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Relay for Life Fights Cancer in Torrance With Lots of Love



Sarah Simmons, Donna Grace, Jennifer Fisher, and John Schmidt joined fellow cancer survivors for the Survivor's Lap during the 13th annual Relay For Life of Torrance, a fundraiser hosted at South High School on April 25 in partnership with the American Cancer Society. Fisher was this year's survivor speaker and shared her journey in twice overcoming cancer. For more photos, see page 2. Photo by Cristian Vasquez.

Council Approves Citywide Sidewalk and Grinding Program

By Cristian Vasquez

Through the recommendation of the Public Works Director, the Torrance City Council approved an agreement with Martinez Concrete, Inc. of Azusa for the construction of the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program. The agreement is in the amount of \$345,192 with a 5 percent contingency fund in the amount of \$17,259.

The I-152 program, the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program, was created and adopted as part of the city's capital budget as a multi-year program dedicated to having systematic inspections and temporary repairs of city sidewalks. The program requires that repairs be conducted on sidewalks damaged or displaced by tree roots or expansive soil.

"Work under this program is temporary until other capital improvement projects or city maintenance crews can accomplish permanent sidewalk repair," indicated the staff report presented to the council. "The project specifications require the contractor to repair vertical displacements and submit detailed records on City data forms."

In addition, the staff report identified vertical displacements as any damages that are between 3/8 and 1-1/2 inches off the ground. Any vertical displacements greater than an inch-and-a-half that are "ramped with black asphalt, and coated in grey concrete for color matching" will be addressed. Only sidewalks in localized areas that are beyond ramping and grinding will be replaced permanently, with trees being removed, if necessary.

Since the creation of the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program, throughout the entire city there has been a big drop in the

number of incidents involving the tripping and falling of pedestrians.

Martinez Concrete, Inc. was the lowest, responsible bidder of the seven bids received by the city. The other six bids received were from: Ruiz Concrete & Paving, Inc. with a bid of \$348,207.50; Vido Samarzich, Inc. submitted a bid at \$378,050; Unique Performance Construction, Inc. had a bid at \$397,470; Hardy & Harper, Inc. submitted a bid at \$432,000; Global Power Group submitted a bid at \$439,825; and All American Asphalt with a bid of \$446,975.

Martinez Concrete, Inc. is not new to the

City of Torrance as it has recently completed work at Torrance Park and will now be responsible for this program, scheduled to take place throughout the next 12 months.

Council Appropriates Donation Monies from Friends of Torrance Library For Various Adult Programs

In a unanimous 6-0 vote [Councilman Gene Barnett was absent], the Torrance City Council approved a recommendation of the Community Services Director that the city accept and

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Community Gathers For 13th Annual Relay For Life

By Cristian Vasquez

The weather was cold at times but the atmosphere was warm and full of energy during the 13th Annual Relay for Life of Torrance this past weekend at South High School.

Like the hundreds of other relays taking place across the country, Torrance's relay was set into motion with everyone in attendance learning of a cancer survivor's journey in overcoming the deadly disease. This year's speaker, Jennifer Fisher, shared her experience battling breast cancer which took her through two reconstructive surgeries, radiation treatment and the daily oral medications which were just part of her recovery process.

The Relay was the first time that Fisher told shared her story.

"I am not sure why," Fisher said. "Because a very kind lady named Lavona asked. I have never shared it and I am so glad I did. I had many drafts; I guess the one that I shared [is] mostly how I feel right now."

Organizers of the event worked diligently to bring together the teams dedicated to raising funds to conduct cancer research, the volunteers to run the event and the survivors to honor and learn from during the 24-hour relay. For this year's event lead Sheri Slover, losing her grandmother to radiation poisoning due to her cancer treatment was one of the reasons she decided to

See Relay For Life, page 10

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy
74°/58°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
69°/56°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
68°/55°



Torrance Relay for Life

Photos by Cristian Vasquez



"Dee's Fighting Brigade" at the opening ceremonies.



The color guard leads the opening ceremony parade.

MEMORIAL DAY



VIETNAM MEMORIAL MOVING WALL
ON DISPLAY 24 HOURS A DAY
THURSDAY, MAY 21ST - 2:00 PM
THROUGH
TUESDAY, MAY 26TH - 7:00 AM

OPENING CEREMONY
&
PATRIOTIC CONCERT
FRIDAY, MAY 22ND - 6:00 PM



30th MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KIMBERLY MITCHELL
President and Co-Founder of Easter Seals Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services

MONDAY, MAY 25TH - 10:00 AM



General Event Parking will be at Rolling Hills Covenant Church
2222 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274



27501 S. Western Ave.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
Event Line (310) 521-4460

Memorial Day Event Information

- Shuttle service will be provided to the ceremony site.
- Handicap parking will be directed through the main entrance of the cemetery.
- Regular visitation and parking will be restricted between the hours of 9:00 am and noon.
- Come early to allow time for parking and transport to the ceremony site.



Each cancer survivor took a "Survivor's Lap," a walk around the track celebrating their victory over cancer.



Volunteers helping out at one of the fire department tents.



The Torrance Fire Department was on hand to help with the food.

Police Reports

Robbery-StrongArm 4/18/2015 11:12:20 PM 18300 BLOCK KINGSDALE AVE Suspects hit victim in the face with a bong, punch him when he falls to the ground and take his property/ cash

Battery-Weapon/Agg 4/18/2015 11:05 PM 1400 BLOCK MARCELINA AVE Suspect head-butts and hits victim over the head with a bottle

Vandalism 4/18/2015 11:02 PM 2100 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect kicks out police vehicle window while in police custody

Theft 4/20/2015 7:15:00 AM 3300 BLOCK 189TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter

Theft 4/18/2015 - 4/20/2015 1900 BLOCK BORDER AVE Suspect(s) takes property affixed to exterior of business/ surveillance cameras

Burglary-Residential 4/18/2015 - 4/20/2015 3500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) enters residence tented for fumigation, ransacks and takes property/jewelry

Burglary-Auto 4/18/2015 8:50 AM 5000 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse

Theft 4/18/2015 4:00 PM 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) takes unattended property as victim works/purse

Burglary-Commercial 4/20/2015 10:00 AM 3500 BLOCK LOMITA BLVD Suspect(s) defeats door locks for entry and takes property/cash, tablets

Burglary-Residential 4/17/2015 5:42 PM 3700 BLOCK 171ST ST Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open bathroom window for entry, ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report

Burglary-Auto 4/17/2015 1:15 PM 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property while victim is pumping gasoline/ purse

Theft 4/17/2015 11:50 AM 4200 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from porch/ delivered parcels

Burglary-Residential 4/17/2015 3:30 PM 600 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Suspect(s) possibly enters rear sliding door and takes property/ laptop

Theft 4/17/2015 1:02 PM 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) takes property off of bench/ cell phone

Theft 4/16/2015 9:30 PM 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converters

Theft 4/17/2015 6:30 AM 2100 BLOCK 177TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter

Auto Theft 4/15/2015 2:00 AM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Stolen vehicle: '00 Honda Civic

Battery-Weapon/Agg 4/16/2015 4:56 PM 23000 BLOCK NADINE CIR Suspect throws wood log at police officer

Burglary-Auto 4/16/2015 3:40 AM 3000 BLOCK EL DORADO ST Suspect(s) enters victim's two unlocked vehicles, ransacks and

takes property/ cash, remote

Robbery-Weapon 4/15/2015 11:10 PM 4200 BLOCK 177TH ST Suspect brandishes a handgun and demands victim's property/ cell phone, ID

Burglary-Auto 4/16/2015 7:54 AM 17000 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/registration, insurance, softball bats, backpack, keys

Burglary-Auto 4/16/2015 7:30 AM 2900 BLOCK EL DORADO ST Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ cash

Vandalism 4/15/2015 3:10 PM 24600 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect opens vehicle door and hits victim's vehicle's door, causing damage

Vandalism 4/15/2015 7:37 PM 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) intentionally smashes victim's vehicle's windshield

Burglary-Auto 4/16/2015 10:36 AM 2400 BLOCK 227TH ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ tablet, jewelry

Auto Theft 4/15/2015 9:00 AM 2700 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford van

Auto Theft 4/15/2015 9:05 AM 2700 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Stolen vehicle: '98 Ford van

Burglary-Residential 4/14/2015 9:30:00
See Police Reports, page 10

Film Review

The Beautiful Mechanics of Ex Machina

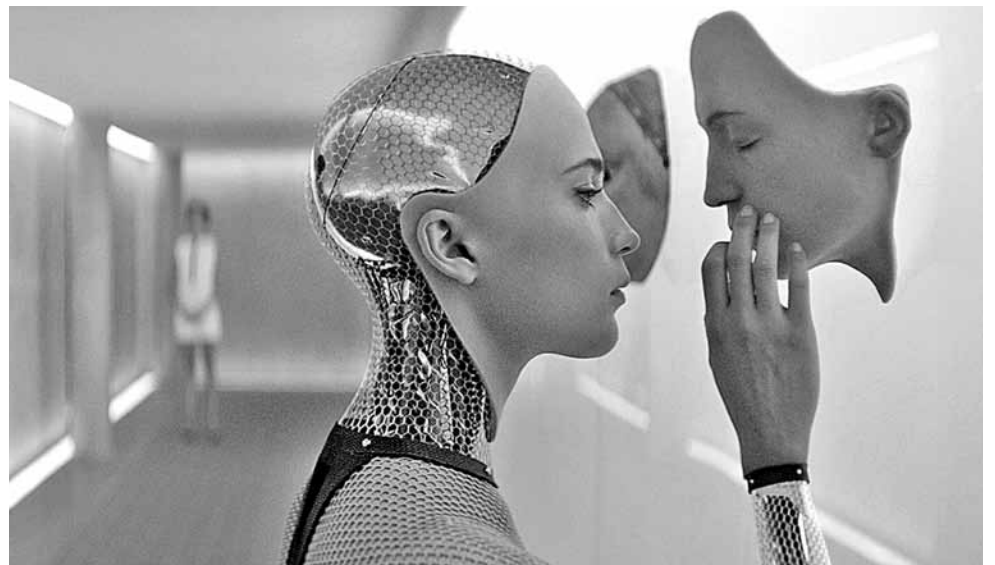
By Ryan Rojas for CINEMACY

"Deus ex machina," meaning "god from the machine," refers to an ancient Greek plot device used in storytelling that refers to the inexplicable saving or resolving of an assumedly unsolvable problem by the sudden and unexpected intervention of some new character or event, through miraculous, divine hand.

In the new sci-fi drama *Ex Machina*, humans

have evolved highly enough to assume the role of creator of life, assuming the role of God altogether. Yet as writer and director Alex Garland shows, there can be devastating effects in playing Creator, creating self-aware sentients that show that when all you have left is "from the machine," the state of "life" itself is one that might not only apply to humans.

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Alicia Vikander as Ava in *Ex Machina*. Still courtesy of A24.

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Community Briefs

JROTC Cadet Merit Awards



The Point Vicente Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual JROTC/Outstanding Cadet Merit Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 20, 2015. This prestigious award is given to cadets from local area high schools, Sea Cadet Units and the Torrance Civil Air Patrol. Pictured L to R: Cadet Lt. Alyssa Salevao, Carson HS Marine Corp JROTC; Instructor Winner with Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheyenne Macinnes-Campbell, Haven Division Naval Sea Cadets Corps; Cadet Ensign Karen Zuniga, Narbonne HS Navy JROTC; Mr. James Ogawa, WW II Veteran; Cadet 2nd Lt. Justin Pang, Beach Cities Cadet Squadron 107-Civil Air Patrol; Cadet Major Samantha Garcia, Gardena HS Army JROTC, Cadet; Master Sgt. Steve Saavedra, San Pedro HS Air Force JROTC. Photo Credit: Patricia Mendez

Goodwill Opens New Torrance Store

Goodwill has opened a new Torrance store at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd., in the Southwood Village. A grand opening ceremony was held on Friday, April 24, and certificates of recognition were presented during the event. Attendees

included Councilmembers Heidi Ashcraft and Geoff Rizzo and Chamber President Donna Duperron; and a customer standing in line was selected by SOLAC President Janet McCarthy to cut the ribbon that officially opened the store.

Wyland Foundation Water Challenge

Mayor Furey and the Torrance City Council invite you to the Wyland Foundation Mayor's Challenge which is a friendly competition among cities in Southern California to see which city can achieve the highest pledge participation in water conservation among its residents and businesses. The city recording

the highest percentage of pledges during April's "Earth Month" will be declared the winner and participants of the winning city will receive valuable prizes. The pledge is online at MyWaterPledge.com, and the City encourages all to take this challenge. The last day to sign up is April 30th.

Los Angeles Scroll Saw Organization

Regularly scheduled May meeting of LASSO will be held Monday, May 4, 2015, at 7pm at Rockler Woodworking Store, 20725 Hawthorne

Bvd, Torrance. Meetings are free, and all are welcome. Membership in the club is open to all skill levels, from novice to expert. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

Catching Some Rays

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58						59				60		
61						62				63		

Across

- 1. Grouch
- 5. Alphabetic system
- 10. Indian king
- 14. Andes capital
- 15. Shrovetide dish
- 16. Bibliographical abbr.
- 17. Opposed, in Dogpatch
- 18. Overhangs
- 19. End piece
- 20. Weekly delivery
- 23. Wound
- 24. Twaddle
- 25. Certain digital watch face, for short
- 26. Distort
- 28. Hallucinogen
- 31. Storage area
- 34. Boxer Spinks
- 35. Learning method
- 36. Is an early bird
- 39. Duds
- 40. Make well
- 41. Broken mirrors, for example
- 42. Eight-time Norris Trophy winner
- 43. Mask

Down

- 1. Elegance
- 2. Put together
- 3. Acid in proteins
- 4. Ammo belt
- 5. Minded
- 6. Renal, for one
- 7. Center of activity
- 8. Fresh
- 9. Squandered
- 10. Rundown
- 11. Mounted on
- 12. Green gem

Across

- 13. Controversial spray
- 21. Guinness and smart
- 22. Kit mitt
- 26. Stiff hairs
- 27. Eyelid pigment
- 28. Get checkmated
- 29. Overpower
- 30. Animal shelters
- 31. Cornstarch brand
- 32. Stadium section
- 33. Old autocrat
- 34. Wasn't straight
- 35. Subsidence
- 37. Hewing tools
- 38. Plantain lily
- 43. ___ Master's Voice
- 44. Hauling one
- 45. Antic
- 46. Pointed arch
- 47. Put out
- 48. Crowded
- 49. Fragrant compound
- 50. Tail motions
- 51. Continental cash
- 52. Part of a score, maybe
- 53. Iris's place
- 54. Biriani side

Last Week's Answers

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

SUDOKU Medium

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	3	2	1					9		
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	9	7				1		3		

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.

TerriAnn in Torrance

Snoopy's Success Story

By TerriAnn Ferren

Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Last week former Torrance City Council Member, Maureen O'Donnell relayed an



Snoopy in his muzzle.

amazing story to me about Snoopy, the dog she was fostering. To tell you the truth, it was a story that seemed so amazing I wondered how it could be true. That led me to investigate the entire saga of this little full-blooded Beagle named Snoopy.

On Thursday, February 5th, Maureen visited the Torrance Animal Control Office to pick up a duplicate license for her Yorkie and while she was in the office she discovered a dog rescued by Animal Control Officer Doris Cattouse. The dog was dragging his paralyzed legs behind him as he scooted along the floor in the office. Maureen told me, "The Good Samaritan saw him being abandoned by a couple with two children and as I understand it, the Good Samaritan picked him up, brought him home and called Torrance Animal Control, and as required by law, Officer Cattouse took him to an emergency vet. The veterinarian was under the opinion that the situation was hopeless and suggested euthanizing him. Officer Cattouse said no, and brought him back to the office." Maureen went on to tell me that by Monday, no rescue group had come forward for the dog that was suffering from Intervertebral Disc Disease.

Now, Maureen had had a disc problem herself and opted for physical therapy over surgery and it worked for her. That made her think. It was then that Maureen offered to make an appointment with a specialist to examine the dog. On February 10th, Animal Control, along with the dog, met Maureen at the specialist's office. This doctor also concluded that the dog's condition was hopeless and there was only a 30 percent chance of recovery, even with surgery. So Maureen asked about physical therapy but the doctor still said - only a 30 percent chance of success was expected.

It was then that Maureen said, "I'll take the chance," and promptly decided to take

'Snoopy' as she named him, to Dr. Christine Pott, who suggested acupuncture might be helpful. So Snoopy began acupuncture treatments with Dr. Jin Choi. Really? Acupuncture for a dog? I had never heard about acupuncture for animals and was completely fascinated. Was I not up to date with my 'Dog Whisperer' episodes?

Maureen also explained that on the suggestion from a technician at the emergency vet to Officer Cattouse, that Jean Brusavich from Tranquil Pet, specializing in swim therapy, also might help Snoopy. Swim therapy? This is when I really got interested in the story. I had never heard about swim therapy for dogs either. "So, we went to see Dr. Pott on the 11th, he had his first acupuncture on [February] the 15th, and his first Swimming on the 18th," said Maureen.

I was very interested in the swimming therapy and met Maureen last Friday for



Dr. Sandra J. Kim and Snoopy.

one of Snoopy's sessions. When I first saw Snoopy, I was surprised he was walking, jumping, and thoroughly excited to get into the water. Somehow, I thought that Snoopy



Fun in the pool.

would still be struggling to walk, but I saw a very happy pup. We met Jean Brusavich, his therapist, at the pool, who began by securing a little yellow life preserver on Snoopy.



Drying off in his towel after swimming therapy.

Jean Brusavich has been working with animals for about ten years and practicing in Torrance for about a year and a half with her business, Tranquil Pet. Her interest in water therapy for dogs began when her own 12 year old dog's back legs didn't rebound from surgery as she'd hoped. It was then she investigated swim therapy for her dog. The treatment was a success and her love of the field of water therapy grew, and she began helping friends with their pets. "I love my clients and my clients are your pets," said Jean, beaming.

It was very obvious that this little thirteen-pound beagle couldn't wait to get into the water. Jean carried Snoopy into the 87 degree water where he eagerly began moving all four legs and I watched him swim like a fish and his hind legs, which had been dragging along when Maureen began fostering, were not

only moving, they were acting like propellers under the water. Snoopy, swimming back and forth in the pool, was guided along by Jean. After a few laps, Snoopy was hoisted on a platform, or landing, where he rested between laps. Jean monitored Snoopy constantly, noting his heart rate and demeanor, and gently massaged his legs during the treatment. The entire session took about fifteen minutes. "We started out the first time, his back legs were just like this [useless]. This is also like cardio work - and we would do about five minutes and then rest him in between. And he is doing ten laps before he rests [now]... now three months into this you can see - he is walking," said Jean. She also told me that in the beginning Snoopy wasn't wagging his tail at all. Now he wags his tail all the time and is getting feisty.

Maureen said, "The first two times, his back legs didn't move at all and we were



Maureen O'Donnell and Snoopy

very concerned, but by the third time he moved a little bit, the fourth time more, and he has continued to make progress. Now he swims like a champ." This is nothing short of miraculous. Maureen shared with me that "He could barely lift his head when I got him. I was massaging him every 4 hours - I was very sleep-deprived for the first three weeks. Twice a week water therapy - once a week acupuncture. Monday, acupuncture, Wednesday/Friday swimming therapy. Everything else in my life was put on hold - housecleaning - everything."

After watching Snoopy swim, I knew I had to accompany him to his acupuncture appointment the following week, at the Lomita Pet Hospital. Dr. Jin Choi, who usually treats Snoopy, was out of the office so Dr. Sandra Kim did the honors on this particular Monday. Snoopy seemed as calm as he had been when I joined him for his water therapy. This adorable Beagle seemed to know he is being well cared for by Maureen. Snoopy was called into the operatory. After he was weighed, he sat still as the muzzle was put on, and then Dr. Kim began inserting the

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Sports

Greatest Sports Day of the Year

By Adam Serrao

This May 2nd of 2015 may be the biggest day in sports history that you've ever seen. Forget the World Series, forget the Super Bowl; even O.J. Simpson getting chased down the freeway in his white Ford Bronco may pale in comparison to this coming Saturday's sporting day. With three major marquee events, two playoffs, and one historical rivalry all taking place on the same day, May 2nd might, indeed, go down in history as one of the greatest days ever for sports freaks around the world. If that

"There are many reasons to watch this Saturday's bout between two of this generations greatest fighters, but the sheer amount of dollars involved is enough to make any person's jaw drop."

is what you consider yourself to be, get happy, mark the calendar, and grab a bag of chips and some appetizers. All you'll have to do next is sit back and relax as the day unfurls with a variety of different events that will tickle even the most blasé onlookers' fancy.

There is no way to start to explain the day of May 2nd without stating the obvious. This Saturday, in what will be the most anticipated boxing match since Mike Tyson bit off Evander Holyfield's ear in 1997, we will finally find out who the best pound-for-pound fighter of this generation will be. Only this fight - now five years in the making - may be even more anticipated. The biggest money fight in the history of boxing, Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Manny Pacquiao is said to cost approximately \$100.00 to buy on pay-per-view and will have a \$400 million impact on the city of Las Vegas, all things included. Let alone what the fighters will make. "On Monday morning," Pacquiao's promoter Bob Arum started, "I will hand Manny a check for \$50 million as a down payment, guaranteed." That's just a down payment! And if you think that's a lot, listen to what Mayweather's promoter says: "I will tell you this," said chief executive of Mayweather Promotions, "Floyd Mayweather's check will be a lot more than \$50 million. And then it goes from there."

When all is said and done, Mayweather (47-0) will take the majority of a 60-40 split of a purse that will receive most of its income through pay-per-view revenue. To put it in perspective, when Mayweather defeated Oscar De La Hoya in 2007, 2.5 million households bought the fight at approximately half the price of what this epic battle will cost. Mayweather vs. Pacquiao is expected to be purchased by as many as four million homes at an approximate \$380 million. Mayweather's personal takeaway will amount to almost \$200 million dollars. \$200 million dollars to step into the ring for 12 rounds of three minutes each. Pacquiao's (57-5-2) carry off won't be much less. And if the two decide to go half-strength and battle to a draw, the rematch (which is inevitable either way) will bring in even more money. There are many reasons to watch this Saturday's bout between two of this generations greatest fighters, but the sheer amount of dollars involved is enough to make any person's jaw drop.

On a much lighter, less aggravating note, you can get your day started this Saturday wearing a big "poofy" hat and sipping a mint julep as

you watch the Kentucky Derby. What makes this year's Kentucky Derby even more interesting is that, unlike last year with California Chrome, there is no clear-cut favorite to win it all. As usual, however, trainer Bob Baffert will take over Churchill Downs with two horses that are at the top of this year's power rankings. Not that you should be betting on sports - of course not, right? - but if you wanted to throw a quarter into the pot, I would put it on either Dortmund or American Pharoah. My personal choice would be American Pharoah because

there's nothing more American than the Kentucky Derby. That and the fact that Pharoah is spelt incorrectly just adds intrigue. If you're of German descent, however, go for Dortmund. It's a city in northwestern Germany. There, I did all of the research for you. Either way, with these two aforementioned events alone, this Saturday will be one of the biggest gambling days in the history of the U.S., not that I condone it. Rapper "50 Cent" already bet much more than his namesake, putting \$1.6 million on a Mayweather victory. Diddy, formerly known as Puff Daddy, bet Mark Wahlberg \$250,000 that Mayweather takes home the title.

Sporting events that maybe aren't worth betting on will be taking place, too. For instance, the New York Yankees will meet the Boston Red Sox in what will be a baseball battle of the game's oldest rivals. This time, A-Rod will be involved, too. It will also be the third day of this year's NFL draft. While the big names like Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota will already be off the board, there may still be magic to be had. Don't forget, last year Michael Sam came off the board in the last round and Tom Brady - now the face of the league - was drafted in the sixth round of the 2000 draft. The NBA playoffs will still be in full effect where you can watch stars such as the likely MVP Stephen Curry, or even LeBron James battle it out. Depending on how the series goes, there may even be a Game 7 showdown between the Los Angeles Clippers and the San Antonio Spurs. What would be better than that? Speaking of Game 7's, the NHL playoffs will also be in effect and there is sure to be a Game 7 or two going on, full of hard hitting and all the trash-talking that you could ask for.

No matter what sport you are in to or what game excites you the most, this Saturday, May 2nd, is sure to have you covered. The day is certain to be a win-win for all those involved, including the fans, the participants, and the major networks carrying the events taking place. If we all can't be like Floyd Mayweather and collect almost \$200 million for what will be at most 36 minutes of work, then we can at least pretend for one day, sit back, relax and enjoy it all. This Saturday is the perfect day to appreciate the game's that we love and the sports that bring us all to life. Just remember that you, the fan, are worth every single penny. •

Warriors Win Battle of Rivals

By Adam Serrao

Right now is the time of the boys' high school baseball season where teams begin to separate themselves in the standings. This year, that will be a seemingly tough task. The top teams in the Pioneer League are all bunched together relatively tightly. Last week, however, the West High Warriors took a major step forward while simultaneously sending their rivals from North High down in the standings. With a two-game sweep over the Saxons in back-to-back games last Wednesday and Friday, respectively, the Warriors not only kept their league-play record unblemished, but also held on tightly to the top spot in this year's standings.

The rivalry kicked into gear last Wednesday afternoon when West took to the road and traveled to North High for the first of back-to-back matchups. It was discovered that the Warriors had no problems being away from home. They quickly made themselves nice and comfortable on North High's home diamond. With one out in the first inning, Nathan Santiago began what Daniel Enos would eventually finish. An RBI double for Enos capped a three run inning that saw West take a 3-1 lead after the first. Jonathan Narimatsu is becoming a familiar name for those who follow the Saxons. It was his line

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drive single that led to what would turn out to be North's only run of the game. While the Saxons were finished scoring runs for the day, the Warriors were just getting started. Three more in the top of the third inning followed by four in the seventh saw West High eventually run away with this one. The game ended with an 11-1 advantage for the Warriors.

The Saxons were able to keep things a little bit closer in the second of two games between the rivals, this time on West High's home turf. It looked as if the Saxons had the game firmly in hand behind an excellent start from sophomore Taishi Nakawake on the mound. Nakawake pitched six innings, allowing just three hits and one earned run. The Saxons led 3-0 midway through the sixth inning, but it took all the way until the end of the game for West High's bats to wake up. A bunt single from Mark Guerreva scored Daniel Enos from third base for the Warriors. Enos's run marked the fourth of the inning as well as the go-ahead and winning run of the game. North bats were silenced in the top of the seventh and West's four runs, all in one inning, proved to be the difference maker. The Warriors won the game 4-3 and the rivalry 2-0.

The West High Warriors (16-6, 4-0) remain on top of the Pioneer League standings with the South High Spartans close behind. The Warriors are ranked as the number one team in the CIF Southern Section Division 4 this year. An offense that just doesn't quit may

be the reason why. In four league games so far this season, the Warriors have scored 53 runs while allowing their opponents only five. With the two losses, North High (8-9, 2-2) runs their league-play record even as they fall to third place in the standings in a virtual tie with the Torrance Tartars. The Tartars are next up on the schedule for the Saxons. The two rivals meet in back-to-back games this week. West will put their flawless league record on the line against second-to-last-place Centennial.

Torrance High

After an extremely rough start to their season, the Torrance Tartars and head coach Ollie Turner are attempting to make a turnaround for the record books. Before this week's slate of games, Torrance's last win was against Brea Olinda back on April 4th in the Ryan Lemmon Tournament. Fortunately for Turner and company, something clicked and his team has found a way to get back on track.

While Leuzinger is the last place team in the Pioneer League, if you ask coach Turner, a win is a win. The Tartars received two of those last week as they took on the Olympians, first at home in Torrance, then at Leuzinger. Game one was all Torrance. Five runs in the first followed by six in the sixth led to a 13-0 route in favor of the Tartars.

JD Kruger went 3 for 3 with an RBI and Ryan Siebert went 3 for 4 with four RBI's and one run scored. The second game was a bit closer, but carried on with a similar theme. While Leuzinger scored first, the Tartars picked up one run in the second to tie the game and two in the sixth to win it by a score of 3-1.

Now with two wins on their plate, the Tartars (5-17, 2-2) find themselves in a practical tie for third place with the North High Saxons. This week's matchup will be the Torrance Tartars against the North High Saxons, with many implications on the line.

South High

The South High Spartans are quite possibly the best team in the Pioneer League not named the West High Warriors. The Spartans have been winning games by large margins all season long. With their two victories over Centennial last week, the team remains undefeated in league play and tied for the top spot in the standings with West. South made quick work of Centennial with a 4-1 win last Wednesday and an 11-0 route last Friday behind pitcher Nick Beardsley's one-hit, 11 strikeout effort. Taylor Carmona led the way on offense for South, going 5 for 5 with two doubles. The Spartans (13-6, 4-0) are out to prove that they are a better team than the Warriors this year, but will have to wait a week or two to do it. Before South takes on West (16-6, 4-0) in what will be an epic battle, most likely for first place, they must get past last place Leuzinger first. •



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Film Review

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English-born Garland, best known for his screenwriting efforts for big-screen event pics, particularly the Danny Boyle films *28 Days Later...* and *Sunshine*, as well as *Never Let Me Go* and *Dredd*, is a revered voice in sci-fi cinema for creating such unique and long-standing films that rile not just imaginations, but so to their more intelligent quotients. Which is why it's a breath of fresh air to see his first directed feature film hit theaters, as it is already showing promise of one of the year's best.

Ex Machina tells the story of a young programmer, Caleb (Domhnall Gleeson), who is selected to participate in the opportunity to test an artificially intelligent robot, Ava, (Alicia Vikander) created by tech-wiz recluse and quirk-capitalist Nathan (Oscar Isaac), and

discover what qualities make it human enough to possibly pass.

The stylishly beautiful compositions and camerawork might allude to the work of a director with ample film experience. And you'd be right, but not if you thought directing was his plan to do all along – or work in movies in general, for that matter. "I didn't even really plan to be a novelist," Garland relays in a phone interview, referring to his hit novel *The Beach* that was later adapted by filmmaker Danny Boyle (*Slumdog Millionaire*, *127 Hours*).

"Like the whole thing that set the thing in motion was never, in a strange way, an intention," he continues. "It actually came from having worked in comic books, drawing rather than writing. And realizing I was never going to cut it. And I'd been writing for stuff that I was

drawing, and I essentially ditched the drawings and therefore ended up writing. And if you're writing without drawing you're kind of writing a novel, and that's sort of what happened."

There are only three characters, and yet any more would throw the whole thing off course, or at least be a different movie. The small dynamic provides, to Garland, a tonal view of how these big ideas could be most effectively understood and related to these very tight characters and relationships: "I did really like the way it was planned to be executed, in this sort of chamber piece vibe, because it's very exposing. It doesn't give anyone anywhere to hide. You can't hide behind sort of action sequences; you can't hide behind momentum, to push you past an awkward plot point. One of the ways you get past awkward plot points, of

the sort we were just talking about, is you just drive past them. But then something like this is too slow and reflective to be able to do that."

For all of *Machina's* big ideas and heavy genre, the film is a whole lot of fun. Heck, a surprising portion of it is actually quite funny. But hiding just behind those humorously settling moments are the planted workings of story misdirections, fake-outs, and twists, that give the whole thing increased gains in excitement, as the intoxicating experience becomes clearer.

Machina, as opposed to Garland's other accomplishments in film, stands out in particular, as only a creative type would acknowledge: "I just feel really good about it. It's the only project I've ever worked on where I just feel a kind of undiluted sense of contentment with it." *Ex Machina* is in theaters nationwide. •

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Relay for Life

from front page

become involved with the city's Relay events. "I would like to see less invasive treatment for patients until a cure is found," Slover said. "My mother was very fortunate and is now a 44-year survivor. Currently, Relay helps me fight for friends and family that are touched or lost to the disease."

Slover, who just wrapped up her second year as event lead for the city's Relay for Life, first became involved with Relay during the city's second-ever event back in 2003. She admits that she was unaware of the purpose of the event but in 2004 one of the mothers on the drill team that her daughter danced in started a team leading to her family's full exposure to the Relay movement.

"The following year we again participated on a team. The next two years I served as a Team Captain for a local dance studio," Slover said. "At the closing ceremony, they asked for

people that may be interested in joining the planning committee. I asked my Co-Captain what she thought of me joining and she told me I was crazy as my schedule was too busy, but it just weighed on my heart and I joined in a small role. After the first year I took over the accounting for three years, team development for one year, and Co-Event Lead for two [years]."

Relay for Life has its origins in the mid-1980s when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, became determined to enhance the income of his local American Cancer Society office. Dr. Klatt decided to personally raise money for the fight by doing something he enjoyed—running marathons. So in May 1985, the doctor spent 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound. Throughout the night the doctor ran more than 83 miles and friends paid \$25 to

run or walk 30 minutes with him. In the end Dr. Klatt raised \$27,000 to fight cancer.

As of Monday night, Relay for Life of Torrance had raised \$194,260.24 but the fundraising efforts for this year will not end until August 31, giving the community the chance to continue contributing in order to reach this year's goal of \$240,000. Last year the Relay For Life of Torrance was No. 9 in fundraising throughout the State of California, which hosted more than 400 Relays.

"The planning process is basically year round and starts almost right after the Relay ends," Slover said. "We will start to come up with a theme for next year and start recruiting for the Leadership Committee as we close out the year. We also plan other fundraisers and attend other community events to promote the Relay."

This year's Relay for Life of Torrance reported 60 teams and 825 participants.

"Every year more organizations are competing for donor dollars and we rely on everyone who knows of or has been to the Relay event to assist us in getting donations and sponsorship's," Slover said. "It is amazing how many people in the community haven't heard about the Relay For Life, so that means we still have a lot of work to do to make it more recognized and attended. My hope is that everyone will get a chance to experience a Relay For Life event and like myself and many others, it becomes something they attend every year."

For Fisher, who has been involved with all 13 of the city's relays, is happy she shared her story with other survivors and people in attendance.

"It seemed less big, in some way, writing it out on paper," Fisher said. "It seemed like a friend's story in a way; not mine. I think in some way I always wanted to share, just was not sure how." •

TerriAnn

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needles. Snoopy did look toward his back once or twice, but he was calm. After all the needles were inserted, the muzzle came off and Maureen coaxed Snoopy to lie down and rest. He did – for 20 minutes. Then the needles were removed. After the treatment, Snoopy was taken to the back where he would be 'chipped'. Seems like Snoopy is living his days at the 'spa'!

Maureen began fostering Snoopy on the 10th of February and by the 10th of March, he was walking a little bit and was able to stand, go to the food bowl, and follow her dogs out the door to the outside. "I was amazed when I saw that," added Maureen. The first time Maureen saw Snoopy stand was at the food bowl. She told me she put his food bowl on top of a brick so he wouldn't have to bend his head down so far. One day Maureen was holding him at the food bowl and he suddenly pulled his feet up - but then he would fall, spreading his legs out like he was doing the splits, and she would help him back up. As the days went on, Snoopy started pulling himself up all by himself. And because in the beginning, little Snoopy didn't want to eat and could barely lift his head, Maureen also massaged his neck, in addition to massaging his back, and working his hind legs. In fact, when she first took Snoopy, she had to feed him with a large serving spoon because he couldn't eat by himself at the food bowl. "My dogs encouraged him. They were very interested and they could see he had special

needs. They were very nice to him. He gets along with them, and they like him. My Yorkie in particular likes to play with him," added Maureen. Now he eats breakfast and dinner with her other pets. This is truly a mission of mercy by Maureen.

In the beginning, when Maureen first brought Snoopy home, she invested in a pet stroller so he could go out along with her other dogs on walks, but by the third week he didn't need it because he began walking with her other dogs as his endurance, stamina, and strength improved. "He's one of the dogs now," said Maureen.

About now you might wonder how much all this is costing Maureen? A lot. She is taking care of the expenses out of her own pocket, but if you can help Maureen while she rehabilitates Snoopy, please go to www.GoFundMe.com and donate.

I asked Maureen about Snoopy's upcoming adoption. She told me it would be great for Snoopy to go to a family who already has a dog, as Snoopy is very social, like all Beagles. He also will need tender care because of his back. Hang on Snoopy, hang on.

There are so many people involved with the rehabilitation of this very special dog - named Snoopy. Who was the Good Samaritan who initially called Torrance Animal Control? We may never know. But I do know that Maureen O'Donnell is a saint for stepping in when she was needed into the life of a little dog she named Snoopy. •

City Council

from front page

appropriate the \$9,385 donation made by the Friends of the Torrance Library.

The appropriated funds will be designated to fund a variety of adult programs. These funds will be deposited into the library's trust fund and from there will be transferred to the "appropriate operational fund."

Programs to be funded by the donation include adult summer reading programs, tailored to encourage adults to develop "positive" reading behavior and that will encourage them to participate in library programs, along with the city's youth.

"The Friends of the Torrance Library continue to generously support library programs and activities, and have voted to fund adult programming for fiscal year 2015-16," indicates the staff report made available. "This generous donation will enable the library to continue providing a rich array of adult educational,

cultural, and recreational programs."

The library has hosted author visits, financial literacy workshops, musical performances and hands-on art programs for adults. This year the library is set to once again offer a summer reading program, and the new donation to the budget will also support two events in conjunction with Movies at the Park.

The Friends of the Torrance Library is made up of a group of citizens who volunteer their time toward achieving better libraries for the community. Through the organization of activities such as used books sales, The Friends of the Torrance Library are able to aid the local libraries to obtain important materials, which would be difficult to acquire beyond the confines of their operating budget. The Friends also work with the library to sponsor cultural programs beneficial to the library and the community. •

Police Reports

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PM 2800 BLOCK 232ND ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, heavily ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report

Burglary-Commercial 4/15/2015 6:00 AM 2700 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect(s) cuts hole in door for entry and takes property/pallets of cameras

Burglary-Auto 4/14/2015 6:55 PM 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse

Battery-Simple 4/14/2015 3:20:01 PM

CALLE MAYOR & ANZA AVE Suspect repeatedly punches victim in the arm and hip

Burglary-Residential 4/14/2015 3:11 PM 3700 BLOCK SPENCER ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/watch

Vandalism 4/14/2015 10:36 AM 3700 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) intentionally deflates victim's vehicle's tires

Auto Theft 4/14/2015 8:16 AM 23300 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Stolen vehicle: '14 Honda CRV •

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Margot is a sweet kitten full of sugar and spice and everything nice. With her beautiful tuxedo coat and round golden eyes, she is growing into a lovely little kitty. Margot has a sweet disposition and enjoys being on your lap to have her back and shoulders rubbed while she resonates a continuous purr. She is an active girl who will jump in the air for her favorite toy on a string and enjoys batting the

ball in her blue "donut" toy. Margot will lie at your side, and then paw gently at you, so happy to just to be with you. She is submissive with other cats and makes friends easily at her foster home. Margot has excellent litter box manners and loves to use her cardboard scratching post.

Figaro is a very handsome, four-year-old boy. Just look at his subtle, dark gray spots and wild-cat face which may come from Bengal cat genes. Figaro has a lot of energy, and loves to play! He's also a smart, gentle, nice guy who would love nothing more than to snuggle with you in bed when you wake up, and when you come home! He will always greet you when you get home— ask about your day and tell you all about his. He loves giving hugs, and knows how to do it just like a person, wrapping his paws gently around your neck and rubbing his face against your neck and shoulders. All Figaro wants to do is have someone to love, and someone who will love him back.

Bosco is a devilishly handsome boy who is waiting for a special someone! He would do well someone who has experience with kitties and maybe also be male. Bosco came into foster care with a very classic case of "solo and neglected kitten syndrome," which unfortunately means he did not know the difference between a "nip" and a bite. But with encouragement and patience, he has learned the error of his ways! This sweet boy is very loving, but lacks proper feline social skills so he tends to intimidate other cats who take his in-your-face approach as aggression. He actually does very well with crabby older females who won't let him get away with anything! He is not afraid of dogs



Figaro

at all. Bosco thinks its fun to whack the dogs on the side as they pass by, so he would be fine with a confident dog who would ignore his silly antics. The best way to describe Bosco is "socially awkward" - we think that makes him just a touch more endearing.

Mimi is so very sweet and gets along with all the people and other animals in her foster home. She has two awesome brothers, "Zachary" and "Rufus" who are good kitties just like her. As a young teenager (in cat terms that's about 10 months old), Mimi is super playful, but she also likes to chill out and cuddle. Come meet Mimi; she's hoping she'll be your purr-fect match.

These kitties (and puppy) 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



Mimi

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Margot



Bosco

Happy Tails

Handsome **Landau** was adopted at an area shelter and then returned 4 months later because he didn't sit on his adopter's lap at the times she wanted him to accommodate her. However, going back into the system, Landau was re-assigned his original entry date which indicated he had been there for months (not true) thus putting him at the top of the euthanasia list. Kitten Rescue swooped him out of there and waited until the purr-fect match was found for this adorable Maine Coon boy.

Landau was initially a little too rough with his new family, not quite sure what this new transition would bring. But with every passing day and his family's patience, he is settling into his true self, letting go of his built-up anxiety from being shuffled around and having to be around so many different cats. His family loves him and are so incredible in working with him! When Landau got excited, he would sometimes stalk and attack them. But they found just blowing in his face or throwing a toy to distract him, it immediately dissipated his energy, settling him right down into a normal kitty. Each day, Landau continues to unwind more and more. His family truly loves him to pieces. Congratulations, Landau on your purr-fect match! •



Landau has found the perfect new family to help him adjust.

Real Estate

Decorating a Home Office? Three Productivity-Enhancing Principles

(BPT) - It's a common piece of advice from effective home-based workers: start each day as if you were going to work in an office outside your home (translation - take a shower and don't work in your jammies). The philosophy behind this tidbit is easy to understand. By dressing professionally, you'll feel more professional and your productivity and quality of work will keep pace.

The same axiom can apply to your home office. Is it tucked in a dark corner of the spare bedroom? Is your desk beside a bed covered in old toys? Is your filing cabinet stuffed in the closet under clothes that no one has worn since the first Bush presidency? If your home office doesn't feel professional and uplifting, how productive and happy will you be spending eight or more hours a day there?

Decorating your home office isn't an art, but following some basic principles of office design can help create an organized, effective and productivity-enhancing space.

CHOOSE A WALL COLOR THAT FACILITATES FOCUS.

Even if your home office will be in the guest room that you just painted last year, it may be a good idea to repaint. Not only does a fresh coat of paint make a room feel energized and new, repainting gives you the opportunity to put a color on the wall that's office-appropriate.

In an interview by Chris Bailey of the blog "A Life of Productivity," color psychologist and author Angela Wright suggests that your home office color scheme needs to match the type of work you do because different colors create different effects. For example, Wright says, blue might be stimulating if you do a lot of mental work in your home office. Additionally, yellow could encourage creativity, and green might be soothing if your work is particularly stressful and balance is important.

LUXURIATE IN LIGHT.

"You are stuck in your office - albeit at home - all day, working and slaving away, staring at the same wall and some bland office furniture you got at a garage sale," writes Herman Chan in Home Business Magazine. "Spending all those hours in the same spot, it would behoove you to splurge on one luxury piece." Chan suggests an inspiring piece of furniture, but you can also create a luxe effect - with only a modest "splurge" - by decorating with lighting elements such as a skylight.

"The mental and physical health benefits of natural light and fresh air are well docu-

mented," says Ross Vandermark of VELUX America, makers of Energy Star-qualified skylights. "Energy efficient venting skylights not only make your home and your home office feel more open, airy, bright and productive, they can help you control heating, cooling and lighting costs, too."

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If your home office happens to be located in a renovated attic space, roof windows, which are very much like skylights but are in-reach, can offer natural light and fresh air plus access to the roof for debris removal, maintenance or for emergency egress.

ORGANIZE WITH ATTRACTIVE STORAGE.

If your idea of home office storage includes the cardboard boxes you used to transport files from the last job you had outside your home, it's time to revisit your organizational plan. A cluttered, disorganized home office can cause you to misplace important documents and can make you feel overwhelmed.

As more people have begun working from home, office furniture manufacturers have branched out from the sterile-looking metal storage units ubiquitous in workplaces across the country. Today, it's easy to find attractive storage options that fit with virtually any home office decor.

If you just can't find a file cabinet that speaks to your soul, why not try some alternative storage options? Move that beautiful sideboard you inherited from grandma - that just never fit anywhere else in your house - into your home office and use it for filing. Not in love with any of the desk options available at your local office store? Hit an antique shop and find an antique desk or even a dining table that you adore. Remember to keep furnishings and storage solutions size-appropriate for the room so your home office doesn't feel crowded.

Working from home offers many advantages, including the opportunity to decorate your home office the way you want. By following some basic steps and incorporating your own personality, you can create a home office where you'll be productive and happy throughout the work day. •



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