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## Weekend **Forecast Friday** Partly Cloudy 77°/61° **Saturday Partly** Cloudy 76°/61° Sunday **Partly**

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## West Basin Recognizes State Senator Ted Lieu as its Legislator of the Year



West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) has presented State Senator Ted Lieu (D — Torrance) with its esteemed Legislator of the Year award at its regular Board meeting on Monday, July. Senator Lieu has been a supporter of West Basin's water recycling and conservation legislation and programs since his election to the legislature in 2005. Photo courtesy of the Office

## **Donors Encouraged to Serve Animal Charities at Local Level**

By Cristian Vasquez

Animal rescues, pet adoptions and providing love and care for animals have been the goals of several organizations and residents in the city of Torrance. Events such as pet adoptions on the weekends are just some of the efforts that take place locally to help the animal population. For many, donating money is the most convenient way to help. Unfortunately, a recent investigation found that one group took advantage of the good will of animal lovers across the nation.

SPCA International has been involved in a controversy after it was reported that the organization spent nearly \$27 million collected from donors on fundraising expenses. In addition, the report from CNN indicated that the organization misrepresented their "Bagdad Pups" program in an effort to collect funds.

"Every SPCA [Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals] is separate and are not connected to any other SPCA," Madeline Bernstein, President of SPCALA, said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there. Everyone is struggling right now to get charitable dollars, so therefore there are commercials and all sorts of things being used to persuade people to give to a particular cause or particular organization. Sometimes people are unclear as to where they are really giving and there are also charities where things are not necessarily done appropriately. It's not just animal-related--it is in every field. Every time there is a disaster or something sympathetic arises, you see as many fake websites and fake charities spring up as actual legitimate charities."

Unfortunately for animal lovers, the amount of commercials on television and radio asking for donations to help animals in need is abundant. Bernstein and the SPCALA recom-

mend simple steps like conducting research through free sources like Guidestar.org to see whether or not a charity is spending is in line with one's understanding of the charity's mission.

"Our advice, for example, if your concern is the welfare of animals in your area--then try to be informed about legislation pertaining to your area. You want to make sure that animal abusers are prosecuted and that

stray animals are cared for and that turned-in animals are fed," Bernstein said. "Then you want to make sure that your dollars are going toward that purpose. To send those dollars off to a group in New York and wonder or just assume that those funds are going to make it to the animals that you care about in your zip code is mistaken."

Another step that can be taken to avoid

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## TerriAnn in Torrance

### **Basketball Camp in Torrance**

Last Monday afternoon I drove over to peek in on the Henry Bibby Basketball Camp being held at the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street in Torrance. This 22,000-square foot facility, dedicated on November 13, 2000 to honor Dee Hardison, is home to both basketball and volleyball. Dee Hardison, former Councilmember for eight years and Mayor of Torrance (serving from 1994-2002) and former educator is a dedicated servant to the City of Torrance and was instrumental in spearheading the development of the sports center. Hardison still volunteers in a variety of ways, including serving as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity and Vice Chair of the Torrance Centennial Committee.

Coach Henry Bibby was all smiles as he greeted and escorted me into the sports center. Down the hall from the reception desk, I could hear the hollow bounce of basketballs against the wooden gym floor. It

By TerriAnn Ferren had been months since I had been inside this facility and I marveled at the open, bright design. This special center has a workout room and a large multipurpose room that is available for rent, but for this special week in July, it is home to the youngsters ages five to 17 for basketball camp. Bibby, currently the assistant coach of the NBA Memphis Grizzlies, former coach of the 76ers and men's USC basketball, and coach of the WNBA L.A. Sparks, took time this summer from his busy schedule to hold a very special camp in Torrance. In addition to teaching the fundamentals of basketball, Coach Bibby emphasizes sportsmanship, manners, self-discipline, hard work and self esteem to the youngsters. Talking with Bibby, he shared with me, "I've been doing basketball camps for a long time here at Wilson Park--for seven, eight years or so. So I decided since I wasn't doing much this summer--I don't run any basketball camps anymore--that I would do this for four days,

See TerriAnn, page 13



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## July 2012 Winner

SMILE awhile

Our Staff Pick for July is "Aidan Woo," which was published on July 19 and submitted by Becky Cheng. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our advertiser Valentino's Pizza with locations in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Congratulations!

## alendar

• Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Choyce, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

• Torrance Craftsmen's Guild - Art in the Park, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Columbia Park, 4045 190th St. For more information call Debbie Collins at (310) 618-2376.

• Fundraiser to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance all day at the California Pizza Kitchen, Manhattan Village Mall, 3280 N. Sepulveda Blvd. A downloadable flyer is available at http://www.phctorrance.org. For more information, or to make a donation, call (310) 320-8976, or email info@ phctorrance.org

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

· Summer Stroll Special fundraising event -a docent-led tour in Old Torrance, 6:30 p.m., at the Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392

· Astronaut Captain Dick Richards, 2 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. Fore more information call (310) 618-5959.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

- Bark for Life of Torrance, a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Columbia Park. For more information call Sheri Slover at (310) 990-2518.
- Progressive Democratic Club meeting, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., at Dennys Restaurant, 600 E Carson Parkway in Carson. For more information contact Steve Varalyay at srvaralyay@gmail. com or Julian Burger at (310) 508-9234.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

 Celebrity Lecture Series: Stealth Fighters Triumph in Combat, Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

#### Tuesday, August 21

 Seniors Don't Be Scammed: Telemarketing and Internet Scams, 10 a.m.-Noon, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call Sergeant Jennifer Uyeda at (310) 618-5735.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

• Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information call Julie Randall at (310) 328-6107.

• 25th Annual South Bay Classic, 7:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. (check-in times at 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.), at The Los Verdes Golf and Country Club, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes. For more information contact Kacey Takashima at (310) 781-4303 or kacey. takashima@ahm.honda.com.

• Free Movie in the Park, beginning at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.), El Retiro Park - 126 Vista del Parque. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

- Artful Days: After the Renaissance: Mannerism and the Protestant Reformation, Sept. 4 from 12:10 p.m.-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.
- The South Bay Women's Chorus will be resuming practices Sept. 5, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. There are openings for Altos and Sopranos. For more information contact CJ Lippincott at cheryljean61@hotmail.com or (310) 433-7040.
- 20th Annual Fall Bazaar, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2930.
- 5th Annual South Bay Business Environmental Coalition Awards, September 20, in recognition of local businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made significant efforts to help the environment. If you are interested in nominating someone for an award, contact Douglas Krauss with the Hawthorne Public Works Department at (310) 349-2987 or visit www.sbbec.org.•

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## A Student's Perspective

### **Empathy Not Apathy**

#### By Glen Abalayan, **Torrance High School Student**

Tragedies have always exposed the best and worst in people. It has always been, and will continue to be, true ever since our species developed sentiments. As the saying goes, there are always two sides to every story and just like in every story, there are the righteous and the sinful. In one end are those who willfully give up a piece of their pride to help someone less fortunate. On the other side of the spectrum are the individuals who give in to their arrogance and exploit one's grief for their own selfish motives. The tragedies which occurred throughout our lifetime, and those before us, will always be remembered in history by how people choose react to the circumstances given to them.

The disaster in Aurora, Colorado is an instance when humanity's integrity is exposed as well as its wickedness. The incident needs no introduction, as anyone who woke up on Saturday, July 21 is now very familiar to how far hatred can shatter even the most blameless souls. But in contrast to the horrors of the evening were also small glimpses of hope and heroism.

In the midst of such confusion were a handful of individuals who set aside their petty differences to save those around them. One of those brave few were Stephanie Davies, who saved her best friend's life by applying pressure on her friend's wounded neck, and Jon Blunk, who saved his girlfriend's life by using his own body to protect her. Within minutes the effects of the incident spread throughout social media sites and quickly became filled with people offering their condolences, prayers and thoughts to those affected. A large number of generous

individuals have even offered their own services and donated substantial amounts of money as their way of assisting the victims. In the days following the incident, hundreds of people all over the country, including actor Christian Bale, who played as Batman in the movie, joined candlelight vigils to pay their respects to the victims. President Barack Obama and his opponent, Mitt Romney, have also decided to put their political and ideological differences aside to mourn with those affected in the incident.

During the minutes in which the shooting occurred, individuals overlooked another's different skin color, religion and background and instead considered them as their own brother, sister and companion. This gathering of individuals from various walks of life assisting complete strangers shows mankind in its most altruistic form. It is the most basic, but effective statement of empathy and selflessness the world will ever come by and shows what the human race as a whole should aspire to achieve--true brotherhood by setting aside petty differences to help one another.

Unfortunately, apathy and sour jokes have also resonated in communities and forums and show the evils some individuals choose to do during such a tragic moment. I found it odd when I visited Facebook and hardly saw a status about the incident and, to my disgust, even encountered a few untimely and bitter jokes about the incident during a visit to a few Internet forums. It is one thing in failing to act, but completely despicable when someone makes such a tragic incident into an untimely joke. This is nothing but disrespect and an injustice to everyone affected and killed in the calamity.

It appears that some people have grown

accustomed to calamities and merely shrugged off the tragedy. But who can blame them, as the news bombards its viewers with daily reports of rape, robberies and murders as if it was something to expect in daily life. These daily reports, which mostly contain negative content, gradually condition viewers to become apathetic and belittle matters that would be considered front-page news in past decades. A deadly freeway shooting, which could have been headline news before, would now be used as filler between the day's main headline and the quarterly weather reports. In the high-speed world that we live in, some individuals expect a story worthy of three pages to be condensed into a three-minute

But the fact is that what most people consider a simple news report is a disaster to the ones affected. Although it may seem insignificant to those viewing it safely at home, millions of lives have been changed forever through events that have been overlooked by most viewers. For example, a short two-minute blurb about gang violence in South LA would rarely be listened to and would most likely be forgotten once the commercials come. Unfortunately, a news story like the one listed above would hardly scratch the surface in showing how such an event has changed the lives of those affected and hardly gives the victim's families the sympathy they deserve.

In the interconnected society which we now live in, it is unacceptable that victims of such tragedies still mourn alone and others exploit this resource to rudely poke fun at such a sacred moment. Although our minds may have become numbed to the bombardment of negative news in our

daily lives, we should not let it turn us into apathetic creatures and use it as an excuse not to sympathize with those affected. The acts of selflessness shown in Aurora should set an example to people on how others should coexist and cooperate for a common cause. To not follow the model set forth by those before us will only take us a step backwards in becoming the world we envisioned to be. It is simple--mankind will never move forward until the ethnic and ideological barriers which separate us are broken. Hatred will only beget more hatred and this cycle will always continue until empathy replaces apathy and observance replaces inactivity. •



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## Crime Briefs

#### **MAJOR TRAFFIC COLLISION**

On July 29, 2012, at approximately 6:18 a.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major traffic collision at the intersection of 171st Street and Taylor Court. On arrival, officers discovered that a vehicle traveling eastbound on 171st St. lost control at the intersection of Taylor Court where it struck a curb and overturned, coming to rest in the front yard of a residence. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was transported to a local hospital where he

succumbed to his injuries. The intersection of 171st Street and Taylor Court was closed to all traffic for approximately three hours during the investigation. This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Bernard Anderson, 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.

Sergeant David Koenig Traffic and Special Events Division

### <u>Crime</u> Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceeding are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes are listed as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, auto theft, auto burglary, commercial burglary, residential burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with a weapon, theft and vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

#### **Compiled by Cristian Vasquez JULY 21**

Vandalism: 25900 BLOCK ROLLING HILLS ROAD Suspect(s) enters unsecured business being remodeled and pours oil on

Theft: 5200 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) cuts lock on exterior storage cage and takes property/propane tanks.

Robbery-Weapon: 16300 BLOCK CREN-SHAW BLVD Suspects enter open business, order victim to the floor and demand property at gunpoint/purse, cash, tablet, cell phone, keys, briefcase, documents.

Auto Theft-All: 3700 BLOCK 181ST ST Stolen vehicle: '94 Honda Accord.

#### **JULY 20**

Robbery-Weapon: 16700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect shoves victim, grabs him by the throat, presses a knife to his throat, demands to know where his cell phone and wallet are, searches his pockets and takes property/bank card, cell phone, hat, sunglasses.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victim's unattended purse/cell phone.

Auto Theft-All: 18500 BLOCK CREN-SHAW BLVD Stolen vehicle: '97 Honda Accord.

Robbery-Weapon: 17300 BLOCK HAW-THORNE BLVD Suspect approaches victim, demands his cell phone and threatens to shoot him, but victim runs away, retaining his property.

Burglary-Commercial: 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect enters open business and distracts employee while a second suspect uses a possible key to open a display case and take property from same/ watches, jewelry.

Theft: 800 BLOCK MAPLE AVE Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she goes through the courthouse security check.

#### **JULY 19**

Auto Theft-All: ARTESIA BLVD & CA-SIMIR AVE Stolen vehicle: '01 Ford van.

Vandalism: 3900 BLOCK 238TH ST Suspect(s) walks on victim's vehicle, dent-

Theft: 2900 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victim's unattended purse/cell phone.

Theft: 5100 BLOCK CARMEN ST Suspect(s) opens parcel delivered to victim's door and takes contents/shoes.

**Burglary-**Auto: 3 9 0 0 BLOCK171ST ST Suspect(s) s m a s h e s

window for entry and takes property/laptops.

**Burglary-Residential**: 23900 BLOCK LADEENE AVE Suspect(s) removes screen, cuts out/removes glass for entry, ransacks

#### and takes property/jewelry. **JULY 18**

**Burglary-Commercial**: 20600 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry and takes property/computers, USB drive.

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK PLAZA DELAMO Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicles parked in open garages and takes property/purses, jewelry, watch.

Burglary-Auto: 21800 BLOCK HAW-THORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, checkbook, jewelry.

Theft: 1200 BLOCK SARTORI AVE Suspect(s) enters locked rear door of open business by unknown means and takes property while victims are in the front of the business/purses, cell phones, ballet shoes, jacket, jewelry, keys.

Battery-Simple: ENTRADERO AVE & DEELANE ST Suspect puts victim in a headlock and punches him then kicks him in the face when he bends down to pick up his glasses.

Vandalism: 3900 BLOCK 238TH ST Suspect(s) dents victim's vehicle's door.

#### **JULY 17**

**Burglary-Auto**: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/holster, handgun.

**Burglary-Auto**: 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/briefcase.

Robbery-Weapon: 1700 BLOCK CAR-SON ST Suspects enter open business, simulate weapons, load property into duffle bag and flee with it/cell phones, tablets, laptops.

Burglary-Residential: 20500 BLOCK TOLUCA AVE Suspect(s) kicks in garage door for entry and takes property/toilet paper, paper towels, toys.

#### JULY 16

Burglary-Residential: 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LAS DELICIAS Suspect(s) enters via open window and takes property/ watches, jewelry.

Theft: 19700 BLOCK MARINER AVE Suspect(s) takes property from exterior of building/main water valve.

**Battery-Simple**: 300 BLOCK PASEO DE LA PLAYA Suspect punches victim repeatedly before striking him and his vehicle with a heavy chain.

Theft: 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) takes property from purse inadvertently left behind in shopping cart/cash.

Auto Theft-All: 3200 BLOCK 189TH ST Stolen vehicle: '04 Ford van.

Burglary-Auto: 2800 BLOCK SEPUL-VEDA BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse. •



#### Why should I believe the way you do?

Judaism does not actively seek to convert non-Jews so there is no push to have everyone believe as we do. For traditional Jews, the covenantal relationship with God requires us to follow God's commandments. Traditionally we say that there are 613 commandments. I believe that God delivered his message to mankind in a variety of ways. For Jews, Judaism in all of its forms, is the right approach. Similarly there is equal value to Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and other world faiths. To understand the total message to mankind one should study it all and practice the faith one is born into or chooses to follow. There are many paths leading to God, each of us should follow the best path for reaching out to God and increasing our spiritual growth.

-Rabbi Gary M. Spero, Torrance, www. rabbigaryspero.com

Speaking as a pastor, I would hope that no one in my church believes what I preach and teach simply because I say so, or is convinced by rhetoric or style or presentation. Faith needs to be powerfully personal and inspired by a direct spiritual connection with God through hearing and reading the Scriptures. A pastor is a guide, a reminder, a counselor, a shepherd but we need to be personally connected with God. Scripture itself tells us, "Faith comes by what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

So many look for "powerful sermons," to be entertained by a charismatic leader - that is a recipe for problems. Religion is so powerful, and so easy to misuse. There are many who would use religion to promote a political or social agenda, or even simply for financial gain, and there are many who would willingly follow a convincing leader. The results are damaging and divisive, and evidence of such abuse abounds in our country and the world.

My task as a preacher of the Gospel is to preach in such a way that Jesus comes alive as the Word is proclaimed, to then to connect people with Jesus, to help them come to know personally God's Son and follow his example, living lives of peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, hope and selfless love. Don't "believe the way I do"! But please connect with a community of faith that has found this Jesus.

> —Rev. Lawrence Becker, Sr. Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hawthorne

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep (died). 1 Corinthians 15:3

You should believe in who Christ is - God in the flesh, and in what Christ has primarily done - died for our sins, because it is true. God really did come to earth, took on flesh and died for our sins because of His great love and compassion for us.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name (Jesus) under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 (parenthesis added by the writer)

—Lisa Lait, First Baptist Church, El Segundo •



**SOUTH BAY** 

#### Now Metro Runs 'Til 2am

Now Metro Rail trains and the Metro Orange Line run until approximately 2am on Friday and Saturday nights. So now you can catch the overtime action, stay for the encore or take time for that bite to eat and still count on Metro for your ride home! For schedules and discounts on late-night venues, check metro.net.

#### "Carmageddon II" Set For Sept. 29-30

Plan ahead, avoid the area, or stay home is the message from public safety officials for the second weekend closure of the I-405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass – between the I-10 and I-101 – scheduled for September 29-30. Contractors will demolish the remaining side of the Mulholland Bridge as part of the freeway improvements project. For latest updates visit metro.net/405.

#### **Get Through Traffic Faster With ExpressLanes**

Starting this fall, Metro ExpressLanes can help you get through traffic faster on the I-110 Freeway. These special lanes are available toll-free to eligible carpools, vanpools and motorcycles, and for a toll to solo drivers – all you need is a FasTrak® transponder. To get your transponder, visit metro.net/expresslanes.

#### Measure R Projects Moving Forward

Metro continues to make progress on more than 70 transportation improvement projects funded by voter-approved Measure R. Included in those projects are 48 for highway and traffic reduction, 16 for rail and rapid transit and nine for public transit. Follow their progress at metro.net/measurer.

#### Go Metro to USC Football Games

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## Politically Speaking

### **One Man's Opinion**

#### **By Gerry Chong**

Juan Carlos, my talking neighborhood cat who insists he's a relative of the Spanish king, and I sat down to share a Hawaiian sunset and mai tais, complete with little umbrellas. We both exhaled contented "ahhhhs," stripped down to swim shorts, and kicked off our flip flops. (Of course mine were bigger than his, but he had four of them.)

As he pulled down his aviator shades, he said, "The thing I like about Americans is their sense of humor in the face of pending disaster. Someone said reelecting Obama is like the Titanic hitting the iceberg, backing up and ramming it again. Now that's funny."

"What else amuses you,"
I asked. "Well..." he said.
"When Michelle and the
Queen of Qatar shut down
Madison Avenue in New York and
she went on a \$50,000 underwear
shopping spree at Agent Provocateur, the
store that advertises itself as selling the
world's most erotic underwear...and she
did that in the shadows of Occupy Wall
Street (OWS), which protested greed and
avarice, I thought that was funny." Could
you see Barbara Bush or, God forbid,
Mamie Eisenhower in their skimpy undies?
Let 'em eat cake, I say."

"Oh," I said, "You're really on a roll. What about something of substance"?

"Well, Okay," says he. "Today the Chinese announced an agreement to purchase for \$15 billion Nexen, the Canadian oil company. If approved by the Canadian government, it will give China access to oil in the Gulf of Mexico, the Alberta oil sands, the North Sea and Africa. China will also acquire the technology for deep water drilling and solid rock (fracking) drilling. Meanwhile, here in the U.S. we have denied the Canadian oil pipeline and propose wind energy. So we can collectively puff our cheeks to make the blades move or buy oil from China."

"Okay, okay, that's scary, but what's funny?" I asked.

"Well," he continues, "the Department of Homeland Security has issued directive 'IS-907-Active Shooter' directing Customs and Border Patrol Agents to first hide if they run across dangerous illegals. If they cannot hide, then they are to run. But finally, if they are trapped, they may use deadly force--but if they do, they will be subject to investigative action by the Agency and could end up in big trouble. As you know,

Agent Brian Terry who was killed by drug smugglers in Operation Fast and Furious had been ordered to fire bean bags against the druggies. They responded with AK-47s, so Agent Terry became history. An embarrassed Obama Administration has exercised its right of Executive Privilege to remove its excuses from public view."

Not wanting to neglect its legal obligations, but refusing to seal the border, Homeland Security has taken to posting signs in Arizona that say:

DANGER- Public Warning- Travel Not Recommended

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Visitors May Encounter Armed Criminals

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"Now you gotta admit that a sign telling Americans to vacate areas of our country is not as good as a fence to keep the bad guys out, but it's better than nothing," said my belly-laughing cat.

"This is all tragic. Point out something funny," I demanded.

"Okay, Okay, how about this one? While conventional fuel for aircraft and ships costs about \$3 per gallon, the Department of Defense is requiring the Navy to spend \$26 and the Air Force to spend \$59 per gallon in order to burn bio fuels. All this while the defense budget is gutted by 25 percent due to the budget agreement between Obama and the Congress reached last summer. Soon sailors will be shoveling corn cobs into fire pits. Ha ha ha. The visual of that is too cool. Tote that barge, lift that bale..."

Getting angry now, I said, "None of this is funny," so the cat raised his shades and said, "You've lost your sense of humor, so I'll try one last time. Remember last week, the President eliminated the need to seek work as a requirement for receiving welfare? Well, here's the good part: Since recipients won't have to look for work, they will no longer be counted as unemployed, so the rate of unemployment will fall, just in time for the election. Wonder which genius thought that one up? Now you gotta admit that's both clever and funny."

Mumbling in my mai tai and my face reddening, I don't know if I'm embarrassed for our country or got too much sun.

"It has been said that the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games is something that an athlete will remember for the rest of their life. It is true. That moment when you walk into the Olympic Stadium as part of the Australian Olympic Team, is a moment that I will never forget." — Jeff Fenech (Australian boxer)



### **Political Penguin**

#### By Duane Plank

Nothing really political about the senseless massacre that took place a couple of weeks ago in Aurora, Colorado, at the local movie theatre where a deranged nutcase decided to gun down as many innocent, wide-eyed moviegoers as he could at the first evening screening of the much ballyhooed flick The Dark Knight Rises.

Nothing political there, unless you count the fact of the hue and cry that emanated from one moronic journalist, ABC News lefty Brian Ross, who a scant few hours after the bloodshed and bullets flew in Aurora, went on the air and linked the murderous madman to the right wing Tea Party movement.

Apparently, the slipshod journalist Ross had played the lazy man's game and Googled the murderer's name. And one of the matches that came up on his personal device associated someone with a similar name to the Tea partiers.

Course the information was bogus, as was the Ross report. But it just goes to show you that when some members of the media have a political agenda that they try to further, they will do darn near anything to discredit the other side. To heck with the facts, to heck with the fact that this incredibly sad massacre of innocents doesn't seem to have much connection to any political party. More the work of a despicable dirt-bag who would have done the world a big favor if he had just swallowed 100 Vicodin or pointed a gun at his own temple and pulled the trigger and spared the innocent people he slaughtered.

And it is not just the lefties in the media who are guilty of a biased rush to judgment. Happens on both sides of the political spectrum. Sad, but true. The rush to be first in this immediate notification era trumps being right. Seems it is more important to be the first one out there than be accurate, even if the Bolshoi that is thrown against the wall is rife with half-truths, gossip, innuendo, or worse, Internet palaver. And even if you are dead wrong.

Sometimes, catastrophically grotesque acts like the Aurora massacre just happen. People who are strung way too tight snap and embark on the unfathomable. And the reality of it is, this type of carnage will happen again. You can count on it. Because if a deranged loon really wants to kill innocents and cares not for his or her own safety, then how can he or she be stopped? We can't make America a lockdown country, can we? Assume that the next time you go to a movie and pay the outrageous ransom that they currently charge for a couple of hours of amusement and penny-ante popcorn, you may have to duck under a metal detector, or some other high-tech apparatus that will give the illusion--and it is only an illusion--of safety in the sanctuary of a movie theatre.

Believe it was President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, foreshadowing his own assassination in Dallas back in 1963, who had commented that if someone really, really wanted to kill the President and had no thoughts about getting away with the murder, that the Secret Service, with all their talent, all of their diligence and all of their tools, would be helpless to stop a determined, deranged assassin.

Unfortunately, he proved prescient in his thoughts.

BTW, the Kid had attended the midnight showing of The Dark Knight Rises and was still awake in the mansion when I prepared to shove off for work around 5:30 a.m. that fateful morning. He said that I should turn on CNN--that there had been terrible shootings in Colorado.

I did as advised and said a little thankful prayer. As I am sure a lot of parents did on that feckless Friday.

Okay, so on to some good news...pick up the pace a bit. Good news for President Obama, who fully expects to win the Great Bankrupt State of California in the general election that is now about three months away. And California is quite a plum in the electoral scheme of things, what with a mere 55 votes up for grabs. For those new to the

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## **Up and Adam**

## **Spartans Anticipating Season to Come**

#### By Adam Serrao

The South High Spartans have been somewhat of a powerhouse in the Pioneer League as of late. With the regular season quickly approaching, Coach Joshua Waybright hopes that the trend will only continue. With a whole summer full of offseason workouts, the Spartans seem to not only be on track to take back a traditionally competitive Pioneer League, but also make a deep run into the playoffs. Waybright and the Spartans know, however, that if they are going to have any success this year, it is going to have to come against the conventional cross-town rivals of North, Torrance and even West High.

It wasn't long ago that the Spartans seemed to be on top of the world, dominating all those who came to the field of battle on their way to the CIF title game. It was in fact only two years ago that the Spartans made their run to the top of their division, losing only two times all season long in the 2010-'11 campaign. The team's first loss of the year came early on when in only the third game of the schedule, Waybright's Spartans fell to Palos Verdes by a final score of 29-17. From there on out, however, the Spartans were perfect, not just beating but dominating all teams that stepped in their path. With an aggressive rushing attack and a deep ball passer at quarterback, Waybright's versatile offense brought South High to a matchup against Lompoc High School in the CIF finals. Those who follow the team know that the Spartans would unfortunately lose the game to Lompoc, but it wasn't before making a valiant effort that players, coaches and fans of the team will surely never forget.

The ball was on the two yard line and the Spartans had just made an incredible comeback. The team had trailed the whole contest and by a margin as large as 17-0 in the fourth quarter. Just two more yards would have given the Spartans a touchdown and a victory and the team's first CIF football championship ever. With only 10 seconds left in the game, the Spartans handed the ball off to their star running back of the time, Eric Cappachione, but the Lompoc defense held strong and kept South out of the end zone as time on the clock expired. Though the Spartans lost the game, it was the farthest that any South High team had made it in 53 years (now nearly 55 years) of history.

Though that season was not only Waybright's

most successful but also South High's most prolific year ever, the team now looks to put it and all other previous seasons behind it. It is time to start anew for the Spartans and regain the tactics that have worked so well for them in the past. That said, expect to see a solid rushing attack out of South once again this year, while the team also attempts to demonstrate a big and strong front line on the defensive side of the ball. The schedule is already set for the Spartans and as usual, it is not going to be a walk in the park. They will need all of the offensive firepower that they can get to finish on top of the Pioneer League once again and make a run at the CIF crown.

Before league play even gets started, the Spartans will be put to the test early on. The football year for South High begins on August 31 and in just their third week into the new season, they will have to take on a Mira Costa football team that they are 0-4 against in their last four meetings. That matchup highlights just one of the few games before league play that also features the likes of Palos Verdes Peninsula and cross-town rivals the West High Warriors, who have both traditionally come out on top against South High in the past. After those games come and go, league play gets started and things really begin to get interesting for the Spartans. Competition is always sure to heat up against familiar foes, but fortunately for the Spartans, they have a winning record against nearly all fellow Pioneer League teams--so late in the season is when the Spartans figure to do the most damage.

Last year, the Spartans finished right in the middle of the pack in the Pioneer League with a 6-6 overall record behind both Torrance and El Segundo in the standings. An improvement on last year's record will certainly mean success for the Spartans, but beating out the Tartars and the Eagles isn't the only thing on the mind of the team from South Torrance. With two first place finishes in the last six years, the Spartans look to stop short of nothing less than another first place finish this year, allowing them to prove to all other opponents that they are indeed the best team in Torrance. That fact remains to be seen, but one thing is for sure: This football season should certainly be a fun one to watch as the Torrance clubs go at it for hometown bragging rights and Pioneer League supremacy. •

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contributing to fake or untrustworthy animal organizations is to donate money locally. This allows the donor to see more tangible results with regards to the money they contribute.

"Nothing gets people angrier than to realize that they gave to the wrong organization. If you give locally you can visit the charity, you can see the work that they are doing and you can ask those questions and see the results of your contributions," Bernstein said. "It also helps to stimulate the economy in the area where you live because it is your local charity that is hiring people and it is your local charity that is providing a safety net that is not provided by anyone else in the community. As a result, the community gets stronger and you are consistent in that you cared for your hometown first. And if you have additional dollars and you want to donate them to more exotic or out-of-the-area organizations, that's fine, but people should know what their priorities are."

Bernstein understands how challenging it can be to avoid being deceived by such misleading information. However, she puts much emphasis on the obligation a donor has to being informed. "These charities just play on your emotions—they know that there is going to be a response so they know they can get up and ask for money before anyone," Bernstein said. "There are so many things involved with these types of issues that people just really have to know what they're involved with and think about it

before lunging to the phone or texting their next donation. Just take a minute and make sure you're donating toward a legitimate charity that is doing what you want them to do because it may be a legitimate charity that is not doing what you want to do. Or it may be a charity that is spending money on the fundraiser and none of the money is going to the cause. There is a lot that's wrong here"

While the SPCA does not have a specific troop-related program, they have in the past assisted troops in need of assistance with their pets, such as during evacuation efforts. In many instances, troops being deployed will turn their pets in or they will return from deployment in search of new pets. However, not all charities work the same and Bernstein reminds animal lovers to do their homework before getting involved.

"It's natural to have an emotional response because you consider yourself a good person. There is a certain amount of blame that you can place on charities trying to get in on dollars that it technically should not be entitled to, or that are the fruit of a misunderstanding," Bernstein said. "I also think that consumers have to take some responsibility too. You work hard for your dollars and the few dollars that you have, given the state of our economy, you should at least do a little bit of research before just donating to an organization that you're not sure about are not familiar with." •

## The Day that Sports Ruled the World

#### By Adam Serrao

Last Friday evening the 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony took place in London, England, marking the beginning of more than two weeks straight of athletic competition. Any sports fan's dream, the Olympics symbolizes a time when all of the world's greatest athletes come together and compete on the highest level and on the brightest stage for global supremacy in their respective sports. Titled "Isles of Wonder," the ceremony not only left sports fans wondering what they would see in the athletic competitions to come, but also gave the athletes from more than 200 nations an inspirational jumpstart to what may be one of the most interesting and hotly contested Olympic Games in quite some time.

The Opening Ceremony to the Olympics made history not because of the estimated audience of over one billion viewers worldwide, but because it was London's unprecedented third time hosting the competitions. London is now the only city in the world to have hosted the Olympics Games three times. The year 1908 was the first time that London became the focal point of the world for athletic competition, but originally it was not planned in such a way. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1906 meant that Italy was no longer prepared to comfortably host the Games, as London politely stepped in to take over. London was again chosen to host the 1944 Games, which were postponed because of World War II and later became the 1948 Olympics. This was a notable year for London because 1948 was the first time that the Olympic Games were able to be broadcast on home television. Now it is 2012 and the Games are back in London, but the only difference is that this year they have come to the city effortlessly and efficiently. Certainly by the time the Games are over, London will have done its part to make headlines once again and continue the showcase of its rich sporting history on a global level.

The reason why these Olympic Games will be great is not because they are in London and also thankfully not because they are meant to take the world's mind off of a natural disaster (Vesuvius) or a historical tragedy (WWII). These Olympic Games will be great simply because of all of the great athletes competing in them. Fortunately for us, most of them come from our very own United States of America, so we can experience the glory that our athletes are feeling across seas right here on our very own soil. That being said, let's take a look at the major storylines of this year's Games.

Perhaps creating the most buzz as the top storyline of London's Olympic Games is the friendly battle between America's golden boy Michael Phelps and the up-and-comer Ryan Lochte. In 2008's Olympic Games in Beijing, Phelps was America's shining star, bringing U.S.A with him. At the time, however, Phelps' teammate Lochte didn't look too shabby himself, specifically showcasing his talent in the 4x200 meter freestyle relay where the latter

took home his first gold medal and broke his first world record as the Americans went on to finish in first with a time of 6:58:56. Fast forward to the 2012 Olympics and now Lochte seems to be locked in and no longer ready to take a backseat to Phelps. "I think overall, I'm just a lot older, smarter, and a better athlete than I was going into Beijing," the 27-yearold related. "I changed my diet and I started doing heavier weightlifting." The weightlifting may help with all of the gold medals that Lochte plans to drape around his neck. The young swimmer started his Olympics off the right way by grabbing his first gold medal on day one of the competition, finishing first to Phelps' fourth in the 400 IM.

Coming out of the water and stepping foot on sand, another great story for America in the 2012 Olympics lies in the attempted heroics of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh. The two won beach volleyball gold in Athens in 2004 and again in Beijing in 2008 and are now attempting to capture their unprecedented third straight Olympic gold medal beneath the nets and on the sands of the beaches of London. It won't be easy, however. Since America last saw the duo in '08, Walsh gave birth to two children, May-Treanor tore her Achilles, the two separated as a team but got back together and eventually made their way back to the Olympics. A dozen years after first teaming up, a third gold medal will make May-Treanor and Walsh the greatest female volleyball players to ever live.

Those are only two storylines of what will be an amazing Olympic Games. Yet to even be talked about is the men's Olympic basketball team featuring Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Kevin Durant all on one team competing for one common goal. As good as that team is supposed to be in the Olympics, the U.S.A. women's basketball team is supposed to be even better. The 17-year-old Jordyn Wieber will attempt to bring home gold for the U.S. women's gymnastics team and who can forget about track and field? Justin Gatlin and company will be out to prove that they are faster on the Olympic stage than Jamaica. Even if Gatlin loses, Usain Bolt never ceases to wow and amaze with his cheetah-like speed, propelling himself down the track in such a seemingly effortless manner. Keep an eye on Bolt's teammate Johan Blake this year, however, as he figures to make some noise before all is said and done.

No matter what storyline is prevalent at the moment and no matter which nation takes home the most gold medals, the Olympics are back and every sports fan can now rest easy knowing that they will have unlimited coverage of athletic competition for the next two weeks. From basketball and swimming to judo and table tennis, the world's greatest athletes have all assembled to extend their talents further than they have ever been extended before and go after the golden prize. All we as fans have to do is sit back, watch and enjoy. •

### **Penguin**

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game, the way you win the presidency isn't to amass the most popular votes, but to garner a majority of the electoral votes.

President Obama or Mitt "The Glove" Romney will win the presidency if they are able to pick up 270 of the available 538 votes. So the 55 that we have here in Cali amount to a nice chunk of change for either candidate.

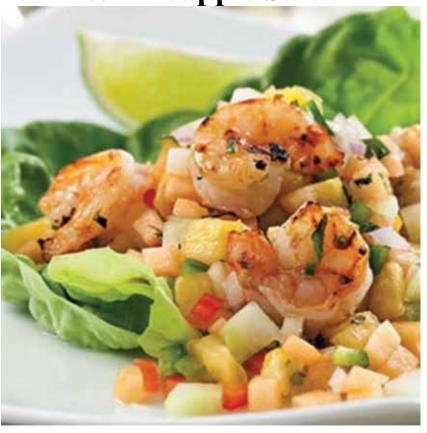
Now the reigning POTUS picked up the 55 in 2008, easily outpointing Republican rival John McCain, 61 percent to 37. And back in 2004, the Demo man without a chance, easterner John Kerry, actually crushed the incumbent President Bush, 54-44.

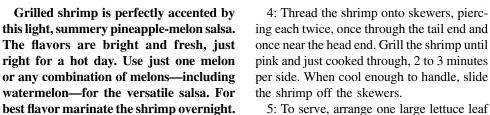
So Romney obviously has his work cut out for him in Cali. Unless he and his operatives have already thrown in the towel, preferring to spend their time and money in so-called swing states where the Republican challenger may have a better chance to derail the Obama Express.

Nationwide, the latest Gallup poll has the incumbent with a scant one percent lead over Romney, 46-45. In California, the numbers portend a rather easy victory for the incumbent Prez with Obama holding a comfortable double-digit lead over Romney.

And the good news for the President, California-wise, is that recent reports have trumpeted the fact that California leads the nation in job growth. 'Bout time we lead the nation in something, other than gouging our college-age kids and their beleaguered parents for more Benjamins when the young scholars attempt to attend a school in the state in which they actually live--in which their parents continue to pay some pretty hefty taxes. •

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- 1 pound raw shrimp (16-20 per pound), peeled and deveined (see Note)
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger, divided
- 2 teaspoons minced seeded jalapeño, divided
- 2 cups finely diced firm ripe melon
- 1 cup finely diced fresh pineapple 1/4 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely diced red onion
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint, plus 4 sprigs for garnish

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

- 4 large lettuce leaves, such as Boston, romaine or iceberg
- 4 lime wedges

Steps:

- 1: Combine shrimp, 1 tablespoon oil, 1 teaspoon ginger and 1 teaspoon jalapeño in a medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours or up to 24 hours.
- 2: Combine melon, pineapple, red and green bell pepper, onion, vinegar, chopped mint and salt in a large bowl with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, 1 teaspoon ginger and 1 teaspoon jalapeño. Refrigerate until cold, about 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.
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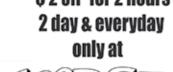
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## Torrance Advances In Regional Baseball Tournament

Torrance, the top seed in the 2012 Pacific Southwest Regional Babe Ruth (13-15 year old) Baseball Tournament, started out with a bang. The first game was against the Northern Utah champion, Riverton, and the young boys in maroon chalked up a 5-run third inning enroute to a 10-run mercy rule victory. A beautiful double by David Aros led off the fifth, and a standup triple by Devin Nakagawa scored Aros to end the game. Their second game was not so easy against the Central California champion, Orcutt. Although taking a 1-0 and 2-1 lead, the Orcutt boys rallied twice to tie and force extra innings. It was only the power of Ray Diaz blasting a walk-off home run that ended it 3-2 and sent the team to the finals. Photos by Shelley Kemp. For more photos, please visit www.ShelleyKempPhotography.com •



Tyler Suzuki slides into second.

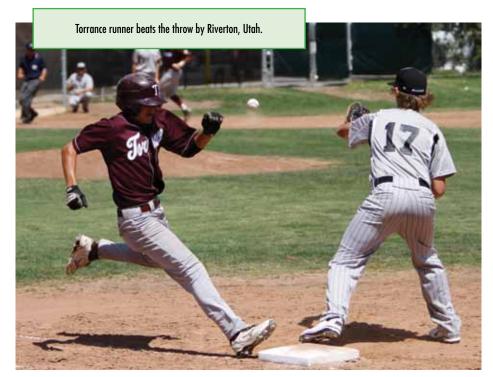


Torrance Second Baseman leans in to tag a Riverton runner.



Ray Diaz leaps into the air before touching home plate which scored the winning run







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This adorable sibling trio are playful kittens who were born April 12. Each with their own unique personality, they are ready to love you and be a part of your life. They would enjoy being adopted in pairs or even as a trio or into a home with another kitty companion.

William is a great adventurer. He's also special guy who absolutely loves to be held and pet. Craving your affection, William will relax against you for an hour or William

more if you let him. This little orange Tabby with his debonair white paws and chest has a coat that is so soft and smooth, just like him. Yes, he's "smooth" and he fancies himself a ladies' man...though of course he's fixed, so no worries.



Stella

Stella is a lover. Look at her beautiful Calico coat and special, pretty face. Go ahead, take a moment to stare--she's worth it. Stella was a little shy when she first got rescued, but she totally loves people now and wants to snuggle with you.

Feride (pronounced like the scientist Faraday) also goes by the nickname of Fee. Fee completely adores people and especially likes to rub against faces and give kisses. What can we say...Fee is a lover. She also adores playing with her sister Stella and little brother William. This little cutie pie is a real beauty with a special blend of Calico and Tabby fur and the most precious nose ever.



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

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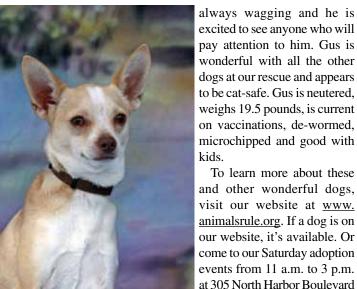
Anabell is a Deer Chihuahua. Anabell is shy when she first meets someone new and needs a little bit of time to warm up to you. Consequently, this darling girl has been passed by at adoptions. She is so sweet and loving and just needs a patient, caring person who will give her a few days to warm up. Basically, take her home and ignore her Anabell for two days. Once she knows you and trusts you, you're her bonded buddy. Anabell is housebroken with a doggie door or open door, loves going on walks, playing with toys and cuddling on your lap. Anabell has good play manners with other dogs, both male and female, and is cat-safe as well. At 18 months old, Anabell is fully grown at a petite 10 pounds. Anabell would do best in an

adult home or home Popeye with a single person,

but not in a home with kids as they scare her. Anabell is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Popeye is beautiful fawn Pug who is about five years old and weighs 18 pounds. He is missing his right eye and has very limited vision in his left eye. But shhh... don't tell Popeye this because he has no idea he is visually impaired. Popeye gets around like a champ and he loves everyone he meets. He is gentle and kind and great with all other dogs and people of all ages. Popeye is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Gus is a sweet two-year-old Pug and is a jovial little guy. His double curled tail is





always wagging and he is excited to see anyone who will pay attention to him. Gus is wonderful with all the other dogs at our rescue and appears to be cat-safe. Gus is neutered, weighs 19.5 pounds, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with

animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are taxdeductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

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## <u> Happy Tails</u>

Turner came right off the racetrack and we fostered him for Fast Friends Rescue. He found a wonderful home and is now learning how to be a great family pet...

"Hi, Turner is a love! He is so sweet and enjoys all five of us. He feels we are all a great source of never-ending attention. He is a perfect match for us and his sister Holly, our eight-year-old female Greyhound. I think she is getting the idea he is here to stay. Walking is still a work in progress. As I've gotten to know him, I can see that he is a little overwhelmed with our big world outside. We take two small walks each day and he is getting a little faster, even trots a bit.

As you can see, he has made himself comfortable on our family room couch and has spent long hours napping on two of my son's beds (both allowed). We love watching him do this. It shows how at ease he has become with us. He remains so calm and not bothered by loud, sudden noises. He did well

## **Turner Enjoying Life Off the Track**

on the Fourth of July. Thank you for being a super foster for Turner. We love him very much. I especially--he is my special boy as Holly is my special girl.

Turner's personality is coming out. We've watched him take our throw pillows off the family room couch a few times, told him no and that was that. Today we watched him



take it to his bed, flip it over to the fuzzy side and place his head on it. He also played with a hedgehog toy briefly right after this event. When it made noise, he stopped as if to say, "What was that?" And he crawled up on the couch and put his head on my lap as I was having my morning coffee. He stayed for a while until he heard something out in the backyard and gave a low growl/ bark. I reassured him all was fine. I didn't want to spoil the moment. We both got up to investigate and of course, nothing was there. On a side note: I looked over his racing records for fun. Of the 140 races, the 15 he won or placed in, all had notes of "came from behind." Can't help but think this is just how he walks--slow and then speeds up to get ahead of Holly and I, but never pulling. Life is really good!" --- Sincerely, Sherrlyn.

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

## **Looking Up**

## Rover "Curiosity" to Land on Mars Aug. 5

#### **Bv Bob Eklund**

NASA's most advanced planetary rover is on a precise course for an early August landing beside a Martian mountain to begin two years of unprecedented scientific detective work. However, getting the Curiosity rover to the surface of Mars will not be easy. Curiosity is scheduled to land at 10:31 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Sunday, August 5.

To achieve the precision needed for landing safely inside Gale Crater, the spacecraft will fly like a wing in Mars' upper atmosphere instead of dropping like a rock. To land the one-ton rover, an airbag method used on previous Mars rovers will not work. Mission engineers at JPL designed a "sky crane" method for the final several seconds of the flight. A backpack with retro-rockets controlling descent speed will lower the rover on three nylon cords just before touchdown.

During a critical period lasting only seven minutes, the Mars Science Laboratory spacecraft carrying Curiosity must decelerate from about 13,200 mph to allow the rover to land on the surface at about 1.7 mph.

Curiosity will use tools on a robotic arm to deliver samples from Martian rocks and soils into laboratory instruments inside the rover that can reveal chemical and mineral

composition. A laser instrument will use its beam to induce a spark on a target and read the spark's spectrum of light to identify chemical elements in the target.

Other instruments on the car-sized rover will examine the surrounding environment from a distance or by direct touch with the arm. The rover will check for the basic chemical ingredients for life and for evidence about energy available for life. It also will assess factors that could be hazardous for life, such as the radiation environment.

The chosen landing site is beside a mountain informally called Mount Sharp. The mission's prime destination lies on the slope of the mountain. Driving there from the landing site may take many months.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

In a NASA-Microsoft collaboration, a new outreach game will to give the public a sense of the challenge and adventure of landing in a precise location on the Martian surface. Called "Mars Rover Landing," the game is an immersive experience for the Xbox 360 home entertainment console that allows users to take control of their own spacecraft and face the extreme challenges of landing a rover on Mars.

"Technology is making it possible for

the public to participate in exploration as it never has before," said Michelle Viotti, JPL's Mars public engagement manager. "Because Mars exploration is fundamentally a shared human endeavor, we want everyone around the globe to have the most immersive experience possible.'

NASA has several other forthcoming experiences geared for inspiration and learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Information about many ways to watch and participate in the Curiosity's landing and the mission on the surface of Mars is available at:

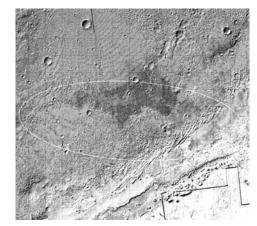
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For more information about the mission and to use the new video game and other education-related tools: http://www.nasa.gov/ mars, http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/

#### "PLANETFEST" TO FEATURE LIVE **COVERAGE OF LANDING**

On Sunday evening, August 5, you can witness the Curiosity landing in real time at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E, Green Street. Planetfest, a two-day weekend



The area where NASA's Curiosity rover will land on Aug. 5 PDT (Aug. 6 EDT) has a geological diversity that scientists are eager to investigate, as seen in this false-color map based on data from NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter. The image was obtained by Odyssey's Thermal Emission Imaging System. It merges topographical data with thermal inertia data that record the ability of the surface to hold onto heat. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASÚ

celebration focused on the Curiosity landing, features some 30 scientific experts plus dozens of artists and performers. Sunday evening's program includes a play-by-play live narration of the spacecraft's decent and landing. An unforgettable addition to your space memories! Details: www.planetary. org/get-involved/events/planetfest-2012/ •

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**TerriAnn** from front page

five hours a day and see how it goes." Bibby told me that although he has gotten a bit older, he still enjoys sharing his knowledge with young people. He enjoys teaching and talking with the parents about how to make the kids better (with their game).

"I have this new basketball that I've invented. It's called the DribblePro. It's a new basketball--a threedimensional basketball that I use that has been out for a year now. It helps the kids improve their shooting, drib-

bling and rebounding," Bibby said. Wow. I asked about the ball and Bibby told me it has four nodules on it and it bounces differently on the floor and helps with control and eye-hand coordination. He told me that your hands become your eyes and you feel the ball

looking at the ball. Bibby explained to me, "When you get a regular basketball, you'll be able to take the ball where you want to take it. It helps with shooting and placement of hands on the ball, so it is a self-teaching tool. It has been engineered to only go 15 to 20 degrees away from you [when you bounce it]. It isn't so erratic that you can't control it." This new DribblePro ball sounded very intriguing. Bibby told me that he thinks this is great for training and there aren't any other tools out there like it. After youngsters play with the DribblePro ball and get used to it,

as opposed to just



Coach Henry Bibby ready to teach.

then when they play a game with a regular ball they are shocked how much easier they handle the ball, how easy it is to control and how their confidence has risen. Bibby explained, "Once you train the mind that you have confidence, it is easier and you can do more with the ball." This is great! To think these youngsters are able to try out this new and revolutionary ball from its inventor is

DEE HARDISON SPORTS CENTER

amazing! Nowhere else in the country is the inventor of the unique DribblePro ball holding a basketball camp! (I played basketball in high school because I was quick and tall. But I remember I didn't stick with it very long because it was murder on a manicure!)

Coach Bibby has been working on his DribblePro ball for a long time and finally put it together and it is now on the market. I asked him if it is available for anyone to purchase and he told me it is and all you have to do is access www. dribblepro.com.

Then I asked Bibby about the camp he is running

now and the next camp that will be held from August 27 to 30 at the Sports Center. He The Dee Hardison Sports Center.

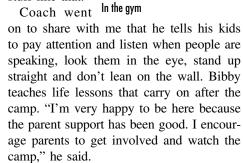
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Inside the spacious Dee Hardison Sports Center.

told me he loves what he does and enjoys running the camp, but it isn't all basketball. "They [the youngsters] play tag and dodge ball and we institute the way we play basketball within what they're doing," said Bibby. "There are a lot of life skills we talk about.

Hugging your parents when you get up every

morning, telling them that you love them--it doesn't matter if it's your grandmother or grandfather... just tell them that you love them and be appreciative of life and what they are doing for you. We talk about hygiene and brushing your teeth every morning and if they had breakfast and stuff like that."



As we walked into the gym that afternoon, I saw a sea of youngsters working on the fundamentals of basketball in white t-shirts. There were smiles all around and balls going everywhere. The familiar sound of basketballs bouncing on the hardwood floor echoed inside

there 10 months out of the year--a full-time job. It's not like California, but I do like it. You don't have the hustle and bustle and you can get places within 10 or 15 minutes where here it takes you an hour-and-a-half. That's the only difference. I like the weather here better 'cuz it's not as hot, but it is good and the people are interesting and nice. Southern hospitality and all the barbecue you can eat--chicken, ribs, etc. It's been good. [He looked off a moment.] We've gone to the playoffs every year we've been there, so

the large gym. One youngster was lifted up

by one of the assistants to make a basket and

I asked Coach Bibby how he likes living

in Memphis, Tennessee when he is coaching

the Grizzlies and he told me, "I am living

the joy on his face was priceless.

A basketball suddenly came bouncing toward me and a young player ran up to retrieve it. There was activity everywhere. But Coach Bibby had the group in control and with his assistants. I can see why his camp is so popular. Frankly, I wish I could join in! (I just won't polish my nails beforehand.)

it's been good for us and hopefully we can

stay there a few more years and win a few

Basketball has come a long way since its



more games."

invention by Dr. James Naismith in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He began with two peach baskets to create a game that is now known throughout the world after being introduced at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. How surprised Dr. Naismith would be to learn that the game he created is now watched by millions around the world and played as an Olympic sport by "dream teams."

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Coach Henry Bibby working with the camp youngsters.

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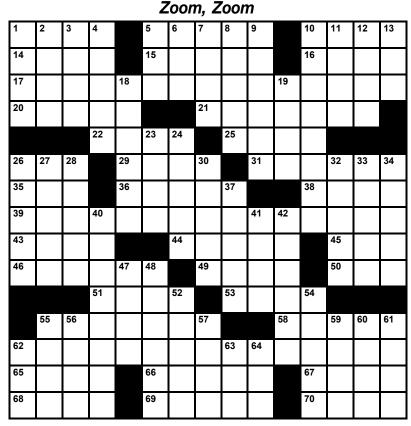
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- 42. Hunting dog
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- 48. Ultimate object
- 52. Put an edge on
- 54. Expression of disgust
- 55. "Light My Fire" singer, Feliciano
- 56. Father of Balder
- 57. Tropical plant
- 59. Heredity carrier
- 60. Geologists' studies
- 61. Vermin 62. "Waterloo Bridge: Gray \_\_'
- by Monet
- 63. Criminal's nemesis
- 64. Santa winds
- Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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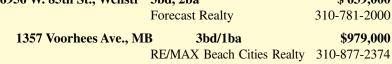
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## **Essential Insurance You** Can't Live Without

(ARA) - Cutting back on vacations and entertainment is a wise move to help ride out a recovering economy, but don't be tempted to forego car and homeowners insurance to make ends meet.

Some people appear to be doing just that. Statistics from the Insurance Research Council, for example, indicate 16 percent of American drivers are uninsured. Nearly half of those say the reason is they can't afford insurance. And three out of every five U.S. homes are underinsured, with homeowners skimping by paying less for insurance, but running the risk they won't be able to rebuild their homes if disaster strikes.

You should resist the urge to eliminate car and homeowners insurance in tough times, advises Charles Valinotti, senior vice president with insurer QBE. "Not having insurance may save on premium payments, but it can cost you much more when the unexpected happens," he says. "Insurance premiums are a bargain compared to the financial issues that could pile up if you have an

accident, your house burns down or someone is injured on your property."

Valinotti notes the insurance protections you can't do without:

#### **FOR YOUR AUTO**

Laws in all states require drivers to either have auto insurance or be able prove they are financially able to pay for an accident. In addition, if you have a loan on your vehicle, your lender typically requires that you carry comprehensive insurance - which covers loss from theft or damage from something other than an accident - as well as collision insurance as part of the loan agreement.

Valinotti says if you don't carry minimum amounts of insurance or can't provide proof of financial responsibility, you might face fines, license suspension or even jail time. "Make sure you know what you need to meet the minimums for auto insurance liability, bodily injury and property damage required in your state."

If your budget allows, consider uninsured and underinsured driver coverage. "In these challenging economic times, chances are you could get hit by a driver who doesn't have insurance," Valinotti says. "If that happens,



you need to protect yourself."

#### FOR YOUR HOME

You can legally own a home without insuring it. But Valinotti says going without insurance is a huge risk you don't want to take, especially in a bad economy. And, if you have a mortgage, your lender will most likely require you to carry insurance - and in some regions, additional flood and earthquake coverage - to protect its investment.

A standard homeowners policy comes with the coverage you need built in: for your home's structure if you need to repair or rebuild it, for your personal belongings if they're stolen or destroyed, for liability protection against lawsuits, and to pay for additional living expenses if you can't live there due to damage from an insured disaster.

Valinotti says instead of thinking of dropping your homeowners insurance, look at ways to lower the cost. "Raise your deductible, or see about getting discounts, such as buying your homeowners and auto insurance from the same company," he says. "You can also keep your premiums in line by reviewing your policies and the value of your possessions at least once a year." •



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