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Mercy Mission Bear Attends Small Business Alliance Expo



Mercy Mission Bear Hospital and Adoption Agency was well represented at the Unified Small Business Alliance Expo by Dr. Marcia Ann Mims Coppertino (left) and Angel Ricci. Mercy Mission is a nonprofit that repairs teddy bears to be donated to sick and homeless children, www.mmbha.webs.com. Photo provided by Aurelio Mattucci.

Council Agrees to Replace Marquee Outside Civic Center

By Cristian Vasquez

The Torrance City Council approved an agreement to purchase and install a digital sign at the city's Civic Center. The approval also included the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Cable TV Fund Balance.

For several years the discussion of replacing the marquee outside of the city's Civic Center on the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue has been discussed. With the new digital sign, it is expected that the city would significantly enhance the ability of the city to disseminate information is delivered from the marquee.

"I would like to state that the replacement of the existing outdoor marquee has been a longtime coming. I am very, very enthusiastic," Councilmember Kurt Weideman said during the Dec. 23 council meeting. "I'm looking forward to this digital sign that will increase the effectiveness of information delivery and the promotion of events here in the city of Torrance."

The current sign used by the city to promote events and activities requires the routine removal and placement of letters on the stationary, two-sided display that is backlit. Furthermore, the current marquee requires that two city employees climb ladders in order to change the message.

This newly approved digital sign, which will be located in front of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, "will include a two-sided full-color LED, capable LED, capable of

showing video clips, animation and graphics as well as up to six lines of text" stated the staff report.

Furthermore, the new sign will match the dimensions of the current marquee and will have a protective cover with anti-graffiti coating. In order to update the new sign, city staff will use a "secured web-based interface" through the city's network. The Office of Cable and Community Relations will be responsible for managing the content on the marquee and will serve as the clearinghouse for the display. In addition to all of the departments in the city would having the ability to submit content, the Torrance Events Calendar is also going to be used as a source of content for information.

The staff report indicated that there will be no additional operational costs associated with operating of the marquee since the new sign is part of a replacement project. In addition to the electronic digital sign, the city has six additional directional signs, none of which are electronic, throughout the Civic Center grounds.

Upon the finalization of the digital sign, city staff will be directed to explore the process of updating the six signs on the Civic Center grounds. The updates will be reflective of the new sign and include similar art and the color scheme to match the grounds. The six signs in question were installed more than 15 years ago and are constantly "refreshed for paint and lettering," as well as an "update of

current names or functions of the buildings" said the staff report.

City Approves Lease Agreement of Public Parks with Local Little Leagues

A five-year lease agreement, recommended by the Parks and Recreation, was approved by the city council during the Dec. 23 council meeting. The approval of the lease agreement came one week after the same item was returned to staff in an effort to clarify issues relating to the maintenance of the fields, a traffic and parking plan and the requirement for each league to pay for a portion of the water used for each league's activities.

The new lease agreements are with Torrance American Baseball, Torrance Little League, Riviera Little League, and West Torrance Little League and are for their use of properties owned by the City of Torrance beginning Jan. 1, 2015-Dec. 31, 2019 and will require no additional funding by the City, rather the agreements will revenue \$1 per year, per lease agreement.

Each lease specifies the actions to be taken by the respective little league that has entered an agreement with the city in order to ensure the safety of its players and spectators. In addition, each lease specifies that the league in the agreement is responsible "to the greatest extent possible" for minimizing the impact of on street parking for participants and spectators. This can include providing adult supervision to direct traffic during events, a policy indicating speed limits and other rules respecting the neighboring communities. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
58°/41°



Saturday
Sunny
61°/42°



Sunday
Sunny
66°/45°



Sports

High School Sports March Into 2015

By Adam Serrao

A new year is upon us in High School athletics. While many athletes have come and gone from the local schools that we hold dear to our hearts, the end of the year is a perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on what those athletes and their teams have done in the world of sports. From basketball, to soccer to baseball and back it was a successful year in High School sports around Torrance. Let's take a look at the teams that stood out the most.

Way back at this time one year ago, the North High Saxons were starting their basketball season in a rather successful fashion. Wins over St. Bernard and Gardena to start the year eventually led to three straight wins over Torrance High, two over South High a second place finish in the Pioneer League standings and a trip to playoffs. Behind leading scorers Koh Flippen, Mo Nwodili and Chad Ashimine, the Saxons took our Grand Terrace in the first round of the playoffs, but eventually lost to El Dorado. While North was semi-dominant in basketball, South, Torrance and West High had year's to forget. The Warriors lost their last 12 games of the season while South struggled to a last place Pioneer League finish. While the Tartars made the playoffs with a fourth place finish in the standings, Kyle Polk, Abdullah Nazarkhan and company couldn't get over the hump with a first round loss to Savanna. The season is still young this year, but the usual suspects are back at it again, this time with Torrance and South leading the way early on in the year.

Last year in girls' basketball, the Torrance teams dominated the Pioneer League standings. The Lady Saxons lost only one league game all season to their rivals from South High but managed to make it into the playoffs and into the semifinals where they were faces with a rivalry matchup against the West High Warriors. The Warriors ended the Saxons season this time around and behind Bailey Kurahashi's 17 points advanced to the final where they beat El Dorado by

13 points to become Bay League and CIF Southern Section Division 2A champions. The Warriors dominated the Bay League and their opponents' all season long, losing only five games on the year. Jasmine Jones is the player to watch on this team as she will look to help the Warriors towards success again this year. The Lady Tartars were able to make it to the second round of the playoffs, eventually losing against El Dorado while the Lady Spartans took South High to the quarterfinals where they narrowly missed out on a chance at the semi's, losing to Patriot 48-45.

In boys soccer, it was the South High Spartans who led the way for city of Torrance rounding their season off with wins against North High and Torrance. North High struggled through the season to a 2-16-1 record while Torrance and West High were the only two clubs to make the playoffs. Torrance lost in the first round vs. Santa Paula while West advanced to the second round, beating Jordan 1-0 but losing to Loyola 0-3. The girls showed the boys how to do things in the game of soccer last season. The Lady Tartars won their last nine games of the season before making a playoff run to the quarterfinals while West High advanced all the way to the semifinals before suffering a heartbreaking loss to Hart. South High did both team's one better. The Lady Spartans caught fire winning their last four games of the year and taking their momentum into the playoffs where they just couldn't lose. A win against Serrano brought home the Southern Section Division IV CIF championship for the ladies of South High, a task they will be looking to complete once again this year, already out to an outstanding 6-2-1 record.

In baseball, it was the year of the Torrance Tartars and Kyle Smith. Smith led his team to a 9-1 league record and wins over St. Bonaventure, La Sierra, San Dimas, Laguna Beach and finally South High in the championship to capture his team the Southern Section

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A Look Back at 2014 in Sports

By Adam Serrao

Now that the year has officially come to a close and 2015 is upon us, it is important to take a look back in life on the time that has passed and the time that awaits us in the year to come. Doing so in real life can be medicinal and may even serve to heal the soul. Sports all across the world can parallel our real, everyday lives in many different ways. Sports allows us to look back and remember where we were or who we were with at a specific day or time. They can serve to create bonding experiences through family members and friends that can last a lifetime. Sports can also serve to create an escape from all that ails us or puts stress on our shoulders on a day-to-day basis. So here now is a look back at the top sports moments of the year of 2014. Maybe you can remember where you were or what you were doing when they took place.

2014 was the end of an era in baseball. Who could forget the last time that Derek Jeter took his position at shortstop for the last time at Yankee Stadium? What made it even more memorable was how he sent the sell-out crowd of 48,613 fans home. With Baltimore and New York tied at five in the bottom of the ninth, the Yankee Captain delivered a walk-off single to right field to give his team a 6-5 win. Jeter would eventually walk off himself, into the sunset. There may never be a better all-around shortstop to play the game of baseball. Staying in baseball, who could forget the Dodgers historic meltdown with Clayton Kershaw on the mound against the St. Louis Cardinals? Or the way that Madison Bumgarner helped the Dodgers archrival Giants to yet another World Series title?

They say that defense wins championships and that's why Richard Sherman was the face of last year's football season. He and the Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks completely dominated Peyton Manning's Broncos in last year's Super Bowl. Sherman made more news along the way, but backed

up his talk when he stifled Michael Crabtree and the 49ers' hopes of reaching the Super Bowl with a last second tipped pass. Sherman and the Seahawks are back at it again this year, as are the Broncos. We may be in line to see a Super Bowl rematch. Jameis Winston and the Florida St. Seminoles can do some repeating of their own. Despite the quarterbacks fall from grace for shoplifting, yelling vulgar remarks on campus, allegedly getting paid to sign autographs and a sexual assault case levied against him, he and the Seminoles are back in the race for the College football championship one year after winning the entire thing at the start of 2014. A new year brings with it a new playoff system and new challenges, but Winston and the 'Noles could find themselves on top of the College football world once again.

The San Antonio Spurs dethroned a king. One year after being sent home by Ray Allen with a last second three-pointer, Tim Duncan and his Spurs tore through the league, finished the season with the best record and knocked LeBron James off of his throne in the NBA Finals in just five games. The King would later take his talents out of South Beach, going back home to Cleveland in order to try to do something he has never done for his home city: win a championship. Speaking of Kings and championships, our very own Los Angeles Kings were on top of the hockey world this past season for the second time in three years. Who could forget Alec Martinez's awesome rebound off of Henrik Lundqvist for the game winning score? "After it went in, I think I blacked out," Martinez said after the game. Well so did all of Los Angeles with joy and excitement as the Kings remained the most successful franchise in the Los Angeles area (aside from the L.A. Galaxy). Take that Dodgers and Lakers.

This year in sports perhaps brought the most drama and personal interest pieces into our lives as well. Who could forget Michael Sam coming out as a gay athlete

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

The Optimism of the Young

By Gerry Chong

The bouncing baby New Year stood preening before the mirror, hiking up his diapers, slicking back his hair, and straightening the sash across his body that read "2015." With a bounce he high-stepped into the room, passing an old and disheveled '14 on his way out.

"Man, this is a tough gig, little guy. Hope you've got what it takes to make it through to the end."

"No problem, old man, I got a sense of humor that will take me through anything, so I'm stronger than you. Fr'instance, I've gotta laugh when 'Moonbeam Brown' nominated three members to serve on the California

Ms. Starzak lifted a copy of the confidential Panetta Report which described U.S. handling of detainees. Shamee, shamee, Ms. Starzak.

"Look out! Here comes a politically incorrect knee slapper. Circulating around the internet is the White Trash response to 'Hands Up- Don't Shoot.' The Tea Baggers are responding, 'Pants Up- Don't Loot.'

"OK, OK," said the brash '15, "I'm the new kid on the block so I don't know when to stop the racist stuff. Don't throw bottles at me yet. Give me a few months to learn the ropes and I promise not to do that again. But don't squelch my sense of humor. Let me run one last hilarity (no, not Hillary) by you.

"Moreover, the Administration has told the Supreme Court that doctors do not have the right to challenge the adequacy of their reimbursements. Wheeeee, this is more darned fun!"

Supreme Court. Their role, of course, is to interpret our Constitution. Only problem is, none of the three has served a single day as a judge! They're Washington D.C.-based law professors! So it's kinda like asking a baseball coach to play in the Major Leagues. So you see, old man, you've just gotta laugh.

"Or how about this one: and you can really blame Bush. A Gitmo releasee, Ibrahim al-Rubaysh, a Saudi, is now a senior leader of al Qaeda in Yemen, so the U.S. would kinda like to get him back. Obama is offering \$5 million to recapture a guy we already had in our prison.

"See, old man, yuk it up. It's good for your soul. Not had enough examples? Try this one: Obama has nominated Alyssa Starzak to be General Counsel to the Army. Only problem is that Intelligence officials have accused her of stealing CIA confidential files. Apparently,

"Apparently there has been a flood of signups for Medicaid, which is good. But the high level of government reimbursements to Medicaid doctors ran from 2013 through 2014, and will end by the time '15 takes his throne. Steve Zukerman of the Urban Institute says doctor reimbursements in 2015 will fall by an average of 43% across the country, but in California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania it will fall by 50% or more.

"Moreover, the Administration has told the Supreme Court that doctors do not have the right to challenge the adequacy of their reimbursements. Wheeeee, this is more darned fun!"

So with a bow, '15 explained to '14 that he just lacked the appreciation of humor as the prism through which to view history. Hooray for the optimism of the young. •

Another Man's Opinion

Movie Studio's Initial Decision Was Wrong

By Cristian Vasquez

Being in the media makes it natural that I would be inclined to refuse any form of censorship. For several weeks now Sony studios has been harshly criticized for canceling the release of its movie "The Interview" due to threat made by North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un. While executives at Sony studios have since change their stance and agreed to a limited release of the film, their initial reaction was very disappointing and embarrassing. For starters, it is bad enough when an American entity tries to censor our airwaves but to allow an outside source to silence us is insulting. Let's not forget that in the Post-Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake Super Bowl circus, many television and radio executives took it upon themselves to self-censor, with some influence by the FCC. We are 10 years removed from that absurd incident and it seems that we haven't completely shaken off the tendency to micromanage all content for fear of complaints. So to have a major movie studio consider not releasing a movie because someone in another country is upset is absolutely absurd.

I will admit that any type of terrorist threat, not matter how small or insignificant we might personally consider it, should be taken serious. However, terrorists thrive on people's fear and if we fold to all of their demands, it is my opinion that we make ourselves more vulnerable to the entity making the threat. Furthermore, we make ourselves vulnerable to any other terror group paying attention. Lastly, and not to sound arrogant but I am not afraid of North Korea's threats. Granted, I am no expert on National Security but to borrow from an old expression, I do believe

that their leader is all bark and no bite. I'm not implying the man isn't unstable enough to try something but it's not enough to worry me.

For anyone who would stay away from a theater because of the threat, that is okay. I can respect their personal decision to err on the side of caution. Maybe I'm still immature but North Korea's threat wouldn't keep me from going anywhere in the United States. Yet, to have a movie studio entertain the idea of holding out is discouraging. There might be more to the initial reaction than just fear, but if that is the case, then say so.

To be honest, I probably wasn't going to line up on Christmas Day to watch this movie. I have other plans; spend time with family, eat with an absolute lack of self control and then ask my mom to help make my stomach feel better. Yet, the fact that it isn't an option because of fear is absurd. I can't sit here and pretend that everyone has a good sense of humor so I am sure that the North Korean dictator wasn't flattered at the premise of the movie. Still, leaders around the world are constantly mocked and they deal with it because it is the nature of life. If President Obama, or President Bush before him were upset every time they were made fun of in the media, they wouldn't have made past their first term (SNL has at least one skit mocking the sitting president every week).

So as the Christmas break comes to an end, finally we can all decide what to do, where to go and what to watch. I for one will take the advice of President George Bush and take my family and enjoy life the way we want it to be and that means free of fear. If I refrain from watching "The Interview" it will be because I have something better to do. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Unbroken: A Celebration and Review

By TerriAnn Ferren

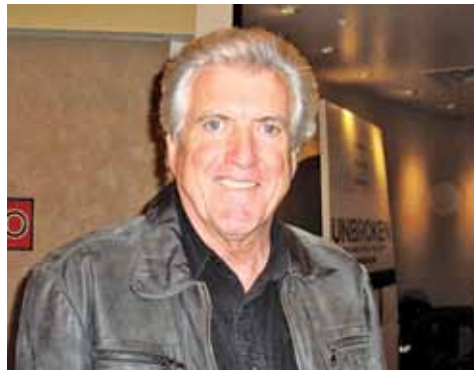
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There was a break in the beating rain as a huge rainbow gleamed above Torrance as I walked toward the AMC Theatre in Del Amo for a special screening of the film *Unbroken* on Tuesday, December 16. The story of our hometown hero, Louis Zamperini, is the subject of the film, directed by Angelina Jolie, sparked by the bestselling book *Unbroken*, written by Laura Hillenbrand.

Excitement filled the lobby as Janet Payne and Debbie Hays from the Torrance Historical Society organized the logistics of this special evening. *Unbroken* Producer Matt Baer and Louis Zamperini's children, Luke and Cinthia, were on hand to both introduce the film and then take questions and answers afterwards. I caught up with both Luke and Cinthia prior to the screening and asked them how it felt to finally have their father's story told on the big screen.

"It feels wonderful. It is 57 years in the making and we didn't want to miss the screening in the ol' town of Torrance here. We felt we should be here. We can't wait to see the reaction of everybody when they see it on the big screen finally," said Luke Zamperini. "This was a long time coming and the book *Unbroken* paved the way for the film to be done. With Matt hanging on to the project and then Angie coming along and having a vision of how to bring it to the screen, I think it is just - everything happens at the right time when it comes to my father's life and this is just the perfect time for it. The film is wonderful. I've seen it five times. I love it," added Luke. He went on to tell me, "It is just beautifully shot by Roger Deakins and the soundtrack by Alexandre Desplat is just mesmerizing."

Cinthia told me, "[I] just can't believe it's really happening even after all this time. It's been underway for the last two years and it is just a dream to us. The people at Universal - they have all told us, head of publicity, Michael Moses told me, 'something like this movie comes along once in a career for us and this is our one time'. [I am] excited, heartbroken,

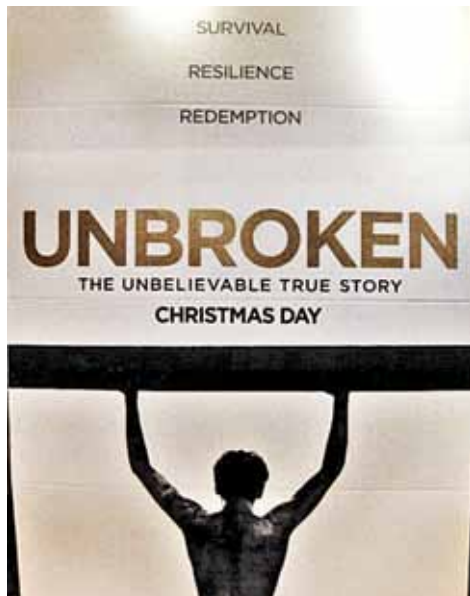


Luke Zamperini.

elated, grateful, and sad Louis is not here. I feel his essence with me, I feel he is with me still and I have to believe he is aware of all this."

After speaking with Luke and Cinthia I was able to speak with *Unbroken* Producer Matt

Baer who shared with me, "Last night was the premiere in Hollywood where Lou spent a lot of time in his life. But in the 17 years



Unbroken poster in lobby at the AMC premiere.

that I knew him and got to know every tale of his life, the power of Torrance, the belief that Torrance had in Lou was without a doubt the most important foundation that he had. This is the most satisfying, professional moment in my life. It is a very powerful, emotional feeling for me and it certainly would not be happening if not for Laura Hillenbrand's remarkable book, *Unbroken*, where she was able to tell Louis' story in such an accessible, powerful, and creatively fulfilling way - and then from a producer's point of view - you have to have the right director. So Angelina coming into the project as the captain - she brought so much of her heart and her personal spirit, her own interest in the world, so it was a very powerful combination of Donna Langley, Chairman of Universal Pictures, who also believed in the project - who bought the book - is also a big fan of Angelina's as a director. So I am very satisfied that three women of force came together to finally push Lou's story over the hill so it is very satisfying. So much of being a film producer is out of your control. All that you can control is your own passion and your own belief for what you think can make a good film. The struggle has always been the same thing, how much of the story can you include? Finally we have a director with a vision of what to include and what not to include, the studio is in alignment with that and the producer is to balance what he/she thinks is right. In the years before Laura's book I tried to sell it as a miniseries, and they said no. It could be a four-hour movie, but it wasn't an option."

Walking into the theatre I noticed several familiar Torrance faces. Former Mayor Frank Scotto was a volunteer usher in Theatre 10 where I was sitting. Behind me sat Karl and Gerylyn Standifer. Karl told me, "We are here with my parents, Jim and Jo Standifer and my

dad - he, Pete and Louis - were friends with my dad." Jim Standifer added, "I was Louis best friend all my life. I have known him forever. I sure miss him and sure wish he could have lived long enough to see this film. We were together all the time or on the phone."

Sitting nearby, former mayor Ken Miller told me, "He [Louis Zamperini] was the greatest guy in the world. I wouldn't miss this for the world. I lived almost 9 years next door to them, so I was a 9th grader when he was a senior. I was a punk kid and knew the family very well. It was during prohibition and everybody shared everything. I had spaghetti dinner [at his house] - Mrs. Zamperini was a good cook!"

Vickie Vega remembered, "Louis Zamperini had a home in Lake of the Woods in Frazier Park four houses down from my brother and sister in law. He had an adorable little cabin. One of his neighbors was in elementary school and she did a report on him and he came to the school, Frazier Park Elementary and spoke to the class about his life."

Unbroken was introduced by Torrance Mayor Pat Furey, acknowledging the Torrance Historical Society, AMC Theatres, and city staff for helping with the screening. Then Luke and Cinthia Zamperini, and producer, Matt Baer spoke briefly, followed by Debbie Hays, from the Torrance Historical Society who reminded guests the screening was a fundraiser with proceeds going to maintain The Torrance



Cinthia - Louis Zamperini's daughter.

Historical Society Trust Collection of Louis Zamperini. Also, the t-shirts and wrist bands given out at the screening are still available for purchase and the proceeds will go to Louis' Victory Boys Camp. Louis' grandson, Clay Zamperini, just quit his job and will be carrying on the Victory Boys Camp for Louis. "Louis loved his hometown of Torrance so much. He did see the film in 20 minute increments with Angelina on his bed in the hospital. Thank you for coming," said Cinthia. "Universal bought the rights in 1957 and things happen at the right time for the right reasons and I believe God is in control of everything and this film could not be made until Matt Baer and Angelina Jolie took the film on. It's my new favorite movie," said Luke. "I have waited many, many years to say these 2 words...hello Torrance... We made the film in Australia but you'll see that

we were able to recreate what Torrance was like with a high degree of accuracy... The experiences that Lou went through in his life are really incredible and we did everything that we could to tell Lou's story the way he wanted told which is the truth, its highs, its lows, but most importantly, its inspiration... Angelina has done a magnificent job - everybody in the cast is terrific but most importantly, your hometown hero is aptly represented. Thank you for coming and enjoy the film," said producer Matt Baer.

The lights dimmed and I sat back in my seat and watched the story of Louis Zamperini begin. Laura Hillenbrand's book, *Unbroken* was swimming in my head as the story began to unfold on the screen. Realizing the entirety of the incredible life of Louis Zamperini could never be told in 137 minutes on film, I watched as each frame, captured nuggets of this inspiring man's journey on earth while I filled in the gaps in my mind. I wanted to see more, but maybe that was because the book gave me insights into the nuances of this American hero's story that could never be included in a film due to time constraints. English actor, Jack O'Connell is seamless in his role as the adult Louis showing the prankish, delinquent kid turned Olympic athlete, then bombardier. 47 days on a raft in the middle of the ocean is nothing short of a miracle. But being rescued by the Japanese, and then becoming a prisoner of war under the psychopath commander, brilliantly and disturbingly played by Takamasa Ishihara is a tale you have to pinch yourself to remember is true. It is a lot to take in. Powerful, moving, and inspirational are the words to describe this film. Sometimes difficult to watch? Yes, but incredibly more difficult to live through. Louis' faith is woven through the film and the story of his inner strength shines. Although the film didn't show the dramatic conversion after the war Louis experienced at a Billy Graham Revival meeting in Los Angeles, his faith, tenacity, and then forgiveness come through in the film, nonetheless. His "If I can take it, I can make it" spirit fills the screen. War is hell. I am not the first to say it but too few know the 'forgiveness' story of men who, through faith, find the ultimate courage to forgive their enemies. Such was Louis Zamperini. This film meets the magnitude of the true story and portrays it accurately. *Unbroken* is the story of a man who proved his faith was unbroken.

After the film, I walked out to a clear sky. The rain had passed. Some say rain is good luck and I believe that. From the promise that is a rainbow - that I saw on my way to the film, to the scene where gentle rain falls on Louis' head as he fights to survive with starvation and salt sores plaguing his body and with swollen, sunburned lips he promises God to serve Him if he is saved, to the ending of the premiere with a clear sky - the lucky rain blessed Torrance to have Louis Zamperini as our hometown hero. •

New AB 60 Law Allows Undocumented Drivers to Apply for Licenses

In 2013, Governor Brown signed AB 60 into law, and it goes into effect on January 1, 2015. This statute directed the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) "to issue an original driver's license to any California resident who is eligible for a driver's license, regardless of immigration status," according to the DriveCA coalition at DriveCA.org. Further, "An AB 60 license will have a visible distinguishing feature and cannot be used for certain federal purposes, such as to enter restricted areas of federal facilities." The DMV has issued a list of answers to questions a new applicant might have. For appointments or other information regarding AB60 visit ab60.dmv.ca.gov.

Q: When is a person eligible to apply for a

driver license under the new AB 60 law?

A: Undocumented applicants can begin applying for a California driver license on January 2, 2015. During the initial visit, applicants will be required to prove their identity and residency, and take a driver knowledge and vision exams. A behind-the-wheel test will be given at another time.

Q: Do AB60 customers need to make appointments to apply for a driver license?

A: Anyone planning on visiting a DMV field office to apply for a first time driver license is required to schedule an appointment. However, the DMV has set up four temporary Driver License Processing Centers in Granada Hills, San Jose, Stanton, and Lompoc, where anyone can drop in without making an appointment.

Q: Does the driver license being issued under the AB 60 law have any limitations?

A: Yes. A driver license, under AB60, only allows an individual to legally drive a car and cannot be used to verify or provide legal or documented status. The face of the driver license clearly states that "Federal Limits Apply" and on the back disclaimer reads "This card is not acceptable for official federal purposes. It does not establish eligibility for employment, voter registration, or public benefits." In other words, a person cannot use this driver license to board an airplane or enter a federal building. However, it is important to point out that police officers in California cannot discriminate based on immigration status or the fact the driver holds an AB60 driver license.

Q: I plan to apply for a California driver license under the AB60 program. As an applicant without legal presence, will my information be used for anything other than a driver license application?

A: We are sensitive to the fact that many applicants without legal presence may be fearful of this review process and/or possessing this new driver license. Discrimination against an individual based on possession of an AB60 driver license is a violation of law, including the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Section 51 of the Civil Code). An AB 60 driver license shall not be used to consider an individual's citizenship or immigration status as a basis for an investigation, arrest, citation or detention. •

Honey-Balsamic Chicken with California Grapes



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- To taste freshly ground black pepper
- 3 shallots, roughly chopped
- 2 cups red seedless California grapes, halved
- 1 cup green seedless California grapes, halved
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Heat the oil in a large oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and add it to the skillet with the shallots. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring and turning the chicken occasionally, until it and the shallots are nicely browned.

Add the grapes, vinegar, honey, and garlic and bring them to a boil; cook and stir for five minutes more. Place the skillet in the oven and roast for 10 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle the top with rosemary. Serves four.

Nutritional analysis per serving (without sides): Calories 261; Protein 28 g; Carbohydrate 19 g; Fat 8 g (Sat. Fat 1g); 28 percent Calories from Fat; Cholesterol 68 mg; Sodium 314 mg; Potassium 486 mg; Fiber 1 g.

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High School Sports

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Division 4 title. Smith didn't allow one run to South in the championship game and finished the year with a 13-1 record, 0.47 ERA and batted .345 at the plate. Matt Mogollon got the Spartans as far they got, battling all year with Smith to a 10 win record with a 1.93 ERA and 75 strikeouts on the year. It doesn't get better than two Torrance team's battling it out in the CIF finals. In girls softball it was North High that made all the noise, advancing all the way to the quarterfinals with a first place finish in the Pioneer League standings behind Bryanna Ybarra and Sydni Overly. The Lady Saxons would eventually take a tough 1-0 loss to La Serna in the quarter's.

Torrance's latest chance at a CIF championship came on the football field. West High shot for the stars this year and almost brought one down with an undefeated regular season under head coach Greg Holt. With star running back Brett Ojjiyi and quarterback Trevor Mallett, the Warriors beat North High, South High, Torrance High and more on their way to a flawless first 10 games. Wins over Santa Monica and Calabasas got the team to the CIF Southern Section Western Division semifinals where the Palos Verdes Sea Kings awaited them. Palos Verdes stormed

out to a 21 point first quarter and eventually defeated the previously undefeated Warriors and eventually went on to win the championship over Ventura. It was the Warriors first year playing back in the Pioneer League, taking the division title. North, Torrance and South finish directly behind the Warriors in second, third and fourth place, respectively.

The High School year has come back around full circle, with basketball and soccer in full effect once again. Both the men's and ladies sides of the sport will do their best to bring home another championship to Torrance, as they have done before. If the look back at 2014 has taught us anything at all, it's that the team's from around our very own city are extremely talented and certain players from every individual sport have the ability to, at certain times, transcend the game with their miraculous play. 2014 has brought its share of stars and remarkable teams our way: now 2015 is in the limelight. We may not know which teams or which players will go out of their way to awe us this year. In the meantime sit back, relax and enjoy the talent that the youngster from around the city of Torrance have the ability to showcase on a year-in and year-out basis. •

A Look Back

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and his celebratory kiss with his boyfriend after the St. Louis Rams made him the first openly gay NFL draftee in history? Donald Sterling came out as a racist and was later banished from the NBA by new league commissioner Adam Silver. In NFL news, Ray Rice knocked out his girlfriend in an elevator, Adrian Peterson was charged for abusing his child and domestic violence ran rampant across the league. Roger Goodell and the NFL have much work to do in order to rebuild their respective images.

Speaking of rebuilding images, the Washington Redskins have been under fire for their racially insensitive name and the team's quarterback, RGIII, has dominated news for his play, or lack thereof, all season long. Tony Stewart took the headlines by storm with his very unfortunate killing of Kevin Ward Jr. on the racetrack while the ALS ice bucket challenge gave the sports world hope again by using athletes such as Michael Jordan, LeBron James and Derek Jeter to raise over \$100 million for a good cause. Clayton Kershaw attained another Triple Crown (21-3 record and 1.77 ERA, 0.86 WHIP) while California Chrome failed to accomplish the same feat on the racetrack. Landon Donovan

retired from professional soccer, UCONN dominated college basketball (both boys and girls), Antonio Brown kicked a kicker in the face, Lance Stephenson blew into LeBron's ear, Kobe Bryant came back from a torn Achilles and passed Michael Jordan on the NBA's all-time scoring list and Odell Beckham Jr. made the catch heard (and seen) around the world.

Certainly, some highlights from the year that have been left out of the mix. While it is truly impossible to encompass them all into one piece of writing, the images that have been portrayed throughout this last year of sports have the ability to last a lifetime. Sports has the capability to touch our minds and our souls. The instances portrayed throughout this last year of 2014 could have brought us to tears, incited joy within us or even provoked complete joy. That's what sports does and that's what this last year of 2014 did. With another year now upon us and the slate cleaned for rebuilding, there is no doubt that more memories and special moments will be created and may even go unforgotten for a lifetime. The only thing left for us to do is sit back, relax, keep our eyes open and enjoy the ride. Like the year before it, 2015 will most certainly present itself as a special one. •

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SUDOKU Medium

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			3			6	1			
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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.

Unified Small Business Alliance Holds Holiday Expo

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The Unified Small Business Alliance (USBA), a newly formed group of small business owners in the South Bay, held their first Holiday Expo on December 17 at the Doubletree by Hilton in

Torrance. Hundreds of visitors came to meet over 70 member small businesses that displayed their products and services at the all day event. The USBA mission is to foster lasting economic ties and development and additional info is available at www.unifiedsmallbusinessalliance.com, (310) 742-5754.



Julie Cegelski (left) and Alyssa Stemberg from Walk With Sally whose mission is to provide mentoring support programs and services to children of parents with cancer were at the expo.



Maribel Madrigal and Managing Director/Owner Larry Roberts from FirstLight Home Care presented their company's information at the USBA's holiday expo.



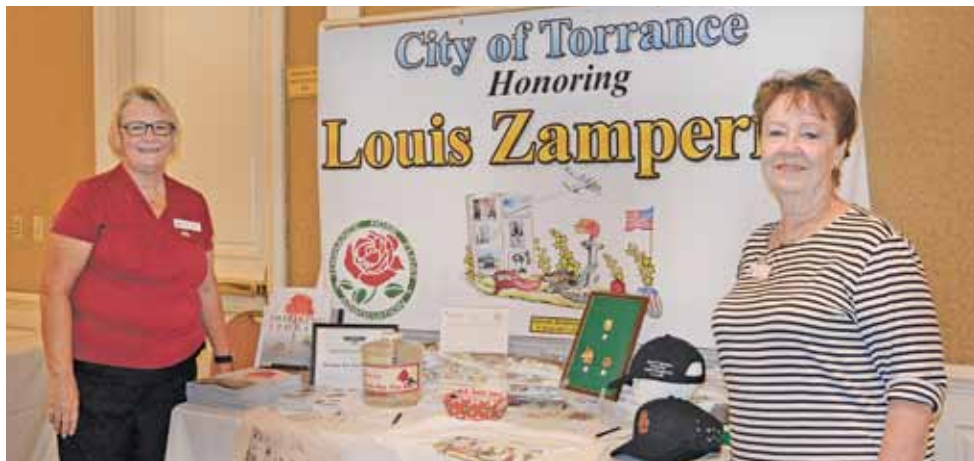
DiVita Home Finance was at the first USBA Holiday Expo, represented by Mark Latini (L) and Hunter Gaspar.



Elisa Kolker demonstrated the benefits of Kangen Water to the Holiday Expo visitors.



Working the expo for Volante ENC Management Consultants were (L to R) Sheila Volante, Tirrell Hamilton and Charla Parks.



Beverly Findley (left) and Georgean Griswold from the Torrance Rose Float Association were on hand to build excitement about the 2015 New Year's Day float honoring Torrance hometown hero Louis Zamperini.



President Mike Talleda proudly represented Wounded Heroes of America.

Real Estate

'Luxury' Upgrades with Cheaper-Than-You-Think Price Tags

(BPT) - Hand-planed, reclaimed hardwood floors? Beautiful but pricey. Custom drapery? The cost can be blinding. When it comes to home decorating, it's easy to blow your budget on one or two upgrades - and maybe that would be OK if those improvements also amped up the drama in your decor. Too often, however, costly decorating ploys disappoint, wearing out or becoming dated before you've paid off the financing.

Fortunately, a handful of upgrades just scream "luxury" - while the price tags quietly snicker "this look didn't cost an arm and a leg." They may not be as cheaply priced as fresh paint or some new throw pillows, but these surprisingly affordable improvements deliver high impact at a manageable cost.

ADDING SKYLIGHTS

Luxury, drama and energy efficiency are the trifecta of home decorating and improvement - and few upgrades deliver all three qualities as well as skylights. Because they admit abundant natural light into a room, skylights have a powerful impact. Install Energy Star-qualified, no-leak, solar-powered fresh-air skylights like those from Velux America, and they can help reduce electric

bills by providing natural light and passive ventilation. They draw no power and operate by a remote control that can be programmed for multiple functions.

Add solar-powered blinds and the cost of the skylights and blinds, as well as installation costs, are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit. What's more, professional installation costs range from a low of around \$900 to a high of about \$2,100, with \$1,475 being the average, according to HomeAdvisor.com.

If you're only interested in more natural light from above, or if a traditional skylight won't fit in your space, VELUX Sun Tunnel tubular skylights, which are less expensive to both purchase and install, are ideal for closets, hallways, interior baths and other special spaces.

GAS FIREPLACES



Few improvements create ambience as effectively as a fireplace. While adding a wood-burning fireplace to an existing home

may be difficult or impossible in many scenarios, modern gas fireplaces can go virtually anywhere - including interior walls. Advancements in the technology to make, operate and insulate gas fireplaces have made adding one a relatively easy process. Direct-vent fireplaces go on exterior walls and eliminate the need for a chimney. Vent-free models are also available for interior

locations in a house.

The cost of installing a gas fireplace will vary, depending on many factors, including whether you have existing natural gas service to your home and a line in or near the room where you'll be installing the fireplace. Although not a do-it-yourself job for most

homeowners, installing a gas fireplace can cost as little as \$3,000.

WALL MURALS

Humans have been painting scenes on the walls of our abodes since the days of cavemen. A wall mural can create virtually any effect you desire in any room of the house - drama in a living room, elegance in a dining room, relaxation in a master bath, cozy comfort in a kitchen or whimsy in a child's bedroom. While a professional, hand-painted wall mural may cost more than your entire redecorating budget, modern wallpaper murals can allow you to completely alter the look of a room for less than \$500.

Requiring no paste or trimming, wallpaper murals can easily be installed by the average homeowner. Repositionable varieties can even be taken down and moved from room to room.

GRANITE BATHROOM VANITIES

Granite remains the gold standard of luxury, beauty and function when you're talking about countertops. Installing granite in a kitchen can be costly, especially if you have a lot of counter space to cover. With smaller vanities and less counter space, however, bathrooms cost much less to outfit in granite. •



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