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Weekend **Forecast** Friday

Torrance Babies Celebrate Heart Month with Red Hats



Baby Merrick Shamsid-Deen is one of approximately 200 babies born at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance who are receiving red hats knitted and crocheted by volunteers for the American Heart Association's new Little Hats, Big Hearts program, sponsored by Union Bank. The program, which began in Chicago in 2014 and debuts in Los Angeles this year, celebrates healthy babies and moms while raising awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of Americans; and congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country affecting at least 40,000 babies each year. During the month of February, the Little Hats, Big Hearts program provides handmade hats to newborn babies in more than 400 hospitals, including nine in Los Angeles County, in 40 states across the country in celebration of Heart Month. Baby Merrick with nurses Ari Meyers and Rena Kadiu. Photo Courtesy of the American Heart Association.•

Pastor's Mission to Prevent People from Going Hungry Continues to Grow

By Cristian Vasquez

Since 1981, Pastor John Ross Hernandez and New Challenge Ministries have been helping people in need of food. Since then, through the help and commitment of volunteers and generous donors, New Challenge Ministries has grown in ways Pastor John never imagined.

With the help of founder and Rev. Mark Flick and John Snider, New Challenge Ministries was created and the residential Discipleship program has been in operation ever since. Hernandez, who is now Senior Pastor, took

work accomplished by New Challenge and its volunteers, donors have grown to include local and national businesses such as Bristol Farms, Trader Joe's, Ralph's, Amazon Prime, Walmart, Odwalla, KFC, Starbucks, Restaurant Depot, Coco's, Pepsi, Pizza Hut and Yogurtland. With such a high volume of donations, food is distributed among many Torrance families, as well families associated with as AmVets, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Washington Prep High School, LA Southwest College, the Boys and Girls Club, several Homeless Distribution

Groups, day labor camps, foster children, military families and shelter organizations.

For Vincent Samuel, President West Athens Westmont Task Force, working throughout South Los Angeles helping families led him to New Challenge Ministries. It didn't take long for him to connect with Pastor John in the mission to help anyone in need. "We have chickens, hams, vegetables and clothing to give and I'm smiling the whole way through," Samuel said. "When you see a kid put something on, it's

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Heavy Rain/

Wind 59°/55°

Saturday Showers 62°/51°

Partly

Cloudy

62°/54°



over the daily operations in 1990 when Flick retired. However, the reputation of New Challenge Ministries has kept growing as more and more people reach out to the group for help. Unlike its beginnings when New Challenge was only capable of reaching a small group of individuals, things have significantly changed.

"I truly believe that the more donations that we receive from stores, the more we can help," Pastor John said. "Since there are so many people and other organizations calling us to help, distributing the food is no longer a such a challenge. When it comes time to distribute, we call around and let people know what we have and they will come pick up donations to help with distribution. Like the time we received 8,000 pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we were able to distribute within a 24-hour period."

In addition to providing food and clothing for families and children in need, New Challenge provides individualized programs and a structured environment for assisted individuals to transition back to sober living. Through the

What's Keeping People Away from Local Beaches?

By Rob McCarthy

The South Bay is shaped by the coastline, and so is the lifestyle in those communities. Locals choose to live here for the ocean views and the vibe that comes from living near the water. The beach belongs to every Californian. However, throngs of would-be visitors never come to visit, and now we know why.

"If you say 'California' to anybody, the coast or the beach is going to be one of the first things that pops into anyone's mind," said Jon Christensen, who just released the results of a statewide survey about what prevents Californians from enjoying the beaches. What Christensen and his co-researchers discovered is the state's beaches are beyond the budgets of many residents, especially people with lower incomes and families. Going to the beach costs money, the survey by UCLA and San Francisco State University found. They priced a day trip to the beach (almost \$37) and an overnight stay (\$605) and found those travel costs were way beyond what Californians were willing to pay to use the beach or stay a night. On average, people are willing to pay \$8.75 for parking and \$117 for overnight accommodations. Households making less than \$50,908 wanted to pay \$78 for overnight accommodations, limiting their options to flopping on a friend's couch or camping.

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<u>Calendar of Events</u>

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to marketing@heraldpublications.com. We take Visa and MasterCard.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- Propagation Society Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Teen Zone: Glistening Glycerin Gemstones, 3:30 PM., free, teens only, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Hoop Dreams, 4:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. - 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. - 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

- Friday Fun, 10:00 AM. 12:00 PM., free -donations accepted, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance City Hall CLOSED (All Day) • FUN-tastic Fridays: Leftover Valentine's Day Candy Craft, 4:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 18

- 37th South Bay Quilters Guild 2017 Quilt Show: World of Color, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM., Tickets: \$10, children under 10 are free, Toyota Meeting Hall, 3330 Civic Center Drive.
- Mini-Train Rides (Public Run Days), 12:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., donations accepted, Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Avenue.
- Annual Barbershop Show: Beau Jest, The Musical, 2:00 PM. & 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$25, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Face to the Sun, 8:00 PM., free, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. - 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. - 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

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MONDAY, FEB. 20

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- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve CLOSED.
- All Torrance Libraries CLOSED for Presidents' Day

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. - 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. - 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

- Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.

Letters

Found. Lost. Wish to Find Again.

While waiting in the busy cashier's line with my sister and niece in the early afternoon of 12/23/2016 at Vons Store, 4705 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, I observed an attractive woman adding to her cart. She fell into the line behind me. I noticed she wasn't wearing a ring, so I began a conversation with her. She was worried about being late getting back to work, so I offered to let her go ahead of us, but she declined. She asked me to watch her cart as she exchanged an avocado dip for a milder one. When she returned I began telling her some of my humor, which she seemed to enjoy. I told her I was visiting from Davis, CA. As I was about to leave to pay the cashier, this lady reached out and gently touched my arm. I would like so much to meet her again. She will remember the answer to my last question.

What do you call a Jewish store that specializes in llama burgers?

P.S. I am not married, no children and I am seeking a lifetime partner. G for Gerald. You can contact me via email: gindavis@dcn.org •

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- Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- 18th Annual TUSD Dance Collaboration Effort (West High Dance Dept.), 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$10, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. - 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8:00AM. 3:00 PM., free, 1317 Sartori Avenue, Call: 310-328-6107

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

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- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Stories in Art, 4:00 PM., - 6:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7163. •



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<u>Police Briefs</u>

Torrance PD Reports Major Traffic Collision

On February 13 at approximately 4:47 am, officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision in the 17500 block of Crenshaw Boulevard. On arrival, officers discovered that a 2011 Toyota Prius Taxi Cab had collided with a pedestrian in the northbound lanes of Crenshaw Boulevard. The initial investigation indicates the Toyota was traveling northbound in the number one lane of Crenshaw Boulevard when it collided with a pedestrian who was crossing eastbound, outside of a crosswalk in the 17500 block of Crenshaw Boulevard. The pedestrian, an unidentified male adult, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital where he was listed in grave condition. The driver of the vehicle, a 61 year-old male from Torrance, was not injured and alcohol was not a factor in the collision.

Crenshaw Boulevard was closed in both directions between Artesia Boulevard and 177th Street for approximately four hours during the course of the investigation. This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at 310-618-5557.

Injury Hit and Run in 20100 Block of Hawthorne Boulevard

On February 14 at 3:26 a.m., Torrance Police Department officers responded to

the report of a man down in the area of Hawthorne Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard. On arrival, officers discovered a severely injured pedestrian in the roadway who appeared to have been struck by a vehicle travelling southbound on Hawthorne Boulevard. The initial investigation indicates that an unknown type vehicle was traveling southbound on Hawthorne Boulevard when it collided with a pedestrian who was outside of a crosswalk in the 20100 block of Hawthorne Boulevard. The Pedestrian, a 51-year-old male, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital where he is listed in critical condition. The name of the injured pedestrian is being withheld pending the notification of family members.

Evidence at the scene has investigators believing that an unknown model vehicle, possibly dark gray in color, may have been involved. Police investigators believe the vehicle will likely have front end or windshield damage.

The southbound number three and four lanes of Hawthorne Boulevard were closed from Halison Street to Del Amo Boulevard for approximately five hours during the investigation.

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South Boys Soccer Holds off North for Title

By Adam Serrao

Things certainly got interesting down the stretch, but the South High boys' soccer team found a way to preserve a near-perfect season and come away with a second consecutive Pioneer League championship. With a 6-0 victory over the last place Saxons, the Spartans didn't just win--they won in impressive fashion. When everything was on the line and the lights were shining the brightest, head coach Chad Lagerwey and his team played what was maybe their best match of the entire season. Now with the challenge of a great CIF postseason run set before it, South High enters the playoffs on the heels of four straight wins and three straight shutout victories.

It's incredible to think that a Pioneer League soccer team could go through 22 straight games in a season without suffering a single loss. While the South High boys did succumb to the Leuzinger Olympians for the team's only (double overtime) defeat of the year, racking up 19 victories against the stiff competition that had been set before them throughout the year is certainly nothing to scoff at whatsoever. The Spartans' goal down the stretch was to get back on track after their loss to the Olympians nearly three weeks ago and play great ball heading into the playoffs. South didn't only meet that goal, but exceeded it.

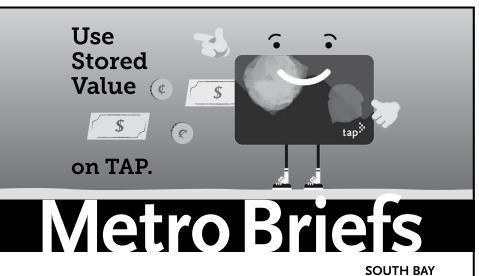
Since the team's only loss of the year, the Spartans managed to allow only one goal against them in their last four matches of the regular season. In that same amount of time, the team scored 16 goals of its own while absolutely destroying the competition that was in its way. First, it was Torrance High. Then came West, Centennial and then finally the onslaught was put to an end with a 6-0 victory over North.

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The Spartans seemingly toyed with the last place Saxons throughout the first half as they took a 1-0 lead into the break. While North couldn't muster a goal all game long, all of the action for South began in the second half. The star on offense for the Spartans was Jon Nadeau, who compiled a hat trick in the second half with his third goal of the game. For good measure, Ryan Vedov and Makoto Yamamoto also chipped in with one goal apiece to end the game in a 6-0 shutout victory for South.

While the Spartans (19-1-2, 8-1-1) enter into this year's postseason as a powerhouse and streaking at the best time possible, the Saxons end their regular season on a somber note. Head coach Robert Rivas and North (3-17-2, 1-9) couldn't get much of anything going in a year that saw his team outmatched on almost a game-to-game basis. The Saxons did manage to get their only Pioneer League victory of the season with a 4-0 shutout win over Centennial two weeks ago. The Spartans now begin their road toward redemption after a disappointing loss in the CIF championship game one year ago. This year's South High team has more experience on its side and all of the skill necessary to bring a CIF trophy back home to the city of Torrance.

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Police Reports

Sunday, January 29 Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/29 9:00:00 PM & 30 9:00:00 AM 700 BLOCK AMAPOLA

1/30 9:00:00 AM 700 BLOCK AMAPOLA AVE. Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle, ransacks and takes property/keys, bag, pens, jewelry, fishing reel, clothes.

Vandalism Betw. 1/29 5:00:00 PM & 1/30 2:30:00 AM 3100 BLOCK 181ST ST. Suspect(s) cuts /flattens victim's vehicle tires.

Burglary-Auto 1/29 3:05 PM 20800 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/camera, camera lens, sunglasses.

Auto Theft-All 1/29 8:08 AM 3900 BLOCK 184TH PL. Stolen vehicle: '06 Toyota Sienna.

Monday, January 30

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/30 11:00:00 PM & 1/31 6:00:00 AM 3200 BLOCK DANAHA ST. Suspect(s) takes property from unsecured vehicle/briefcase, tablet, MP3charger, key.

Theft Betw. 1/30 10:00:00 PM & 1/31 12:00:00 PM 5500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from parking garage/electric bicycle.

Theft Betw. 1/30 10:00:00 PM & 1/31 5:00:00 PM 1000 BLOCK CRANBROOK AVE. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked

vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/jewelry, bottles of perfume, bottles of lotion, ID, checkbooks, bag, headphones, sim cards.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/30 1:00:00 AM & 1/30 8:30:00 AM 700 BLOCK AMAPOLA AVE. Stolen vehicle: '14 Lexus IS250.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/30 1:00:00 AM & 1/30 5:30:00 AM 16200 BLOCK DAPHNE AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/purse.

Tuesday, January 31

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/31 8:30:00 PM & 1/31 8:40:00 PM 21000 BLOCK VICTOR ST. Stolen vehicle: '16 BMW 320i.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/31 8:00:00 PM & 2/1 7:00:00 AM 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LA CONCHA. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, takes property, and attempts to make purchases with victim's bank card.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/31 6:30:00 PM & 1/31 7:45:00 PM 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) enters unlocked car and takes property/laptop.

Vandalism Betw. 1/31 6:00:00 PM & 2/1 5:45:00 AM 21700 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) damages victim's front passenger window with an unknown object.

vehicle/tailgate.

Betw. 1/30 8:45:00 PM & 1/30 9:00:00 PM 22000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property forgotten in shopping cart by victim/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/30 6:00:00 PM & 1/31 5:40:00 AM 5300 BLOCK CARME-LYNN ST. Suspect(s) takes property from unsecured vehicle/movie tickets, power tools, speakers.

Theft Betw. 1/30 1:00:00 PM & 1/31 9:00:00 AM 1600 BLOCK JUNIPER AVE. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/tailgate.

Battery-Weapon/Agg Betw. 1/30 12:30:00 PM & 1/30 12:35:13 PM 300 BLOCK PASEO DE GRACIA. Suspect uses a baseball bat to strike victim in the head.

Vandalism Betw. 1/30 8:00:00 AM & 1/30 12:00:00 PM 3700 BLOCK 230TH ST. Suspect(s) smashes vehicle window/no entry, no loss.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/30 1:53:00 AM & 1/30 2:48:08 PM 6000 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) enters

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/31 6:00:00 PM & 2/1 6:10:00 AM 2000 BLOCK 235TH PL. Suspect(s) pries window for entry and takes property/backpack, glasses, radio.

Vandalism Betw. 1/31 5:00:00 PM & 2/1 7:00:00 AM 21900 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) damages victim's front passenger window with an unknown object.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/31 3:30:00 PM & 1/31 5:57:56 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/sunglasses, clothing, kitchen appliance.

Theft Betw. 1/31 1:00:00 PM & 1/31 1:10:00 PM 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspects enter store and while two distracts the victim, the others enters the employees-only area and takes property from victim's purse/cash, checks.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/31 11:00:00 AM & 1/31 1:00:00 PM 1500 BLOCK HICKORY AVE. Suspect(s) enters unlocked sliding glass door and takes property/purses, perfume. •

Metro Seeks Input on 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Metro's annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. Metro will gather comments on the 2018 fiscal year budget at the Regional Service Council Meetings in March and May, and a public hearing on May 17th, before formal adoption by the Board of Directors. For meeting information or to provide your comments, go to *metro.net/budgetcomments*.

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Madison

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Each of our kitties are looking for their purr-fect someone who will love them in a new forever home.

Madison is a sensitive soul who tries to understand what you are saying while looking deep into your eyes. She appears to be holding out hope to one day learn your innermost thoughts. Unlike Gabby, her extroverted sister, Madison prefers hanging back for a few moments to evaluate each situation. Once clear, she'll hop down from her cat tree and demand cuddles and pets. This five-month-old darling wants very much to find a human or two with whom to bond and cuddle. She's a real love bug. True to her Tortie coloring, she is very affectionate, silly, devoted and vocal about her likes and dislikes. She also enjoys children and playing games with them. Madison would like to be adopted with her sister Gabby or her brother Ryan.

Ryan is a happy-go-lucky guy who gets along with everyone. He has an easygoing personality and generally takes things in stride. He's a goofy fellow too--not fully comfortable with his ever-growing long legs and body. He loves cuddles and playtime, and is full of energy. Luckily, he is constantly entertained by his sisters Gabby and Madison. Ryan would do well being adopted with one or both of them or as a buddy to another playful cat who is open to having a friend. Ryan is very interested in being friends with a dog, but he has sadly not yet met any wanting to be friends with him. Ryan loves playing and cuddling with older children and doesn't mind being slightly mauled and carried around by them. But he might not be suitable for very young children, as he does sometimes gently

Gabby

play "bite" hands and feet. Ryan would like to be adopted into a busy home with a catfriendly dog, an outgoing young cat, or one of his foster sisters.

Gabby is a classic Tortie: affectionate, assertive, goofy and devoted. She is a bit of a chatterbox and will greet you with some meows when you enter a room. She immediately warms up to strangers, curling up on their laps and giving them big cat kisses with her eyes. She would like a human or two of her own, though. Torties are known to be loyal and most affectionate with their core family. She would like it to be known that she will be in charge of your house. Any cats she lives with must be comfortable knowing that she will be the alpha and they must be confident enough to endure her grumbles. Gabby is not a fan of dogs, although she has always lived with one and will tolerate them. She likes respectful children who will play with her. Gabby would like to be placed in a home ready to worship her with cuddles and kisses. She would like to be adopted with her sister Madison, also a Tortie, and who seems to understand her best...or her brother Ryan, who is comfortable playing the beta to her alpha.

Violet is a wonderful little girl. She nearly starved to death at birth, but was rescued by dedicated Kitten Rescue volunteers and placed into a warm and loving foster home with her two siblings. Violet, a once independent cat, has become very loving and cuddly. She hangs out each night on her foster parent's bed with her brother Beauregard and can be also be found playing with her other kitten friends. Violet has been raised with teenagers



Beauregard

and a four-year-old, and is very good with children--both tolerant and easygoing with child play. Violet will need another kitten or cat to play with in her forever home. Her ideal family would adopt her with her brother Beauregard.

Beauregard is a very playful and loving kitten. This little guy was rescued from the front steps of a home with two siblings. His foster family says it will find it hard to part with Beauregard as he's a real snuggler, particularly at night. He has been known to purr the night away--content to sleep at their feet or come under the covers for a quick soft pet. He's got amazingly soft fur and no bad habits. Beauregard would love to be adopted into a loving home. He has been raised with teens and the family's four-year-old, so he is a great family cat. He'd be just fine with a loving adult as well, but he'd be quite unhappy and lonely without another kitty as a feline friend.

Local Beaches

It wasn't always this way, Christensen notes in his report. The Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy focused on keeping beaches open to the public by providing access points. "Overcoming economic obstacles for would-be beachgoers will prove more difficult," he fears. "This generation of challenges can't be handled by the Coastal Commission and the Coastal Conservancy alone, The Legislature and Governor can lead, but it will also take local agencies, philanthropy and nonprofit organizations." Last year marked the 40th anniversary of California's Coastal Act, which guarantees

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

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diverse beach crowd that looks like modernday California, the report said.

Another finding of the survey: An overwhelming majority of California voters say that coastal water quality and the beaches are important to them. That explains why 30 million residents visit a beach at least once a year. "Our coast and beaches are among our most democratic spaces. Despite our differences, we all share a love of the coast and many of the same desires and reasons for coming to the beach," the authors remind us.

A cooperative marketing campaign to visit South Bay's iconic beaches and vistas could go a long way toward making a day at the beach more inviting to inlanders. South Bay cities could help by offering the above-mentioned free or reduced parking rates on select days. Off-peak days pricing to park at Dockweiler State Beach, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa or Redondo could also ensure the message gets out that beaches are everyone's to enjoy. Vista del Mar is translated "view of the ocean," but people want to feel the sand under their feet too. The report recommends a broad series of steps that public officials and private groups and foundations can take to lower the economic barriers for people living inland. There are groups at the coast and inland doing their part to interest Latino girls in surfing, for example. The Brown Girl Surf group doesn't have a local chapter yet, but given time and some funding it will introduce boys and girls who've never been to the beach to the conclusion that singer Sheryl Crow shares in a song: "I'm gonna soak up the sun while it's still free..." •

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everyone access to the iconic coastal areas and beaches up and down the state.

The poll results of voters statewide and beach surveys pinpointed the three reasons why people who live outside the beach cities say that access to the coast is a problem for them. The cost of parking is high, hotels aren't affordable, and public transportation is limited. Nearly 30 percent of people stay away because they can't swim.

South Bay cities could help by offering free or reduced parking rates on select days, and it doesn't have to be during the summer months only since the area's best weather happens after kids go back to school. Off-peak pricing to park at Dockweiler State Beach, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa or Redondo could lower the barriers and let visitors and first-timers to Vista del Mar experience a view of the Pacific.

To no one's surprise, Dockweiler State Beach attracts more Latinos, African-Americans and people from lower-income households than Santa Monica Beach. Santa Monica attracts a

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<u>TerriAnn in Torrance</u> A Visit with Councilman Milton Herring

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren February is Black History Month, so I decided with that in mind to visit with Torrance City Councilman Milton S. Herring I. One of six children, Milton was born in Birmingham, Alabama, but grew up in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating high school and spending a year-and-a-half working for the Ford Motor Company, Milton went into the Air Force during the Vietnam Era. It was at his first duty station at Mather Air Force Base, in Sacramento, California, where Milton met his future wife Cinda Finch. They married in Sacramento and then headed off to Milton's next assignment at Yokota Air Force Base in Japan. While in Japan, the couple were involved in the chapel services at Yokota and that year the chaplain announced that he was going to have a memorial service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. "The significant thing about that is that he was a white chaplain and coming out of Detroit at that time, I was pretty much a militant...and to hear that a white chaplain was going to talk about my hero--our hero--Martin Luther King, Jr.--I just didn't see how he was going to know anything or have anything relevant to say about Dr. King," said Milton. He told me he showed up at that service and sat in the front row with his arms folded, but that meeting ended up having a profound effect on his life. Milton continued, "His message was so dynamic. It was so moving, that by the end of the service my arms were no longer folded. I was sitting on the edge of my seat and I was captivated by the way he honored Martin Luther King's life. He really talked about his life of service and giving. It was during that service that something began to happen. At the end, I told him I wanted to meet and talk with him." Milton explained that the chaplain basically discipled him and it was a turning point in his life. "He helped me decide what I wanted to do with my life--and come to grips with my going into the ministry." They started having weekly meetings and he told him, "I want to do for others what you did for me," added Milton. At that point, Milton knew ministry is where his path was leading.

Honorably discharged from the Air Force, Milton headed to college full-time. He completed his undergraduate degree at the college Martin Luther King, Jr. attended-Morehouse College--and later attained a Masters of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He later would obtain his Doctorate of Ministry from the Southern California School of Ministry. All this was going on while life was happening, as Milton and Cinda welcomed sons Milton, Jr., Maurice and Marcus into their family.

The Herrings made their way to California when Milton began working with the Department of Veteran's Affairs. He decided to pursue a career as a chaplain when asked, "How would you like to become an Army Chaplain in the Reserves?" Milton accepted the position, spending 24 years as an Army chaplain. That position required short deployments for six months to a year in various places including Washington State, North Carolina and Ohio. But it wasn't until the Iraq War that he was deployed with his unit to the Middle East in 2004/2005 for a year, and back again in 2008/2009. Milton explained, "It was the best thing working with and ministering to young men 18, 19, 20-year-old soldiers who are doing the 'war-fighting,' as we called it, ministering to them, praying with them before they went out on convoys, and being there to counsel them, provide spiritual guidance to them, as well as give an overall spiritual religious support to several thousand men and women who were deployed. I worked long hours and days, but it was so rewarding. Hot desert, living in tents some of the time, but there were some baptisms in makeshift baptism pools in the sand. One young man worked in woodshop and he built this wooden box--really is what it was--and he put a lining in it and we asked the fire department to come out and put water in it and we were baptizing one Easter morning."

The Herrings settled in Torrance in 1990 with Milton, Jr. in high school, Maurice in middle school, and Marcus in grammar school. So while Milton was traveling around, he called Torrance his home base and told me, "What's not to like about Torrance?"

I asked Milton when his community service began and he told me an amazing story: "Being

'We need more people to get involved to be on commissions.' She came home, applied and was appointed to the Civil Service Commission in 2002. Then I was deployed and she had to resign to spend more time with the family." Milton retired from the United States Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2009.

Milton was appointed to the Traffic Commission in 2012, followed by an unsuccessful bid for City Council in 2014. He was then



Councilman Milton Herring, his wife Cinda and family.

involved with the community is something I was always raised with," he said. "In the South, in Birmingham, my grandparents were very much community-minded and involved with civil rights. They did [meet Martin Luther King] and I got to meet him when I was a little boy." Milton went on to explain, "When we moved to Detroit, our extended family still lived in Birmingham so we would go back during the summers. One summer, maybe 1959/1960, I was young ... my grandfather James Revis was very much involved with civil rights--their house was bombed three different times--and they were part of the movement that would later become the Southern Christian Leadership Movement. They became connected with Dr. King's movement, so when he was having his annual meeting at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and I went along. We chartered a bus and they allowed me to go along with them. I thought we were going on some sort of field trip to have fun. I was nine or 10... and as I am on the bus with all these adults and I am looking for children and I remember getting off the bus and I read the sign, Martin Luther King, Jr. and I had the thought, 'Hey, children are going to be here,' I sat in what was a very boring meeting. Dr. King was leading some kind of business meeting and then at the end of this very long meeting, my mother said we are going to go around and shake hands and my dad said, 'Yes you are coming.' I remember putting my hand in his [Martin Luther King's] massive hand and I remember thinking, 'Wow, this is a soft, big hand!' That was my encounter with Dr. King. So he always made an impression on me, making a difference in the community and the world."

appointed to the Planning Commission in 2014. Milton told me, "I was so well-received by the citizens of Torrance. Torrance has a reputation, among some people, back in the '50s and '60s, as not being very accepting to other races, especially people of color. I wondered in the back of my mind if I would be accepted, but I can tell you there was never an issue. Walking the neighborhoods

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again while running for Council the second time, people opening their doors, receiving me in their homes...it was very refreshing. I worked hard and it wasn't easy. I am grateful for my wife, being away from home the long hours, and the financial commitment that it took. I couldn't have done it without her and her support." Milton Herring won his Council bid on June 7, 2016 with 13,789 votes and he told me not one person has ever told him they voted for him because he was black. Not one. "I think that is the beauty of it--that we have gotten beyond that," said Milton.

Councilman Herring told me, "My goal is to be the best Councilmember as I can possibly be. What I am learning, is there are so many people willing to teach you, guide you, instruct and share with you. All you have to do is ask. It has been fabulous. The staff of Torrance is simply amazing. These people are well-qualified, well-educated, and they love working for the City of Torrance and it shows. The other Councilmembers have been very open, welcoming and receptive. We do have our disagreements, but we have not been disagreeable with each other. I don't believe my race, being black, has been a factor at all and I haven't made it one--and no one else has made it one. We are just people, citizens that happen to be in the wonderful city of Torrance."

Milton Herring is a minister and he and Cinda serve at a non-denominational church, Living Word Christian Church in Torrance. "I am able to separate that [ministry] with my duties to serve and do the very best to serve with excellence," he said. "It is an honor for me to be the first elected black American [on Torrance City Council] and hope I won't be the last. I hope I am opening the door for others to come." •

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It was when Milton lived in Atlanta attending seminary that he met "Daddy King" (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s father) and his wife Alberta, and did some volunteer work with Coretta Scott King, helping stuff envelopes, among other tasks.

"So somewhere along the line, my parents always worked to make the community better than when they arrived," said Milton. "Some years ago I remember going into [Torrance] City Hall talking with Sue Herbers [former City Clerk] about what would be required to get involved in Torrance, and she told me to get involved with community groups and later apply to be on a commission. My wife had been appointed to one of the civil service commissions first because she was at a meeting with former Mayor Dee Hardison who said,



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West High

The West High Warriors have been battling for first place in the Pioneer League all season long. While South has been the heavy favorite to take the league title, the Warriors were feeling pretty good after forcing a 1-1 tie at home against the Spartans back in the middle of January when league play was still in its beginning stages. Back-to-back losses against Centennial and South two weeks ago dropped West out of the running for first place, but ripping second place away from Leuzinger was still a very attainable goal. With back-toback victories over the Olympians last week, head coach Mike Shimizu and West knocked Leuzinger out of the running and took over sole possession of second place in the final Pioneer League standings.

The Warriors got right to work in their battle against Leuzinger by pouring on the offense beginning last Monday night at West High in what was a makeup game due to a rainout earlier in the season. West's Matt Villongco gave the Warriors the first points of the game and the first lead for West before the team took off running. Trent Klaser got the scoring started in the second half to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead before Devin Rochlitz rounded things out to end a pivotal game with a 3-0 shutout victory. The Warriors' momentum didn't stop the next day in the second of back-to-back games against the Olympians. West's offense kept rolling as the Warriors scored two goals

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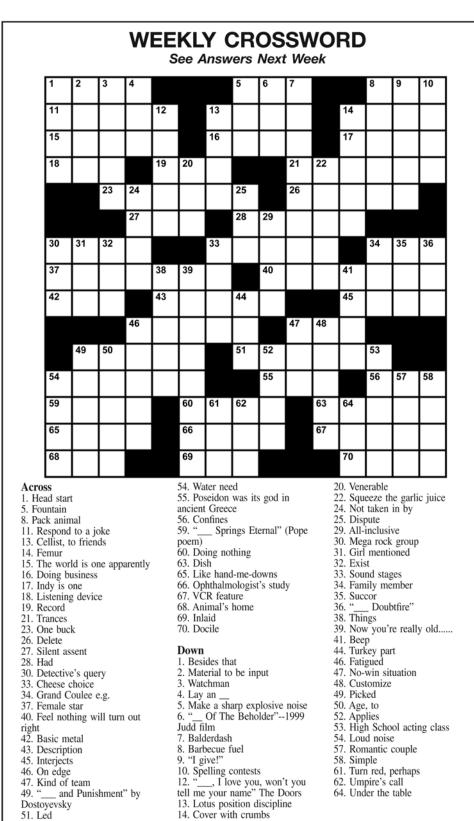
in the first half as the team went on to capture a 2-1 victory for the second win a row against Leuzinger.

As the cherry on top, West (11-5-3, 6-2-1) closed the regular season out with a 3-2 win at home against Torrance to capture all of the momentum that the team could ask for heading into this year's CIF playoffs. The Warriors failed to make it into the playoffs a year ago, so they will be relying on their senior leadership to guide them through unfamiliar territory and toward success in the postseason.

Torrance High

An extremely young Torrance Tartars boys' soccer team found a way to get better as the season wore on and managed to take home a fourth place finish in the final Pioneer League standings. Victories against Leuzinger, North and Leuzinger once again gave the Tartars their first three-game winning streak of the season before a loss to West High in the final match of the regular season. The Tartars received key contributions from sophomore D'Angelo Alva and junior Dylan Perez, among others, on offense down the stretch while junior goaltenders Matis Dylan and Erich Von Roishmandt served to be imposing figures in front of the net. The Tartars (9-12-2, 6-5) will rely on their youth and experience next season to take a huge step forward and become one of the Pioneer League's elite teams, as they should have no problem competing for a championship trophy.

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Pastor's Mission

unbelievable--it's breathtaking."

In addition to the daily food collection and distribution efforts, New Challenge Ministries has four major events each year--Christmas Toy Giveaway, Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Give Away, Back to School Event, and the Easter Celebration, to provide additional assistance.

"Words can't explain the feeling that you get when you see this. We try to take pictures as often as we can because it's important for us to share these moments with the Pastor so he can let people know who it is we are helping," Parliamentarian with the Harbor City Neighborhood Council John Gonzales said. "We are just a bunch of little arms helping the body do this. Without the Pastor, this would not be possible."

The non-profit's popularity has reached the point where its garage, backyard shed and 20-foot container are not enough to store the amount of donations received. While Pastor John's mission to obtain additional storage space continues, the mission to feed those in need will not be deterred. "Since we are small and don't have a whole lot of space, we have to be smarter," Pastor John said. "We don't want anything to go to waste. It breaks my

heart when once in a while we have spoilage. Luckily, rarely does that happen because we are able to get it all out."

Persons interested in donating to New Challenge Ministries or to learn more about the program can visit http://www.newchallengeministries.com or email Pastor John at: newchallengetorrance@gmail.com. For monetary contributions, people can mail their donations to P.O. Box 5152 Torrance, CA 90510. To make food and clothing donations, persons interested can deliver them at 21804 Halldale Avenue in Torrance, but it is strongly

recommended that people call ahead of time (310-320-4171) in order to make sure someone is present to receive the donations. People interested in volunteering can also call 310-320-4171 for more information.

"I just take it as if we are able to help one person and make a difference, then that's all that matters to me. I rather be about quality than quantity," Pastor John said. "What I think reaches people more is that we care and we let them know that we care, and that is why we get so many people--because they know we care. We don't just give them food. We actually care." •



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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017029490

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AIM HIGH- JOHNSON'S FAMILY DAYCARE, 2715 WEST 76™ STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LA TRICIA JOHNSON, 2715 WEST 76T STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LA TRICIA JOHNSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2017.

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Name Statement 2017032526

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SWANKI PRODUCTIONS, 9663 SANTA MONICA BLVD. #1276, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CHANTAL NICHOLAS, 9663 SANTA MONICA BLVD. CHANTAL #1276. BEVERLY HILLS. CA 90210. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CHANTAL NICHOLAS. OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

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Name Statement 2017016159

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIGITAL FORMULAS, 1108 E 67TH STREET, INGLWOOD, CA 90302, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CARLOS GERARDO HERNANDEZ, 1108 E 67^{TH} STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/20/2017. Signed: CARLOS GERARDO HERNANDEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 20, 2017.

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Name Statement 2017029360

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MASS AUTO SALE, 137 OREGON STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ARMIN ARFAI, 28623 COVERIDGE DRIVE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, DRIVE, CA 90275. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registran commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2017. Signed: ARMIN ARFAI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 3, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2017 H-1589



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Plumbing the Power of a Powder Room Addition

(BPT) - Never underestimate the power of a powder room to make your home more livable and increase its resale value. Having more and nicer bathrooms consistently scores high in surveys on homeowners' wish lists. What's more, extra baths deliver more than just convenience; a National Association of Realtors study found each extra bathroom boosts home sale prices approximately 24 percent.

With more Americans living in multigenerational households, many will be looking for ways to add a half bath to their homes. If you're tired of haggling over bathroom time or just looking for a high-value way to spend your home remodeling dollars this year, adding a powder room could be a good investment.

Finding the Right Spot

Adding a full bathroom can be problematic. A full bath requires you to give up more living space, or even build an addition on your home. However, powder rooms can be tucked into small spaces like part of a walk-in closet and areas you might not use otherwise, such as under a staircase or in a nook in the garage.

A space as small as 20 square feet (5 feet by 4 feet) can make a comfortably sized powder room, but you can even squeeze a half bath into a space as small as 11 square feet. You simply need enough room to fit a toilet and sink, and accommodate required setbacks. When choosing a location for your powder room, be sure you understand building code requirements for your area.

Smarter Plumbing

If you attempt to run water and drainage to your powder room using traditional plumbing methods, you'll be limited as to where you

for a new powder room, because above-floor macerating plumbing systems, like those from SFA Saniflo, U.S.A. allow you to easily add a toilet and sink where no drainage existed



can put it. Typically, with traditional plumbing you'll need to locate the powder room somewhere that has easy access to existing water and waste lines. You'll have to open walls, add new piping and possibly even cut through concrete if you're adding a bathroom in a basement or in the garage or ground-floor of a slab-foundation home.

However, opting for up-flush plumbing opens up a greater range of possible locations

before. Above-floor plumbing eliminates the need to open walls or cut through concrete flooring. The compact systems are a perfect fit for the kind of smaller spaces you find in powder rooms, easily fitting into a closet or space beneath a stairway. Saniflo offers the systems with several toilet designs, including two new, vitreous china, floor-mounted bowls with round or elongated fronts. The fixtures are designed to complement modern powder

room designs.

To learn more about above-floor plumbing and how it can help you create the powder room of your dreams, visit www.saniflo.com.

Size and Space Wise Planning

Because powder rooms typically occupy small spaces, it's important to be smart about how you lay out the space and keep in mind the size of the fixtures you put in it. As you plan the space, think of where the toilet and sink will go - side by side or on opposite walls - and be aware of clearance needed for the door to open.

Choose a toilet, sink and vanity that fit the space without overwhelming it. For example, a pedestal sink, rather than a cabinet, can make a powder room feel larger. A round-front toilet may fit the space better than one with an elongated bowl. You'll likely need little or no storage in a powder room, and won't need to add a medicine cabinet.

Powder rooms frequently lack windows, so be sure to provide ample lighting. If you really crave a window in a powder room, one option is to install a small one above the door. This preserves privacy but allows additional light to enter the room from the space outside it.

A powder room can be a powerful way to enhance the livability and value of your home. For a smaller investment of time, money and space, a powder room delivers the same essential convenience of a full bath and a healthy dose of resale value, too. •





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