

Your **ROTOSCOPE** for September 14, 2006

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA



HOME-TOWN BOYS AT PLAY

THE VOICE OF THE TITANS HISSELF brings the story of the 2006 Titan Football prospects to our lunch this week, as Paul Crowley uses Loren Kleinrock to describe our local team's chances in CIF play this season. San Marino High's Titans are named after those three peaks that hold our sister city and its Republic of San Marino, never defeated by any enemy, including Napoleon and Hitler. Today's Titans, the Republic and our Team, aren't quite as tall nor as legendary as they used to be, but all San Marinians are proud and scrappy guys, on the field or on the mountaintop.

FOOTBALL IN OUR TOWN isn't quite as big stuff as back in the Midwest, where everyone turns out to cheer the locals. Too bad. It can be a lot of fun for everyone, on the field and in the stands. Paul and Loren hope to get you out to see for yourself this season.

ONLY TWO, AND RIGHT ON THEM

TWO NEW CASES OF POLIO were reported this summer in Indonesia, both in the Aceh/East Java area so badly hit by last year's tsunami. Not good, but Rotarians in the area got right on it: a National Immunity Day was scheduled within weeks, and clubs report that over 90% of the children in the high-risk areas were immunized, enough to virtually guarantee the risk of an epidemic was gone.

ROTARY AND ITS PARTNERS have learned that eliminating the scourge of polio has been more difficult than first projected, especially with religious and political challenges, let alone war zones. But many local Rotary groups continue the fight, knowing millions of children have already been saved from polio.

WELL-RUN CITY INDEED

MATT BALLANTYNE EXPLAINED why the flowers are always blooming in front of the "Fire Station" door of city hall, a mystery to visitors. Just like at Disneyland, Matt has a crew of gardeners standing by to replant flowers whenever the Big Red Truck has to roll out and over them. Fortunately, we don't have all that many fires in San Marino.

OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS are well-run, too. Mayor Matt and our councilmembers were criticized for not looking at press representatives seated before them at a recent meeting. Can't blame our volunteer council – they try to keep focused on the business before them and ignore all the good-looking spectators crowding the room.

A FIFTH FLORENCE IN THE CARTER LINE

WAYNE JUST COULDN'T WAIT to meet Mae Florence Mincer, so he packed up Judy and flew east this last weekend to greet his latest grandchild, born September First to Judy and Wayne's daughter Andrea Florence – fourth and fifth generations of Florences in Wayne's line.

LITTLE MAE AND HER PARENTS live in Cambridge, Mass – and a transcontinental trip in an overcrowded plane by no means discouraged the proud grandparents. Don't worry, though – Wayne will be back with plenty of pictures in time for Thursday's meeting, when he will be collecting congratulations and passing out cigars (if our Community Church hosts allow such stinky smokes).

WE SHOULD BE COLLECTING, TOO. Let's see: fifth Florence, times seven pounds, times 4330 air miles, times 9.1.06 – grandpa may be contributing enough for Rotary to fund champagne for the district governor's visit next month. And remember in your financial planning that it's all deductible, Wayne.

Calendar of Rotary Events for September / October 2006

SEPTEMBER

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| 14 | Noon | Titan Football prospects for the season |
| 14 | 1:35 p.m. | Board meeting after regular luncheon |
| 21 | Noon | Pillows and Plenty |
| 28 | Noon | Bob Nafie spins some local history |

OCTOBER

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| 5 | Noon | Installing heart valves |
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THE ROTOSCOPE

September 14, 2006: Go, Titans!

YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS

WE'VE PRINTED SOME OF THESE BEFORE, but since no one ever reads the Rotoscope anyway, you may not know that many non-living things have a gender:

ZIPLOC BAGS are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

COPIERS are female, because once turned off it takes a while to warm them up again.

AUTO TIRES are male, because they go bald and they're often over-inflated.

SPONGES are female, because they're soft, squeezable, and retain water.

A HOT AIR BALLOON is male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it (and of course there's that full-of-hot-air part).

A WEB PAGE is female, because it's always getting hit on. So's an hourglass, because over time all the weight shifts to the bottom.

SUBWAYS are male, because they use the same old lines to pick people up.

A HAMMER is male, because it hasn't changed over the past 5,000 years but it's handy to have around.

A REMOTE CONTROL is female. Ha! You thought it would be male, didn't you? But consider: it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying.

Save October 12th for dinner with the District Governor

COLUMBUS AND THE D. G.

IT'S THE REAL COLUMBUS DAY, October 12 – and we celebrate that evening with dinner in the Mothershead's gardens and a chance to hear our district governor's message. Your personal invitation will be coming soon – but circle the date and invite your spouse now!

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

To Fill the Open Classification of:
LOAN OFFICER – MORTGAGES

NICO CIFARELLI

Business: First Manhattan Mortgage
1147 Highland Avenue,
Manhattan Beach

Home: 2355 Brentford Road
San Marino

Proposed by Elliott Katz

IF THE NAME CIFARELLI sounded familiar when Nico started visiting our club a few weeks ago, you may be recalling his father, Dr. Nick Cifarelli, a leading family practitioner and Chief of Staff at San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. Nico grew up locally, and is eager to help give back to our community through Rotary. Quite apart from the service angle, he's a delightful person. Hope you've had a chance to meet him, or will soon.

GOOD TO HAVE MORE ITALIANS around Rotary too, integrating among all those plain old Anglo Carters, Mintons, Paynes, Cornwells, Coopers. Wayne did stumble a couple of times over Nico's name, though. Maybe he should steal from the San Francisco chocolate people and learn their slogan, "Say Cif-ar-elli!"

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And as Wayne always says,

Ever get the feeling your stuff
strutted off without you?

