 Marcelina Avenue. The benefit event for the Torrance Salvation Army included cuisine catered by Chez Mélange, floral arrangements from The Flower Box, beverages donated by local breweries King

Harbor Brewing Co. and Strand Brewing Co. and entertainment by rocking live band "The Touch." Local acclaimed artists including Thomas Redfield, Rodolfo Rivademar and Karl Dempwolf displayed their art and several companies contributed to the silent auction. All proceeds directly benefited the Salvation Army's after school programs.*



Cherish Chin and CFO/Founder Will Daines of King Harbor Brewing Co. served lots of beverages at the Spring Splendor Arty Party.



Kris Pena from the Strand Brewing Co. of Torrance displays their craft beer product.



Showing their support for the Spring Splendor Arty Party benefit are (L to R) Aurelio Mattucci of Mattucci Real Estate, Shari Messerlian and Jack Messerlian, Chairman of the Board of the Salvation Army and Brian Higa, President of the California Museum of Fine Art. Photos by Chris Nishimura



Pictured in front of some of the art featured at the California Museum of Fine Art are (L to R) City of Torrance Councilman Pat Furey, Terry Furey and the Salvation Army's Major Millie Bearchell and Major Brian T. Bearchell.



Pleine Aire Painter Thomas H. Redfield (left), a guest artist whose paintings were featured at the charity event, poses next



South Bay rock band "The Touch" entertained the crowd who ended up dancing the night away. Eric, Kiss, Jojo and Brian comprise the band, TheTouchLA.com.



The hardworking staff of caterer Chez Mélange/Bar Comida/Bouzy Gastropub of Redondo Beach included (L to R) Chef Thatcher Mills, Catering Manager Christine Massa, Garrett English, Evelyn Cervantes, Candace Catalina, Gerry Massa, Alvin Sun, Chef Jennifer Story, Joelle Mungaray and Mary Grana.

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Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

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Why should voters elect you?

Tom Brewer: I have lived in Torrance since I was two years old, which allowed me to see Torrance grow into the city it is today. This gives me a unique perspective because I understand the issues that the city has faced and what worked to resolve them. I know how deeply our residents care about their city. When making decisions, I am cognizant of the issues both unique to certain areas or residents and those impacting us as a whole—and I always strive to work in partnership with Torrance residents, businesses, and employees to find solutions that bring our city together. People feel comfortable approaching me to talk about what is important to them, knowing that I will follow through. This election is critically important because we are electing four new council members and a new mayor. Throughout my city involvement I've demonstrated the effective leadership skills that will be critical in guiding this new team and moving our city forward. Together we can build a 21st century city with state of the art public services—one that is both rich in progressive economic opportunities and respectful of its great historical qualities.

Pat Furey: Voters should choose me because I have the longest history of service and leadership with the most diverse background of education, experience and support. In addition decades of volunteer service to Little League Baseball and Boy Scouts of America,

before I was elected to the City Council in 2008, I served in several community leadership positions. I was the president of my local neighborhood homeowner association for eight years. I was the president of the Torrance Education Foundation for four years. And, I served on and chaired the Torrance Civil Service and the Torrance Unified School District Personnel commissions. I recently retired from my position as a Deputy County Counsel where I prosecuted child abuse cases for two decades. Prior to that I represented professionals sued for malpractice. After serving in the Army, my original career path was as a police officer in Philadelphia, where I served as a detective. My supporters for the mayoral seat include hundreds of residents including many who are retired – many business and property owners in Torrance and nearby – several labor organizations – including the Torrance Police Officers and Firefighters associations.

Bill Sutherland: This election is about the residents, businesses & employees of the City of Torrance & the type of leadership they deserve. I have proven leadership in my 30+ years running a successful business in the City of Torrance. I know the responsibility of being the person who signs the front of the check. I know the commitment of being a full time volunteer in my community. I have shown consistency with my service to the City. I've provided Leadership with Integrity & I will continue to do that as Mayor. I say what I believe & believe what I say. My character has been consistent my entire life, I believe that is a quality important to leadership. I am totally immersed in the City because this is where my heart is. The Mayor & councils decisions affect people's quality of life for years to come and that will be my primary consideration

in the decisions I make. I answer to only two special interest groups, the residents & businesses of Torrance.

Identify the most serious issues affecting the city and what you hope the city council can do to improve them?

Tom Brewer: We have three primary issues facing our city. The most immediate concern is the effects that AB109 (early prisoner release mandate) is having on Torrance. We have seen a rise in residential burglaries by the criminals that have been released from our prisons. We must continue to stay in front of this issue by identifying newly released individuals and monitoring them. The most pressing concern is pension reform. Torrance has an unfunded liability of 392 million dollars. Our pension payments currently amount to 12% of our budget. Those payments will rise 50% by 2020. We must be diligent in reviewing our employee contracts when they come up for renewal. We cannot allow our increasing pension obligation to take money away from senior and youth programs, or other services. Also our infrastructure is aging and needs to be addressed. We absolutely need to attract new businesses and continue to work closely with existing businesses. However, I would like to see income derived from new businesses used to repair our roads and buildings, and improve services, and not used for pension obligations.

Pat Furey: The most serious issues affecting Torrance are recovering from the recession and dealing with pension debt. Reports have been favorable about the economy in the region and we have seen some growth in Torrance. But, we have to be proactive to grow our local economy. We have to court businesses that produce good paying jobs for our citizens and engage and promote the

businesses that are already here. We must increase our economic development team to ensure the economy of Torrance flourishes. If we make the efforts stated, our economy will grow and we will be able to tackle the pension debt and erase it. Previously, council negotiated a number of changes with all of the employee bargaining units to increase the amount future employees contribute to their pensions. Employees hired after 2011 are required to contribute to CalPers what the city previously funded - 9% for safety and 7% for miscellaneous employees. Further, in 2013 the state increased the amount safety employees hired in 2014 and beyond are required to pay to 12.5% (fire) and 15% (police). According to the staff the pension debt will increase until 2020-21, then start to taper off until approximately 2040-45, when it will be fully funded.

Bill Sutherland: Infrastructure repair and replacement-When I took office in 2006, the budget was \$220 million. In 2013, it was \$164 million. Infrastructure repair and replacement was a casualty of the recession. As revenues increase, we will have the ability to address these repairs little by little. Pension reform- We have already been proactive with our newly hired employees for the last two years and will be constantly looking for addition savings in our pension plans. I own a small business in the City of Torrance, so I do not have a public pension, but I do understand the necessity for a fair wage and pension system in order to recruit and retain the best quality employees the people of Torrance deserve. AB109, the early release of certain criminals- We have already hired and budgeted for more Police Officers to handle this dilemma handed to us by the judicial system and our Governor.

Thank you Candidates!

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Why should the voters elect me?

Heidi Ashcraft: Voters should elect me because of my 12 years of experience on the Torrance Board of Education keeping the \$180 million dollar budget balanced, setting policy, hiring the superintendent, working collaboratively to govern with a proven track record of listening to resident's concerns and finding solutions to those concerns. I was the first Chairwoman of the Torrance South Bay YMCA managing the 52 member Board of Managers for 3 years, setting policy, employing the director and balancing the multimillion dollar budget. Torrance is an exceptional, very diverse city. There is a special, "small town feel" everyone knows. I am confident I am the best equipped to meet the complex challenges of city government, involve and listen to our residents and honor the history of Torrance. Leaders of Torrance that believe I should be elected are: Mayor Frank Scotto, Mayor Dee Hardison, retired, Mayor Ken Miller, retired, Torrance Councilmembers: Tom Brewer, Pat Furey, Gene Barnett, Former Torrance Treasurer Linda Barnett, Former Torrance Councilmembers: Maureen O'Donnell, Dick Rossberg, Hope Witkowsky, Bill Applegate, Rod Guyton, Jack Messerlian, Supervisor Don Knabe, Assemblyman George Nakano, retired, Torrance Board of Education: Martha Deutsch, Terry Ragins, Don Lee, Michael Wermers, Mark Steffen, Former Torrance Board of Education: Dave Sargent, Dr. Mike Ernst, Kurt Driskill, Gary Kuwahara, Torrance Fire Fighters' Association, Torrance Police Officers' Association

Tim Goodrich: With four seats turning over on the Torrance City Council, it's imperative that we elect people who have the right experience and are ready to lead our City from day one. I'm a veteran who served three deployments to the Middle East while pursuing my Masters in Public Administration at USC, I was a City and County Management Fellow. I also have a long track record in our community, including service as a Board Member of the Torrance Education Foundation, volunteering with the Police and Fire Departments, and as a Member of the TUSD School Bond Oversight Committee. Because of this, I've been endorsed by people we trust, such as Torrance School Board Members, former Torrance Councilmembers, Torrance City Commissioners, our police and firefighters, and community leaders in every area of our City.

Michael Griffiths: My diverse and extensive experience is why voters should elect me. That experience covers 3 primary areas - business, community service, and City Commission experience. As a successful business owner for almost 15 years, I know how to make the important business and financial decisions only a business owner would know. I sold my business after almost 15 years and am now semi-retired. For over 17 years I have volunteered with the Torrance YMCA. Most notably, leading their annual fundraising campaign for the past 5 years where we raised nearly 3 million dollars for seniors, children and families here in our community. Currently as a Planning Commissioner, plus 8 years as an Environmental Commissioner, I have more experience as a City Commissioner than any other candidate. Mayor Frank

Scotto, former Mayor's Dee Hardison and Ken Miller, and many others believe that I have the right blend and length of experience to guide our City as your Councilmember. I have lived in Torrance for over 31 years. I raised my family here, created jobs as a

business owner, and I have spent many years serving our community. I truly care about our wonderful City and am ready to serve.

Milton Herring: I care about Torrance and believe keeping a conservative balanced See City Council Candidates, page 4



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City is paramount in strengthening our future. My wife and I chose to move to Torrance 24 years ago for several reasons. We had three young children and wanted an excellent school district; all three graduated from Torrance Unified School District. Being in the military, I knew I would be traveling a lot, so safety was critical. We wanted to invest in growing housing market in the event we would have to sell and relocate. A solid business community with an excellent medical community was very important to us. Torrance had everything our growing family needed; I want to give back to a community which has given so much to us. Great Cities like Torrance don't just happen by accident. I am committed to ensuring that future generations have the same, if not better, opportunities that we had -- to raise their families in a great vibrant, safe and growing community. Torrance voters should elect me because I have a proven track record of leadership with 28 years of military service and serving as executive director of a senior citizen foundation. I know how to work with people from diverse backgrounds to get things accomplished.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: In order to be an effective member of the Torrance City Council, a candidate should possess 4 essential qualifications: 1. A background in finance - I have an MBA in Quantitative Analysis from Pepperdine University and I have been a Financial Consultant for 10 years. I know how to drill through budgets and ferret out inefficiencies and find cost savings. 2. A business background - I have owned my own small financial consulting business for the past 10 years and I am an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. 3. A government background - I worked for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles setting the Fair Market Value rate for the section 8 program and was in charge of the family self-sufficiency program. I have been a City Commissioner for the past 6 years and have served on two Ad Hoc City Committees. 4. A community service background – I have volunteered for many organizations including the Kashiwa Sister City Organization, Torrance Historical Society, Torrance CERT Disaster Service Team, Partners in Policing, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, Go For Broke Education Foundation, HELP For Seniors, and the South Bay JACL.

Ryan H. Mand: I'm not afraid to stand up for what I believe is right, even in the face of criticism and adversity. What do I believe in? I believe that gambling with the taxpayer's money is wrong. Pensions take up 12% of expenditures from the General Fund, and is predicted to shoot up to 18% by 2020. I am not for excusing city employees from contributing to their pensions, when they'll be receiving up to 90% of their salaries for the rest of their lives. I don't see how these numbers can be taken lightly by anybody. I also stand up for the environment. Whether you believe in global warming or not; particulate matter and ozone from automobile emissions are still bad for our planet and public health. I also am not affiliated with ANY interest groups. I do not have a conflict of interests between my constituents and some group that wants to buy me out. I'm also not delusional. I don't see Torrance as a perfect city, I see a city with a lot of room for improvement.

Aurelio Mattucci: Over the past couple of years I have walked neighborhoods and talked to thousands of people. I've personally visited over 3,600 Torrance businesses and over 1,000 residents. I am a Torrance homeowner, a Torrance business owner, a husband and above all a father. I have a proven track record and my love for this country is immense. I remind the voters that I have not asked for any political endorsements, nor do I want to owe any political favors. I refuse to be just another political puppet. I feel we need to cut the chains that connect us to past and present administrations and start fresh. I am that fresh start.

Omar Navarro: The voters should elect me because I'm not some political insider and I have no allegiance to unions and developers. The problem with our way of government is getting supported by these individuals who solely vote out of the benefit of unions and developers. I don't want to see the city I grew up in be deprived of its future. We need a realistic plan and approach to keep this city balanced. The major issue is pensions. We have 220M in unfunded liabilities and nationwide it's around 30 trillion almost double than the national debt of 19 trillion. Those that say this isn't an issue. Well I call it pure blindness and I see a bankruptcy in the near future, which generation Y and X will have to handle and tackle.

Clint Andrew Paulson: I am not accepting money from anyone in support of my campaign. I am not a wealthy man. My family lives on a tight budget. Nevertheless, I am willing to sacrifice a significant portion of our hard earned savings on this campaign because I think it is that important to give the voters a choice to vote for someone they can trust who will not have to answer to special interests or other groups cutting them the checks. Special interests are pouring a lot of money into this campaign in an effort to stack the deck with those they know will support their positions. That's politics. I get that's how the world works now, but it doesn't have to be that way. I'm making a stand against money in politics and I hope you will join with me by supporting my campaign. Help me prove you don't need to take a bunch of money from special interest groups to win an election. Vote Clint Paulson June 3rd.

Geoffrey Rizzo: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Alex M. See: I am an honest, open and dedicated individual. In every volunteer situation I have been involved in, I have worked energetically and sincerely for the best possible outcomes. It is often said that whatever I am involved in I go "Above and Beyond" what is expected.

My success story, business background, engineering experience and community involvement, and professional training have enabled me to have the abilities to understand complex issues and budgets, and advocate for the needs of our great city. In addition, my unique cultural heritage and background will add a different perspective to examining city issues and solutions.

Norm "Opa" Segal: My neighbors should want me to represent them on the Council because of my accounting background. There is nothing like having an accountant when you are dealing with \$175 Million. Some people call us bean counters. I'm OK with that as long as we are watching out for and taking good care of the beans. I believe that I am the only professional accountant running for the Council. I am retired and have the time and energy to devote to the City. I am a 35 year resident and care very much about Torrance. I will be available to any resident who wishes to share their concerns with me.

Charlotte Ann Svolos: Answer not submitted by deadline.

John Paul Tabakian: I am the author of a study called, "The Academic Entrepreneur." My study examined academic entrepreneurialism as a method of applying business principles to author, fund, and maintain marketable and relevant educational programs that further student success. My published research is the foundation for my plan to save SoCalROC (SCROC) for the long-term instead of these short-term fixes that do nothing to address the primary issue: political forces want to shut access to vocational trades. People fail to understand that investing in education is cheaper than throwing kids in jail. There is a correlation between employment and property crime. If we do not offer people, the opportunity to secure a career pathway, then that individual is more likely to steal your car. You do not need a doctorate in education to know that drops in employment lead to increases in crime. That is just one reason why the imminent closure of SoCalROC is troubling.

Kurt Weideman: I believe that when the voters of Torrance look at the public record of my experience serving the community in leadership positions, and my knowledge of how government functions, they will find that I have the qualifications needed to move Torrance forward. Currently, I have the honor of serving the citizens of Torrance on the City Council. Prior to that I served seven years on the Planning Commission (twice as Chair), ten years on the local Workforce Investment Board (three years as Chair), three years as Chair of the El Camino College Bond Oversight Committee, three terms as President of the Torrance Historical Society, and two terms as President of the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation. My family has lived in Torrance for over 55 years. My wife, Sue and I have owned our home here for 29 years. My business career was spent at a local Aerospace firm where I retired in 2006 as Vice President & General Manager. My roots are in Torrance and I love this community. My message to the voters of Torrance is simple: I stand for efficient, effective and accountable Government; I have the experienced leadership and the dedicated commitment to serve them and the City into the future.

Identify the most serious issues affecting the City and what you hope the City Council can do to improve them.

Heidi Ashcraft: While walking Torrance neighborhoods and speaking with residents I have found one of their most serious issues is the condition of our city's infrastructure, specifically the streets and curbs. The city has had to postpone infrastructure improvements during the recession in order to balance the budget. I believe we need to identify and schedule infrastructure needs, prioritize them and post them on the Torrance website for residents to see and follow, keeping the site updated as improvements are made. We need to make sure the city website is user friendly and easy to navigate. Our city is facing a pension issue. Torrance does have a plan to pay down our pension obligation the city is not going bankrupt. We need to be very diligent when negotiating future employee contracts.

Tim Goodrich: I believe the most serious issues affecting the city include public safety, roads and infrastructure, and open, transparent, and efficient government. As someone who has volunteered with our public safety departments, started a neighborhood watch, and graduated from the partners in policing program, I look forward to continuing my work with our public safety personnel to make our neighborhoods safer. Regarding our roads and infrastructure, I work with civil engineers every day and I not only have experience in what it takes to make a city run well, but have a passion for it. Finally, I will work to implement today's technology to make our City more open, transparent, and efficient. As a councilmember, I will make these three items my top priorities

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Michael Griffiths: I believe the most serious issues affecting the City include: The election itself, street and sidewalk upkeep, pension costs and its toll on the budget. The election is critical because of the unprecedented change in leadership. A new mayor, and 4 new council members. Now is not the time for on-the-job training. The voters must do their homework on this to elect the best, experienced leadership to keep Torrance on the right path. Streets and sidewalks have been neglected for too long. Council must make this a higher priority. However, other services may suffer, so the trade-offs must be weighed carefully. Seeking out grant money to pay for these services is imperative. And lastly, the effect of pensions on our budget must be scrutinized. Revenue growth is probably not enough to cover increases in pension costs, so all options must be considered, with the exception of raising taxes which I do not support. Without some action, pension cost as a percentage of our budget will be increasing for the foreseeable future. Attracting and retaining the best possible businesses in Torrance is critical to supplying a good base of revenue without taxing our residents and will help to cover rising pension costs.

Milton Herring: Traffic and Transportation- includes congestion management, mobility throughout the City, protection of residential neighborhoods from intrusive traffic and encouraging of alternative modes of transportation. As a Traffic Commissioner, we have submitted work plans to the Council for implementation including installing 'Flashing Yellow Arrow Protected/Permissive Left Turn' lights. We have recommended the installation of "Stagger Limit Line for Double Left Turn Movement". I will work to ensure the completion of the Regional Transit Center which would serve as a hub for bus routes and shuttle services, park and ride facility, and could potentially serve as a light rail station. Improving communications between residents and staff on how we can partner to keep Torrance moving in the most efficient and clean manner. Infrastructure-which includes our roadways and sewer system, defines our public works systems both local and regional is vital for commerce and the well being of our citizens. I would support the council intentionally implementing the approved strategic plan. I would call for an immediate review of our plans to fix potholes and repave our mature.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: We have an aging community and we must have services and programs in place to keep our seniors active and engaged. Many of our young people cannot afford to go to college and those that do often cannot find jobs after graduation. We must support technical training from SCROC, work-study programs through our schools, and business apprenticeships so that they can have a marketable skill set and become productive members of society. We cannot always rely on large businesses to keep our economy going. They can always come and go. We must encourage entrepreneurship and small business development through the South Bay Entrepreneurship Center, the Office of Economic Development, and the Chamber of Commerce to keep jobs in Torrance. Our infrastructure needs attention. We need to focus on repairing our sewers, roads, and sidewalks. This can be done by seeking grant money or using Measure R funding, General, Gas Tax, or Proposition C funds. Torrance is experiencing more burglaries since the passage of AB109. We need to encourage people to participate in the Map Your Neighborhood Program and work with the Torrance Police in the "See Something, Say Something" program. Everyone should know how to protect themselves in the event of a disaster. CERT

Training is invaluable.

Ryan H. Mand: There's so many. Fix pensions by making all city employees contribute 7-9% of their salary into calPERS. Help local businesses by granting them more city contracts. Public safety is a huge concern of mine, but we need to start looking towards more modern ways of fighting crime. Strategically installing security cameras throughout residential areas would help deter and catch thieves who engage in home invasions, car thefts and robberies. Police officers should wear video cameras, to help reduce incidences of complaints and the using of force to detain suspects. Rialto's police department embraced this technology, which helped reduce the probability of lawsuits against the city, debunked unjustified complaints, and saved the justice system's time. Traffic flow needs to be improved by adding permissive left and right turn lights at signals. Our roads, water mains and sewers are in desperate need of repairs. The air quality in Torrance is not great, and it is due to the high number of automobiles on the road. I would be willing to give tax breaks to dealerships for selling electric cars. More charging stations would need to be built as well. SCROC is going to close its doors this July due to Jerry Brown's budget plan, and this is a complete disaster. Aurelio Mattucci: Streets and sidewalks are looking pretty run down. There are some streets in Old Torrance that haven't been touched in many decades. I know public works is limited by budget restraints, but I'd like to see more of our tax dollars being used to improve infrastructure. I also hear a lot of complaints about our city departments, especially building and safety. Permits taking too long, attitudes, run around, red tape, etc. I'd like to see us streamline our permitting process, facilitate communication between departments and improve on the city's customer service. Another issue close to my heart is the city's overall curb appeal. Torrance is starting to look like a 1950's fixer upper. Back in 2011 I formed a community improvement volunteer service called the Mattucci Project. My volunteers have helped pick up over 10 tons of trash and helped communities such as Torrance look that much nicer. I'd also like to see more volunteering opportunities throughout the city, especially organizations that cater to our seniors and children.

Omar Navarro: The streets of Torrance are D Grade. We need to stop cold patching in our city and take the time to solve the problem in the short term so that it does not cost us a fortune in the long term. AB109 will shift the responsibility for incarcerating many low-risk inmates from the state to counties and that's a major concern as a person who received his BA in Criminal Justice and a certificate in Information Security from USC. I also received my certificate in Loss Prevention and worked for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office assisting victims of crimes for the victim assistance program. I understand this is very important and we need someone like me who can tackle this issue head on and I believe I have true experience in the justice system. One of the important challenges will be to find successful ways to engage the public in shaping the communities of the future. In this economic climate, Torrance needs a problem solver and outside the box thinker to handle our serious budget issues. I am fiscally responsible and up to the challenge. To make sure the money in the city is not being spent out of proportion back in 2012, I withdrew from running to save the city \$200,000. We need to disclose fully and truthfully our performance to keep Torrance residents informed of city government happenings.

Clint Andrew Paulson: Ballooning pension liabilities is the most serious issue facing the city. Pension costs are already crowding

out funding for everything else that needs to be done. We recently learned that our total liability almost doubled from just over two hundred million to just under four hundred million. What this means is that our payment on this debt is going up on the range of 50% over the next 3 to 5 years. Imagine if your mortgage payment went up 50% what that would do to your family finances. Many candidates this year have a public pension, work for a union, or have taken a lot of money from unions. These candidates are not even willing to admit pensions are an issue. We can't ignore this issue any longer. We have to start cutting wasteful spending now before it is too late. We can't wait until the bills come due and there is no money in the bank account before we admit there is a problem. This issue alone is one reason why it is critical voters elect a candidate that is not tied to special interests.

Geoffrey Rizzo: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Alex M. See: Continue upgrading city infrastructure for economic prosperity and competitiveness, and improving quality of life. City infrastructure includes everything from water, storm drains and sewer systems to road and transportation system. City of Torrance is over 100 years old, and most of the underground pipes, streets and sidewalks are aging and failing, and that funding has been insufficient to repair and replace them. City council should work with members of the communities to evaluate and set the priority working on one project at a time. City council should work with the city staff to seek funding from all available sources (Federal and State funding, Community Development Block Grants, and etc.), and if necessary, have

a professional grant writer to prepare winning grant submissions. Impact of the criminal justice realignment plan (AB109) on the City of Torrance. Public safety is the top priority of the residents of Torrance. We need to increase public awareness of the AB109 and encourage neighborhood watch programs. City council should make sure our police and fire department to continue to have the most effective and well equipped public safety services possible for our residents. Hillside overlay ordinance should be expanded and enforced to prevent homeowners in these areas not acting neighborly. City council should work to ensure policies that maintain Torrance as a balanced city between commercial, residential and industrial. I see our balanced city as even more parks, recreation facilities and the arts for all citizens of all ages.

Norm "Opa" Segal: I think that the most serious issue is the City's Pension Liablility to City Employees. Most every City, County and State in the U.S. has this same issue. This is made to be very difficult due to Union contracts and promises that have been made. There will be no magical fix for this problem. Anyone with a magical fix just needs to look at what just happened to the Redondo Beach City Manager. When you bump up against City employees, sparks will fly. I think that the first place to look is the fact that the City has a population of approximately 150,000 people and almost 1,700 employees. Each employee creates a liability for pension, medical and other long-term liabilities. There is a finite limit to what Torrance can afford. If we do not control these liabilities, public services may have to be reduced in the future. We need tough people at the City, County and State levels to adddress See City Council Candidates, page 6



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this issue. One thing is for sure: If we don't do something to lower this liability, the sooner we allocate more money to it the better. We can not kick the can down the road. That is weak government.

Charlotte Ann Svolos: Answer not submitted by deadline.

John Paul Tabakian: Special interest groups are planning to destroy our quality of life by injecting large amounts of money to take control of our local government. I am running for City Council to defend Torrance against interest groups that do not care about our community. I am running for Torrance City Council to protect my home from extremists who do not have our best interests at heart. The primary issue at hand is electing political leaders who have strong ties to the city from youth to adulthood. We do not want to elect people who are playing the political card game to win a local election just to use as a stepping-stone to positions of grandeur, whether in Sacramento or Washington DC. As the majority of voters do not take the time to research candidates, our city is in danger of falling into the hands of those who seek to do us harm. I am not comfortable with the heavy-handed tactics of local city unions, including those representing police and fire, which balance their endorsement procedure on whether a candidate will do their bidding. Those who vote for candidates, who are at the disposal of city union bosses, are willing to appoint a wolf to guard the henhouse. I laugh when political candidates tell voters during these forums that the Wall Street Journal and Sacramento Bee have their facts wrong. If you believe these politicians then prepare to kiss your hens goodbye.

Kurt Weideman: Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Fiscal Policy are all issues affecting the City of Torrance and the cause of concern amongst the populace. The current City Council, along with City staff is working diligently to address these issues and alleviate citizen concern – but this is not an easy task, as local revenues and funding are not infinite. In Public Safety, Torrance has hired four new police officers in the last two years to confront the problems associated with the release of non-violent, non-sexual offenders from the prisons as a result of AB109. Infrastructure has recently been addressed with the recent passage of the Torrance 5 Year Capital Projects Plan (the first in many years due to the Great Recession). Does this Plan address all our cities sewer, street and sidewalk problems? No, but it does set priorities and provides a vision for the future. Fiscal Policy for the City of Torrance can only be characterized as conservative and frugal, and as a result we did not suffer the consequences in reduced safety and services that faced other localities. As your Councilman, I will continue to work with my colleagues, staff and you to mitigate Thank you Candidates! • these issues.

Letters

Kudos for Torrance Tribune

I have been in the South Bay since 1977 and specifically in Torrance for over a decade. I am so happy we finally have a local paper that caters only to Torrance. Besides this, they have done a wonderful job covering the election. I am one of the 16 candidates running for Torrance City Council and we appreciate the fact that the Torrance Tribune is putting so much effort in gathering all of our opinions and answers. Giving the candidates an opportunity to introduce ourselves really levels the playing field. Many candidates have not raised enough money to be able to buy ads and print thousands of flyers. This really gives everyone an opportunity that other papers have failed to provide. I thank the Torrance Tribune for being here for the community. - Aurelio Mattucci

Spring Exhibition

My husband Chuck and I love a finely curated display with art of dynamic purpose encouraging us to peddle our bicycles whatever necessary distance to slake our cultural quest, replenishing our esoteric discoveries through art.

The California Museum of Fine Art situated as a pristine jewel in downtown Torrance - its 4/12/2014 reception elegantly ushered the viewers steeped enthusiasm into a multi-faceted dimension, the walls privileged to be embraced by extraordinarily beautiful paintings; the accented wood-floor populated with the most perfect regency furniture composing luxuriant comfort for those desiring to sit while they

examine the equally meticulously crafted tabled sculpture.

Now that our cultural agenda is completely satisfied; we generously thank the California Museum of Fine Art for the profound gravity of its cultural contribution to the South Bay.

- Dora Perez-Meyer

Wants in Our **Politically Speaking Column**

Regarding the upcoming Torrance City Council elections, you might want to consider publishing the following in your "Politically Speaking" section:

On April 2, I attended the "candidates debate" at South High in Torrance. The most disappointing aspect of the event was that the meeting was hosted by the League of Women Voters. This organization insists that any questions voters may have of the candidates must first be screened by the League. Questions directly from the audience are forbidden. Having been in two communist countries (Hungary and East Berlin) I am particularly sensitive to any violation of the democratic forum. Attending a meeting where prospective candidates for public office are protected fro questions from the very constituents they aspire to represent, suggest a contempt for those constituents who took the time to attend the meeting. The result, an evening characterized by the most anodyne questions, guaranteed to protect the candidates and demonstrate belittlement for the audience.

- Abraham Levine

Mark Matsuda Appointed **New Torrance City Police Chief**

By Jaime Le - City of **Torrance Community Relations Specialist**

Torrance, Calif., April 9, 2014 – Torrance City Manager, LeRoy J. Jackson is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Matsuda as its new Police Chief. Since starting his career in 1987 at the Torrance Police Department, Mark Matsuda has risen through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Newly appointed Torrance Police Deputy Chief to becoming the Chief Mark Matsuda

9th Police Chief of the City of Torrance. He will receive his new badge on Tuesday, April 15 at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall (3031 Torrance Blvd.).

Matsuda graduated from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Academy in 1987 and was recognized as the Honor Cadet. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Chapman University and concurrent with his assignment as a new Lieutenant, earned a



Master of Arts in 2007. Matsuda is married and has 3 daughters.

Prior to his appointment as Chief, Matsuda worked for three years on the department's first gang detail, and then served five years on the Crime Impact Team. He has also worked as the departments first Community Lead Officer and has assumed the role of Administrative Bureau Commander since April 2011. Matsuda has been serving as Interim Chief since Chief Neu's

retirement in January 2014. Mark has distinguished himself in a variety of command level positions including patrol, personnel and special operations. He is actively engaged both in front and behind the scenes in providing the highest standards and optimum public service. "Mark's experience, education, training, and community involvement are reflective of his professional commitment to law enforcement and to the City of Torrance," stated Mayor Frank Scotto. •

Police Reports

March 31, 2014 - April 5, 2014 **Burglary-Commercial** 4/6/2014 8:00:00 AM 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) tears off screen, smashes window for entry and ransacks/ unknown if loss at time of report

Burglary-Residential 4/5/2014 10:45:00 PM 200 BLOCK VIA LA CIRCULA

Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open window, reaches in to unlock door, ransacks and takes property/ watch, cell phone, pillowcase

Burglary-Residential 4/4/2014 11:20:00 PM 2700 BLOCK 233RD ST Suspect(s) kicks in door for entry/ unknown if loss at time of report

Vandalism 4/6/2014 1:25:26 PM 1500 **BLOCK CABRILLO AVE**

Suspect(s) smashes business window/ no entry, no loss

Theft 4/4/2014 7:00:00 AM 17200 **BLOCK YUKON AVE**

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from patio/ bicycle

Robbery-StrongArm 4/3/2014 6:30:00 AM 6200 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect forcibly attempts to take victim's property from her possession/ book bag

Burglary-Commercial 4/6/2014 2:00:00 PM 21100 BLOCK VICTOR ST

Suspect(s) enters business by unknown means and takes property/espresso machine, chairs, tables

Theft 4/2/2014 6:50 PM 19300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from shopping

cart as victim shops/ purse Theft 4/2/2014 12:23:41 PM 20400

BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect(s) takes property from victim's

unattended purse/cash Auto Theft 4/2/2014 10:40:00 AM 2900

BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '03 Chevrolet Tahoe Auto Theft 4/2/2014 2:10:57 AM 2000

BLOCK 161ST ST Stolen vehicle: '00 Acura Integra

Burglary-Commercial 4/2/2014 5:00:00 AM 4100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect(s) forces open window and takes property/TV

Theft 4/1/2014 8:35:00 PM 19300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) takes property from rear of location/ bales of cardboard

Theft 4/1/2014 4:30:00 PM 3500 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property

from carport/ bicycle Theft 4/1/2014 4:40:00 AM 2500 BLOCK

DESCANSO WAY Suspect(s) cuts cable and takes property/

cable provider amplifier **Theft** 4/1/2014 4:40:00 AM 17500

BLOCK PURCHE AVE Suspect(s) cuts cable and takes property/

cable provider amplifier **Theft** 4/1/2014 4:40:00 AM 17500

BLOCK DAPHNE AVE Suspect(s) cuts cable and takes property/ cable provider amplifier

Theft 4/1/2014 4:40:00 AM 2200 BLOCK DESCANSO WAY

Suspect(s) cuts cable and takes property/ cable provider amplifier

Theft 4/1/2014 4:40:00 AM 2200 BLOCK **DESCANSO WAY**

Suspect(s) cuts cable and takes property/ cable provider amplifier

Vandalism 4/1/2014 2:20 AM 3700 BLOCK MICHELLE DR

Suspect(s) slashes victim's vehicle's tires **Burglary-Auto** 3/31/2014 6:23 PM 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/purse

Burglary-Auto 3/31/2014 6:45:00 PM 2700 BLOCK SKYPARK DR

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/briefcase

Theft 3/31/2014 2:30:00 PM 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspect(s) takes property off of table while victim is distracted/ cell phone

Burglary-Residential 3/31/2014 4:45:00 PM 4200 BLOCK CALLE MAYOR

Suspect(s) attempts to pry open window/ no entry, no loss •

Veterans to be Honored at 55th Annual Armed Forces **Day Celebration & Parade**

Beginning Friday, May 16, 2014, through Sunday, May 18, 2014, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 55th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade – the City's longest standing tradition. Each year, the city honors a different military branch; this year highlights the United States Navy. Grand Marshal, Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 17, 2014, that will begin at 1:30 pm.

Military Exhibits: Vehicles and support equipment on display outside the Public Safety Center in the east parking lot at the Del Amo Fashion Center (Mall Entrance 11), Friday May 16, 2014, from 10 am to 7 pm; Saturday May 17, 2014, from 3 to 8 pm; and on Sunday May 18, 2014, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Free Concert: The Navy Band Southwest will perform for free at the James Armstrong Theatre on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets will be available at the Box Office on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 beginning at 10 am. There is a limit of four tickets per adult (18+). Ticket holders must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to concert time. There will be a line available for empty seats beginning

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Sports

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Warriors Pioneer League Stint Ends

By Adam Serrao

Never have the West High Warriors been so thankful to be on the verge of their first league game and done with visiting teams from the Pioneer League. Their rivals from around Torrance have been giving them a hard time this year, starting with the North High Saxons on through the South High Spartans and recently ending with the Torrance Tartars. All in all, the Warriors have lost three games to their foes from the same city, being outscored by a total of 21-7. That trend didn't change last Wednesday night at Kendall Field in Torrance, as the Warriors called it quits against the Pioneer League for the foreseeable future this season with an 11-1 loss against the Tartars.

The Warriors hate the Pioneer League so much that they even lost to a team named "Pioneer" earlier in the season by a final score of 4-2. Warriors head coach Juan Cueva and company are hoping to have better luck against their own Bay League opponents once league play begins this Wednesday, but in the meantime they have to deal with what has already happened in the past. Speaking of the past, Torrance has beaten West in five of the past six meetings between the two teams, so things weren't necessarily looking good from the outset in this one. They certainly didn't get any better either once Manny Olloque stepped to the plate in the bottom of the third inning. "I was just looking for a pitch I could drive," Olloque explained. "Fortunately, he left a ball up and I hit it." Olloque didn't just hit it--he crushed it over the left field wall for a grand slam that served to break the game open at 4-0 before the inning ended with a 5-0 Tartars lead. With Kyle Smith on the mound for the Tartars, West never would quite rebound.

Smith only allowed five hits on the day, including a double by Jackson Cooper and a run scored in the top of the seventh inning when Nathan Santiago singled Cooper home. "We couldn't figure out their lefty," Cueva said. "He did a great job mixing up his pitches and he blew it by the guys he could blow it by." In total, Smith blew it by 11 guys on the day, walking only three. "I think getting ahead in the count, getting started early and having command of my fastball were the keys for me," Smith said. "My off-speed pitches were good as well." Pretty much all of Smith's pitches were good in this matchup, as Olloque experienced the same success at the plate. In addition to his grand slam, Olloque sparked another five-run inning in the bottom of the fourth with an RBI double to make the day going three for four with six RBIs and his grand slam home run.

The Warriors (7-9) now look forward to taking their young group of players into league play this Wednesday when they open up a two-game set against the Mira Costa Mustangs. Torrance (10-7), winners of three out of their last four, will look to keep the ball rolling against Pioneer League favorites South High (11-5), when the two open up league play on Wednesday as well. Now is the time when teams begin making their runs towards the top of the division. Both Torrance and South expect to be right there in the race once all is said and done this year.

South High

The South High Spartans have the most wins in the Pioneer League leading up to league play, but the Peninsula Panthers did their part to stunt South's advances last Thursday afternoon in Palos Verdes. There wasn't much scoring in this one, but Peninsula was able to get on the board first and when it mattered most. Max Green hit a two-run double in the bottom of the second inning to put his team ahead for good in the game, helping himself out in the process. Green also pitched six innings of one-hit ball, allowing just one run on four hits with no walks and seven strikeouts. The Spartans' lone run of the day came in the top of the sixth inning when Kyle Henmi reached base on a single. Henmi would advance on a balk, steal third and later score on a sacrifice fly by JB Guyton.

The one run wasn't enough for the Spartans, as they ultimately took the loss behind another strong outing from starting pitcher Matt Mogollon. Mogollon threw another complete game, his fifth of the season in just six starts, and allowed just two runs on four hits with three strikeouts.

North High

The North High Saxons started off league play with a split series against Centennial, dropping the first game of two but taking the second by a final score of 12-5. The Bay League's Redondo Union was next on the schedule for North, with a two-game set on Tuesday. Unlike West High, the Bay League's Redondo team was able to counter their Pioneer League foes with a two-game sweep, taking the first of two with a 7-5 win and ending the series with a 3-0 shutout. North and head coach Mike Demaria are still tied for first atop the Pioneer League division with Centennial, but with league play starting soon, the Saxons must be semi-faultless in order to keep that top seed in a division full of hungry competitors. •

Worst Season Ever?

Bv Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Lakers have made history. That's a sentence that all Laker fans are accustomed to hearing, what with their 16 championship trophies, 31 conference titles, 23 division titles and nine retired numbers. These Lakers, though...the Lakers that made history two Sunday nights ago when they played against their inner-stadium rivals, the Los Angeles Clippers, won't be garnering any such honors this year. With a 120-97 blowout at the hands of the Clippers--the team's fourth blowout in as many tries versus their neighbors this year--the Lakers matched a franchise record that, frankly, nobody can remember and nobody wants to remember. In taking their 52nd loss of the season, the Lakers repeated history in what only the 1974-'75 Lakers could equal, tying them for the worst record in franchise history. Such a horrific season only begs the question: is this the Lakers' worst season ever?

The Lakers' worst season ever did not stop at 52 losses. The purple and gold had no problem racking up numbers 53 and 54 in the two games immediately after against Houston and Golden State respectively. The Lakers aren't just losing. They are allowing epic performances to their opponents, such as the 49-point third quarter given up to the Rockets en route to a 145-point output. "We talk about schemes and different ways to play things," Laker guard Jordan Farmar explained. "But it just seems like guys on other teams score too easily. It just comes down to heart. It comes down to pride. Guys have to want it." Apparently, the Lakers have no heart, pride or want-to, because the 145-point output that Houston enjoyed wasn't the only laughable defensive effort displayed this year. They've also given up over 130 points to the Denver Nuggets on two separate occasions, 132 points to the New Orleans Pelicans and another 134 points to the Rockets earlier this year. This year, the Lakers had allowed over 100 points on 62 different occasions (as of three games left in the regular season).

With their 54th loss of the season against the Golden State Warriors, the Lakers pushed the cellar even further down in what has been the franchise's worst statistical season in history. The '57-'58 Minneapolis Lakers lost 53 times in what was, at the time, only a 72-game season. The Lakers and their head coach Mike D'Antoni certainly wish that this season had only been 72 games long for a club that will miss the playoffs for just the third time since 1976. "It's like Winston Churchill said," remarked D'Antoni. ""If you're in hell, just keep your head down and keep going." There certainly aren't any heads raised high on this year's Lakers team,

including that of their head coach, and the body language of the club doesn't seem to insist that there is any glimmer of hope or shining light in what has been an otherwise completely tumultuous season. "You weather it because you weather it," continued D'Antoni. "It's not the greatest thing in the world, but you put your head down and keep going. It's up to the franchise to decide what direction they want to go, and then you go with it. I'm okay with whatever. I'm just going to do the best job that I can do."

For a head coach that's "okay with whatever," it has certainly shown in the standings and in the effort that he has put into running the team this year. Apparently the "best job" that D'Antoni can do gets the Lakers their worst record in franchise history. The front office, as well as Laker fans everywhere, must be asking themselves if they want a coach who is so blasé about everything back in charge for next season or for any of the years to come. No final decision has been made on D'Antoni's future, but the coach does have one year worth almost \$4 million left on his contract with the Lakers. That hasn't stopped the Lakers from cutting ties with coaches in the past (Mike Brown), but D'Antoni is extremely close to Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchack (who just received a contract extension) and may just be given one more year to head a team that remains in limbo during some of the worst times in franchise history.

One bad season certainly doesn't mean that the Los Angeles Lakers are destined for failure for the foreseeable future. Every team goes through ups and downs and like the old saying goes, it has to get worse before it gets better. Take the Clippers, for example. The Clippers have lost at least 52 games in a season 22 times since the team came into existence in the 1970-71 season. Even if the Lakers ended up losing out and dropping every game remaining in the season to finish with 57 losses on the year, all they have to do is look across the hallway to see that the Clippers have accomplished such a feat 13 times in their history. Sure, this year is bad. It's the worst year ever for the Lakers, as a matter of fact. But in keeping things in perspective, it can't get much worse from here. This turbulent Laker season will ultimately come to a close and the team will begin digging itself out of its tomb come the offseason. Eventually, sooner rather than later, this proud franchise of 16 championships will get back on track. Who knows, this year's draft might one day even provide another jersey number to add to those retired by the team, hanging in the rafters. If you're a Laker fan this year, all you can do now is hope. •





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TerriAnn of Torrance

Baker to Vegas Every Year

By TerriAnn Ferren

When I hear the phrase Baker to Vegas, I have visions of police officers running through the desert but I never knew why they ran the race or for how many years the race has been held. This prompted me to visit with Torrance Sergeant Robert (Bob) Watt, Chief's Adjutant, and Sergeant Ryan Peterson, Research and Training. Was I in for a surprise! Bob and Ryan acted as co-captains of the race this year and Ryan was an alternate runner on call. The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay began 30 years ago in 1985 by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, Inc., and the Torrance Police officers have entered a team in the race (which begins on a Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and finishes on Sunday between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.) for 28 years, missing only the first two. This year, out of 262 Law Enforcement Agencies, the Torrance team finished 13th overall--and first in their division for the fifth year in a row! That is six minutes faster than last year and the fastest ever in 28 years! That is remarkable considering the size of our department competing against huge departments in this 120-mile footrace. "It is more to build morale and camaraderie amongst the troops and promote physical fitness," said Bob. But another incentive developed in 2010 when Officer Steve Kroesen died of cancer. "Steve was an officer here and we went through his battle with him and the year he died was the year we decided we're gonna run this race for Steve. That was in 2010. We were gonna fight as hard as he did and that was the first year we won our division and we haven't lost since," said Ryan. Since then, Torrance has been TEAM KRO.

In the beginning the number of teams participating was small, but the race has grown to international proportions including teams from as far away as Canada and New Zealand. Another great thing about the race is that rank and age are thrown right out the window. The desert is the great leveler and everyone works as a team in their unit.



Team KRO is named after Torrance Police Officer Steve Krosen, who passed away from cancer in August 2009.

the school (grades K-12) in the town of Baker, California. The school has been most accommodating from the beginning, so a monetary donation is made to the campus every year from the team. This year, over \$10,000 was donated even though the race now begins 25 miles north of Baker on Highway 27. The 120-mile route travels along Highways 178, 372 and 160, finishing inside the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

I asked to see a map of the course and it became obvious why every team has 20 runners (plus alternates). It is because of the length of the race. There are 20 points designated on the map where a change in runner occurs. This is where the baton they are carrying is handed off to the next runner. I imagined lots of runners in marathon style all crunched together running down a road,

but I was wrong. I asked Bob how the race is organized and he told me that each runner runs one leg of the race, and alternates step in if needed. Not all the lengths are the same distance. Sergeant Peterson told me the logistics of getting the runners to their assigned spot involves a lot of planning.

The starting race times are staggered and the course takes 14 hours and 44 minutes to complete. This year, Torrance's start time was 5 p.m. on Saturday. Faster teams start at the end, so everyone ends the race around the same time.

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Runners technically finish every two to three minutes

Bakerto Vegas Challenge C
Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

during a four-hour period. As you can imagine, the highway gets pretty congested with all the vehicles. No, the roads don't close--so it's obvious why the race takes place on remote highways. And remember, this is the desert, so the temperatures can be brutal. This year the high was 85 degrees, which was much cooler than last year's sweltering 107 degrees. The runners run through the night and the desert can get cold. Each runner is assigned a 'leg' of the race and must coordinate how to get there and be ready to run and accept the baton an hour before they actually take off. Most of the runners use a sort of buddy system with a 'follow vehicle.' The runners are competitive so the follow cars make sure the runner is safe, hydrated and not pushing him/herself too much. Ryan explained, "They have it very

well organized and there are a lot of rules. You have to have a follow vehicle and a whole list of rules on equipment. It [the vehicle] has to have rotating amber lights on the back and reflective stuff and you have to be behind your runner protecting him. They have motorcycle officers--not police officers per se, but basically race safety officers that are going up and down the course the entire race looking for violations, making sure everyone's abiding by the rules. And runners have to wear reflective vests that



Lieutenant Scott Doukakis of El Segundo PD. Photo by TerriAnn

have blinking lights. If you go out there it looks chaotic, but it really is a well-oiled machine." Can you imagine all the teams running in this remote area?

"We couldn't do this without our

sponsors. Our main sponsors are the TPOA [Torrance Police Officers Association], which pays the entry fee every

> year; Village Runner; Van Lingen Towing; Pelican Products; Martin Chevrolet; Albertsons; Dr. James Deutsch; Dr. Stuart Gold; South Bay BMW; and California Barber," said Bob. Bob has been involved with the race for 20 years. He

has gotten faster as the years have gone by and planning the race is 10 times more work than running in it. But the runners do a great job and their results show all their hard work. And they do this completely voluntarily and train on their own time. "The first

Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Badge.
Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.
on their own time. "The first year I participated was in 2001 and only one year since then I a can imagine, have not either been a runner or alternate or

co-captain," said Ryan.

Both Ryan and Bob told me this isn't your 'typical Vegas vacation,' so they usually don't bring their families because they



Team 2014. Photo by Christina Szczypkowski

hardly see them. Either they are running the race, driving one of the follow cars, or shuttling the runners, which leaves little family time. The awards ceremony takes place Sunday night in the Convention Center and winners are presented with giant mugs and plaques, and of course, bragging rights on their place. Sergeants Watt and Peterson both said their challenge is to be in the top 10 overall, regardless of how big the other departments happen to be. Ryan explained, "We are in what is called the '300 Division' with 300 or fewer sworn personnel and have won our division the last five years in a row!" Bob added, "Ultimately, we're working together. It's satisfying when you see the end result - the successes we have had over the last five years especially."

Ryan continued, "I do it for the same reason I became a police officer. The reason I got into law enforcement is just 'cuz I was played sports my whole life and was always part of a team and it was really important to me and was something I didn't want to give up when I was done with college, so law enforcement ended up being a great fit. A police officer is part of a team and competing and so the same kind of thing is rolled up in one weekend." He went on to say, "I don't want to embarrass him, but Bob has got to get 99.9 percent of the credit... Bob has been the driving force. This is a lot of work...there isn't anyone above Bob saying, 'Hey, make it happen,' and Bob is the guy on the phone begging sponsors and making sure we have runners."

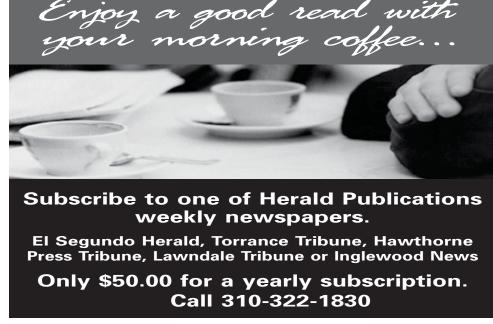
But as soon as those words left Ryan's mouth, Bob chimed in, "But it doesn't matter what I do because it's the runners--because they could walk the race and I'd still have to do the same stuff. We finish in the mix with large, large agencies!"

Listening to the history and explanation of the Baker to Vegas Relay, I finally understood why the teams run and how the race operates. Little did I know that one day later I would run into members of another team just as dedicated and determined as Sergeant Peterson and Sergeant Watt. Lieutenant Scott Doukakis and Sergeant Rex Fowler of the El Segundo

> Police Department both ran in the Baker to Vegas Relay. Scott told me, "This is the 10th year we have been involved and it wasn't as hot--in the mid-80s. We came in third in our division, which is the 99 and under for police departments--which is fantastic. We cut an hour and a half off last year's time." Scott ran 6.1 miles and told me it was a team effort. Rex added, "I ran it nine times. Now I do it out of stubbornness. It's always hard and I always feel as I am running as hard as I can. The guys worked so hard. Kim [his wife] goes along and she is my whole support team--picks me up, drops

me off, makes sure everything is good. She takes care of me. Especially a department like ours, it's so small. Out of a 60-man department, we have to have 20 guys run, plus extra runners, alternates and working all the extra shifts. It's a complete team effort and I think it's fantastic our department can do that." Yes, I agree. Bravo!

The same words were coming out of the El Segundo team as I heard from the Torrance team and I imagine the same would be true for any other team I questioned. Somehow I don't think I will be able to pass Baker now without thinking of the yearly race in the spring where police departments come together for a friendly, but very competitive race in the desert. Baker to Vegas, baby. •



Business Briefs

The Sky is the Limit – Toberman Gala Event By TerriAnn Ferren

"The Sky is the Limit" was the theme of this year's very special Toberman Neighborhood Center's Gala held at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. Former NBA player and Hall



Lakers Spanish Television Play-by-Play Announcer Adrian Marquez, with his wife Erica, and Ron Kovic at the Toberman Gala Fundraiser.



Kareem Abdul Jabbar addressing the 500 plus attendees at the Annual Toberman Gala held at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was honored and Stu Lantz, Lakers announcer, was master of ceremonies. The Bill Sharman Humanitarian Award was inaugurated and presented to Jacqueline Glass. Over 500 guests attended the special event, which was planned by Joyce Sharman. A silent and live auction raised funds for this non-profit started in 1903 by James Toberman, two-time Mayor of Los Angeles. Toberman now runs out of San Pedro.

Pacific Lutheran High School Celebrates Building Additions



Principal Lucas Fitzgerald cuts the ribbon at Pacific Lutheran High School along with students, faculty and guests from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and Lomita Chamber of Commerce. Located at 2814 Manhattan Beach Blvd. in Gardena, this Christian high school celebrated their many improvements including additional rooms, a science laboratory, library, multi-media room, I-Mac lab, academic advising and college planning center and a gymnasium. Additional info at www.pacificlutheranhigh.com, (310) 538-6863. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.



City of Torrance Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft also showed up to congratulate Principal Lucas Fitzgerald and his colleagues on a job well done

Bonnie Barchichat's Senior Comedy Afternoons

Bonnie Barchichat's Senior Comedy Afternoons will be holding auditions for performers on Wednesday, April 23, 7-830pm at Starlight Studio, 1425 Marcelina Ave. in Downtown Torrance. They are looking for comedians who have a unique perspective on aging, over 50 and can make senior and "boomer" audiences laugh. Humor must be clean and clever. There will be a 10 minute audition and please bring a headshot and resume if available. Performance date and venue to be determined. Contact: Bonnie Barchichat, (714) 914-2565, bonnie@seniorcomedyafternoons.com

Former Burn Patients Join in Celebration of Survival



Members of the Torrance Memorial Burn Center staff, past and present, celebrated 40 years of care for burn victims in the South Bay. At its founding in 1973, Torrance Memorial's Burn Center was playfully named "7th Heaven" because of its location on the seventh floor of the hospital. The Center provides specialized care for hundreds of survivors of residential and industrial fires and accidents each year and is staffed by a highly trained multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers and more—all committed to helping patients through each phase of recovery. •

Intent on Youth

college and career planning will start at the middle school level.

Superintendent Mannon wants to create more opportunities to connect students to real world career pathways. He recalled a job shadowing program in another district. A group of students were placed in a job shadowing

to develop realistic, long-range goals for college and career in order to be successful. While students might do research and discover what education or skills are required for a specific career, it is more important for them to know what the daily and weekly routine of a job may demand. Real world

from front page

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program in health care. One student was placed with a doctor and when asked why he wanted to become a doctor, the student responded with, "Because they look cool and drive nice cars." As the evening progressed, the doctor was interrupted by his pager going off. The doctor explained to the student that he had to leave for an emergency surgery that could possibly take eight hours. Then he was expected to show up for his regular shift at the hospital at nine in the morning. It was already late in the evening. This was an eye opener for the aspiring doctor.

Dr. Mannon hopes to enhance students' access to career education through similar experiences. It is essential for students

career education early on is helpful in making good, practical choices in successfully planning for the future.

TUSD currently has many career partnerships in place. However, it is always looking to expand existing programs and look for new corporate and business partners to give students access to new career options.

Mannon's educational policy follows his personality. He appears to be a great American thinker like Thomas Jefferson or Ralph Waldo Emerson. He is a bit of an individualist himself, fitting in to the diverse culture of Torrance. "As we focus on the needs of the individual," he explained, "we understand we

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th Easter approaching I thought it would be nice to teach you all how to make a nice roast beef. This is a very easy process, but can be messed up even éasier. The tricks are simple

1. Make sure you season the roast liberally. 2. Make sure the roast has a 1/4 inch fat cap on it. You don't want it to be trimmed completely. The fat will keep it moist and rich. 3. Cook slowly in a convection oven to ensure even heat at 350°.

4. Don't over cook. You can always cook it more for someone who wants it well done. 5. When the internal thermometer reads 115° then turn up the oven to 450° for 15

min or till internal temperature is 120°. 6. Let the roast rest or sit out of the oven for 10 min before carving.

The Chef

and how to bang them by Chef Shafer

Roast Beef **Seasoning Mix**



Ingredients

1/2 cup kosher salt 1/4 cup coarse ground black pepper 1/4 cup granulated garlic

Directions

1.) Mix together and store in a dry spot till you use it.

2.) Rub the entire roast with the seasoning. Set it in a roasting pan then take some more seasoning and layer it on the fat cap to form a crust when it roasts.

3.) This amount will be enough for an 8 to 10 pound roast.



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The man with the slicked-back hair, the mustache and goatee, and the glowing red eyes knows a great deal about the human condition. Knowing today's popular leaders don't use their names--just their initials--he goes by BLZ-Bub.

He knows too that to retain his popularity, he needs a stage or platform where members of the social media can find him 24/7. So he created a comedy club painted completely

cheeks, BLZ continued, "Know how Obamacare got to 7.1 million signups? Easy, they cancelled 4.7 million private policies, so that when enrollees 're-upped' under Obamacare, they were counted anew. That's like running a 26-mile marathon and being spotted just nine miles from the finish line. The first 17 miles were a 'gimme.' Cool, no?

"Then, "continued BLZ, "Obama crowed that since last October Medicaid enrollment grew by three million. But isn't that too few? Given

"Only problem is that the Obama Administration pays its female employees only 88 percent as much as men."

black--a place where performers can reflect the theater of the absurd that is required to live in Obama's America.

Beginning his shtick, he begins: "Hey, hey, folks, did you hear that the Exalted One issued another Executive Order? He proclaimed that it is illegal for companies doing business with the U.S. government to discriminate against women by paying them less than men. Moreover, he encouraged women to rise up and openly oppose discrimination by those Simon Legrees, those exploiters of women. So far, so good, right? Only problem is that the Obama Administration pays its female employees only 88 percent as much as men.

So since this declaration is now the law of the land, should female government employees demonstrate, assemble and compare their salaries and benefits to their male counterparts? His voice rising, BLZ exhorted, "Rise up, you women! Throw off those yokes of tyranny, just the way Community Organizers dating all the way back to Saul Alinsky have begged you to do."

Covering his mike to keep from losing his composure, with tears of laughter rolling down his

the fact that, under Obama's economic policies there are 46 million living below the poverty line, shouldn't even more people be enrolled under this healthcare version of welfare? In Obama's America, an economic tragedy is a welfare victory.

To thunderous applause, BLZ hits his performance peak: "Here's Obamacare's news of the week. Since the initial sign-up period ended on March 31, most people cannot buy health insurance until the next sign-up period begins in January 2015! That's right, unless you experience a life-changing event, like you were hit by a truck, you are frozen out of the government insurance marketplace. So much for reaching the goal of universal health insurance."

As BLZ-Bub reveals, life in Obama's America is a tragicomic place. Government rules don't apply to government. Finagling statistics is normal. Freezing insurance enrollment is a way to encourage enrollment. Up is down, left is right...literally and figuratively.

So come one, come all. Giggle and cry at the BLZ-Bub Comedy Club, Obama's America in microcosm. •

Another Man's Opinion

GOP Continues to Promote a **Culture of Inequality**

By Cristian Vasquez

Once again members of the GOP, in all their infinite wisdom, decided that a certain segment of the population should be treated different for reasons that only make sense to people within their ranks. On April 9, Senate Republicans blocked Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski's Paycheck Fairness Act. The act sought to reduce workplace discrimination against women specifically with regards to equal pay. Democrats are claiming that Republicans oppose the bill and equal pay for equal work while Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell argues that the bill has more to do with the opposition pandering to the left than with providing equal pay for women. The truth is that the bill would make it difficult for employers to pay women less than men through additional regulations. In addition, it would make it easier for wronged workers to sue.

Sen. McConnell and his Neanderthal Republican colleagues can try to paint the Paycheck Fairness Act as no more than an attempt by the Democratic Party to satisfy the left, but their opposition to this act is proof that the right appreciates some good old-fashioned discrimination. That is very frustrating coming from a group that prides itself in working hard to earn one's share without special treatment. Yet, they are absolutely fine with having men earn more money for the exact same work that women complete. It is evident that any form of special treatment only disturbs these Republican Senators

when it does not benefit their best interest.

In the end, 44 Senators refused to allow a dialogue to take place. Every voting Republican was against all efforts to continue working on the measure. The message to women from the right is clear: no matter how hard they work, or how good they are at their jobs, women do not deserve the same pay as their male colleagues. During the past three election years, the Democrats have addressed the issue of equal pay for women and Republicans have opposed the idea each time. It is hard to understand why a group of well-educated individuals think in such a manner.

It is unfortunate that such misogynistic attitudes within the right continue to thrive, despite the significant amount of successful women in the Republican Party's ranks. Not even the possibility that such a law would benefit fellow GOP members was enough for these Senators to take the time to discuss the merits behind the act. I understand that we all think of the past fondly, but the Republican leaders have a fascination with only the bad elements of the past such as denying everyone equal access. These Senators are a disgrace to our modern society and they are committing a disservice to the voters. I hope that the younger Republicans rising through the party's ranks don't carry with them these same attitudes. As a country, we will only move forward at a much slower pace if we continue to allow for such discrimination thrive. •

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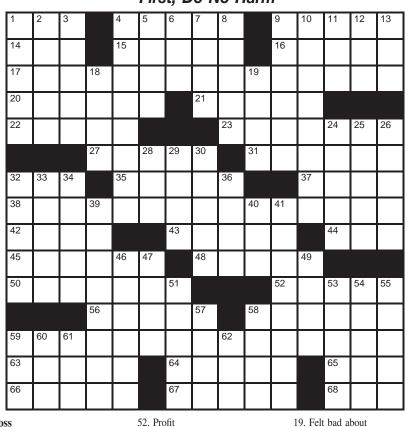
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- 32. Indian state
- 33. Bay of Naples isle

24. Strong liquors, var.

25. Adjust, as laces

26. 1545 council site

- 34. Olympic swimmer Janet
- 36. "Brave New World" drug
- 39. Vastness
- 40. Dewy
- 41. Titled peer
- 46. One who goes
- 47. Hamlet, e.g.
- 49. Christmas season 51. Theoretical physicist
- 53. Catlike critter
- 54. New Delhi salad
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- 58. Construction site sight
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Last Week's Answers

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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.

Intent on Youth

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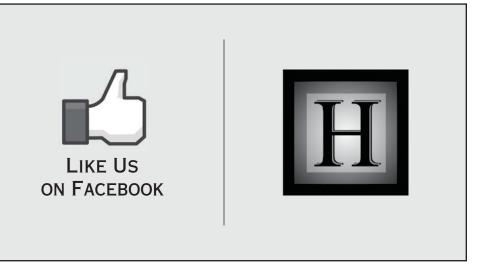
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are one piece of a complete puzzle."

In 2005, Mannon was appointed Superintendent of schools in the Torrance Unified School District. His career spans over forty years as an educator. He has worked at every level, from teacher to principal to superintendent. His work has reached across the United States from coast to coast. He earned a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree in history from Marshall University in West Virginia and a doctorate in education administration from Arizona State University. He has served as superintendent of California public schools for a combined time of about twenty years.

Superintendent Mannon not only believes in leadership and community service as a part of a successful career, but practices it as the member of several community organizations such as the Torrance Del Amo Rotary Club, Torrance YMCA, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

Many students in the TUSD aspire to be educational leaders. Imagine the real world education they might learn from a job shadowing placement with their own Superintendent Dr. George Mannon. •



will have to continue to adapt and evolve to the challenges of policing in the future. "Chief, as in the case of your predecessors, you are given the accomplishments and tools they have developed before you," said Jackson. "You now define the vision and will be responsible for setting and maintaining the course for the department for its future to be given to your successor."

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As a manager who rose from the rank of cadet to Police Chief, Matsuda said he and the department's command staff will continue to look for ways to support everyone that makes up the police force. He will also continue the intensive training regimen and look for ways to improve life for the people that make up the department. "To the sworn and civilian men and women of our department, I can assure you that along with my command staff, we'll listen to your input and support you with the best training, equipment and work environment to allow you to perform, develop and flourish in the profession," said Matsuda.

Despite his interim role, Matsuda was only one of six potential candidates considered by the City. The field narrowed after an internal exam, which put Matsuda on top, although Jackson said everyone considered for the position showed remarkable qualities. "Thanks to Chief Neu for giving me a cadre of most

qualified managers for this appointment," said Jackson. "The depth and quality of the candidates speak well for the strengths of the department and for its future."

Matsuda was proud to be appointed by Jackson, who has a long history of serving the City. He vowed to continue his predecessor's spirit of collaboration and openness with the heads of the other City departments. "It's really a great honor to be appointed by such an iconic city manager who has been a leader in the region for so many years," said Matsuda. "I look forward to a continued working relationship with our executive staff and City departments."

The position of Police Chief is historically important to the City of Torrance. The City's first employee was a Marshal who acted as the City's first Police Chief. Now Scotto said Matsuda is the 12th person to serve as Police Chief in the history of Torrance. In addition to the historical relevance of the position, it's also important to Scotto--as early in his political career, he helped swear-in Neu and now he has the chance to do the same for Matsuda. "I'm so blessed to be able to do things like this," said Scotto. "When I came here, I was part of the ceremony for Chief Neu at the and now at the end of my term as Mayor, I get to be part of the ceremony for you [Matsuda]." •

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Fictitious Business 2014054943

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. JUMP START CPR. TRAINING 2. JUMP START CPR TRAINING CENTER. 20809 BRIGHTON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90501. Registered Owner(s): Maria D Barajas 20809 Brighton Ave Torrance, Los Angeles, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: February 28, 2014. Signed: Maria D Barajas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 28, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082844

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOPHORT ENTERPRISES BEACH, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): Sheila Ennis, 213 N. Dianthus Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Sheila Ennis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 27, 2014.

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Fictitious Business 2014094894

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. COOKIE ZOMBIE. 2. THE SWEET BAR. 725 SIERRA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Natasha Nguyen, 725 Sierra Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: February 01, 2013. Signed: Natasha Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April

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May 01, 08, 2014, H-1080,

Fictitious Business 2014077030

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PREMIER CONSULTING SOLUTIONS. 3241 FLOWER STREET, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Registered Owner(s): Jose Manuel Villegas, 3241 Flower Street, Lynwood, CA 90262 This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: March 01, 2014. Signed: Jose Manuel Villegas, Owner This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March

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Fictitious Business 2014082177

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. RED WILLOW following FOOTWEAR. 2. RED WILLOW. 2660 COLUMBIA STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Registered Owner(s): Shoes West, Inc, 2660 Columbia Street, Torrance, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registran commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: William R Langrell, Chief Operating Officer, Shoes West, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014080028

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. MAYEB PUBLICATIONS. 2. MAYEB CONSULTING. 1369 E GRAND AVE UNIT D, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Bonnie M Maye, 1369 E Grand Ave Unit D, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Bonnie M Maye, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082858

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS. 1. HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAMS. 2. HSS CONSULTANTS. 3. GERM BUSTER PRODUCTS. 6475 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY #162, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Registered Owner(s): Rebecca Martinez, 6475 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. 162, Long Beach, CA 90803. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Rebecca Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March

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Fictitious Business 2014080029

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ESHS JA. 640 MAIN STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 1369 E GRAND AVE UNIT D, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Bonnie M Maye, 1369 E Grand Ave Unit D, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Bonnie M Maye Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 25, 2014

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Fictitious Business 2014092709

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. BWA. 2. BIG WORLD ALLIANCE. 16514 KRISTIN AVE CA 90504. Owner(s): Big World Alliance, Inc., 16514 Kristin Ave., Torrance, CA 90504. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Big World Alliance, Inc., President, Jerry H. Cohen. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 7, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 7, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
Torrance Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 2014

and May 01, 2014. HT-1077.

Fictitious Business 2014080609

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AKA BEAUTIFUL. 3525 W. CARSON 276, TORRANCE, CA 90503. 1469 CORONADO AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. Registered Owner(s): 1. Rosalba Barrera, 1469 Coronado Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. 2. Maria G Barrera, 1469 Coronado Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Rosalba Barrera, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 26, 2014

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Torrance Tribune: April 03, 10, 17, 24, 2014. HT-1072.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014092522

following person(s) doing business as BRAND HADDEN CONSULTING. 2928 KNOXVILLE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. Registered Owner(s): Naomi Hadden, 2928 Knoxville Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Naomi Hadden, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 7, 2014.

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Torrance Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 26,

2014 and May 01, 2014. HT-1078.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082339

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GATEWAY DAY CARE AND HOME PRESCHOOL. 4609 SEPULVEDA BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Registered Owner(s): 1. Nayana Niranjalee Wijetunge, 4609 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505. 2. Sarath Wijetunge Weda Arachchige, 4609 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed Nayana Niranjalee Wijetunge, Co-owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014092537

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FABULOUS GRILL. 12829 CRENSHAW BLVD HAWTHORNE CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Helenstar Corp, 12829 Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A Signed: Helenstar Corp, President, Sonia Contreras This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 7, 2014.

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Hawthorne Press Tribune: April 10, 17, 24 2014 and May 1, 2014. **HH-1079**.



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15 minutes prior to the scheduled start times. Parade: Parade will begin May 17, 2014, at 1:30 pm and run westbound along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at City Hall.

Parade Route Street Closures May 17, 2014: 7 am - Arlington Ave between Marcelina Ave. and Post Ave., El Prado Ave. between Carson St. and Cravens Ave. and Cravens Ave. between Torrance Blvd and Marcelina Ave.

9 am - All entryways into Civic Center complex off Torrance Blvd.: Madrona Ave., Maple Ave. and Civic Center Drive.

10 am - Fashion Way between Madrona Ave. and the four-way stop on the west side of the Marriott Hotel.

11 am - Torrance Blvd. between Western and Crenshaw Blvd. (including all North and South side streets between Van Ness Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.). and Maricopa Street between Crenshaw Blvd. and Maple Ave.

12 noon - Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave. (including all north and south side streets between Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrona Ave.). and Northbound Madrona Ave. between Carson Street and Emerald Ave. and Southbound Madrona Ave. between Del Amo Blvd. and Carson Street

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Serenity was found as a stray with no collar and no microchip. This sweet little gal is about three years old and weighs 10 pounds. Serenity is a fantastic little dog, very mild-mannered and go-with-the-flow in her



Serenity is a tiny dog with a sweet personality.

personality. She is great with children and with all the dogs here at the rescue. What a love of a little dog! Serenity is spayed, has had a dental, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Jetta as pulled out of the Downey Shelter where she entered as a stray. She is a black and white beauty who is estimated to be around two years old. In her foster home, it has been very obvious Jetta has not been in a house much. The TV intrigues her, the oven scares her and the microwave ding puzzles her. We want Jetta to be a house dog and feel the love of being part of your



Jetta needs to get used to a new home.

home. She is currently learning to do her business outside, sleeps in a dog bed at night inside and is enjoying this comfort immensely. She has also learned to sit on command. Jetta is a very sweet dog. At this point in time, we would like to place her into an all-adult home and as an only dog until we learn more about her. Jetta is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Taylor is a darling little Dachshund/Jack Russell Terrier mix. She is a very uniquelooking little puppy with her cute airplane ears. Very loving and sweet, she will make a great family pet. Taylor is fine with all the other dogs here at the rescue and great with everyone in her foster home. She is completely housebroken, uses the doggie door, is crate-trained as well and loves to



Taylor is ready to be part of a big family. Come meet these and other dogs and puppies at this Saturday's adoption or at the Family Pet Expo, April 25-27 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

go for walks. Her best friend in her foster home is the cat--they roll all over the place playing together. Taylor is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

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Jonquil has beautiful, soft green eyes that are set off by her reddish Tabby fur that is streaked with black. She is a lovable girl who adores being petted. Jonquil is also confident and independent enough to be left alone and will be happy to play with you when you return. She would be great with an older dog or a calm one who will leave her alone, as she is perfectly happy to coexist with her foster home dog. Jonquil would be happy as an only cat or with a buddy who won't be intimidated by her. She is definitely an alpha cat who loves hefty, easygoing, docile male cats who won't ignore her, but also won't bug her. This gorgeous girl is very deserving of a loving home and is waiting for you come meet her and find out if that family if you!

Rabbits are delicate, exotic pets that can live up to 15 years. They are also wonderful companion animals...clean, sociable, and once neutered can easily be litter box trained. Daisy and her sister Lily are a pair of sister bunnies who are super-soft and love to be petted. They need some loving care to re-acclimate them. However, they are very sweet and will let you pick them up and hold them. Daisy and Lily spend lots of time grooming each other and absolutely must stay together! They are unsure around other animals, but could adjust to a calm kitty. Daisy and Lily have been spayed and microchipped and can't wait to have a bunny-loving home where they can get lots of love and attention.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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

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



Daisy and Lily are looking for a home together.

<u> Happy Tails</u>

Pebbles and Her New Home

Pebbles (aka Lilly) was intercepted along with her brother as their owner was dumping them off at the shelter. Now she loves being loved by her fur-ever family...

"I wanted to follow up and let you know pack. She is doing well and adapting. We had our pets' godparents over last night to meet the newest family member and they love her! We had six dogs here and she was great with all of them. She is such a

sweet baby. I was up three times last night taking her potty, but she did sleep straight from 12:30 to 6:15... Yay, LOL. I feel I will be sleep-deprived for a while. Oh well, this is what babies are all about. We are so we are loving Lilly! She fits perfect into our grateful to have her in our lives. Thank you again...-Erica."

> When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •





Pebbles gets lots of love from her new family.

Rea Estate

Cook Up Some Space in the Kitchen: Simple Solutions to Add Storage and Style to Your Home

(BPT) - The kitchen - it's the central hub of the home where we do homework, pay bills, charge electronics, surf the Web and cook up a meal or two. We spend hours in this core of the house, so it's not surprising that a recent survey from the Research Institute for Cooking and Kitchen Intelligence (RICKI) found that four out of five homeowners want to change something about their kitchen.

Whether the change you're seeking is a complete overhaul or a simple update, the following tips and projects can help turn your kitchen from cluttered and chaotic to clean and organized.

Conquer counters and cabinets

While you may not be able to add square footage to your kitchen, there are many ways to conquer clutter and make the room feel larger. Start by clearing off the countertops and placing small appliances or unnecessary items in cupboards or closets. Next, focus on the sink area. Add some fashion and function with a new single-handle pulldown or pullout faucet; and swap the dingy bottle of soap with a permanent soap dispenser.

Are you tired of the kitchen dish towels lying on the sink or countertop - or worse yet, the floor? Towel bars, towel rings and hooks are an ideal solution to provide a permanent and convenient home for this kitchen necessity. Other accessories, such as robe hooks, can also be used to hang potholders.

And, don't stop there. Create continuity throughout your updated space with new knobs and drawer pulls that complement your faucets and fixtures. Whether you prefer modern or something more traditional, there are many options available to extend your sense of design down to the details.

Creative Carts and Savvy Stools

Another option to make your kitchen feel more spacious is to invest in a rolling cabinet or cart. It can be used for storage (for example, hiding those small appliances) or serve as a kitchen island that, when not in use, can be stored in the pantry or closet. Hosting a family get-together or party? Use the rolling cart as your bar when entertaining guests.

Already have a kitchen island? To help save even more floor space, install swivel stools without backs. They are a great solution, as they can be neatly tucked away after a meal or when homework is done.

Drawer Storage

We often have good intentions when organizing our kitchen drawers, but let's face it - they're usually a mess! According to houzz.com, many homeowners are taking a new approach to kitchen drawer storage and solving space dilemmas by installing customized sliding drawers. One example is an under-sink sliding drawer which pulls out to provide easy access to cleaning supplies that often get lost behind the pipes.

Another popular addition is a built-in utensil drawer. Rather than using traditional horizontal drawers that lead to utensils being piled on and lost in the back, this vertical pullout features a variety of deep cups to hold serving ware. Or, for a more afford-

able solution, houzz recommends placing stainless steel pots in a deep empty drawer for a DIY solution.

Order in the house

Mail, iPads and keys ... oh my! Beyond the pots and pans, the kitchen becomes a dumping ground for everyday items. Instead of having all of your paperwork collect on your island or countertops, create a central command kitchen station complete with stylish baskets to hide clutter and built-in book shelves or mail slots to ensure everything has a proper place. If you have enough space, add a desk to offer a devoted area for paper storage - as well as a work center to pay bills or do school work. With a few simple projects, you can cook up some space in your kitchen and achieve maximum organization and style. •





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Beautiful Torrance Villa

This Mediterranean styled villa was the result of a \$500k remodel finished in 2009. It has the best curb appeal with exterior stone work, twin curved steps and mahogany double doors. This luxurious home has all high end upgrades including Marvin wood framed/aluminum clad, dual pane windows with security laminate glass. The kitchen is truly a chef's delight stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets, a walk in pantry, and granite counter tops. It also opens to a great dining/living/game room. Large ground floor theater room with a fireplace could also serve as a master bedroom in addition to 4 bedrooms upstairs and a total of 2.5 baths. Behind the motorized wooden gates is total privacy with room for RV/boat and plenty of parking.

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