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Community Leaders, Kenny G Star in Honda Fundraiser



Among the luminaries at the recent "Honda Evening Under the Stars" fundraising event were, from left to right: Mary Morikawa; Steve Morikawa, Vice President, Corporate Relations & Social Responsibility, American Honda Motor Co., Inc.; Kenny G; Donna Dupperon, President and CEO, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce; Torrance Mayor Pat Furey; and Teresa Furey. See this week's Community Briefs for more details. Photo by Deirdre Davidson.

City Council Urges Residents to **Develop Home Fire Escape Plans**

By Cristian Vasquez

With the goal of better educating the local community, the Torrance City Council presented a proclamation declaring this week as 2017 Fire Prevention Week. Councilman Milton S. Herring read the proclamation to those in attendance in which he emphasized the City of Torrance's commitment to ensuring the safety of visitors and residents alike. Furthermore, the proclamation included the basic layout for a fire escape plan, including "two exits from every room in the home, a path to the outside from each exit, smoke alarms in all required locations, and a meeting place outside" to confirm everyone's safety in case of a fire.

"I encourage all people in the community to find and develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household practice it twice a year," said Mayor Patrick J. Furey right before presenting the proclamation.

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!"--through which the Torrance Fire Department (TFD) aims to educate the public about the importance of developing an adequate fire escape plan and having everyone in the household practice.

"This year the Torrance Fire Department has teamed up with Torrance Unified School District where we will be at selected schools throughout the week," Torrance Fire Prevention Specialist Christopher Rhodes said to those in attendance. "We are presenting this theme and talking about the importance of how children can participate with their parents in planning an evacuation drill."

TFD's message during its visits to schools will focus on the basics such as having functioning smoke alarms and a planned-out escape route, which includes drawing a map of one's home where all room exits, paths to safety and meeting points are marked. Residents are also being encouraged to have a home fire drill at least twice a year--one during the day and one at night. Also, parents are encouraged to teach their kids how to escape a fire emergency on their own so they can react in the scenario that an adult cannot reach them to help.

"Not only the theme is important, but the

entire month we are continuing our back training where we are visiting every fifth grade class, where we visit every Torrance Unified School District School and we teach fire science, the safety of evacuation plans and smoke alarm placement and testing," Rhodes added.

All information being shared by the TFD during Fire Prevention Week is from the National Fire Protection Association (http:// www.nfpa.org), which leads the efforts every year to educate citizens on proper fire safety and preparation. The NFPA discovered that

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School Board Approves ACE Mentor Program for North High

By Cristian Vasquez

Members of the Torrance School Board on Monday night approved a request for North High School to be a part of the Architecture Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program for the 2017-2018 school year. ACE, a nationwide mentoring program, was developed to assist and mentor high school students while inspiring them to seek career opportunities in the fields of design and construction. "The ACE mission is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering and construction through mentoring and to support their continued advancement in the industry,"

states the agenda presented to the Board

North High students will be offered the opportunity to participate in this afterschool program, which will be supervised by campus faculty members while ACE mentors work alongside the students every other week. Mentors will teach students about the fields of architecture, construction and engineering. Each ACE mentor will be fully cleared to work with students through the Torrance Unified School District volunteer procedures, as well as the meticulous background checks carried out by the ACE Mentor Program. Through the sponsors, the program can

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Calendar of Events

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, OCT. 12

- 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.
- Biography and Memoirs Book Discussion Group, 10:30 AM. – 11:30 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.
- All My Sons: By Arthur Miller Torrance Theatre Company, 7:00 PM., 1316 Cabrillo Ave., Tickets: \$30, Call: 424-243-6882.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

- Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.
- Friday Fun for Kids, 10:00 AM. 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- All My Sons: By Arthur Miller Torrance Theatre Company, 8:00 PM., 1316 Cabrillo Ave., Tickets: \$30, Call: 424-243-6882.
- Lipstick, Shoes, and Fancy Moves, 9:30 AM. & 11:45 AM., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, For more info: www.tutudance.org.
- FUN-tastic Fridays: Halloween Spooktacular with Buster Balloon, 4:00 PM., free for school aged children, no registration required, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Streetlight Cadence, 7:30 PM. 9:30 PM., Tickets: \$48/\$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM. & 11:00 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Streetlight Cadence, 7:30 PM. 9:30 PM., Tickets: \$48/\$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- All My Sons: By Arthur Miller Torrance Theatre Company, 8:00 PM., 1316 Cabrillo Ave., Tickets: \$30, Call: 424-243-6882.
- Lipstick, Shoes, and Fancy Moves, 7:45 PM., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, For more info: www.tutudance.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

- All My Sons: By Arthur Miller Torrance Theatre Company, 2:00 PM., 1316 Cabrillo Ave., Tickets: \$30, Call: 424-243-6882.
- Just Desserts Concert: Let's Dream, 7:00 PM. 9:30 PM., Tickets: \$25, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- The 22nd Annual Halloween Ball Benefiting Pediatric Therapy Network, 4:00 PM. 9:00 PM., Tickets: \$150, The Depot Restau-

rant, 1250 Cabrillo Ave., Call: 310-328-0276.

MONDAY, OCT. 16

- Hallowe'en Creepy Code, Visit all day and crack the code, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista Del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- Babytime at the Library, 10:30 AM. & 1:30 PM., free no registration required, Ages 6-18 months, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Pajama-Rama Evening Storytime, 6:30 PM., free, kids can wear pajamas, Walteria Library, 3815 242nd Street, Call: 310-375-8418.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM. 9:00 PM., City Hall, Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Blue Submarine: Adventures in Marine Biology, 4:00 PM., free no registration required, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
- 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.
- Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce: Business Expo & Showcase, 4:30 PM. 7:30 PM., free parking & admission, Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach, 3635 Fashion Way, Call: 310-540-5858.
- Pajama-Rama Evening Storytime, 6:30 PM., kids can wear pajamas, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

- Torrance Rose Float Association A Fundraising Night of Laughter, 7:00 PM. 11:00 PM., Tickets: \$20, Must be 18 & older only, The Comedy & Magic Club, 1018 Hermosa Ave., Call: 310-618-2425.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., free no registration required, kids can wear pajamas, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., free no registration required, kids can wear pajamas, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
- Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., for kids 18 months to 3 years, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista Del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

- 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.
- Balloon Workshop, 4:00 PM., Ages 5 and up only, space is limited, registration is required, Walteria Library, 3815 242nd Street, Call: 310-375-8418. •

Community Briefs

Dee Hardison Memorial Scholarship Fund Established at Torrance Education Foundation

Torrance Education Foundation has established the Dee Hardison Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Dee Hardison, who passed away on September 30 after a short illness.

At the request of Hardison's husband Lowell, and sons Brad and Mark Hardison, the Foundation is accepting contributions from the community to create a scholarship to provide annual financial support to a graduating senior from Torrance Unified School District.

Dee Hardison dedicated much of her life and career to education. After retiring from Torrance Unified School District and being elected to Torrance City Council, she dove in with her typical vigor to create the Torrance Education Foundation with a group of community volunteers, and to raising funds to support the schools. She was a charter board member of the Foundation, and remained an active member until her death. Dee served two terms as Foundation President and chaired numerous work groups and committees, including the annual Scholarship Committee.

"Nothing gave Dee greater pleasure than chairing the TEF Scholarship Committee,"

says Lowell Hardison. "She took tremendous delight in presenting the scholarship awards every year. Dee especially loved corresponding with and personally congratulating each winner, and looked forward each year to welcoming the students and their families to a reception in their honor."

"The imprint Dee Hardison leaves on Torrance Education Foundation and Torrance Unified School District will never fade," says current TEF President, Dr. Chad Mabery. "Dee set high standards, and was tireless in her commitment to achieving them. She gave unstintingly of herself to the cause of excellence in education for Torrance students. All of us at TEF are proud to carry forward her vision."

The Dee Hardison Memorial Scholarship Fund will be a lasting tribute to one of our community's most vital, selfless, and dedicated public servants.

To make a contribution to support the Dee Hardison Scholarship, please visit www. TorranceEducationFoundation.org. Gifts may also be mailed to the Foundation at P.O. Box 1397, Torrance, CA 90505.

- Source: Torrance Education Foundation

"Honda Evening Under the Stars" Raises \$330,000 for Health Care of South Bay Kids

World-renowned saxophonist Kenny G serenaded a summer night audience at the 31st annual "Honda Evening Under the Stars" Gourmet Food & Wine Festival on Saturday, August 26. Presented in partnership with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's event at American Honda's Torrance campus supported the health care of South Bay kids. The event raised \$330,000 to help fund the renovation of Torrance Memorial Medical Center's North Patient Tower, which

will house new Pediatric, Neonatal Intensive Care and Mother/Baby Units, as well as support the local nonprofit Vistas for Children. In addition to the very best in South Bay cuisine, approximately 80 varietals of wine were offered at the event. As part of the event's festivities, guests had the opportunity to participate in a live and silent auction for exclusive items and experiences. In total, the auction raised just more than \$109,000. — Source: Torrance Memorial Medical Center

Department of Labor Awards Grants to SBWIB Programs for At-Risk Youth

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$1.1 million in YouthBuild grant funds to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and its partners, Century Center for Economic Opportunity (CCEO) YouthBuild, and Habitat For Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. The funds will support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth and will directly benefit South Bay area youth in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, Gardena, Carson, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita.

"We are grateful to once again be recognized by the Department of Labor with this much needed grant award," SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel said. "We anticipate that after they complete occupational skills training and earn industry-recognized certifications, these YouthBuild participants will be able to secure good paying jobs and get on a path to self-sufficiency," he concluded.

The SBWIB and CCOE's YouthBuild program aligns with former President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative and job-driven training agenda by promoting a "stepping stone" approach to a seamless progression from education to work-based learning. It includes classroom instruction and occupational skills training within the construction building trades for youth ages 16 to 24 at approved worksites managed by Habitat for Humanity. The YouthBuild participants have either been in the juvenile justice system or have aged out of foster care, have dropped out of high school or are otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones. The program provides young adults opportunities and career pathways to gain the skills and education they need for employment and to become leaders in their communities. - Source: SBWIB







Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

Late-Night Circuit Hosts Needs to Stop Being Quiet

By Cristian Vasquez

Hollywood's hush-hush reaction to Harvey Weinstein's predatory behavior comes as no surprise, but it shows the hypocrisy of an industry that will pick and choose who it attacks. When the news that movie producer and studio executive Harvey Weinstein had reached legal settlements with at least eight different women who accused him of sexual harassment, I really wasn't surprised. The Hollywood mogul had dealt with such accusations in the past the same way: via a legal settlement. However, Hollywood's lack of commentary--whether it be in anger--to ridicule the disgraced producer or simply draw attention to sexual harassment, highlights a disgusting hypocrisy in the industry.

For beginners, this is the type of news that late-night talk show hosts would use to mercilessly attack the accused and rightfully so. Let's not forget that it has been a year since the infamous Access Hollywood tape of the presidential candidate Trump was released. To this day, it's still referenced to mock and attack the President by the late-night talk show hosts and other comedians. So, why is there a different standard for Weinstein? It would be naïve to think that there is no bias in Hollywood. Furthermore, it would be wishful thinking to expect an industry to not protect one of its own in a time of crisis. However, the hypocrisy behind the silence is appalling. I'm not asking that a person get kicked when they're down, but these late-night talk show hosts don't usually hold back on who they throw jabs at during their monologues. While there might have been one or two hosts who have addressed the news of these settlements, the attention given is nowhere near what this segment of the entertainment industry would normally provide to a story of this magnitude.

Let's be clear: this isn't a defense for anyone accused of prior wrongdoing, but rather a sort of rhetorical question to highlight that liberal Hollywood bias that conservatives love to point out. Remember when comedian Hannibal Buress noted that Bill Cosby was being accused of several forms of sexual assault? Much like with the President's Access Hollywood tape, it instantly became the punchline for late-night talk shows hosts and comedians in the country--and rightfully so. Yet, here we are almost a week after the news broke of Weinstein's legal settlements and I am yet to hear any jokes, condemnation or any attempts to reach out to victims of his predatory behavior.

I get it: Weinstein is part of the industry and maybe there are "unspoken rules" and lines they don't cross. But it is that hypocrisy that partially fuels resentment from people with less liberal tendencies toward Hollywood personalities. Weinstein's behavior is disgusting and his settlements are no more than a payoff to make the headache go away. By remaining silent, these talk show hosts are assisting this predator in drowning out the noise. It is disgusting and hypocritical. •

Another Man's Opinion

Is Tillerson Next One to Be Jettisoned by Mr. Trump?

By Duane Plank

Okay, so the whirlwind continues as President Trump continues to juggle all the responsibilities of the presidency before he jets off to one of his golf course properties early on Friday to cap off his difficult four-and-a-half-day day workweek.

The lib talking heads were focused on the fact that Secretary "Sexy Rexy" Tillerson may have become a tad bit frustrated dealing with the mercurial Mr. Trump. After all, when Tillerson was negotiating, which is his job, with the NOKO loonies last week, Trump undercut him, blustering that negotiations weren't working.

And to be fair, the past President's attempts at negotiation, although attacked with alacrity with the Sec of States like the moribund Hillary Clinton, did not work.

So, will Tillerson be shown the door? Who knows--tune in next week.

More importantly (of course) than machinations in Washington, the inside-the-beltway, in-the-weeds Bolshoi that is raging 24-7 on the lib networks was the horrific massacre that occurred in Las Vegas.

I have never owned a gun. My dad never technically owned a gun, though someone gave him a little pearl-handled pistol. May have been from the Civil War. Don't know, don't care. Not sure where it is right now. After my parents passed, we moved their stuff out of the MB domain. Not sure who ended up with the stylish firearm. Maybe the sis, who has had to relocate to the confines of Redondo?

Anyway, I am just another of the gadzillions of folks who are in the middle of this gun

control debate. I get the Second Amendment defense, which the nuts in the NRA continue to espouse. Yes, we need our muskets to prevent the English from overrunning our shores. I get it: "The British are coming."

And I also, somewhat, hear the chimes from crazies like Pelosi, and smart ladies like Feinstein, to ban this, ban that. Where has Mad Max been for this new deal? Cashing in somewhere, one would assume?

So there is no way to stop a crazy like the Vegas shooter. I am a huge studier of the long-ago JFK assassination. Before Kennedy was taken down by the loonie Oswald, maybe with a little inside info from LBJ, Kennedy had opined that-and I paraphrase--if a pathetic scumbag loser was willing to die and commit suicide as he took folks down, then it would be adios to the target.

So we can fulminate and parse why the fat coward hunkered down on the 32nd floor of a Vegas Taj Mahal to blow away innocent folks, including South Bay workers.

As I said, never fired a gun in my life. Had never heard about a "bump-stock" device. Of course, in this loony country, heard those killing devices were now top-sellers, with the avaricious money-grabbers at Amazon delivering death devices to you ASAP. Look for your next drone delivery.

Why does it take a tragedy, a massacre, to bring us together as Americans? Only after they start firing away and put bullet holes in many of our legal citizens... that's when we spring into action? •

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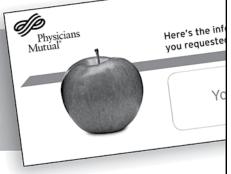


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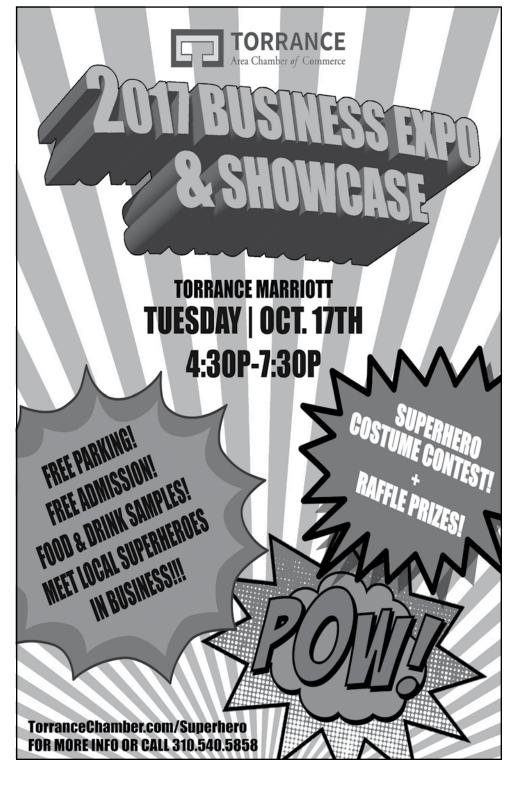
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City Council

many people have misconceptions about smoke alarms that can put them at an increased risk.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, which began a tradition of the President of the United States signing a proclamation recognizing the occasion. The week of education is observed in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871 but caused the most damage October 9. Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance, according to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center.

"It is very interesting to see the kids' faces light up when we explain firefighting," Rhodes said. "And the firefighters enjoy spending the time with them, so thank you for the proclamation."

Mayor Furey added, "I think you have really found an excellent way to get the information back to the parents--tell the kids."

City Council Remembers Dee Hardison

Tuesday night's Council meeting included

a moment of silence and tribute to former

two-term Torrance Mayor Dee Hardison, who recently passed away at the age of 79. Each member of the Council took a turn describing Hardison's many accomplishments, both as an elected official and active resident of Torrance. Hardison was a special education teacher whose involvement in city government began when a neighborhood park being built sparked her interest. In addition to spending eight years on the Council, Hardison also served as both a Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissioner. Her commitment to the City and its residents earned her the 2011 Jared Sidney Torrance Award.

During her tenure as Mayor, Hardison was part of the Civic Center Library expansion, was instrumental in providing a space for the Madrona Marsh Nature Preserve and was part of kickoff efforts to redevelop Old Torrance.

Born Delores Grinton, Dee--as she was affectionately known--was born on January 22, 1938 in Washington and graduated from Western Washington University where she met her future husband Lowell Hardison. The couple and their children moved to Torrance in 1967. •

School Board

from front page financially support each student's ongoing

success via scholarships and grants. ACE also works closely with sponsors to provide as close to real-world opportunities as possible. The program uses working professionals such as architects, interior designers, landscape architects, mechanical engineers, structural engineers, electrical engineers,

environmental engineers, civil engineers and construction managers to volunteer. Since its inception, ACE has granted more than \$14 million in scholarships to participating students, reaches an estimated 8,000 students each year and is considered the construction industry's fastest-growing high school mentoring program.

North High students will be invited to attend tours of area architectural firms, engineering firms, college and trade schools; and participate in trade shows as the school year progresses. All costs associated with the program will be funded via community donations, grants from ACE Mentors and North High Supplemental funds.

Also on Monday, the Board members approved an agreement with Independent Contractors for the 2017-2018 school year for healthcare services. Due to state regulations, the District must contract with outside individuals or agencies to provide students with specialized healthcare needs with the daily services required. These contractors must be licensed vocational nurse, as defined in a student IEP or 504 plan. "Throughout the year, as the needs of individual students warrant, Health Services staff will recommend contracting with a variety of independent contractors," states the agenda provided to the Board.

So far the list of contractors includes seven

vendors at a price not to exceed \$370,000 for their services combined. Among the independent contractors are providers that the District has worked with in the past. However, there might be a need for additional services not covered by the listed providers, as well as no need to use any of the contractors listed. All costs related to specialized healthcare services provided via independent contractors are to be funded by the Health Services account.

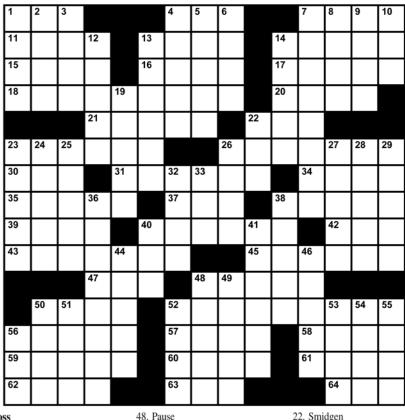
The Board also approved participation in Community Based Instruction (CBI) trips for South High School's and Calle Mayor Middle School's STEPS Program. The trips offered to Special Education Students provide an opportunity for them to practice "functional living skills such as making purchases and using public resources." These have become popular aspects of the STEPS program. "All CBI trips take place during the regular school day and are either a walking trip, or transportation is coordinated with the STEPS student's regular daily District bus transportation," states the Board agenda.

Each principal will be informed in advance of any of the trips throughout the 2017-2018 school year. During each CBI outing, there are no less than seven adults for every 16 students. These educational trips are funded via the STEPS program Special Education budget available to each school site.

Some of the regular trips taken by STEPS students have included community libraries, Discovery Park, the Del Amo Fashion Center, local grocery stores and restaurants, the Post Office, the Redondo Beach Pier, Starbucks, the Torrance Fire and Police departments, Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Zamperini Field & Flight Tower, among others. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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Up and Adam

North High Saxons Prevail in a Battle of Torrance Football Rivals

By Adam Serrao

The most likely outcome in any Pioneer League rivalry game--especially when those two rivals are both from the city of Torrance--is a shootout with one team simply displaying more offensive firepower than the other. What happened last Friday night at West High was exactly the opposite of that. After three straight quarters of gritty football and stingy defense, one team was finally able to make it onto the scoreboard. With less than five minutes remaining in the entire game, Mitchell Jackson converted a 32-yard field goal that proved to be both the first points

down to the wire," Jackson explained after the game. "I just did it. I believed in myself and I did it. I was thinking I had to do this for my team. I feel extremely blessed for this opportunity."

The Saxons and head coach Todd Croce must feel blessed too. Unable to get anything going on offense all night long, it came down to just one kick to decide the fate of the entire game. That kick came on the heels of a 29-yard pass by North quarterback Sean Sigala and catch from Brandon Livingston. It was Livingston's only catch of the night and came on a fourth down play call. The



North's quarterback Mehki Jordan (#1) scrambles out of the backfield under West Torrance's defensive pressure in the second quarter of play.

of the game and the game-winning score. A 3-0 victory not only sealed the Warriors' fate, but also vaulted the Saxons ahead of West High in the season-long standings.

The North High Saxons and the West High Warriors obviously have a long history of being rivals and battling it out in the Pioneer League for supremacy. Most recently, however, it was the Warriors who came out on top with a 14-10 victory just one season ago. West eventually finished in second place that year before being kicked out of the playoffs in the first round of play. This time, it's North High's year in the rivalry-and though it wasn't necessarily pretty, the team (and Jackson) still found a way to get it done. "It was tough, well-fought and came

risk was certainly worth the eventual reward and wound up getting the Saxons the win. "We did what we had to do as a team to get that win," Livingston said. "This win gets us some revenge from last year and sets the tone for us in league. This was a big win."

On the other side of the ball, it was another close loss for the Warriors. Like North, they failed to get anything going on offense all night long. The close loss was West's second of the season, with the other coming in week three against Redondo. Coach Greg Holt and company are now spiraling in the wrong direction and have lost four games in a row and five of their first six of the year. West (1-5, 0-1) will look to get back on track this

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Los Angeles Kings Set to Regain Their Hockey Throne

By Adam Serrao Photos by Dirk Dewachter

It was only three years ago that the Los Angeles Kings hoisted the Stanley Cup above their heads and brought the trophy back home to the city of Los Angeles. It was just one season ago, however, that the Kings had the same playoff expectations, yet missed the out on the postseason with a 39-35-8 record. Missing the playoffs for the second time in three seasons will certainly take its toll on a team and its front office. That's why this year's new-look Kings hope to regain success with both a new general manager and a new head coach at the helm.

While on the ice, the roster may still look somewhat familiar. the biggest changes to a team that has been devoid of postseason success lately come behind the bench and in the front office. In an effort to gain more prolific leadership, Los Angeles fired both general manager Dean Lombardi and head coach Darryl Sutter. While those two names can certainly be given credit as the craftsmen of both the 2012 and 2014 Stanley Cup victories, the Kings will now turn to Rob Blake and ex-assistant coach John Stevens to fill their respective capacities and lead Los Angeles back to greatness.

The front office may be different, but the team skating around on the ice will feature many of the same faces that brought home championship victories to Los Angeles not long ago. A team that struggled to score goals just last year should benefit from refreshed and rejuvenated play from both Anze Kopitar and Drew Doughty, who both spent time playing in the World Cup one year ago. Also, Jonathan Quick should be over the injuries that caused him to miss so much time last year, allowing the former All-Star and Conn Smythe Trophy winner to regain form. Add in what should be a great defensive effort this year coming from players like Derek Forbort, Paul LaDue and Kevin Gravel, and the Kings should have a team that is ready to make some noise in the Pacific Division.

Not only are the Kings poised to make noise, but with the emergence of a fresh face behind the bench, they are also ready to gain a bit more offensive freedom on the ice. Kopitar, for one, is excited about the possibilities that a new head coach can bring. "It's not a new face, but a new philosophy comes in," Kopitar explains. "There's definitely a breath of fresh air. I think everything's a little bit

more upbeat. Everything's a little looser, but loose in a good way." Doughty was quick to second those thoughts. "It's just a new feeling around the team, and it feels good," he said. "We want to become the team that we were two years ago, three years ago, probably even four years ago. It's not just going to happen because we made these changes. We're going to have to work our butts off and we have to make this team get there."

That mindset and attitude shared by both Kopitar and Doughty is infectious and should not only spread to the entire team, but also lead to increased effort on both sides of the ice. With a better attitude and increased effort, it shouldn't be hard for a talented Kings team to easily improve upon seasons of the past. Even still, questions remain for a Los Angeles team opening up the season with four rookies on the roster while looking for its first postseason victory since grabbing the Cup in 2014.

Among those questions is the health of the aforementioned Quick. The goaltender has proven to be injury-prone and when he's out of the net, the Kings tend to suffer. Though the addition of four rookies should bring speed to a team that is in desperate need of it, the inexperience that comes along with their time on the ice has the opportunity to prove lethal at times. The Kings did very little to improve their roster in the offseason. While the team is still poised to only get better, it would be somewhat of a surprise if Los Angeles regains form enough to surpass the likes of the Anaheim Ducks, Calgary Flames and Edmonton Oilers, to name a few.

If the first game of the season said anything, it's that the Kings are certainly on their way toward achieving success. Los Angeles had lost three straight openers before shutting out the Philadelphia Flyers by a final score of 2-0 last Thursday night at Staples Center to start the new season. What's even more important than the victory itself is that in the win, the Kings exhibited the same opportunistic play on offense and scrappy play on defense that won the team their last Stanley Cup trophy. Los Angeles' season opener was clearly only one of many more games to come in a long NHL season. The first impression of this year's L.A. Kings, though, tells us that they will be much closer to the championship team of the 2014 Finals than to that of the one that missed the playoffs last year.

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Bond, James Bond... Torrance Residents Weigh in on Best 007

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

With the tragic events of this past week, memories of the lost won't soon be forgotten. In addition to the horrific tragedy in Las Vegas, Torrance lost a remarkable person of excellence, gentleness and fairmindedness when former Mayor Dee Hardison died this week. It was almost too much to comprehend.



Monday evening as I arrived home, I knew I had to recompose myself, as I am sure many did. I had been shaken.

It is with the knowledge of the past weeks' tragedies and loss that I, as you probably do also, look to the future with hope. In that spirit, I write this week's offering as someone who has, yes, been "shaken," but not completely "stirred." And in that spirit, I continue...

Quickly, who is your favorite Bond and what is your favorite Bond film? Most of us when asked that question would have a hard time remembering all the actors who played 007, Bond, James Bond in the movies. Just to recap, the Bonds are: Sean Connery (1962-1967, 1971 and 1983), David Niven (1967), George Lazenby (1969), Roger Moore (1972-1985), Timothy Dalton (1986-1994), Pierce Brosnan (1994-2004) and Daniel Craig (2005-present). Only seven actors have played the cool James Bond on film. When I asked people who was their favorite, most paused a moment and then asked me if I could name a few to refresh their memory.

For me, somehow the Bond films have always been fun to watch. They have action; adventure taking place in beautiful, exotic and interesting places; have Bond using ultra-modern space-aged devices and driving cool cars... and on top of all that, the good guys always win. My brother Tommy has collected all the Bond films, so I decided to ask him about his favorite Bond film. He then asked me if I meant "old Bond" or "new Bond." What? I am not sure the Bond gentlemen would care for that description. Tommy then told me, "Old Bond has to be You Only Live Twice and with the new Bond, hands down, Casino Royale." Then I asked him what he liked about the Bond films and he said, "Well, I like all the different countries the stories are set in for one thing--and you know Bond is going to come out on top and he won't have a tragic end." Then he told me his favorite Bond is Daniel Craig.

Marie Gervais told me, "I would have to see their pictures. Okay, I remember I like Sean Connery and Pierce Brosnan and my favorite Bond film is Goldfinger." When I asked a small group, someone simply looked at me oddly and then I explained, "From the 007 James Bond films." He thought I was asking about financial bonds. I hadn't thought of that.

Winnie Van Heerden told me without hesitation that she thinks Roger Moore was the best Bond, but her favorite Bond film was Skyfall and she loved Adele singing the title song.

I remember seeing most of the Bond films simply because my brother has them all and loves sharing. Thinking about my favorite Bond, I would have to say Daniel Craig because he seems a bit more mortal and human than the others, and I loved Skyfall like Winnie.

Vickie Vega told me, "It is a toss-up. I didn't think I was supposed to like Daniel Craig cuz he is blond...now but I like Pierce Brosnan. I thought he was one of the most good-looking Bonds. I like the first one, Casino Royale."

"My favorite Bond is Pierce Brosnan," said Michael O'Neill, without hesitation, although he couldn't come up with an all-time favorite Bond film. I note that Michael is in his 20s, which shows the Bond mystique even reaches out to younger viewers.

South Bay resident Larry told me, "Let me say my least favorite Bond is Pierce Brosnan. He never clicked with me. I have two favorites, Daniel Craig and Roger Moore. I just loved their performances. I really enjoyed Casino Royale and the other one would have to be Goldfinger. And I loved Shirley Bassey's voice singing the title song!" Well, I agree with that. Nobody sings Goldfinger like Shirley Bassey.

As I asked more and more people in Torrance about their favorite Bond, I found I could just about pick who their favorite choice would be by their generation. Most of the time, the Bond they first saw was their favorite and answers ranged from "Who?" to "What Bond?" The results proved Sean Connery and Daniel Craig were the leaders in my very unscientific survey. In the end, who played James Bond is not earth-shattering in the least. However, right now, this week, somehow it provided me with a respite of frivolity and pause, reminding me there are wonderful people who do amazing things every day. Like James Bond who works tirelessly protecting the world from evil, I think we need to remember what love can do and how blessed we are, no matter how much we are shaken or stirred. •



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week when it travels to Compton to take on the Centennial Apaches in a Pioneer League matchup.

North, on the other hand, has now won its second game in a row as well as three out of the last four. A matchup with the Leuzinger Olympians waits in the wings and could possibly decide who takes over sole possession of first place in the Pioneer League standings. While the Saxons' (4-2, 1-0) best football has yet to be played, Croce and company are sitting pretty heading into the latter portion of their regular season schedule.

Torrance High

After getting shut out two weeks ago at the hands of the Lawndale Cardinals, the Torrance Tartars turned the tables on their opponent last week. With a 48-0 victory at home against the Centennial Apaches, head coach Rock Hollis and his team not only got back on track on the right side of the standings, but also won their first game of Pioneer League play.

Starting quarterback Nathan Gottlieb accounted for three touchdowns against the Apaches, but most of Torrance's work was

done on the ground grinding out the clock. All four of Terrence Reyes, Ethan Meyers, Kyle Sell and Eric Suarez rushed for a touchdown on the night. Meyers carried the ball eight times for 58 yards, while Suarez had six carries for 59 on the ground. The Tartars (2-4, 1-0) great all-around game vaulted them to the top of the Pioneer League standings. Coach Hollis and Torrance will look to stay there when they travel to South High to take on the hapless Spartans this week at South High.

South High

The South High Spartans' nightmare of

a season continued last week in the team's first game of league play that took place on the road at Leuzinger High. Not only did the team remain winless on the season, but with a 35-0 shutout remained scoreless through the last four games as well. South (0-6, 0-1) has now been shut out in five of the last six games played this season. Opposing quarterback Michael Culpepper accounted for three touchdowns on the night. The Spartans will welcome the Torrance Tartars to their home field this week.

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A tight defense forced North's Sean Sigala (#7) to seek an outside route with Dutch Silverlake (West Torrance #22) closing in on him.



West's Gus Eckert (#45) reaches for Mitchel Jackson (#8) during the second quarter of play.



North Torrance's Mehki Jordan (#1) prepares to throw a long pass in the second quarter of play in the game against West Torrance.



North's Chris Pineda (#17) is being stiff-armed by West's Venture O'Neal (#1) as he runs upfield.



Gus Eckert (West Torrance #45) tackles North quarterback Mehki Jordan (#1) after the latter gained some yards on a short run up



Jacob Jurado (North Torrance #11) dives to tackle West's Brandon Poffenbarger (#2) on a run early during the North Torrance-West

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Brandi and her brother Corey are an affectionate, beautiful and docile pair of youngsters. They love getting snuggles and chin scratches. Brandi has the personality of a fluffy, super soft, happy panda and purrs in approval when getting lots of love. This sweet darling is curious and a little shy, but enjoys being held and brushed. She is playful, but also a pensive young girl. Corey is a chill, go-with-the-flow kind of guy. The day he came to his new foster home, he sat on the lap of his foster dad like, "What are we watching, the news? Boring, but I'll give you company." He follows you to the kitchen to see what strange human activities you do. Brandi and Corey are bonded siblings and would be happy adopted together. They also like other friendly, beta, fun young kitties-so we would consider allowing them to be adopted separately if it's the right fit.

Looks? Check. Personality? Check. **Kenny** is the total package. He is an amazing little boy who offers his humans lots of affection and tons of entertainment. His favorite thing to do is lounge on your lap or sit on your shoulder and get pets. People who meet Kenny for the first time are impressed with his cute looks and stripes, and then are even more impressed with his great personality. Kenny was rescued from a high-kill shelter. He is now hoping that his luck continues and he finds his purr-ever loving home and family.

Peter is an affectionate and cuddly kitten. He's a lot of fun and loves to play with toys and wrestle with other kittens. Peter moved to the Kitten Rescue Sanctuary with his mom



Corey

and seven siblings only a few days after being born, so he has been around people his whole life. As a result, Peter is very loving. You can watch him and his family on Kitten Rescue's live cam: https://explore.org/livecams/kitten-rescue/kitten-rescue-cam. Peter enjoys having other cats around to snuggle and play. He would like to be adopted with one of his siblings or as a buddy to a resident cat.

Cobbler (like Peach Cobbler) is just "yummy." As a three-week-old kitten, she was abandoned under the stairwell of a nice gentleman's apartment. He took her in and contacted Kitten Rescue to save her. Because of all the human TLC she received, Cobbler adores people. She is not afraid of anyone and loves to run right up to greet you. Cobbler loves to roughhouse with her foster siblings, but sometimes when her foster mom comes around she wants to crawl up onto her lap to snuggle. She gets along great with other kitties and must have a young playmate. Children are great too. Cobbler is ready to snuggle with you for the rest of her life.

Abba Zabba was rescued with his four siblings and another litter of kittens from a storage facility. He was a little shy at first, but is now a loving, rambunctious little boy who loves to sit on laps and give kisses. He may still be a bit shy when he first meets someone new, but quickly loses that shy side to let out his playful and loving nature. Abba would love to be adopted with one of his cousins or into a home with a friendly feline playmate.

Leo was found by a Good Samaritan. He was in pain, dehydrated and not able to walk after he was hit by a car. He was brought to the Kitten Rescue Sanctuary and after a visit to the vet, he was found to have a fractured pelvis. Leo is now fully recovered and ready



Cobbler

to find his purr-manent home! Young Leo is a very playful kitty and loves other cats. He enjoys getting love, pets and attention from you, though he prefers to have all four paws on the ground and is not fond of being picked up. Leo's ideal home would have a buddy for him to play with and loving and attentive humans who would dote on him.

Nellie is a Nebelung mix. Because we don't know her parents, we call her a mix. The Nebelung is a rare breed of domestic cat. Nebelungs have long bodies, wide-set green eyes, long and dense fur, and mild dispositions. They have a very distinctive, silky, semi-long, blue-grey coat, and are very graceful cats. Nellie is super sweet and a great bed snuggler! She is looking for a special someone(s) who will love her and make her feel safe and secure. Nellie would do best as an only cat or with another cat who mostly ignores her.



Leo

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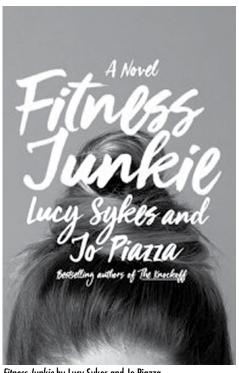


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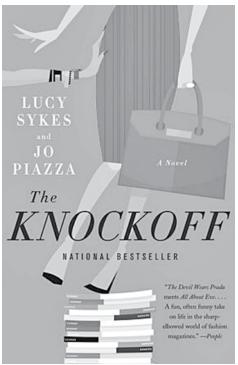
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Fitness Junkie by Lucy Sykes and Jo Piazza is just plain funny! Like its predecessor, The *Knockoff*, the tale told is instantly relatable with the subjects of fashion, current technology (especially social media) and pop culture trends. The characters appear real and you can actually care for them--even those that might be thought as secondary. In fact, it's easy to picture it in your head, ready for a TV or movie screen near you.

Author Lucy Sykes has years of experience working in the fashion world and co-author Jo Piazza is an award-winning reporter, which may be why the stories they tell seem so real. Some of the characters are thinly-veiled versions of celebrities. It's fun to guess who is who. In their latest collaboration, Fitness Junkie, our heroine is Janey Sweet, a Southern gal literally born into a chocolate candy business. She meets Beau in grade school and soon they are inseparable. As adults, they head north to New York and establish a high-end wedding dress company, "B." Beau designs and Janey is the CEO. Soon, B is the talk of fashion and gossip media throughout the country and internationally.

One day Janey and Beau have a breakfast date and he lowers the boom: Janey must lose 30 pounds pronto or else! He can't have her photographed stuffing her face with pastry (actually, it was a "bruffin," a combo of brioche and a muffin), when their product only goes up to a size four! This sets our girl head-long into the weird and crazy worlds of fitness, wellness, shamanism, juicing and more.=

Janey, her young fitness trainer cousin Ivy, her best friend CJ and the oddballs and experts she meets along her weight loss journey never seem anything but real, thanks to the voice talents of actress Susan Bennett who easily switches accents to capture the true depth of each person. Even though some of the action can seem quite exaggerated, the payoff in laughter is worth the stretching of



The Knockoff by Lucy Sykes and Jo Piazza.

your belief systems. Besides, it's not that farfetched if you read newspapers or watch TV at all. Some methods of "wellness" depicted include the use of live bees on skin instead of Botox, IV drip vitamin therapy (at a St. Lucia retreat, no less), topless yoga and a "terrorist"-run boot camp/workout escapade. There are subplots of possible romance, fashion world espionage and cutthroat competition among fitness salons and their gurus. All of these topics blend seamlessly into the story and you root for Janey to find understanding and ultimately, happiness.

I found myself anxious to hear what would happen next as I climbed in the car for each commute. The library has many books on CD from which to choose, making the traffic a lot less painful. Please stop by the library and allow our staff to assist you in your selection



of books and materials. And, if you enjoy this book, try The Knockoff. I don't think you will be disappointed. •

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss, I Can Read WITH MY EYES SHUT!

<u>Film Review</u>

Treat Yourself to the Moving, Magical Testament to Childhood, The Florida Project

By Ryan Rojas for www.cinemacy.com

In 2014, Boyhood stunned audiences by showing a boy growing up and coming of age over a 12-year span. The film's depiction of childhood captured these universally familiar moments so simply, so beautifully. The naturalness of such wellchosen non-actors conjured up a sense of cinema verité magic in a way that most movies cannot. Another indie film that recaptures this sense of magic is this year's The Florida Project. Writer/director Sean Baker, whose previous film, Tangerine (which was shot on an iPhone), tells the story of childhood and the theme of limitless boundaries that either dance around reality or run straight into it.

Quite simply, The Florida Project is a story about kids being kids. Taking place at an extended stay motel where folks and families of all types live while they scrape together next month's rent, the kids scurry through the stairs and parking lot with a sense of boundless energy that leaps off the screen and into audiences' hearts. We follow one precocious six-year-old girl, Moonee be remembered come awards season. Dafoe also navigates working with the non-actors beautifully; lending the soft and patient heart that sees him stand as paternal to young Moonee when things go south for her mom.

Baker, whose previous film Tangerine so beautifully captured and celebrated the fringe society that lives outside the middle class, does so again here on an even grander scale. The Florida Project more artfully compels audiences to recognize what Baker is showing as the most glaring hardship of all: the tragic conflict of expectation versus reality in America. These motels, so seedy under the weight of once-wonderful facades, live on the outskirts of Disney World itself--road signs, disheartened tourists and knock-off merchandise further illustrate how they all live in this B-dream.

These snapshots of scenes, stitched together to show the life of these characters day-in and day-out, culminate and then crash in the film's tear-jerking final sequence, reminding us that the dream ends--and in the eyes of a child, that is heartbreaking. The Florida Project, a beautifully photographed film with such natural performances, is a gentle



Christopher Rivera, Brooklynn Prince and Valeria Cotto in The Florida Project. Courtesy of A24.

(Brooklynn Prince), and friends over one mostly-unsupervised summer. They run, play and cause mischief throughout a string of motels (called the Magic Castle motel and Wonderland Inn) where they live with their financially strapped single mothers. Their general safety is overseen by the motel's manager Bobby (Willem Dafoe), who, despite needing to clean the grounds and the bed bugs, keeps an eye on the group of little ankle biters before they zoom off each day.

To execute a film like this, putting your trust in one largely unproven young star, would seem like an impossible task--and yet it's not for Baker, whose casting of Brooklynn Prince makes the film soar. Prince as Moonee is a petite package of rambunctiousness and nonstop energy. But although she's sugar-hopped and manners-deprived, it's not Moonee's fault. She is being raised by Halley (Bria Vinaite), a single mother who could easily pass as her older sister.

Halley is pierced, tattooed, stoned, and encourages her child's untethered ways- for who is she but a grown-up child herself? Moonee is always brimming with life and charisma, which makes her interactions with Bobby heartwarming ones. This beautiful guardian-from-afar relationship is brought to life by Dafoe, whose often manic-obsessed performance is dialed all the way down, and he shines in such a humanist light that it should reminder that while wonderland might be a myth, it's the wonder of childhood that makes living magical.

115 minutes. The Florida Project is rated R for language throughout, disturbing behavior, sexual references and some drug material. Now playing at The Landmark and ArcLight Hollywood. •





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Five Hot Trends for the Home



(BPT) - Home safety is one of the top priorities of homeowners and renters alike. Your home should be a place to relax, play and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

1. Home automation and controls is exactly what it sounds like: automating the ability to control items around the house - from window shades to pet feeders - with a simple push of a button or voice command. Homeowners now have the ability to make sure they really did lock the back door or turn off the lights. This trend is taking a security system and turning it into a smart home device, and consumers are loving it.

2. Solatube Daylighting Systems have gotten even more innovative. They harvest sunlight on the roof and shoot it down a tube of the most highly reflective material made and into the home environment. Not only do the residents experience natural light during the day, with the NightLight they get the soft glow of the moon at night. Solatube integrated a small solar-electric system that collects the sun's energy by day to power a NightLight that automatically comes on at dark. You won't have to turn on lights for trips to the bathroom or navigate dark hallways any longer.

3. Having a good indoor security camera is now the cornerstone of any good home security system. This allows homeowners to watch live video footage of their home from their smartphone anytime, anywhere. It also takes the stress away when leaving pets at home for any amount of time. Owners can

monitor and speak to their animals while they are away. This trend is convenient, offers peace of mind and may deter burglars.

4. You can think of geofencing like an invisible fence serving as a virtual perimeter. With it, homeowners can draw around any location on a map and trigger actions from their smartphone when they enter that location through an app. A great example would be an electronic notification sent to Mom's or Dad's cell phone when their child arrives home from school, triggered by the child's cell phone. This technology also allows parents to establish a "safety" zone outside of which their child is not

allowed to venture. The geofence sends mobile alerts the moment their loved ones enter or exit the area established, tracking their children's whereabouts. Overall, this trend is making homes safer, smarter and more efficient.

5. Home automation with GPS is less of a safety feature and more of an added convenience for homeowners. Home automation uses GPS in smartphones to trigger assigned actions. For example, when a homeowner pulls into his or her driveway, the home alarm is deactivated and the front door lights turn on. This trend simplifies consumers' daily routines by putting the house to work. •





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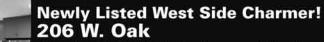




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Police Brief

Major Traffic Collision on Prairie Involves Three Vehicles

On October 6, at approximately 5:46 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major traffic collision involving three vehicles on Prairie Avenue at 182nd Street. On arrival, officers discovered that a black 1997 BMW 850 CI coupe had initially collided with a silver 2001 Chevrolet Impala, and then a gold 2003 Toyota Camry.

Based on witness statements, the initial investigation indicates the BMW Coupe was travelling southbound on Prairie Avenue at a high rate of speed, passing several vehicles in both the number one and number two lanes, when it collided with the Chevrolet Impala as it was attempting to pass around the Chevrolet. After colliding with the Chevrolet, the driver of the BMW lost control of the vehicle and struck the east curb of Prairie Avenue. The BMW continued out of control, crossing over into the northbound lanes of Prairie Avenue where it collided with the Toyota Camry, who was traveling northbound on Prairie Avenue.

The driver and sole occupant of the Chevrolet, a 57-year-old male resident of Harbor City, was not injured in the collision. The driver and sole occupant of the Toyota, a 22- year-old female resident of Inglewood, was treated for minor injuries

at the scene by Torrance Fire Department personnel and transported to a local hospital for additional examinations.

The sole passenger in the BMW, a 10-year-old female resident of Inglewood, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a local hospital where she underwent surgery for her injuries, and is listed in critical condition. The passenger of the BMW has been identified, but her name is being withheld pending family notification. The driver of the BMW, a 55-year-old male resident of Inglewood, was not injured in the collision. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the collision, and the driver of the BMW was subsequently arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and causing great bodily injury to another person.

Prairie Avenue was closed in both directions between 182nd Street and Artesia Boulevard for approximately five and a half hours during the collision 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.

Police Reports

Sunday, September 24

Theft Betw. 9/24 11:00:00 PM & 9/25 6:00:00 PM 4100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) enters three laundry rooms, pries open coin boxes on multiple machines and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/24 9:00:00 PM & 9/25 7:35:00 AM 23900 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/flashlights, garage remote.

Theft Betw. 9/24 8:00:00 PM & 9/25 7:00:00 AM 3100 BLOCK 181ST ST. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Theft Betw. 9/24 8:00:00 PM & 9/25 5:00:00 AM 18800 BLOCK ROSELLE AVE. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Theft Betw. 9/24 5:30:00 PM & 9/25 6:15:00 AM 2100 BLOCK WASHINGTON AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from mailbox/license plates.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/24 5:00:00 PM & 9/25 11:30:00 AM 23900 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) pries window for entry and takes property/wallet, key.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/24 4:00:00 PM & 9/24 5:00:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/tools, clothes, electronics, jewelry, luggage, oxygen tank.

Theft Betw. 9/24 4:00:00 PM & 9/25 5:30:00 AM 3700 BLOCK SPENCER ST. Suspect(s) takes property from parking garage/bicycles.

Burglary-Auto 9/24 3:12 PM 17100 BLOCK EASTWOOD AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/patient files.

Theft Betw. 9/24 3:00:00 PM & 9/25 7:30:00 AM 3200 BLOCK 187TH ST. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Vandalism 9/24 11:10 AM 3400 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) uses red paint to damage victim's vehicle and flattens one tire.

Monday, September 25

Vandalism Betw. 9/25 10:00:00 PM & 9/26 10:00:00 AM CARSON ST. & MERRILL DR. Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint and damages vehicle's license plate frame.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/25 8:00:00 PM & 9/26 6:10:00 AM 23500 BLOCK LEYTE DR. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/laptop, case, eyeglasses.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/25 8:00:00 PM & 9/26 10:00:00 AM 3500 BLOCK GARNET ST. Suspect(s) takes property from possibly unlocked vehicle/notary bag, notary stamps, notary log, Bible school supplies, registration.

Theft 9/25 3:06 PM 2200 BLOCK 185TH ST. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 9/25 3:00:00 PM & 9/25 3:30:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/wallet.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/25 2:50:00 PM & 9/25 4:50:00 PM 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/bag, clothes.

Theft Betw. 9/25 12:40:00 PM & 9/25 12:45:00 PM 24500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) takes victim's unattended property/cell phone.

Robbery-Weapon Betw. 9/25 12:00:00 PM & 9/25 12:15:00 PM 2100 BLOCK 182ND ST. Suspects enter residence via unlocked door and demand victim's property at knifepoint/cell phone, cash.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/25 11:00:00 AM & 9/26 9:30:00 AM 24200 BLOCK HUBER AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/sunglasses, wallet, fidget spinner, challenge coin.

Theft Betw. 9/25 9:00:00 AM & 9/25 1:30:00 PM 22500 BLOCK OCEAN AVE. Suspect(s) takes secured property from parking garage/bicycle.

Theft 9/25 7:22 AM 2100 BLOCK WASH-INGTON AVE. Suspect(s) defeats lock by unknown means and takes property from mailbox/mail.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 9/25 5:18:00 AM & 9/25 5:25:00 AM 20700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) tunnels through wall for entry and takes property/MP3s, chargers, sports bands.

Tuesday, September 26

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/26 7:00:00 PM & 9/27 9:00:00 AM 4000 BLOCK MESA ST. Suspect(s) takes property from unsecured vehicle/DVDs, shoes, jacket, registration.

Battery-Simple Betw. 9/26 7:00:00 PM & 9/26 7:34:40 PM 1800 BLOCK ABALONE AVE. Suspect flees after ordering and consuming food then hits victim with a backpack when victim attempts to collect payment.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 9/26 6:00:00 PM & 9/27 8:45:00 AM AINSWORTH AVE. & ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/seat, headrests, center console, stereo.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 9/26 6:00:00 PM & 9/27 6:30:00 AM 18700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes front glass door/no loss.

Vandalism 9/26 4:25 PM TORRANCE BLVD. & WESTERN AVE. Suspect throws rocks at victim's vehicle.

Wednesday, September 27

Theft Betw. 9/27 11:00:00 PM & 9/28 4:00:00 AM 4200 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/ side mirror.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 9/27 9:00:00 PM & 9/28 12:00:00 PM 2300 BLOCK 182ND ST. Stolen vehicle: '95 Ford Ranger. •







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