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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
68°/56°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
66°/56°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
72°/54°



## A History of Flight in Torrance



A decommissioned T-33A Navy jet trainer presented as a gift to Torrance Airport by Alex'Air. These and many other planes can be viewed at the Western Museum of Flight, located by Zamperini Field. Photo by Peter Thornton, jpthornton58@gmail.com.

## Local Teen Becomes Back-to-Back National Yo-Yo Champion

By Cristian Vasquez

For the second consecutive year, Alex Hattori has earned first place at the US National Yo-Yo Championship, earning him a spot in the world competition to take place in Tokyo next August. While this South High School senior has received some national attention and has his own signature yo-yos on display at the Chico National Yo-Yo Museum, he really is quite down-to-earth.

"I don't set high expectations at competitions in terms of placing," Hattori said. "I really just hope to do my best tricks and afterwards hang out with some of the best players in the world."

In 2011, at age 13, he placed second at the World Yo-Yo Contest and last summer at Duncan's International Yo-Yo Championship, he also placed second. With such accomplishments come opportunities, which the 16-year-old takes in stride. He has been featured on Nickelodeon's "Figure It Out", the *Queen Latifah Show*, *Live Life and Win*, *ABC Eyewitness News* and other various news programs.

"It doesn't really change me but it is certainly nice that my hard work pays off," Hattori said. He has his own professional trading card, signature yo-yos, and signature tricks. He also has great friends, including one who invited Alex to perform onstage with his rock band -Signal City, at Club Nokia in downtown Los Angeles.

He has been raising his own funds to get to competitions since he was 12 years old. This summer he toured Europe with his yo-yos from Prague to London. He's never been to China but has been sent a photo of a billboard in a busy shopping area with a huge picture of himself yo-yoing to advertise yo-yos being sold there.

Even though he has fun in the world of yo-yoing, he still takes his responsibilities as a student seriously and thrives academically in both his classes and his different clubs.

"There are many high achieving, highly capable students at South, but Alex displays an intellectual curiosity that takes him beyond the standard," South High Principal Dr. Scott McDowell said. "For example, in last year's AP Computer Science that I taught, Alex took a fairly standard unit called Grid-World, which is about simple creatures that follow a simple set of directions that exist on a grid, and created dozens and dozens of additional creatures, with their own actions

and capabilities and powers, and turned it into a video game. It was quite complex, and extended the content far, far beyond the requirements for the class."

Hattori's academic abilities and his commitment to succeeding in the classroom can be appreciated in the fact that he has exhausted all the available science classes at school and has a very rigorous course load filled with AP classes.

Between college-level courses and time for yo-yo practice, Hattori is also the head programmer for his school's FIRST Robotics team, he has been President of Science

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## Business and Community Leaders Visit Supervisor Knabe

By Brandon Matson for Torrance Chamber of Commerce

Over a dozen local business and community leaders paid a visit to long time County of Los Angeles Supervisor, Don Knabe. The visit took place as part of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce's (SBACC) visitation called, "A Day at the County". The visit serves to orient business and community leaders to county governance to improve understanding of regional issues and processes that impact local economies.

The County's fourth district is quite robust spanning from the South Bay to as far east as Diamond Bar encompassing close to two million residents in a 458 square mile radius. The SBACC prioritizes visits to the County to promote

South Bay specific issues and concerns. "We (SBACC) believe it is important to take ownership over our communication with governing bodies as a way to influence our policy environment and to stay abreast on regional issues impacting the South Bay," says SBACC Chairman, Donna Duperron. She adds that communication with government is and should always be a two-way conversation, "It is important to listen to and understand government, to understand the context and background of issues." Like with most things, a solid understanding of the basics usually leads to higher levels of strategy and problem-solving capabilities, a concept that resonates with Duperron and serves as reason for Duperron

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Local Teen

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Club for two years, President of Computer Club, Co-President/Co-Founder App Club, Math Club Member, and Board Member of the Teen Advisory Council as well as being part of the marching band and concert band.

“Alex has the craziest schedule we’ve ever seen. It was hard to put it together for him, to make everything fit, but we did. Alex is very challenged, from a time management standpoint, because his workload is massive,” Dr. McDowell said. “Regardless of his capabilities, which are considerable, he has no choice but to carefully balance his time. It’s a good skill he has developed that most teenagers are not good at: looking ahead. Alex is forced to do things like submit assignments early in anticipation of conflicts between classes, or robotics, or yo-yo, or field show (band).”

“I am grateful to have understanding teachers, such as my band director, Mr. Tom King, who are supportive of my yo-yoing commitments,” Hattori said.

Hattori is well-known in his community and throughout Los Angeles for teaching kids how to yo-yo. He still receives requests from senior homes, schools and kid’s clubs to perform and teach kids how to yo-yo. Alex can easily be contacted for any school or charitable events at yoyoshowsforall@gmail.com

His yo-yo abilities have placed him in the presence of popular individuals such as Nick Cannon, Queen Latifah, and Tony Hawk, to name a few. He so impressed Grammy award-winning jazz vocalist Steve Tyrell that Tyrell helped young Hattori meet his fundraising goal last year.

“I carry my yo-yo everywhere,” Hattori said. “I love what I am doing and it is just as fun to perform at a contest, as it is to perform and teach other people. I don’t think that I will ever stop.” •



Alex Hattori, two-time national champion in yo-yo, shows Stonehenge how it’s done. Photo by Linda Hattori.

At Studio Antiques, You Find What You’re Looking For

**By Laura Sorensen**

In all of our lives there is an undercurrent of things. Things you want; things you don’t want; things you can’t get rid of; the one thing you can’t find that would make your life complete. This current flows from upscale showrooms to garage sales, and through all of our own homes. Do we want more, or do we want less? And who can tell us what to do with the things that we have? Enter Sally and Laurence Martin, owners of Studio Antiques, stage left, with a flourish. This dynamic duo has the knowledge, the research, and the interest to appraise, in the words of that internet meme, “All the Things.”

I sat outside the store with the Martins, and they seemed to know everyone that passed by Studio Antiques, which has been located at 337 Richmond Street in El Segundo since 1987. That’s the benefit of being in business for 26

to buy suitcases and bags sight unseen, plastic bags full of jewelry, or whatever unclaimed items the airports had lying around. The show expanded to other venues and it became extremely popular, mostly outside the US. “It was an adventure everywhere we went,” said Laurence. The Martins have traveled across the U.S., to London and other European venues, to Toronto, and lately even to Johannesburg. “Like Beatlemania,” added Laurence, reminiscing on the welcome he got in South Africa. Then when the Martins come back home, the fans return the favor with a visit of their own.

“The thing is, people come to El Segundo from all over the world,” said Sally. Laurence added that people come almost every day to meet the two of them and see Studio Antiques. A reader might be tempted not to believe this, but let me verify. During our interview, a nice couple



Sally and Laurence Martin, center, with Tom (left) and Anna (right), who came to visit the Martins from Norway. Photo by Laura Sorensen.

years, and the Martins are a gregarious couple who obviously enjoy saying hello. Laurence is British, originally from Bournemouth and still a fan of AFC Bournemouth, known locally as the Cherries: kind of punk rock, artistically ripped shirt, tendency to break into his own language. Like if Keith Richards was in the appraising business. Sally seems more of a down-home girl, knowing the issues affecting the city, taking care of the details with a kind smile and a bucket of chitchat at the ready. They have been married 21 years; they work together, they travel together, and they are on TV together. Just a bit of that kind of togetherness is enough for some people, but the Martins have been making it work for decades.

Their first very successful TV job together was on the A&E reality show *Storage Wars*, about bidding on abandoned storage lockers and hoping to find something saleable. The Martins were part of the expert appraisal team, and then were offered roles in a show with a similar premise called *Baggage Battles*. At first, *Baggage Battles* went to airports and the Martins got

drove up with a big camera: they were Anna and Tom, and they were on a sightseeing trip from Norway. They had visited San Francisco, then swung out to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. Next stop? Studio Antiques. Anna and Tom were very excited to see the Martins and many photos were taken on everyone’s phones.

The Martins were as friendly as could be. Tom and Laurence discussed lutefisk, their common knowledge of German, and whether *Baggage Battles* was dubbed or subtitled in Norway (turns out it’s subtitled). Sally and Anna hugged one another. “It’s so nice,” said Sally, to see these friendly faces and hear their stories. Some fans bring the Martins gifts or mementos, and the Martins treat them with kindness and show them around the shop. “They go to Disneyland,” said Laurence, “and then they come here.” It’s quite an accomplishment, to be recognizably famous but also accessible enough that the fans feel comfortable showing up at Studio Antiques just to say hello.

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Friday, December 5 – Closed to the Public

Saturday, December 6

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Sunday, December 7

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## NAMI South Bay Presents Project Return Network Speaker

Janet Backes, regional coordinator for Project Return, will speak at the NAMI South Bay general meeting, Monday, November 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 2900 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90503.

Project Return Peer Support Network is Los Angeles County's oldest program run for people with mental illness. Project Return helps people with mental illness build a base of support among their peers to share goals, conquer fears, and celebrate successes.

## Grand Opening of Destination: Art

Chef Shafer and Buffalo Fire Department sponsor the grand opening of Destination: Art, a locale which will house studios for local artists. A first class venue for fine artists and artisans to work, teach and exhibit; a place for art lovers to explore and learn about the artists of the South Bay. An opportunity for local artists, collectors, patron and the community to participate in the historic establishment of Destination: Art.

Funds raised are earmarked for finishing the build out of the facility that has been under

construction for several months. There are 24 professional studio and gallery artists, plus associate members, involved in the creation of this project which will house art exhibits, workshops, classes and give the public the opportunity to interact with working artists one-on-one.

The grand opening and fundraiser will occur November 14 and 15, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., at 1815 W 213th St #135 in Torrance. Call (310) 849-5223 for details. Become a sponsor, or donate online at: [www.destination-art.net](http://www.destination-art.net).

## Torrance PD Receives Special Traffic Enforcement Grant

The Torrance Police Department has been awarded a \$271,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. The Torrance Police Department will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

Activities that the grant will fund include:

educational presentations, DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, distracted driving enforcement, seat belt and child safety seat enforcement, speed/red light/stop sign enforcement, warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders, compilation of DUI "Hot Sheets," identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders, and specialized DUI and drugged driving training. Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. •

## Knabe

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including the visit during her term as Chairman. "For some, this may be their tenth visit, for others their first. Regardless, it is important to re-enforce the importance of communication when problem-solving and working as a team. It is our (SBACC) responsibility to ensure we bring South Bay issues to the table and commit ourselves to being a part of the solution."

The trip to the County included a brief from the Supervisor, a report from the Supervisor's staff detailing fun facts and updates on the various County efforts and projects currently on-going as well as a tour of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, home to the offices of the County's five Board of Supervisors, various meeting chambers, and several country department offices.

Seeing the County in an up-close and personal way was beneficial to the leaders in attendance. Marilyn Lyon, an environmental Services Analyst for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) and SBACC member, has a new found perspective on a county that she has long resided. "I have lived in this region my entire life and I have never seen the County in that perspective before," she commented in reference to her visit. The Day at the County provided Marilyn with important information and awareness that will help her perform her duties at the SBCOG, "Being a part of a regional body like the SBCOG, it is important to be cognizant of the importance of establishing neighboring partnerships and

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# Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to [calendar@heraldpublications.com](mailto:calendar@heraldpublications.com). Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

• South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) annual free Holiday Light Exchange will take place on November 13 and 14 for Southern California Edison (SCE) and Department of Water and Power (DWP) customers. Lights will be exchanged at the SBCCOG's Environmental Services Center located at 20285 S. Western Avenue, Suite 100, Torrance, CA 90501. SCE and DWP customers will be able to trade in one working string of old electricity-guzzling incandescent holiday lights for one new, energy-efficient LED string. Old strings will be taken off the grid forever and recycled as e-waste. (Please bring utility bill or driver's license). For more information call (310)371-7222.

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NOVEMBER 16, 2014

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NOVEMBER 19, 2014

• Miracle of Living Health Education Lecture Series: Nutritional Supplements: What's Helpful? What's Harmful? 7:00 p.m. Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Hoffman Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd., Torrance, CA, 90505. Free; No reservations required. Please call 310-517-4711 for more information.

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### Construction Begins on Crenshaw/Expo Station

Construction is now underway on the transfer point to the Metro Expo Line as the Crenshaw/LAX light rail line keeps making progress. The 8.5-mile line will connect Crenshaw with the Metro Green Line and the Expo Line. Check the latest at [metro.net/crenshaw](http://metro.net/crenshaw).

### VetsGo511.com

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# Sports

## Trade Kobe?

By Adam Serrao

Any true basketball fan all but saw it coming. Unless you're a hopeless Los Angeles Lakers apologist, you knew that the team was going to be, well, not good this year. They certainly haven't let down. Let's face it, the Lakers are bad. Very bad. Maybe even worse than last year's bad which was an all-time franchise record breaking bad. The Philadelphia 76ers are pretty bad too, but it is known across the league that they are trying to tank this year in order to continue to build a team full of young players that will, in two years, compete. These Lakers, though, led by Kobe Bryant, have already lost Steve Nash and one of their brightest young stars, Julius Randle, for the entire season. What does that leave? Kobe attempting to carry a team of has-beens and never-weres on his back through a minefield that is the Western Conference of the NBA. You can't help but feel bad for the 16-time All-Star. With such a horrible future in sight and certainly no championship aspirations on the horizon barring a miracle or act of God, should the Los Angeles Lakers trade Kobe Bryant?

Coming into this season all of the talk surrounded Byron Scott as the new head coach of the Lakers and how he was going to improve the team on defense. Can we have Mike D'Antoni back? So far, the Lakers have played next to zero defense this years, most notably having given up 127 points to the Golden State Warriors, 119 points to the Phoenix Suns, and over 110 points in every one of their first five games this season except the home opener to the Houston Rockets, in which they gave up 108 and lost by 18 points. The offense doesn't get much better. Sure, its early on in the season and guys are still trying to find themselves, but relying on Carlos Boozer and Jeremy Lin just isn't going to put this team into the playoffs. It's hard to see things getting much better for these Lakers. Their first matchup of the year against a non-playoff contender comes on November 28th when they face off against the Minnesota Timberwolves. What happens before then is a mystery. A very ugly, dreadful mystery. So, is it wrong to start at least discussing the option of trading Kobe Bryant?

Think about it in these terms. Mr. Bryant wants very badly to achieve what Michael Jordan did. The ever-so-elusive sixth NBA championship ring. There is no way that Kobe gets that sixth ring with the Los Angeles Lakers with only two years remaining on his basketball life clock. A man that is so dedicated to the game of basketball; who bleeds, dreams, sweats basketball on a more competitive level than any player we've seen since Jordan, deserves a better send off than this, right? Sure, the guy has experienced the highlights of his career already and has five

championship rings as it is, but is it really fair to allow us all to sit back and watch as one of the greatest players to ever play the game struggles through health issues on a team that is almost allergic to winning?

Much of this debate depends on whether or not you are a Kobe Bryant fan or an L.A. Laker fan. Naturally, if you're a Kobe fan you want to see him stay and finish off a 20-year NBA career all in one uniform. If you're a Laker fan though, it might make sense to trade him away and clear up that \$25 million per season off the books, get a package of young players and draft picks, and start building toward the future already. A much brighter, more optimistic future, I might add. Life without Kobe is coming eventually. There will be a time when he is not a Los Angeles Laker anymore and fans of the team are going to have to learn to say goodbye at some point. In this case, the sooner the better. It's like getting out of relationship that you know won't work or go the distance. Maybe you're comfortable with everything as is. But at what point do you start to consider the future and make a decision that is going to make you the most happy right now?

Naturally, there are reasons that this just won't happen. There may never be a player in the league again who will have the opportunity to play every single season of a long and tenuous NBA career with one team. Also, even with as bad as the Lakers have been over the past couple of years, their ticket prices are still the fourth-highest in the NBA this year. Kobe Bryant is the show. He's what people pay to come and see. Without him, the Lakers would be the Utah Jazz or something of that sort. in alignment with that, television rating would suffer here in Los Angeles with no Kobe Bryant. That wouldn't be good for business after just recently striking a \$4 billion deal with Time Warner Cable. The Lakers have always been fun to watch, even when they weren't good. Eddie Jones, Nick Van-Exel and Vlade Divac most notably come to mind. With no Kobe, this year would just be plain pathetic for everyone involved.

When it comes down to it, moving on past the Lakers is really something that Kobe Bryant will have to decide for himself. The Lakers won't just outright trade someone like Kobe, he will have to ask, beg and plead for it to happen. Just recently, Bryant told the media that he has no interest in going anywhere. Knowing his competitive edge, he is probably telling the truth. Kobe would obviously love to end his career alongside the very few likes of Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Tim Duncan who will all have spent the entirety of their careers with just one team. If that's something that Kobe wants though, he had better be prepared for some of the ugliest years of his career to come. But hey, at least he's still got records to break. •

## Saxons Beat Spartans, Take Second Place

By Adam Serrao

Nothing was ideal about the situation for the North High Saxons last week. All they knew was that they had to win, and everything else would take care of itself. Near the top of the Pioneer League division, there remained a logjam with two games taking place that would determine everything: North would play South and West would play Torrance. A West High loss would have made it a free-for-all for first place. But if Torrance won and North lost, the Saxons would drop down to fourth place in the standings. By beating the Spartans 28-13 last Friday night on the road at South High, the Saxons took care of all that they had control over. With West High's win at Torrance, North finished the year in second place and will now have prime positioning for this year's playoffs race.

You could call him Slash, like the old Pittsburgh Steelers player Kordell Stewart. Or you could just call him Mique. Whatever you call him, though, Mique Juarez, who plays all over the field for the North High Saxons, put his team on his back last Friday night and made sure that North would win the game. From start to finish, Juarez was getting the job done for North High, including scoring the first points of the game against the Saxons' bitter rivals, South High. On North's first possession of the game, it was clear that head coach Todd Croce had his team coming out to play. Marching down the field, the Saxons didn't stop until Juarez transformed into a running back and took the ball 11 yards downfield for a touchdown and a 7-0 North High lead.

It wasn't all pretty for the Saxons and the team didn't blow it open with their offense. It took some gritty defensive play from North to stay in the game and ultimately get the win. Later in the first half, it was Justin Allmond who came up big for the Saxons on the defensive side of the ball, hopping on a fumble in the end zone to put his team up 14-0. That's when they seemed to get comfortable. The Spartans quickly came back with a touchdown to cut into the North High lead and before you knew it, South's Vini Bjazevich was sauntering into the end zone to make the game interesting again at 14-13. It would stay close all the way into the fourth quarter when South and starting quarterback Gabe Zuniga had the chance to take the lead and control of the game. Zuniga pitched the ball into the backfield before it was dropped and North High's Eddie Pineda picked it up and returned it for a touchdown in what was a major turning point in the game. All of a sudden, the Saxons led 21-13 and regained momentum. "We've been up and down all year," North head coach Todd Croce explained. "Winning ugly and things like that. It was a bit more of that tonight. We're in the playoffs and we're still going. We're happy with that."

Croce and his Saxons didn't clinch the win before Juarez was done scoring, though. Late in the fourth quarter when the Spartans were still within striking distance, Juarez and his team faced a third down with about 30 yards to go for the first. Juarez took the ball, saw daylight, and galloped 32 yards for the first down, keeping the drive alive for his Saxons. "I saw a hole and just took it. Two defenders couldn't take me down. Thank goodness I just stayed up and kept going," Juarez said. A few plays later, Juarez found himself in the end zone, giving his team a 28-13 lead and win over their rivals from South.

The win means that the Saxons (7-3, 4-1) finished alone and safe in second place in the Pioneer League standings. Juarez finished the game with 18 carries for 117 yards rushing and two touchdowns. With the loss to end their season, the Spartans (6-4, 2-3) finished the season in fourth place in the Pioneer League. It's still a step up from last season for South, but coach Waybright and his team would have liked to end the year in a much better standing. Playoff

positioning should be revealed this week.

### West High vs. Torrance High

The West High Warriors have proven that they just can't be beaten. With a slim 31-29 victory over the Torrance Tartars at Zamperini Field last Friday night, the Warriors finished their year off at 10-0, undefeated on the entire season. It wasn't easy by any means, but after a strong start to the game the Warriors held on by the skin of their teeth to take a two-point victory, an undefeated season, and first place in this year's Pioneer League standings.

The Warriors came out to start the game on fire and it looked as if this one would be just another West High game where it was over from the start. The Warriors' defense held Tyree Harris and the Torrance High offense in check in the first quarter. While the Tartars went scoreless, the Warriors put up 17 points to take an early three-score advantage. The Tartars would score on their first two possessions of the second quarter, first with a field goal and then with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Sam Hudson from quarterback Vincent Huey to cut West's lead to 17-10. Before the half arrived though, star running back for West, Brett Ojiyi, would involve himself a bit in the game as he took the ball in from 3-yards out for a touchdown. West led 24-13 going into the break.

A rather uneventful third quarter led into the fourth, where all of the action really got started. West held onto a 31-23 lead. That's when Torrance got started on the comeback trail. Going 30 yards in nine plays, the Tartars capped off a sustained drive with a Harris touchdown to trail 31-29. Instead of going for the point after, Torrance and head coach Rock Hollis decided to go for a 2-point conversion. Huey kept the ball and tried to go up the middle, but was stuffed by the West High defense as the Tartars still trailed by two. The Torrance defense made a stand and with under two minutes left, Huey and Harris had the ball back attempting to take the lead for the first time all game. A 15-yard completion from Huey to Harris had all West High fans biting their fingernails. With Torrance at West High's 37-yard line, the Warriors defense held the Tartars where they were and forced a fourth down. Instead of going for it, Hollis decided to send out his field goal unit for a 53-yarder that would win the game for Torrance. Kicker Marcos Ambriz had already hit on a 51-yarder earlier in the game. The ball was snapped, put in place, Ambriz got a clean hit on it with his foot, but before it could soar high enough into the air, John Girardini got his hand on it for West High and the kick was blocked. The Warriors rejoiced and celebrated on the field. "They had not been blocking me on the PAT or field goals," Girardini said. "So I decided to go in hard." The game was over and the Warriors held on for the slim 31-29 win. "On defense we kicked their butt," coach Hollis explained of his Tartars. "We stopped number two (Ojiyi), then our offense finally woke up." Unfortunately for Hollis and the Tartars, it was too little too late.

With the win, the Warriors (10-0, 5-0) clinched an undefeated season and the Pioneer League title outright. "10-0 does not happen a lot," West coach Holt explained. "It's special to be a part of." The last time the Warriors finished a season undefeated was in 1982, when the team went on to capture the CIF title. Quarterback Trevor Mallet went 13-for-21 with 208 yards passing and two touchdowns. Ojiyi had 18 carries for 84 yards and two touchdowns of his own. The Warriors, who must be happy to be out of the Bay League and in to the Pioneer League, will take their undefeated record into prime playoff positioning next week. Torrance's Huey was 15 of 28 on the night for 158 yards and a TD. Harris rushed 38 times for 216 yards and two touchdowns. With the loss, the Tartars finish in third place behind the Warriors and the Saxons. Playoff seeding will be available late this week. •



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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### The Party's Over

By Gerry Chong

*The party's over / It's time to call it a day / They've popped your pretty balloon / And taken the moon away / It's time to wind up the masquerade / Take off your make-up / Just make your mind up / The piper must be paid*  
— NAT KING COLE

On the morning after the election, like a common drunk, America woke up and blinked its eyes. A shadow of its former self, it emerged from a blind alley, and wondered where the last six years had gone. Truly, it was a binge of the highest order: Unlimited spending and unlimited debt. World's highest income tax rates. Sky-bound regulations. Free food. Subsidized car purchases. Free phones. Housing subsidies. Unlimited money printing. Government directed and funded healthcare. Government spying on Americans. Government spying on allies. Inept appointees administering bloated bureaucracies. 92 million unemployed. Part time and entry level jobs being touted as "job growth." The racial divide and the gender divide growing. The chasm between rich and poor exploding. Unrestricted illegal immigration. Failed foreign policy.

The drunk tried to remember. Six years! Seemed like everything was fuzzy and out of focus, a scary movie that had somehow morphed into reality. He tried to remember what he had drank to get him into this stupor, but could only remember some red-colored KoolAid. The container's label featured the smiling face of a benign savior. Everything seemed so cool. So reassuring. So, so politically correct. But now the hang over must begin.... the piper must be paid. Pass the aspirin and a soothing broth.

Perhaps the aspirin could be a bipartisan commission similar to the Military Base Closure Commission, convened to comb through the budget and list those programs that have outgrown their usefulness, and whose costs exceed their benefits. Congress could vote on an up-or-down basis to eliminate waste.

Perhaps the broth could include ingredients favored by both political parties. For example, an energy policy that approved the Keystone Pipeline, encouraged fracking and on-shore oil exploration would drive down the cost of energy. That policy would have four critical benefits: First, it would create real jobs. Second, it would lower the cost of living for all Americans. Third, it would make American products more cost competitive in the world market. Fourth, it would reduce American dependence on volatile Middle East oil suppliers.

Some of the benefits thus derived could be used to support bonds to improve highways and other infrastructure, and to support R&D to make alternative energy sources more cost competitive and more reliable . . . all without funding private companies like Solyndra, and all without raising income taxes or incurring more debt.

And so the drunk starts with a shower to scrub off the detritus of his binge. Cleansed, he lies back to wait for the aspirin and broth to cure his aching head and rebelling stomach. With eyes half closed he vows never to drink from the Leftist KoolAid again. In the immortal lyrics of Dandy Don Meredith, "Turn out the lights, the party's over."

*"The Party's Over" is copyright 1956, written by Jule Styne, with lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. •*

## Another Man's Opinion

### Assisted Suicide for the Terminally Ill Should Always be an Option

By Cristian Vasquez

On Nov. 1 Brittany Maynard decided to end her life with medication that was prescribed to her by a doctor, and despite the tragedy of her circumstances, I was comforted by the fact that there at least some states in our country that will facilitate such a decision. Maynard had a brain tumor which doctors could do nothing about so the outlook for the remaining years of what natural life she had left was bleak. So when Maynard decided to end her life and die with dignity, her personal ordeal became a national debate about the right to end one's life. Maynard and her family moved to Oregon, where she would have access to the state's Death with Dignity Act. Under this law, terminally ill Oregonians have the right to end their lives by voluntary self-administering a dose of life-ending medications. These medications are prescribed by a physician.

Sadly I have experienced having a loved one commit suicide; I have also witness a close friend attempt suicide and the experiences were both heartbreaking and scary. At the same time I have seen people who are terminally ill wither away into a painful and agonizing death. Sadly these people did not have the option to take the steps that the State of Oregon provided for Maynard. It is worth noting that to my knowledge, assisted suicide was not something they considered. However, watching them suffer and become a shell of their former physical selves was too much.

Maybe I'm a coward. Or my faith in God or a higher power is weak and hence I'm

not enlightened enough to have such strong convictions. However, despite the agony of knowing that someone that you love took their own life, watching someone you love suffer as they await death is infinitely worse. There is little that can convince that it is better for someone with Parkinson's Disease, who is on a death timeline, should sit there and suffer rather than die with dignity, if they desire.

I accept that some people will hold on to their faith, or the strength that made them amazing people when healthy and simply wait for death to come. Yet, some of us aren't like that and there should be an option for people like Maynard who would rather avoid the agony of long hospital stays, the inability to care for one's self if in the end death is unavoidable. I'm not questioning the morality of this issue. Furthermore, it's not an attack on people of faith or their convictions. The fact is that with or without the right to assisted suicide provided by the state like in Oregon, my peers of faith can still decide to use their faith as they await death in agonizing pain. However, without the option on the table we are all made to suffer even if we want a less painful and faster solution.

My prayers go out to Maynard's family and my praise to the State of Oregon. Making such a decision has to be gut-wrenching to say the least, but if I'm down to my last year of life and it is scheduled to be a painful one, I would like the option of assisted suicide without having to leave the comfort of my home state. •



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TerriAnn in Torrance

Footloose in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren  
Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Have you ever dreamed of dancing like Kevin Bacon in Footloose? You know, that boot-kicking, full-throttle, all-out free-spirited dancing? Most of us think that only happens in the movies, but here in Torrance we have options. Yup. Roger Rod teaches dance in Torrance that will have you moving with that ‘no one is watching’ feeling. Are you a beginner? No problem. Last week I found out firsthand, when I decided to audit his Line Dancing class, that Roger is kind to beginners.

Roger was hauling sound equipment out of the back of his white truck onto a platform in the parking lot when I spotted him. He greeted me warmly and together we walked toward the studios as he pushed his cart. This particular Wednesday evening, Roger was teaching Line Dancing – beginning, and East Coast Swing.

How long has Roger been teaching? “It goes back to maybe at least 20 years – Country Western. I had a little [time] off and we came back in - and the class has been doing very well. People enjoy it. I have been teaching Ballroom and Western about 25 years. I love it, I absolutely love it,” said Roger.

Roger Rod was born in North Dakota, joined the Navy after high school, and was stationed in tropical locations during the winter. After being discharged in a cold

college, Roger left the cold North Dakota winters and headed for Southern California, never looking back.

Roger’s classes are welcoming and you don’t have to wear special shoes, although dancing shoes make things easier. The only tip Roger gave me was that dancing in athletic shoes, sandals, or shoes with rubber soles hinders movement and are not recommended. “Anybody can do it. You don’t need a partner for this. I often have people coming in and they haven’t done any dancing at all and they might struggle a little, but they can come in and enjoy themselves. They are going to have some fun when they’re dancing also,” said Roger.

He finished plugging in his equipment, organizing his handouts, and preparing for his class. Students began arriving and I noticed that some wore cowboy boots, some wore heels, and some wore regular street shoes. Not a sandal in sight! Two students from Torrance were chatting eagerly, smiling, and laughing as I approached them. Celia Bernal and Maria Razo told me they were taking Line Dancing for the first time. “We started going out to a restaurant in Torrance that had line dancing and we liked it so we decided to do it with the city of Torrance,” said Celia. “He’s a good teacher too,” added Maria. “So we’re thinking about taking the class over again too,” said Celia with a smile.

Country music is predominantly played in

two lines facing a mirrored wall waiting for class to begin. Roger stood in front, and I sheepishly tried to blend in on the end. Thank

do this. He is a fantastic teacher and always encouraging to all his students,” said Deniese. Next, I spoke with Darin and Kendra



Celia Bernal and Maria Razo.

goodness, Roger began by ‘reviewing’ steps for a dance the class was working on, which meant I wouldn’t have to sit down and watch. I could play catch-up and maybe learn to line dance a bit. He carefully reviewed the steps several times without music before he started the music and let the country western tune fill the studio. Gee, it looked so easy when

McClelland. Kendra told me, “I started taking classes with Roger 20 years ago. He was our DJ at our wedding! I started taking Country Western with him [Roger] in Torrance. He would organize bus trips with all of us who liked to go dancing and we would go to Laughlin and dance all weekend. We got to know a lot of people I am still in touch with



Learning line dancing with Roger Rod.

February, Roger told me the temperature that particular winter didn’t get above 30 below in North Dakota. After that, Roger knew North Dakota wasn’t for him anymore. That’s a huge understatement! After graduating

the Line Dancing class although Roger did tell me he sometimes uses pop music. In his East Coast Swing class, the music floating from Studio #2 is the blues.

The students organized themselves into

Roger demonstrated the steps and counted for us. Why was my left foot doing things I didn’t want it to? Quickly, I discovered how to catch up when I missed a step. One thing about line dancing is you don’t have to worry about stepping on someone else’s foot, except your own.

Trish Farley told me she has been taking this class for three years on and off and lives less than five minutes away. Trish told me, “Gets me out of the house, keeps me moving, gets me talking to people I haven’t met before and even if don’t learn the dances right away, it is always a fun evening.”

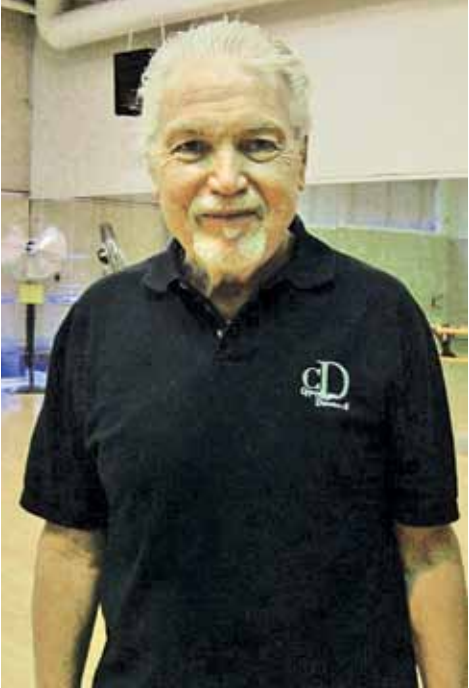
Deniese Jaskulsky has assisted Roger in the East Coast Swing class for 13 years. Deniese’s husband, Jeff attends class also, and said, “Unfortunately, during class we don’t get to do it [dance] together.” “But we do take other classes [together],” added Deniese. This couple told me outside of their classes, they really don’t dance much except for receptions and weddings. They have two children, Sophia, age 17, and Miles, age 15. “We have gone to ‘Father Daughter’ dances and she [Sophia] likes to dance,” said Jeff. They did say that Miles isn’t a dancer – yet. “Roger does an excellent job of encouraging people and making them feel that they can

through his class - and it was his warmth, his humor, and his ability to help us all connect and have a really good time together and it has enabled a lot of these friendships to

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Roger Rod and Deniese Jaskulsky.



Roger Rod.



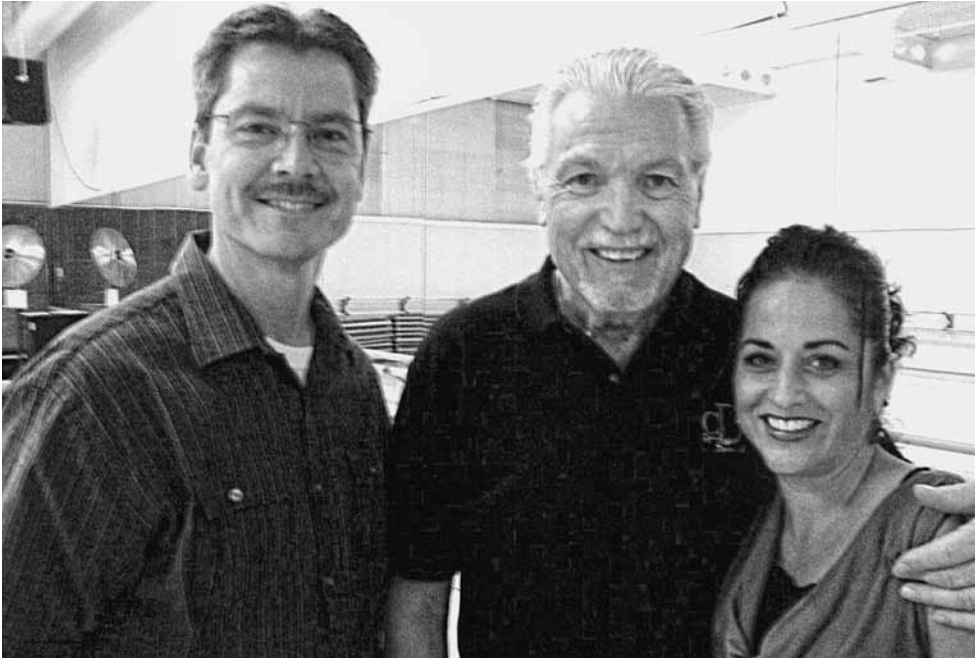
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stay intact. Every time I’ve been in one of his classes, I have a great time. And Darin is even having fun!” “I am, and he picks on me,” Darin said, laughing. “In a loving way,” Kendra added. The McClellands have taken classes from Roger for many years and if

the smiles on their faces are any indication, dance is fun. Darin has been taking classes for seventeen years and seems to enjoy his evenings out dancing with Kendra.

Dancing can make us joyful while allowing us to forget our troubles or worries and focus



Jeff Jaskulsky, Roger Rod, and Deniese Jaskulsky.

on others – and just have some fun. Dance Instructor, Roger Rod has found the formula for fun with movement and is ‘footloose’ no matter what style of dance he teaches. Martha Graham said, “Dance is the hidden language of the soul of the body.” So if you



Kendra and Darin McClelland.

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Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

— Warren Buffett

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Studio Antiques

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crammed from floor to ceiling with items of all kinds and shapes, from records to light fixtures to casseroles to jewelry. Next door is the “World Gallery,” where Laurence showcases larger items he’s found overseas. The Martins have many avenues for sale, thanks to the internet: besides the brick-and-mortar store, they have a website with a catalog and an enormous eBay store. They do free appraisals and will sell merchandise for clients on eBay as well. They pride themselves on their honesty, and disdain stores that try to cheat the customer by offering a false price or not doing their homework. “The thing that we bring to the table that no one else does is the research,” said Sally.

The Martins can call on a vast network of experts to appraise any item, and they love to ferret out origins, maker’s marks, and whatever else can fetch the best price possible. Not everything is worth a mint, of course, but the Martins will go the extra mile to make sure. Their eBay sales make up 80% of the store’s business, so the Martins are constantly on the lookout for clients who may have a treasure on hand and need an expert eye. They also will appraise estate items and run estate sales. Each revenue stream contributes to the overall business model, which is to take in items, but also to get them out the door in a fair manner.

Small business owners have to worry about everything, from travel to eBay re-listings to the parking outside, and just last week, the city created new diagonal parking that goes up the west side of Richmond Street. The spaces are narrow and a little hard to park in, especially coming from Grand (says this reporter from experience). Sally, though she is reserving judgment until the spaces have been here a few more weeks, was worried that people might drive on by if they can’t figure out how to get into one of the spaces. Each person who parks might come away with something from Studio Antiques, and each person who drives on by is a loss. As we spoke about parking, a woman came out of the depths of the store with a flat, iron-grate looking thing. She wanted to buy it to put a plant on; Sally told her it was a boot-scraper. The lady bought it anyway, and now it has a second life.

Studio Antiques enjoys making old things new again. “Every year, the store reinvents itself,” a trend which Sally credits to Laurence, and the two of them have begun holding their own in-store auctions, a trend they hope to continue monthly. Customers can come preview the items beforehand (in fact, it’s essential to do so), and then can come prepared to bid on whatever strikes their fancy. The Martins are looking

for clients with items to sell on consignment that then can be sold at auction. So if you have things around that need a new home, and you think they could be valuable, consider an auction. If nothing else, you can drop by the

store to find out what kind of fun Laurence and Sally are having. You might meet someone from Norway or Singapore, who’s just there for the day. And you will probably come away with something too. That’s just the way things are. •

Knabe

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working together. I truly enjoyed my visit.” Torrance City Councilman and former business owner, Mike Griffiths, also gained added perspective and insights that he can utilize as a current councilmember. “Visiting Supervisor Knabe’s office helped me understand that we do need to work together with the county on many issues... a good working relationship with the County leaders helps to insure that our City gets our fair share of attention and assistance where applicable.” Councilman Griffiths cites issues like the implementation of AB 109, dealing with prison re-alignment, as key areas that city and county governments can work together, “The state has shifted the responsibility for managing criminals more to the county and local levels, yet aren’t giving the Cities the financial assistance to manage this issue in a way that properly protects those that live and work here. The county now has much

more power in this area to help us, and that help is critical to our public safety in this new age of criminals spending less and less time in prison.” The final stop on the tour was to the County owned, Walt Disney Concert Hall. Home to the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the concert hall was built in 2003 elicited by a vision and large donation from the late Lillian Disney, Walt’s wife. Her gift, made in 1987, was motivated by her desire to give back to the people of Los Angeles and promote Walt’s passion for the arts. The beautiful architecture and state-of-the-art acoustics have made the concert hall an incredible venue to visit. The visit’s final stop certainly stole the show for many guests in attendance to include the Torrance Councilman, “My highlight of the visit was certainly the tour of the Disney Concert Hall. It’s an amazing facility that makes me proud to live in Los Angeles County!” •

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**Mama Cass** is a really nice little girl and a good mom to her puppies, Dharma and Sticks. She is sweet, friendly, gives lots of kisses and has a very bright sparkling personality. It’s hard not to fall in love with her the instant you meet her. We can’t say enough good things about this little girl and her lovely demeanor and personality. She is completely housebroken and is good with other little dogs as well. At only 5 pounds, Mama Cass would be best with children over 6 due to her small size. Mama Cass will be spayed, is current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

Darling **Dharma** and her sweet brother



Mama Cass has a sweet and friendly personality.



Dharma is an adorable Chihuahua pup. Sticks were born on August 21, 2014. Their mom Mama Cass is a gem and they are the best little puppies ever. Chihuahuas are a dime a dozen these days in the shelter, but none are sweeter than these little puppies. They have been raised with a lot of tender loving care from the day they were born. Both pups can be seen by appointment only with an approved application. They are ready to go home, but will need to remain in our relative area of the South Bay or North Orange County due to our spay/neuter ordinance. (They may be adopted separately.) Both puppies will be spayed/neutered when of age, are current on vaccinations, dewormed, and will be microchipped.

**Hula** is an adorable mix breed pup . . . possibly a Whippet or an Italian Greyhound mix. She is very sweet and is estimated to

be 4 - 5 months old. Hula has a beautiful golden coat with a white blaze on her chest and two white socks on her front feet. Her tail wags so much it makes her body wiggle back and forth just like a little Hula dancer. Hula is very playful, is good with all the other doggies here at the rescue and has lots of puppy energy. She is very lovable, a quick learner and will be a great addition to any home. Hula will be spayed soon, is current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

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Hula is a golden, mix-breed pup who gets along with other dogs.

# Happy Tails



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Troy, Tyrese and Little Ricky are three adorable high energy little boys who love to romp around together and with their fellow foster kittens.

**Troy** and **Tyrese** have striking coats of ebony with adorable soft green eyes. They love to sleep on the bed as well as snuggle on your lap or in your arms. If they aren’t busy making biscuits on you, these beautiful little brothers will follow you from room to room just to be near you. Both Troy and Tyrese get along with the small dogs in their foster home and enjoy chattering away to anyone and everyone nearby. They would be very lonely by themselves, so they cannot be only kitties. Although Troy and Tyrese would adore being adopted together, they can be adopted separately into a home with another feline friend or with one of their other kitten buddies.

**Little Ricky** has a very loving personality. He is extremely playful, sweet, loves to cuddle, and enjoys being held. Petting him while looking at your smart phone doesn’t count and he’ll push the phone out of your hand so you’ll give him your undivided attention. Ricky will run to the door to greet you, and he’ll follow you around the house. With the amount of energy Little Ricky has, he would do well in a home looking for a cat that has dog-like personalities who will run and play with him. His favorite toys are strings, balls or crumpled up paper, and feathers. Little Ricky has been fostered in a home with two calm and well-behaved dogs. He loves following them around swatting at their wagging tails. Little Ricky is your “personality plus” kitten.

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Little Ricky loves to play! He really really loves it.

**Gummi Bear** is as sweet as his name. His only challenge was being born without teeth, hence the name Gummi Bear. His new family looked right past that to see his inner sweetness shining thru and they are loving life together.

“Everything is going great with Gummi Bear. Yes, we’re keeping his name - it’s too cute to change. He has had a few accidents but nothing we can’t figure out. He’s getting tons of love and exercise. He’s been to the dog park, dog beach, and every night at 5 our community has a meet up dog area. He loves it and he’s not afraid of any size dog. He

thinks everyone is his best pal. So funny! The kids are so loving their new little man. They wear each other out. It’s been great! He’s a perfect fit to our family. We can’t believe we got so lucky in finding him. Thank you for all your help. We will touch base with you if we have any more questions. Thanks again from all of us! -- Terri, John, Johnny, Lexi, and Gummi Bear.”

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# Real Estate

## How to Cut the Clutter and Take Back Your Home

(BPT) - You've reached your breaking point. You've tripped over the same thing in the living room too many times. Now you've picked it up to finally put it away and you realize - you have nowhere to put it. You have too much clutter in your home. So what do you do? How do you decide where to start so you can reduce the clutter in your home and make your walkways safe once more?

Getting started is easier than you think. If you want to take control of clutter, get a few boxes - start with one for each room in your home and begin organizing one room at a time.

Begin this initiative by removing everything on top of your cabinets, tables and in bookcases,

and then place it all in a box, says Keith McCleary, academic director of Interior Design at The Art Institute of York - Pennsylvania. If there are other random accessories in the room, remove those, too. Keep just the basic furnishings. Now sit with the room in its simplest form for a short time.

"In room design, make good decisions about what you choose to put in the room and, often more importantly, in what you choose to leave out," McCleary says. "Simplicity and clean lines make a room feel livable, and that's what it's really all about: comfortable living." Think about the kind of focal point you're trying to create. How should you orchestrate this space

and show off your special pieces in terms of size, scale, color and texture?

After a day or two has passed, go back to the box and look for items that define your personality, or will be noticed by guests visiting your home. "Ask yourself: when is enough, enough?" says McCleary. "Each piece of furniture in the room can function to complement. Accessories and works of art should contrast."

Sometimes, you might think you have to keep memorabilia or outdated gifts from Aunt Ethel in your home all the time. "Not so," says McCleary. "It's perfectly acceptable to remove those items when you do your box exercise." If you get a call from Auntie when she plans

her next visit, head to the attic and put those old Beanie Babies she gave you when you were a fanatical collector decades ago on a shelf in your den - temporarily. She'll be happy for the gesture. When she leaves, feel free to put them back in the box of memories until her next visit.

After you complete this exercise in each room in your home, you'll notice that the clutter has disappeared. Now you can recognize how attractive the remaining items are in that same space. This initiative takes determination and focus, but when you've completed the exercise, your focus can be on the lovely space you've recreated. •



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