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West Torrance Robotics Team Travels to World Championships



Michael Heideman and Vinod Wijetunge, members of the Robotics Club at West Torrance High, demonstrate precision teamwork at the First Robotics Competition World Championship, held April 23-26 in St. Louis. The Robotics Club has been at West High for four years, and includes students from middle school on through high school. See story, page 2. Photo by Robotics Club member Rishita Roy.

Arts Up For Debate In New Budget

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council held the first of its annual budget hearings on May 13, considering changes to services and fees affecting the Cultural Arts Center and the Nakano Theatre box office. Before the budget hearing got underway, the Council paid tribute to group of veterans and active duty military personnel as part of the city's Hometown Heroes banner program. The Council presented 23 tribute banners to veterans, their family or supporters. Honorees came from not only the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy but also services like the Army Air Corps (predecessor to the Air Force) and the Coast Guard. Veterans ranged from young enough to still be serving, to in their nineties but still proud enough to shout "Go Navy." The Council also announced that the banner program would continue, but would only be updated with new banners in conjunction with the Armed Forces Day parade.

The city's hometown heroes weren't alone in receiving accolades. Harriet Apsel, Bob Chiota and Frances Glauber were presented with the Older Americans Award by the City of Torrance Commission on Aging. Apsel was recognized not only for her involvement with groups like the Arts Council of Torrance and Trinity Hospice, but also her service to the New Horizons community where she lives and serves on the Board of Governors. In addition to his military service, Chiota is active in the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America and has lead efforts to bring three handicap accessible bocce courts to the city. Glauber was given the award based on her dedication to the Torrance Women's Club, where in addition to serving various

positions in its board she organizes local tours, with proceeds benefiting the club's philanthropic program, and is instrumental in the club's two stage productions. All the honorees were grateful for the award and wanted to continue working for their causes. "I've enjoyed doing this," said Glauber. "I hope to keep up the work for a long time to come."

The budget workshop then began with an update by Finance Director Eric Tsao on the state of the city's revenues. Tsao said he had a positive outlook for the city's financial future, fueled by increased GDP growth and other positive indicators, though he did acknowledge

negative factors facing the economy such as climate challenges in the east and international unrest. In Torrance specifically, Tsao noted that sales and property taxes have produced more revenue for the city, while the utility user fees haven't shown growth. Overall, he said signs point to a continued slow recovery. "The recovery is how it has always been, it has always been kind of fragile, it's been a slow growing recovery for many years now," said Tsao. "The economy continues to expand and improve and with that it improves the city's revenue streams."

The budget presentation also had some
See City Council, page 13

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly Sunny
86°/62°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
76°/59°



Sunday
Partly Sunny
71°/57°



Middle School Mathletes Compete

By Dylan Little

The crowded auditorium at Hull Middle School was abuzz with 160 energetic middle school students anxious to hear who would be moving on to the tie-breaker rounds of the Torrance Regional Middle School Math Competition. Every student had given up his or her Saturday to attend the May 10 competition, and once the final competitors took their seats behind a set of dividers, the room fell into a hush as proctor Julie Chao read the final questions off the overhead projector.

This is the fourth middle school math tournament Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) has hosted. The event encourages students to study science, technology, engineering and math (re-

ferred to as STEM) topics. Torrance Superintendent George Mannon said the competition has been surging in popularity: it has grown from 13 teams from nine schools to 32 teams from 19 schools in 11 different school districts. "You can see the number of teams increased this year from last year, in fact the winning team is from San Diego," said Mannon. "Obviously the word is out, this is a good competition for kids."

The event consists of two events, the individual competition and team competition. In both events students have to tackle complex math problems with the added pressure of the clock ticking down from 30 minutes to zero. After handing in

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Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 15

• Beach Cities Republicans monthly meeting, 6 p.m. no host dinner, 7 p.m. Meeting, Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information email plagrelius@aol.com.

• South Bay Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., Torrance Memorial Hospital, West Tower, Room B.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

• 27th annual Walk For Life, "Every Step Matters" (The Pregnancy Help Center), starting at 8:30 a.m. from the south side of Veterans Park in Redondo Beach. For more information call (310) 320-8976 or email info@phtorrance.org.

• Classical Crossroads presents Korean Pianist Somang Jeagal, 3:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church of Torrance, 2900 W. Carson Street.

• 55th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration (May 16-18) and Parade, May 17 parade begins at 1:30 p.m., running westbound along Torrance Boulevard, starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at City Hall.

• Landscaping With Native Friendly and Drought Tolerant Plants, 10-11:30 a.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

• Environmental Priorities Network Solar Homes Tour in Torrance and the Beach Cities. For more information contact Lillian Light, lklight@verizon.net (310) 545 1384.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

• Miracle of Living Health Educational Lecture Series: Act FAST: the Key to Stroke Survival, 7 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Hoffman Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-4711.

• Sanitation District Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m., Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (855) 240-9506.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

• The Beach Cities Symphony's last free concert of its 64th season, 8:15 p.m., Marsee Auditorium at El Camino College (intersection of Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards) in Torrance. For more information call (310) 379-9725 or (310) 539-4649.

ONGOING

• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.

• "Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals" hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970.

Police Reports

Burglary-Auto 5/4/2014 10:00:00 AM
2100 BLOCK 235TH PL

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ cash, GPS

Burglary-Residential 5/3/2014 9:45 PM
3700 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD

Suspect(s) enters victim's motel room by unknown means and takes property/wallet

Burglary-Auto 5/4/2014 11:30:00 AM
21700 BLOCK EVALYN AVE

Suspect(s) enters victim's vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report

Battery-Weapon/Agg 5/3/2014 7:00:12 PM
19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect uses his vehicle to block victims' vehicle's path and points a handgun at them

Burglary-Residential 5/3/2014 7:00:00 AM
100 BLOCK VIA ANITA

Suspect(s) attempts to pry open door/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Auto 5/3/2014 8:30:00 AM
18300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) smashes two vehicles' windows for entry and takes property/ stereo

Auto Theft 5/3/2014 7:00:00 AM 20800
BLOCK WESTERN AVE

Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, tampers with steering column in an attempt to steal the vehicle, ransacks and takes property

from trunk/ cans of soda

Burglary-Commercial 5/5/2014 7:10:36 AM
20400 BLOCK WESTERN AVE

Suspect(s) cuts hole in warehouse gate for entry and takes property/ electronics equipment

Theft 5/2/2014 6:10 PM 2700 BLOCK
PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect(s) takes victim's property as she loads her vehicle/ purse

Burglary-Commercial 5/5/2014 9:00:00 AM
2700 BLOCK COLUMBIA ST

Suspect(s) cuts metal fence, forces open two storage containers and takes property/ machinery parts

Theft 5/2/2014 11:30:00 AM 2100
BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD

Suspect(s) takes property from restaurant counter/ cell phone

Burglary-Commercial 5/2/2014 6:45:00 AM
2800 BLOCK COLUMBIA ST

Suspect(s) takes property from forklift then cuts chain to access business/ batteries

Theft 5/2/2014 12:00:00 PM 4100 BLOCK
TORRANCE BLVD

Suspect(s) takes property forgotten by victim/ cell phone

Auto Theft 5/3/2014 1:29:43 PM 2800
BLOCK 182ND ST

Stolen vehicle: '91 Honda Civic •

West Torrance Robotics Club Competes at World Championship

By Charisse Kubr

The West Torrance Robotics Club joined over 12,000 students from 38 countries at the 2014 FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Championships, held April 23-26 at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri. In front of a roaring crowd of 20,000 at the famed stadium, West High students hit the playing field with

robots of their own invention. The FRC sporting event is referred to as the "Sport of the Mind." It combines the energy of an athletic event or rock concert with the innovation and discipline of science and technology.

The West Torrance Robotics Club rookie team started the season by winning the Los Angeles Regional Championships, qualifying

them for the world competition. At the FRC Championship in St. Louis, the team returned home proudly ranked 42nd in the Newton division. In addition to their recent FRC World success, the team has won awards in the FIRST Tech Competition. The winning titles include the Innovate, Promote, Think, Motivate and Inspire awards. "This is such a team effort.

middle school students as well, who meet at the school on Saturdays. "The students come early and stay late, just because they love it," said Evans. "I am just overseeing, they are doing all the work."

A truly student-propelled program, the students manage time and resources as well as collaborate with mentors, volunteers, parents



Brandon Gomez-Zoon, Alex Ito, Christopher Glavan, and Brandon Ogg program computers, engineer and build.



Kyle Evans and Michael Tamaki in the process of building and collaborating.



West Torrance High Robotics Club at the FIRST Robotics Competition. Photos by Rishita Roy.

We are like a big family," said Christy Evans, West Torrance Robotic Club Advisor and West High wood shop teacher. "The students do everything as a team."

Teamwork is highly valued by the founders of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition. During the games where robots on the court scored points by putting balls into a goal, points were also earned by how much the teams worked together. Robotics pulls from many disciplines, bringing students together who may not have met otherwise. The collaborative nature of the projects allow a place for everyone to participate, learn and become professional. "I see kids from physics who know nothing about wood shop and the kids from wood shop who know nothing about physics," said Evans. "They work together in robotics and I see their faces light up. They get it."

The robotics students encourage brainstorming, hands-on collaboration and treating others fairly. Since it started at West High four years ago, the team has grown to thirty members. Students meet after school during their free time. They do not receive school credit for the work. West High has opened the program to

and sponsors. The FRC requires the teams to use few resources, fundraise, design a brand, and build and program robots to perform a given task, all in a limited amount of time. Robotics club is like a teen-run business. Many jobs are performed, including public relations, graphic design, engineering, building, grant writing and computer programming. Once the competition begins, they are teamed with random alliances, so they must think on their feet and learn to show good sportsmanship, or "Gracious Professionalism." Gracious Professionalism is part of the FIRST value system, as well as "Coopertition." These ideas both promote kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition.

FIRST is a charitable organization whose mission for 25 years has been to inspire young people to pursue leadership in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). FIRST founder Dean Kamen's vision is to transform culture by creating a world where science and technology are honored. Kamen welcomed the opening of the 2014 FRC World Championships. "Thinkers who create marvels should be recognized and celebrated just like rock stars and athletes," stated Kamen. •



**John Paul
Tabakian**

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**Torrance City Council
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Dear Torrance Voter,

My name is Dr. John Paul Tabakian. I am a 34-year resident of Torrance, college professor and owner of a Torrance business that offers career pathway advice to students who are pursuing academic or vocation trade programs. I proudly attended Anza Elementary School, Bert Lynn Middle School and West High School.

The only reason that I am running for Torrance City Council is to help save my city from a political establishment that is working hard to destroy our great city. Incumbents claim that Toyota is leaving California – that is false. Toyota left Torrance and kept their Long Beach and Newport Beach facilities open along with 2,300 jobs. The political elite have aligned themselves with extremists who are working hard to destroy Torrance. This requires sounding the alarm against the installation of parking meters. Torrance removed its parking meters from Old Torrance in 1960 and there is a possibility that they may return. The reintroduction of parking meters will spread beyond Old Torrance to other parts of the city including our parks, just like Redondo Beach.

I am the generation that is going to have to deal with the results of past incompetent financial policies that coddled union bosses to the point where our city, like many others in the state, is under real threat of bankruptcy. I am concerned that Torrance will follow the route to economic ruin just like Azusa, Bell, San Bernardino, Stockton and very soon El Segundo.

Torrance voters need to vote for candidates who will defend our city against interest groups that do not care about our community. Please Google every candidate's name and investigate their backgrounds to discover their true intentions and please visit my campaign website for more information. - John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D.

Sports

Up and Adam

Warriors Win When It Counts

By Adam Serrao

The West High Warriors began the season getting to know themselves; realizing how to play together; their strengths and their weaknesses. The team's early season struggles are certainly paying off now as the Warriors make their way through a tough Bay League

Peninsula stands alone as the only team ahead of the Warriors in the standings. As West (14-13, 6-2) opens up a two-game set against last place Leuzinger, Peninsula (21-5, 7-1) will take on the third place team Redondo Union to round out their season. The Warriors will not only need to be at the top of their game

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schedule and attempt to stay in prime playoff positioning. Last Friday night at West High that is exactly what the Warriors did. Taking on the Palos Verdes Sea Kings, a team who was, at the time, in third place in the Bay League standings, the Warriors won the final game of a two-game set by the score of 8-7, dropping the Sea Kings down to fourth place while vaulting themselves up to second place in the process, where they now stand just behind Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Attaining a sweep against their rivals from Palos Verdes was by no means an easy task for head coach Juan Cueva and his West High Warriors to achieve. In fact, after opening up the game with a run in the bottom of the second and another in the bottom of the third, the Warriors watched as their 2-0 lead slipped away at the hands of careless play. In the sixth inning, for instance, the Sea Kings were able to get two runs on the scoreboard without even making contact on a pitch. After the Warriors hit a Palos Verdes batter at the plate, the Sea Kings decided to be aggressive on the base paths and executed a double steal. A passed ball and two errors later, Palos Verdes had scored five runs throughout the course of two innings to take a 7-3 lead without even doing much work.

That's when West High accomplished the miraculous. Nyles Nygaard was the brunt of West High's offense, as he usually is, and got things started in the seventh and final frame for the Warriors. Needing four runs to tie the game, Nygaard led off with a double. A base hit by Angel Mora and another by Javier Galvan drove in two consecutive runs to make the score 7-5. Rattled on the mound, Palos Verdes pitching then looked almost as sloppy as West High's defense in the sixth inning. A bases loaded walk drove in another West High run and a wild pitch sent in the tying run from third base to miraculously tie the score when the Warriors were just about out of chances. The game went into extra innings and that's when the aforementioned Mora saved the day. "He's a senior that's been stepping up to the party," coach Cueva said of Mora. "We've been talking about the seniors stepping up and taking charge." With one out in the bottom of the 10th inning, Mora did precisely that: stepped up. With a line drive single, Mora brought in the winning run to help the Warriors take an ugly, but effective 8-7 victory over Palos Verdes, in turn giving the team sole possession of second place in the Bay League.

Mora was 4-for-5 with a walk and two RBIs on the afternoon to help his team towards victory. With only one series left in the regular season, the Warriors will need some help to capture first place overall in the standings.

themselves, but they will have to hope for a sweep from Redondo to keep their division title hopes alive.

South High

The South High Spartans continued on with the winning ways that have kept them atop the Pioneer League for a majority of this season. Their latest victims happened to be the Centennial Apaches, who sit in last place in the division standings. Drake Pingel was the pitcher of record as the Spartans hosted the Apaches last Friday afternoon. Pingel pitched a shutout through five innings as Kyle Henmi and Matt Jacoby led the way on offense for South with two hits and a run scored for Henmi and two RBIs for Jacoby in the 6-1 win. The Spartans are cruising along effortlessly in the Pioneer League, having won their last seven league games in a row. The Torrance Tartars (20-8, 7-1), however, are trading blows for first place with South (19-8, 7-1) as the two sit stuck in a virtual tie for first place as the season comes to a close.

Torrance High

The Tartars kept pace with South High by notching a two-game sweep of their own against the Lawndale Cardinals. There wasn't much of a story to either game, as Lawndale was unable to come up with a run throughout the entire series. In the second of two at Kendall Field in Torrance, however, it was Tyler Martizia and Zack Ferrin who combined for the one-hit shutout for Torrance. Kyle Smith did away with pitching for the day, but came through with two hits to lead the way on offense for his club. Torrance (20-8, 7-1), in a virtual lock for first place with South High for first place, will take on the fourth place North High Saxons to finish up their season this week. South (19-8, 7-1) gets the third place El Segundo Eagles in what should be a heated contest on both ends of the city to decide who will ultimately take the Pioneer League crown outright.

North High

Some might say that for the North High Saxons, this simply just isn't their year in the baseball world. As the season comes to a close with only two games remaining, the Saxons find themselves as losers of their last five games in a row and seven of their last nine. Two of those five in a row came last week in a two-game set against the El Segundo Eagles. With a 6-4 loss in El Segundo, followed by a 12-4 loss here at North High, the Saxons now find themselves looking forward to a tough matchup this week against the first place Torrance Tartars to try to close the season out with a win or two. Though the Saxons' (10-16, 6-7) playoff chances don't look too bright at the moment, the team could always play the spoiler and knock Torrance out of their first place position with a win. •

Clippers Carry On

By Adam Serrao

The comments have been made, the true Donald Sterling has been revealed, and everyone knows about how the Los Angeles Clippers organization has been shaken to the core. Racist comments from the Clippers owner could not have come out at a worse time to put

of one man who previously sat courtside at all the home games. "I just told them to hang in there," Rivers said. "The players have gotten a lot of attention and the players have had a chance to express their beliefs and how disappointed they were with this whole situation." In a unified protest, the Clippers dropped their

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unnecessary pressure on a team that has made the playoffs for the 10th time in team history and the Western Conference Semifinals for the second time in the last three seasons. Despite all of the negative attention, the players and coaches of the team have rallied. The Clippers team, not the organization owned by Sterling, but the players that wear the logo across their chests, have persevered through the negativity and decided to keep on working and sweating for themselves, not their owner. Doc Rivers remains at the center of the fight and delivered a sense of confidence into the team that now has them thinking not about racism, but about a championship.

After the Clippers won in Game 3 of the first round of the playoffs against the Golden State Warriors, tapes of Sterling's racist and insensitive comments were leaked to TMZ and later, the world. NBA commissioner Adam Silver issued a prompt punishment to Sterling, effectively banishing him from the NBA and anything to do with the Clippers. Unfortunately for the Clippers, even with Sterling gone from the building, his comments and thoughts remained like a black cloud above the organization. Players wondered if they wanted to remain playing for a team with an owner such as Sterling. Even coach Rivers pondered not returning to the team. Not surprisingly, the Clippers were blown out by the Warriors in their very next game and returned back to Los Angeles amidst a firestorm of commotion that had already made its way around the world and hung ominously above the Staples Center.

The Clippers could have just given up. If they had laid down and rolled over, perhaps no one would have even blamed them. Doc Rivers made sure that wasn't going to happen, though. Rivers was brought to the organization to do a job, just as his players were, and he was going to make sure that job got done. Rivers instilled confidence into a team that otherwise should have had none. He brought the star out of Blake Griffin, molded DeAndre Jordan into the player that he should have been all this time and handed the reigns over to Chris Paul. Rivers made playing for the Clippers a special thing despite the unexceptional views

warm-up jerseys featuring the Clippers logo at center court and wore plain red T-shirts turned inside out instead. At that moment, the healing process began for this team and perseverance ensued.

Now Sterling no longer represents the Clippers. The comments that he has made are the views of just one ignorant man and have nothing to do with the players, coaches and staff surrounding the Clippers organization. The team of players that takes the court, puts in the hours, and works towards victories represents the Clippers now. Doc Rivers represents the Clippers. The fans that have been with the team from their days as one of the worst teams in the NBA to now, as one of the best, represent the Clippers. There are some owners who give their teams lifeblood, like the Jerry Busses and Mark Cubans of the world. Then there are others, like Sterling, who continuously force that life out of an organization. Sterling has been doing it for years. A horrid past of offensive and distasteful decisions followed this owner around and it was only a matter of time before he got caught. That time is now and the Clippers' face is about to change and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Sterling's comments may have been the best thing that has ever happened to a Clipper fan. Now the owner that has long since been despised by fans and other NBA people alike is finally gone for the association and gone for good; the Clippers now have a future and will not be viewed as solely a piece of property. As they are in the midst of one of the toughest playoff series in franchise history against the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Clippers are finally gaining an identity of strength, of perseverance, of stick-to-itiveness. These Clippers, not the Clippers of Donald Sterling, but these players of Doc Rivers are an example to fans not just in the city of Los Angeles but to fans of the game of basketball from around the world. Win or lose in the second round of the playoffs, the Los Angeles Clippers have at last found their place in the NBA. They have found themselves. The Clippers will be a team to be reckoned with not just at the back end of this season, but for a long, long time to come. •

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Sports

Torrance Softball Improves to 20-8 (5-2)

By Kelly Kemp - Photos by Shelley Kemp.

Although giving up two quick runs against the Eagles, Tartars all-star Pitcher Nicole Ayala settled down and improved each inning for the defensive finish and 4-3 win versus the Pioneer League-leader El Segundo.

The Maroon & Gray upset the Blue & Gold by pounding out 4 runs in the top of the sixth,

with the scoring as follows: Sophomore Katelyn Christian, in leadoff, hit by pitch; Senior Kamryn Watts walked; Sophomore Jade Arslanian singled, advancing all runners; Sophomore Ce Ce Da Costa flied deep to left-center for a sacrifice fly, scoring Christian; Freshman Desiree Medina pop-up bunt caught for second out; Sophomore Marissa Moreno home run to clear the bases. Keep clearing the bases in League and best of luck in CIF!



Sophomore Jade Arslanian makes a play for an out at first.



Starting Senior and Co-Captain Nicole Ayala pitched a complete game in the win against El Segundo.



El Segundo's Tess Von Flue stares through the outfield fence as the home run ball hit by Marissa Moreno falls to the ground beyond her reach.



Lady Tartars rejoice around Marissa Moreno after she reached home plate for her three-run homer in the sixth inning.



Senior Shortstop Kamryn Watts lets fly a pass to first for an out.

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The City of Torrance Asks for Your Help

By Sue Herbers, Torrance City Clerk

You, the voter, wield the most influential tool in politics: your ballot. In the upcoming June 3rd municipal elections, the City of Torrance asks for your help in demanding honest campaign tactics and the best for your community.

For the past few years, there has been a robust dialogue regarding the expectations of the people of Torrance of their elected officials. Most recently, a blue-ribbon panel of community leaders set clear, shared goals for candidates and their campaign teams in the Ethics Policy for Candidates for Elective Office. See TorranceVotes.org for more information along with a video of the actual Ethics training class offered to all candidates (21 of 23 attended) shortly after the filing was completed.

The next step beyond the conversation about ethics is reinforcement that what's been written on paper and shared out actually matters in practice. This is your job as a Torrance voter. While solid ground work has been laid, it's your duty to consider each candidate's campaign through your own political lens, consider their policy positions and words, and hold them accountable for their actions when you place your ballot in the box.

We're all busy these days, and seemingly more so every month. Knowing this, the Torrance Votes project has put together some simple guidelines for you to research candidates. You should have already received brochures regarding the program in your mailbox – either from the candidates or supporters, had a candidate or their supporters walk your street, attended a campaign forum or neighborhood meet & greet.

Have you seen campaign related materials including a series of video vignettes on the City's cable channel or the City's Strategic Plan Reports on progress in meeting the Strategic goals set by a citizen committee in 2008 on TorranceVotes.org.

Remember to follow three simple steps to become a more savvy consumer of political rhetoric: First, read the candidate statements found in your sample ballot statements by fourteen of the sixteen candidates. Second, explore the candidates, their histories and their goals in their own words at the non-partisan Smart Voter website, www.SmartVoter.Org. And, third, research the candidates and their campaigns based on strategies found on the Torrance Votes website, www.TorranceVotes.org.

It's important to note that the City of Torrance does not endorse or suggest you

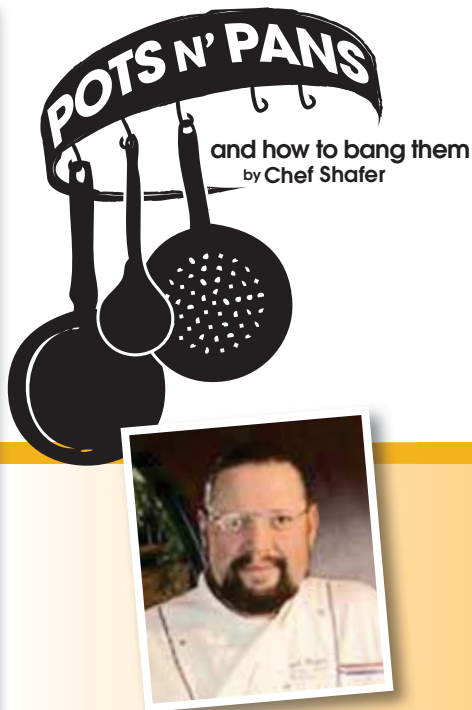
vote for any individual candidate. Each voter has their own political mindset about what's truly important to them and no two are completely alike. You know where to find them. And, it is hoped that each resident will take the time to engage in the process and vote accordingly.

The most important part is remembering to vote! Go to the bottom of the ballot to find the City of Torrance races when you go to the polls. OR make sure your VoteByMail ballot is received by the Registrar no later than 8:00 p.m. It is OK to drop off a voted VoteByMail ballot at any Torrance precinct. And you'll find all Torrance voting precincts online at TorranceVote.org as well! For more information about the upcoming municipal election, or the Torrance Voter project, please contact the City Clerk at 310.618.2870. •

Get that grill cleaned up. The weather is great and summer vegetables are just going crazy at the Torrance Farmers Market. I took a walk this Saturday and was amazed at the bounty of great looking vegetables. Grilling vegetables is a great way to not only prepare the wonders of the garden, but also keeps the fresh crispness and nutrients in the vegetables and not in the water that you would use to cook them.

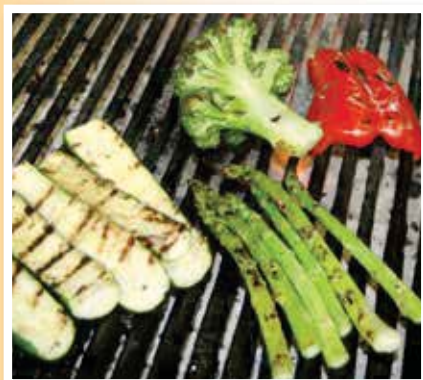
Hints for grilling vegetables:

- Cut the vegetables in pieces that are sized to cook fast, but not fall through the grates.
- Don't try to grill too much at once; you will either burn them or not get them cooked enough.
- Use light oil. Don't over oil them. They will just burn and not grill.
- Season them with care. Don't use too much flavoring. Let them speak for themselves. Salt and pepper is great when the veggies are so sweet and in season.
- Save the seasoning for the meats that you serve with the veggies.



The Chef

Grilling Oil for Veggies and More



This is an all purpose grilling oil that can be used for fish, meats, or veggies

Ingredients

- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoon course ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup fine chopped garlic

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TerriAnn in Torrance

100 Years of Unselfish Volunteers

By TerriAnn Ferren

There are those among us who go about doing a lot of good almost completely under the radar. And if it weren't that this particular organization happened to celebrate their 100th Anniversary last Sunday, I still might not know about these wonderful women. The organization I am speaking about is the South Bay Auxiliary of Children's Hospital Los Angeles. These dedicated women operate their thrift shop at 1418 Aviation Boulevard in Redondo Beach. Although the Thrift Shop has been in many locations since 1930, it has been at its current address since January 1970. 100 percent of the proceeds from the Thrift Shop go to help fund the Children's Hospital.



Janet Romein volunteering at the Thrift Shop.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles, located at the corner of Sunset and Vermont in Los Feliz, is one of only eight children's hospitals in the nation, and has been serving the community since 1901. It is the first and oldest children's hospital in the state and the best on the west coast, according to the prestigious US News and World Report Honor Roll. This premiere teaching hospital also works hand in hand with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of California. Wow!

I wanted to find out how this efficient,

philanthropic, and wonderful organization works. Janet Payne, recipient of the prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance Award, and First Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society and Museum, among many other duties, approached me and told me about the auxiliary. After that, I made time to meet with Sue Golden, a member of the auxiliary who served as president from 2009 -2011.

Sue was generous enough to take time from her busy day to give me a peek into the world of these generous-hearted women who almost go unnoticed. She began by telling me, "There is an outpatient satellite facility in Torrance at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Madrona. What we are, our group – Children's Hospital



Sue Golden, President of the Auxiliary from 2009 - 2011.

Los Angeles depends a lot on philanthropic fundraising. Starting about one hundred years ago... there are probably thirty to thirty-five associate auxiliaries that raise [money] philanthropically for the hospital. We fund research, machines, and imaging centers. We choose a project and we raise money for it and our particular auxiliary runs a thrift shop," said Sue. All the members are volunteers and they are from South Bay cities including Torrance, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. The Thrift Shop operates Monday through Saturday, 10

a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sue Golden was born in Los Angeles at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital and grew up in the South Bay. "My twin sister and I were born there; she has also become a member [of the auxiliary]. My husband and I have owned our home in Torrance for 29 years. I retired from Hi-Shear Technology – I was Operations Manager there. My husband is Kurt Weideman. He also does a lot of philanthropic work. He is past president of the Torrance Foundation, Torrance Historical Society, and he is currently a member of the Torrance City Council. We have two daughters, Jodi and Angela, both living with their families in Indiana; a son, Christopher, still in the South Bay; and we have an adopted special needs daughter, Christina, we adopted when she was about five and a half. She is living in Portland right now."

After Sue retired from Hi-Shear Technology, she decided to get involved teaching with South Bay Literacy (SBL). The mission of SBL is to teach people to read and write. "Although I had never met her, a woman who was also teaching at SBL came up to me and said, 'would you be interested in finding out about the South Bay Auxiliary of Children's Hospital?' [That was] 2005 and I became a member and almost immediately joined the board. If I am going to give up my time I want to have input. I started as parliamentarian and then became a First VP and then president after four years, from 2009 to 2011. Three of the last five presidents have been Torrance residents and about 25 – 30 percent of the active members are from Torrance," added Sue. She told me the membership is probably sixty people but the active core is somewhere around forty.

The Thrift Shop is 'manned' by a group of about thirty-five women who are assigned specific days and if a conflict arises, then the ladies exchange days with each other. Sue told

Items are priced to move and after paying the rent and the electricity, all the revenue goes to the hospital. No one takes one cent.

On the first Tuesday of December, (this year it will be on December 2), the Thrift Shop has their annual Holiday Boutique Sale and Luncheon held at the Palos Verdes Golf Club. Everyone is invited to attend the sale that includes china, housewares, books, clothing, and jewelry. "I have been the boutique chairman for the last two years. It is a lot of work. We have one lady who does jewelry. In our group we have several professional painters so they look at the artwork. We have such an interesting group of women. Some are retired teachers, nurses, professionals like myself -- some of them have amazing life stories to tell. That is the wonderful thing about joining this group. You meet the nicest, most interesting women you wouldn't meet otherwise. All of the revenue from the thrift shop goes to the hospital. The older ladies have a Bridge Fling in June. Most of the members are retired but there are some daughters who volunteer," said Sue.

I asked how someone becomes part of the auxiliary and Sue explained, "First someone who is a member recommends you for membership. Your application is presented to the board and if the board approves it, the general membership approves it. Everyone has to go through twenty-seven hours of training – they are a 'provisional' during this time. Usually a three-hour shift per week is what people do. Some people naturally take on special projects and become very involved in the organization. Approximately nine hundred children from the South Bay were seen at Children's Hospital Los Angeles last year -- four hundred eighty from Torrance. Lots of people who patronize our shop do so because they have family members who have been helped by Children's Hospital."

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The Thrift Shop operated by the Auxiliary to Children's Hospital Los Angeles. All photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

me the system works marvelously well. The shop exists entirely on donated goods and no one takes a salary. No one. The women take in the donations, sort, clean, iron, price, and then donate to the Goodwill what they do not place in their shop. "We are very selective," added Sue. Experts who are part of the group help price specific items. For example, someone might be knowledgeable about china or jewelry or maybe someone else knows all about art or books. When they are not sure of value, they go to experts and on occasion they sell things on the internet. But Sue told me they haven't exactly had an 'Antiques Roadshow' moment where someone had donated a Picasso – at least she hopes not. And if something comes in and they aren't sure what it is or what it's for, they put it on the counter and if you can figure it out, you can have it. "If we get too many stuffed animals, we donate them to police departments. Our idea is to keep it going. We tell people when they come into the shop, when you see something you like, you need to buy it now because there is no guarantee it will be there in an hour, or tomorrow. It is priced to move and our quality is much higher. . . ." said Sue. Nothing stays on the shelves more than three months. There is a color code system and on the last two days of the last month, they have a dollar sale and that clears things out.

go down [to the hospital] and if there isn't some kind of a plague in town, we get to tour. It's really inspirational. All you have to do is go down there and see those kids, and you say, 'Okay, it's worth it,' this is why we do it," said Sue. I asked Sue what she enjoys about being part of the auxiliary and she told me, "You see how people in most parts of the world live and you look around and say, I have got running water, I have indoor plumbing, and I think when people have the time particularly if people have the ability to give back – it is trite but what is the saying? To whom much is given... [much will be required, Luke 12:48]. Never occurred to me not to -- I just said yes. That is what my mother used to tell me, 'don't you know how to say no' all during working. I was a PTA lifer because that is what I could do."

How do you donate items? Come to the front door if you have a small donation or go around to the back if you have a large donation. The Thrift Shop is open for business, serving the people in the South Bay to help the children at the hospital. This South Bay group rooted in our community does amazing things – quietly and gently, day by day. Visit the shop, purchase the goods, donate to the cause, and help these selfless women help our children in need of care. •

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

We are a nation of contradictions, aren't we? This week we were treated to still another treatise on Global Warming . . . or as it now called, "Climate Change," since the earth hasn't been warming for the last 17 years. Undaunted, the followers of the environmental faith struck another spike in the heart of the economy. The contradiction of the Leftists is that they will accept the apocalyptic models from computers, but they reject the faith of religion, based on thousands of years of human experience. Both visions of the future and acceptance of God are matters of faith, but while Leftists accept one, they reject the other.

The Pentagon is equally contradictory. It bemoans the reductions in budgeting, yet wastes the assets it has. This week the Pentagon admitted it would destroy its \$1.2 billion in small arms ammunition simply because it does not have an accounting system capable of sharing information with the General Accountability Office, and cannot therefore manage its inventory. For instance, a Marine request for ammunition is e-mailed to the Army, where it is manually typewritten into the Army system because the Services cannot share data.

Even as the military cannot keep track of its ammunition, other federal agencies are buying ammunition at a rate . . . do I dare say it? . . . like there's no tomorrow. Homeland Security in July placed an order for 25 million rounds of shotgun shells, deliverable at the rate of 5 million rounds per year for five years. Earlier this year, Homeland Security ordered 141,000 sniper rounds of .308 ammunition, each having a range of 800-900 yards.

Last year, Homeland Security bought 2 million rounds of ammunition of various capabilities, and over the last several years has bought 2.5 billion rounds, including many hollow-point bullets intended to stop human beings. Two months ago, Homeland Security began taking delivery of hundreds of retrofitted Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAP) once used in Iraq and Afghanistan, now destined for the streets of the U.S.

In total, the Justice Department says there are 40 federal agencies containing 120,000 men authorized to carry arms. Those agencies include the EPA, Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Prisons, Library of Congress, Federal Reserve Board, Fish and Wild Life, The Park Service, Social Security Administration, the Department of Agriculture, The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, The IRS, The U.S. Marshall's Office, The Department of Education, The Secret Service, the Health and Human Services Department, The Postal Department, and the infamous Bureau of Land Management which physically threatened Cliven Bundy in Nevada.

In fact, guns and ammunition bristle from every nook and cranny of a Federal government which claims to abhor the spread of weapons for public consumption. Ominously, in response, private gun buyers have overwhelmed the ATF's registration system, having grown by 380% between 2005 and 2013.

In a toxic cocktail, the military cannot control its weapons inventory; the government's paramilitary departments bristle with weapons; and a citizenry distrustful of intrusive and outsized government is arming itself to the teeth. Take a breath and step back, everyone. •

Another Man's Opinion

Hypocrisy and Inefficiency at Its Worst

By Cristian Vasquez

Since Sept. 11, 2012, Republicans have been at the Democrats' throats for the White House's mishandling of the Benghazi attacks. Such has been the commitment of GOP members to get to the truth, that a committee has been assigned to investigate the response by the White House to the attacks. So far it does seem that the Obama Administration lied about the severity of the situation and tried to cover up the true motives behind the attack to an American embassy that left four Americans dead. The problem with the creation of this committee and its search for the truth is that it is coming on the eve of midterm elections. So the question becomes: are these Republicans sincerely concerned with finding the truth? Or is it this another example of the GOP rallying behind a tragedy to garner votes?

Did the Obama Administration and then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton lie? Yes they did; or if they did not lie and all of this information coming out is news to them, then everyone was asleep at the wheel as these attacks took place. Either way, it is unacceptable and those responsible should be held accountable. What is ironic, insulting and frustrating is that the representatives seeking justice come from the same party that was wasn't paying attention when the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks took place. Even worse, the same party that used the tragedy of that horrific day in 2001 to garner votes to stay in power is at it again.

South Carolina Republican Ted Gowdy recently said that members of his party should

not use the tragic death of four Americans for political gain; however, this entire committee and investigation reeks of nothing more than a move for political gain. If the Republicans as a political party were so committed to sharing the truth with the American public, where is their probe into the war in Iraq? Why aren't they breaking down the footage of members from the Bush Administration indicating, with absolute certainty, where the weapons of mass destruction were located? Where are the weapons of mass destruction that were such a threat to us? Oh, they were moved. Where to? The truth is that the lies, or mishandling of information, during President Bush's time in the White House has resulted in more than 4,500 dead Americans and millions of dead civilians. Where is the Republican outcry?

The Benghazi attacks were tragic and from the information that has been made available, they should have been prevented. Just like I am calling out the Bush Administration for its inefficiency and the lies that led us into Iraq, the Obama Administration also has to be held accountable for its ineffectiveness in preventing and dealing with the Benghazi attacks. My calling out of both political parties for their ineffectiveness and hypocrisy has no ulterior motive. It would be great to see the Republicans' probe into Benghazi punish those responsible for the attacks in D.C. and in Libya. Sadly, what they really want is votes and they will probably obtain plenty of them. •

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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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optional actions the Council could seek more information on, which included making changes to the box office hours and fees at the George Nakano Theatre and introducing tiered rental rates at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The Torrance Performing Arts Consortium began the conversation on service fees at the box office of the theatre by seeking a freeze to cost of living adjustment to fees for the facilities they use (which is reflected in the budget) and asking the Council to look into dropping the \$2.50 service fee for purchasing tickets by phone. During the discussion the Council looked into the hours the box office was operational, and Mayor

Frank Scotto noted that the city could save money while maintaining the core service of the box office by reducing its hours of operation. "I think we could curtail the hours and save a lot of money there," said Scotto. The changes to the Cultural Arts Center rates would introduce a "non-peak" rate for Monday through Thursday daytime use. City staff suggested a 15 percent discount for non-peak use, but both Scotto and Council member Kurt Weideman thought the discount was not enough to attract new customers, with Scotto referring to possibly a 25 or 30 percent discount. As usual, this workshop mostly dug into what issues the Council

would like to explore, but any action taken on either the box office or non-peak rates would have to wait for the Council next workshop scheduled for May 20. Jackson said that his staff would look into the issues the Council identified and provide guidance on how to address them next week. "I think we understand what issues still remain," said Jackson. "We'll bring it back for consideration at your next workshop."

Lastly, the Council recognized City Clerk Sue Herbers for earning the Award of Distinction for Voter Outreach by the California City Clerks Association for her lead role in the Torrance Votes program.

The goal of the program is to provide the tools necessary for residents to become better informed voters and make decisions in the ballot box that are consistent with their outlook, beliefs and morality. "I couldn't have done this with a team of people," said Herbers. "It is a team effort and I'm very proud to have been the leader of it." Byron Pope, vice-president of the association said the organization is proud of her hard work in creating the program. "This is definitely a model program worthy of being emulated in municipalities throughout the county, state and the country," said Pope. "We are peacock proud." •

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014111189

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PEETE'S TRANSPORTATION. 6112 CONDON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056. Registered Owner(s): 1. Leonard Peete, 6112 Condon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056. 2. Alessandra Roberts-Peete, 6112 Condon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90056. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Leonard Peete, Co-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 24, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 24, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 24, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: May 01, 08, 15, 22, 2014. **HI-1088.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014113758

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. SHELLY KEMP PHOTOGRAPHY. 2. SK PHOTO. 3. KEMP FAMILY STUDIOS. 535 BUNGALOW DRIVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): Shelley Dawn Kemp, 535 Bungalow Drive, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: May 01, 2008. Signed: Shelley Dawn Kemp, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 28, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 28, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 28, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **H-1092.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014115323

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THINGS TO WINE ABOUT. 8290 E. ELLERFORD ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90808, LOS ANGELES. Registered Owner(s): Michelle Massetti, 8290 E. Ellerford St., Long Beach, CA 90808. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Michelle Massetti, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 29, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 29, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 29, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 05, 2014. **HT-1098.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014091240

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIJI DESTINATION. 1. 3859 W. 116TH ST, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 2. P.O. BOX 1159, HAWTHORNE, CA 90251. Registered Owner(s): Roslyn Rima Maharaj, 3859 W 116th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: . Signed: Roslyn R Maharaj, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 04, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 04, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 04, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: April 24, 2014 and May 01, 08, 15, 2014. **HH-1082.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014130939

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KINROSE. 6311 ROMAINE ST. STE 7103, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038, LOS ANGELES. 3770 HIGHLAND AVE, STE 201, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): I.e. & co. LLC, 3770 Highland Ave, Ste 201, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, California. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 1, 2014. Signed: I.e. & co. LLC, Managing Member, Emily Roth. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 14, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 14, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 14, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 05, 2014. **H-1101.**

2014098684 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #2013084654 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: AA/A RENT A CAR, 5959 W. CENTURY BLVD. SUITE 118, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles ON APRIL 24, 2013. Registrants: AA/A RENT A CAR, 5959 W. CENTURY BLVD. SUITE 118, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. This business was conducted by a CORPORATION. Signed: AA/A RENT A CAR, OWNER-CEO, SAM HANS KAZEROUNI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on APRIL 11, 2014.

INGLEWOOD NEWS: May 01, 08, 15, 22, 2014. **HI-1086**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014125546

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GO2LAX4LESS. 12035 S. BROADWAY #B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061, LA. P.O. BOX 1884, HOLLYWOOD, CA 90078. Registered Owner(s): Jorge Alarcon, 12035 S. Broadway #B, Los Angeles, CA 90061. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 01, 2014. Signed: Jorge Alarcon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 08, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 08, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 08, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 05, 2014. **HI-1097.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014106977

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VICS AUTO SALES. 1. 15425 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWNDALE, CA 90260. 2. 4562 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Registered Owner(s): Ibrahim Indjian, 4562 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Ibrahim Indjian, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 21, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 21, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 21, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Lawndale Tribune: April 24, 2014 and May 01, 08, 15, 2014. **HL-1083.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014100966

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. CLUSTER SOLUTIONS. 2. SUNG BOUTIQUE LOS ANGELES. 2281 W. 205TH STREET STE 113, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Registered Owner(s): Timothy Lai, 2281 W. 205th Street Ste 113, Torrance, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 01, 2014. Signed: Timothy Lai, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 15, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 15, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 15, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 01, 08, 15, 22, 2014. **HT-1085.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014101594

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. BMG LLC. 2785 PACIFIC COAST HWY 290, TORRANCE, CA 90505, LOS ANGELES. 2. WAREHOUSE 51. 2785 PACIFIC COAST HWY 290, LOS ANGELES, CA 90505. Registered Owner(s): Boardwalk Management Group, LLC, 24210 Ocean Ave, Torrance, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: March 26, 2014. Signed: Calvin Francis, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 15, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 15, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 15, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **HT-1093.**

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014115846

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GILBERTS COMMUNICATIONS. 301 W ACACIA AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES. Registered Owner(s): David S. Gilberts, 301 W Acacia Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 01, 2014. Signed: David S. Gilberts, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 29, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 29, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 29, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **H-1089.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014120326

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE HAIR PRACTICE. 1. 2746 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #21, TORRANCE, CA 90505, LA COUNTY. 2. 1735 LINCOLN AVE #39, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Registered Owner(s): 1. Nadia Maaytah, 1735 Lincoln Ave 39, Torrance, CA 90501. 2. Rachel James, 1739 Lincoln Ave 18, Torrance, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Nadia Maaytah, Owner/Partner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 2, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 2, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 2, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **HT-1094.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014108745

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HAWTHORNE SMOG TEST ONLY. 3222 W. ROSECRANS AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Robert Suarez Jr, 4552 W. 164th St, Lawndale, CA 90260. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Robert Suarez Jr, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 22, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 22, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 22, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: April 24, 2014 and May 01, 08, 15, 2014. **HH-1084.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014116234

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARVIN'S TRUCKING. 10670 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD SUITE A, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304, LOS ANGELES. Registered Owner(s): Edwin Hilario, 955 E 111th Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90059. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Edwin Hilario. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 29, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 29, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 29, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **HI-1090.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014099948

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A NEW CREATION HAIR DESIGN. 2225 SEPULVEDA BLVD #A, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES. Registered Owner(s): Stanton Kari, 1807 Cabrillo Ave #2, Torrance, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Stanton Kari, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 14, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 14, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 14, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 08, 15, 22, 29, 2014. **HT-1095.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014122361

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HARBOR NAILS & SPA. 1111 WEST PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY UNIT 16, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710, LOS ANGELES. Registered Owner(s): Yen Thi Duong, 14372 Rio Grande St, Westminster, CA 92683. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: May 06, 2014. Signed: Yen Thi Duong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 6, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 6, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 6, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 05, 2014. **HT-1099.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014111483

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014108073

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014123090

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Y Y WONG CALIFORNIA. 14822 FONTHILL AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): Yuka Yayama Wong, 14822 Fonthill Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: April 2014. Signed: Yuka Yayama Wong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 06, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 06, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 06, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 5, 2014. **HH-1096.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014113719

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERALD PUBLICATIONS, INC. 312 E. IMPERIAL AVE., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA. Registered Owner(s): Herald Publications, Inc., 312 E. Imperial Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245, California. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: 1984. Signed: Herald Publications, Inc., CEO, Heidi Maerker. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 28, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 28, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 28, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: May 15, 22, 29, 2014 and June 05, 2014. **H-1100.**

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

- Albert Einstein

Mathletes

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their answers, they are then given a review on the concepts they were quizzed on. "The problems are problems that kids do in math class all year long," said Mannon. "They aren't problems that are developed for this competition, these are the actual types of problems that students encounter in the classroom."

The tiebreaker round was fast and furious, with students reaching the solution to problems faster than Chao could read the questions. At the end of the day Torrance's own Alvin Kim from Calle Mayor Middle School took first place in the individual competition, with Kenton Kim from Oxford Academy taking second place and Caroline Choi, Caroline Liu and Steven Ren all from South Pasadena Middle School taking third and a tie for fourth. In the team event Carmel Valley Middle School earned top honors with a score of 79 of 80. South Pasadena Middle School took second place with a score of 75 of 80, El Roble Intermediate School took third place with a score of 71 of 80 and Calle Mayor made fourth place with a score of 68 of 80.

One of the competitors, Cynthia Lin, said she enjoyed the chance to use her math skills.

While she is already a self-proclaimed math fanatic, she said the competition has encouraged her to keep learning. "It's really fun and really challenging," said Lin "[It was challenging] not overthinking the problem when it's really easy," said Lin. "I've always been a math fanatic, but this has encouraged me to study math more."

While Lin was worried about overthinking the problems, Ben Riser, a manager at Exxon-Mobil's Torrance Refinery, said he and his fellow volunteers from Exxon-Mobil were impressed with the depth of math knowledge these mathletes possessed. "If you were to take time to look through the list of questions, they're very difficult and it's very impressive that these kids were able to score as well as they did, some of them were able to get a perfect score," said Riser. "We have mostly engineers that are doing the grading and we are all impressed with how these kids are getting them all right."

Torrance Regional Middle School Math Competition was created by Lan Yokota as a way to keep her son Justin Yokota and students like him stimulated in math. Justin Yokota had been competing in the Math Olympiads

tournaments since fourth grade, but once he was out of elementary school, Lan Yokota said it wasn't clear where to continue as a sixth grader. "The parents were looking around and wondering, 'What can we do after this?'" and the chairperson said 'I don't know, this is it. You're on your own.' After fifth grade there is no Math Olympiads," said Yokota. "That tournament was so inspiring, seeing 120 of them on Saturday morning, full of energy, wanting to do math."

Yokota took it upon herself to create a tournament in the area for middle school mathletes like her son, whose final middle school tournament was last year. She was tasked with finding math problems, contacting interested schools and solving any other challenge an event like this creates. She also had to get approval from the school district. Mannon said he was happy to approve an event that lets academics receive the cheer more commonly reserved for athletics. "Sometimes we dwell too much on athletics and athletic competitions and not enough academic competitions and that's what this does," said Mannon.

However, Lan Yokota couldn't put on this event on her own. Mannon said the event

wouldn't be possible without the help of Exxon-Mobil. "It's a great event," said Mannon. "We're appreciative to Exxon-Mobil: without their sponsorship this couldn't happen. This is a part of our ongoing partnership between the Torrance Unified School District and Exxon-Mobil. We're always appreciative to them and their focus on education."

The energy company's involvement in the event started long before May 10. Employees helped coach students from their Adopt-a-school partner Magruder Middle School through after-school math tutoring. The company also paid for all TUSD schools to compete in the event. On the day of the event, employees volunteered to help grade the answers. Riser said that encouraging students in math and science is important, not just for his company but for the world. "I'm really excited to see this much pure talent in the room, a lot of great mathletes in the room competing today," said Riser. "Math and science is very important to the future of our community, country and the world. That's why Exxon-Mobil is sponsoring this event, we want to share our passion for math and science with this kind of talent." •

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April is a sweet year old Pug with the cutest underbite. She is very playful and has a very sweet, loving personality. She is fine with all other dogs and is settling into her foster home well. April crates great at night, not a peep. She loves to chew on her nyla bone and will chase small stuffed toys when you throw them. As most Pugs do, she loves to be with you and will follow you from room



April loves to play and follow her friends around.

to room so see what's going on. April joined the pack quickly and likes to sun bathe and nap during the day. We would love to place her with a Pug experienced family or with another Pug for her to play with. She has a cute Pug purr that she does when she is excited to see you. She is currently learning how to sit and stay. April is spayed, current on vaccinations, dewormed, microchipped, good with children and other dogs.

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Glitch would love to come home and meet a new playmate.

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Q loves to be petted and brushed.

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Real Estate

How to Have Good Water Sense in and Around the House

(BPT) - When you turn on the water faucet in your kitchen, do you think about the water that goes down the drain without being used in any way? Or have you wondered how you might be able to reduce your water bill? Having good water sense can help answer these questions and more.

What does it mean for homeowners to have good water sense, and why is it important? In the past 10 years, nearly all regions of the country have experienced a drought - some severe - resulting in the establishment of water-usage guidelines in various communities and states. In 2012, the last reported year, 70 percent of the United States was abnormally dry, with 20 percent of those lands under extreme drought, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense program labels home water-consuming products in order to help homeowners reduce the amount of water they use. Lowering water usage not only helps reduce the amount of water a community needs to provide, but it also saves money for the community and the homeowner. Both of which would come in handy any time - especially during times of drought.

"There are many ways a homeowner can help to reduce water consumption inside the house and around the yard," says Kevin McJoynt at Danze, Inc. "From replacing toilets to switching out faucets or limiting the number of laundry loads you run, it's relatively easy to cut back without even noticing a difference. It's important for all of us

to take ownership of simple water-reducing practices, and once they're in place, you probably won't even notice."

Danze offered the following tips you could consider to cut water usage in your home and backyard:

*Toilets - If you have a toilet manufactured before 1992, it's the biggest water hog in your home. These fixtures use about 6 gallons of water per flush, according to the EPA. New high-efficiency toilets with a WaterSense label use 1.6 gallons or less per flush, and thanks to better flushing technology there is no sacrifice in performance.

*Faucets - Leaky faucets or faucets without new aerators could be wasting water right before your eyes. New faucets with the WaterSense label produce a maximum of 1.5 gallons of water each minute, which can help you reduce your water usage by 30 percent, according to the EPA. Danze faucets are WaterSense labeled, providing homeowners with stylish designs and water streams that would challenge you to notice less water is actually being used. In addition to a change in faucet, remember to turn off the water when it's not in use. When brushing teeth or washing hands, for example, only let the water run when you need it for rinsing.

*Gardening and lawns - Everyone wants a green and healthy-looking lawn and garden in the summer, but many homeowners actually overwater the lawn. For sprinkler systems, there are high-tech sensors that only turn on the sprinklers when the soil is too dry. There are also systems that connect to local

weather systems to program when the water will turn on. In addition, it is best to install sprinkler heads that apply water directly to the plants instead of allowing the water to blow away and evaporate in the air. Rain catchers can be a great natural supplement to water needed for your gardens.

* Laundry - The average family washes between seven and eight loads of laundry per week, according to the EPA. This number might be even higher for larger families and those who wash reusable diapers (which also has its environmental benefits). For traditional

laundry machines, each load requires nearly 41 gallons of water. To help cut down on the water needed for your laundry, be sure to only run a load when the machine is full. If your machine is older, consider replacing it with an Energy-Star high-efficiency model, which can use 35 to 50 percent less water.

Simply paying attention to how much water your family is using will give you a better sense of how you can reduce your water consumption. To find WaterSense products and learn more about the program, visit Danze.com or www.epa.gov. •




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