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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
68°/57°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
65°/53°



Sunday

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Torrance Wins Mayor's Trophy!



The City of Torrance, won the Mayor's Trophy at Pasadena's annual Rose Parade. Preparations for the float were sent in, before the parade. Shown: Volunteers and 2018 members of the Torrance Rose Float Association Debbie Vaca, Melissa de la Vara and Roseanne Villalobos stand in front of the Torrance float. West High School student Irene Tsay's contest entry won and the theme of the contest was: "No Seed Goes Unnoticed". The idea behind it was how something so small can create something so beautiful. More photos inside on page: 5. Information provided by Roseanne Villalobos and photos by Betsy Maerker.

2017 in Torrance: Year in Review

By TerriAnn Ferren
TerriAnn in Torrance

That's it--2017 has just been tucked away and the history of another year is in the books. This past year I had the opportunity of writing numerous columns concerning activities, people, places and celebrations throughout the city of Torrance.

In January, we honored Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday by speaking with actor, writer, producer and playwright Ted Lange, who knew Dr. King's eldest daughter Yolanda, who died in 2007 and is one of only two people I know who had met Coretta Scott King. Later in the year, we discovered that Torrance Councilman Milton S. Herring had met Dr. Martin Luther King when he was a child.

On January 20, Hal Holbrook entertained us at the James Armstrong Theatre as Mark Twain...and later, former Mayor Frank Scotto reminded us of Torrance's rural roots. He grew up on a rabbit farm--yes, a farm in Torrance where his family raised rabbits at 237th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. "It was a different time than we live in today. I was growing up on a farm and we had literally thousands of rabbits. Next door was a chicken ranch, so there was a lot of agriculture," said Scotto.

And who can forget the huge celebration on January 26th at Torrance High School for what would have been Louis Zamperini's 100th birthday? Attending the celebration were Louis Zamperini's son and daughter, Luke Zamperini and Cynthia Zamperini-Garris, who along with teachers and students spelled out "LZ 100" on the steps of the high school near the Senior Patio. That event made me wonder if Louis was looking down, smiling at what would have been his 100th year.

With February being Black History Month, I visited with Councilman Herring I and learned that this remarkable man--born in Birmingham, Alabama and who grew up in

Detroit, Michigan--went into the Air Force after working a year and a half for the Ford Motor Company and followed a calling into the ministry. Councilman Herring attended Morehouse College and later attained a Masters of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He later obtained his Doctorate of Ministry from the Southern California School of Ministry. Always being involved with community service since he was a small boy, it is no surprise Milton Herring became a councilman for the city of Torrance. "So, somewhere along the line, my parents always worked to make the community better than when they arrived," he said.

In a column in March, I discovered Torrance residents love their pets and when I asked citizens about their four-legged or two-legged friends, it was no surprise most think of them as members of the family. Lisa Johnson told me, "I never want to live without animals." With four miniature donkeys--Emmy Lou, Bell Star, Santino and Mario--along with 25 chickens, some ducks and a rabbit, I remember telling Lisa there is little danger of her living without pets. She and her husband Gary have a barnyard menagerie.

St. Patrick's Day confirmed the fact that most believe they are Irish--at least on March 17--and the evening meal most assuredly consists of corned beef and cabbage. What surprised me was when I found out we here in the United States celebrate St. Patrick's Day with much more fervor and pomp than the Irish in Ireland!

We in Torrance support and are proud of our policemen and firemen. So much so, we celebrated the Fourth Annual Police Department Awards & Appreciation Luncheon in March, and the Second Annual Fire Department Appreciation and Awards Luncheon in April. Both events were very well attended and policemen and firemen were

honored for going above and well beyond the call of duty as they were recognized for their actions.

Passover and Easter in the spring reminded us all that the year was zipping along rapidly. In May, Louis Zamperini's very special leather bomber jacket was returned to the Torrance Historical Society and Museum located on Post Avenue in downtown Torrance after being on display at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri during the AFGSC (Air Force Global Command Senior Leader Conference) Commanding Officer's Heritage Dinner Gala (where the theme was Heritage of Great American Airmen). Yes, our hometown hero Louis Zamperini was honored for his incredible bravery. During this very special gala event in Missouri, the *Zamperini Warrior Award* was unveiled (funded by WWII 307th Bomb Group generation). The leather bomber jacket is on display at the museum and I have to say it is one of the coolest things--on a par with, say, Steve McQueen.

Also in May, Torrance was the recipient of a very special honor from the American Rose Society. Mayor Patrick J. Furey formally accepted "The City of Torrance Rose" from the American Rose Society on April 18. Our special rose is a mini-flora, orange/pink-color rose. This rose takes its place along with our city tree, the Cork Oak (*Quercus Suber*), and our city flower, the Hybrid Delphinium (*Ajacia*).

We also were carried along with our magical Dodgers all summer long, cheering them on toward the pennant. It was a summer of hope and dreams. Never mind we didn't end with a World Series title, but we had a glorious run! And there is always next year!

Gracing the James Armstrong Theatre in September was the legendary Melissa Manchester, who entertained the audience

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Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

Another Man's Opinion

Trump a Benefit to Real Reporting

By Cristian Vasquez

Thanks in part to the 24-hour news cycle and propaganda networks such as Fox News and MSNBC disguised as news outlets, President Trump was able to make it to the White House. While the 2016 Presidential campaign highlighted the evident dismissal of serious news reporting by most Americans, the Trump presidency is having the opposite effect. Whether it be the desire to take down the sitting President or the will to defend him, investigative reporting is receiving more attention by the mainstream media outlets (Fox News included even if to debunk these reports). Newspapers are again being looked to for reliable information because of the quality of their reporting.

From the Russian investigations to Roy Moore's pedophile-tendencies tainted past, it has been investigative reporters from different newspapers that have given a new life and meaning to the mundane news cycle. Of course these serious reports will be used by one network as "the nail in the coffin" against the Trump Administration and his army of evil destroying America. Meanwhile, the other network will dismiss them as nothing more than a witch hunt funded by Soros and remind us that Hillary somehow still matters. Regardless of the freak show on television, people are finally paying attention to newspapers and the investigative pieces that come from said sources.

The reason this trend is refreshing isn't based on the slight upswing in newspaper subscriptions, but rather that we are finally

getting solid reporting. It is this type of reporting we, as a nation, will need when Special Counsel Robert Mueller finishes his probe into the Russian interference case. We can't say with certainty how the propaganda machines MSNBC and Fox News will present the findings of Mueller's investigation, but we have a pretty good idea. However, for full details and accuracy we're going to have to rely on print journalism. Yes, the Internet can provide us up-to-the-minute information, but the rabbit hole of absurdity, lies and distortion that has become the Web is a nightmare.

Don't forget it was newspapers that broke the Pentagon Papers and Watergate--not television, not radio. While we can criticize reporters, columnists or entire newspapers for displaying bias, their record for accuracy when printing investigative pieces is strong. Furthermore, they are more effective than what we see on cable news.

We don't know what Mueller will find. Maybe there was no collusion between Trump's campaign and the Russians, but the Russians interfered in our election on their own. That possibility is more than enough of a reason for an investigation. We don't know what journalists will find when they dig--and as of late, there have been some interesting discoveries. Maybe investigative reporting is up because journalism became complacent during the Obama years. Maybe journalists are fueled by the desire to destroy or topple President Trump. Or maybe we as media consumers are simply paying attention to more reliable sources. •

Triumphant Trump Continues to Confound Critics, Skeptics, CNN

By Duane Plank

When billionaire business mogul Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the presidency on June 16, 2015, the wheeler-dealer/turned reality television star knew his candidacy was considered a dark-horse stab at best by political pundits... and as a pathetic joke, by many of those paid very handsomely to espouse their view points on the body politic.

Trump joined a field of Republican presidential wannabees that was bursting at the seams, featuring nearly 20 candidates. While Trump had the name recognition garnered from his success in the boardroom, and his star turn on the popular The Apprentice, he had no political gravitas.

He was considered an entitled tycoon who would burn wads of his own Benjamins attempting to nab the nomination and then flame out/drop out to return to constructing behemoth edifices, appear on TV and hobnob with Miss America contestants.

The Republican field in the spring and summer of 2016 included Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, John Kasich, Chris Christie and Rick Perry--all experienced politicians who knew how to play the game inside and outside the Washington, D.C. beltway. There were so many pols crowding the field that the initial debates had to be held in two sessions, with the men (and woman, remember Carly Fiorina?) who were polling the highest receiving a spot in the main debate, while the candidates who were invisible in the polls (think Jim Gilmore) were banished to the kids' table and forced to take part in the "JV debates."

Trump's candidacy wasn't given the proverbial "snowball chance in hell" initially by the

entrenched media-ites. There may have been a few on the Fox News Channel who championed Trump, but who would fathom that the Republican Party establishment would allow such a political neophyte to somehow wrangle the nomination from one-time frontrunner and political royalty Jeb Bush?

Surely the GOP would not commit electoral college suicide and send an overmatched Trump out to confront Queen Hillary and her well-honed cadre of hatchet-men and women in the general election, which would surely devolve into an apocalyptic meltdown for the party and result in catastrophic "down-the-ticket" losses--meaning the country would be looking at another eight years of backpedaling under Clinton.

And that is when it started. The Republican establishment underestimated Trump. The media paid him little positive heed. The Dems underestimated Trump so much so that they didn't even prop Hillary up and campaign in key states she lost when she was electorally steamrolled as Americans watched the results confound the so-called experts as the polls closed on that fateful Tuesday evening in November 2016.

When the final votes were tallied, Trump had an electoral landslide--and certain washed-up, big-mouth Libs (think Madonna), who had threatened to leave the country should Trump triumph, back-pedaled, saying they were "just kidding."

Two weeks after Trump's big tax win, the moral of the story is: Love Trump, hate Trump, but don't underestimate the man. He has bamboozled a lot of people more than once. Why should 2018 be any different? •

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THURSDAY, JAN. 4

- Environmental Quality Commission, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., Commission Meeting Room, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

- CITY HALL CLOSED – All Day
- Studio Cabaret: Urban Renewal Project (Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Studio Cabaret: Urban Renewal Project (Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library – OPEN

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

- West Torrance High School Dance Concert, 7:00 PM. – 9:30 PM., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive
- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM. – 2:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

- Biography and Memoirs Book Discussion Group, 10:30 AM. – 11:30 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.
- West Torrance High School Dance Concert, 7:00 PM. – 9:30 PM., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive •

Police Briefs

What a Christmas Season for Nemo!



Torrance Police Department K9 member Nemo sure did enjoy the recent Christmas holiday. Who could blame him? Look at all the cool gifts he received from Santa. That

should give him extra incentive to continue his fine work helping officers capture perpetrators and keep the community safe in 2018.

– Photo Courtesy of Torrance PD •

Death Investigation After Incident at Crate & Barrel

On Monday, January 1, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Torrance Police officers responded to Crate & Barrel located at 21710 Hawthorne Boulevard regarding a disruptive subject holding a knife and throwing items in the parking lot. Upon arrival, the subject refused to comply with the officers' commands and subsequently fled on foot. Officers initiated a foot pursuit and ultimately tackled the subject to the ground. The subject continued fighting with officers and attempted to remove one of the officer's duty Weapon. Officers used a taser and then restrained both the arms and legs of the subject in order to detain the subject. A check of the area revealed narcotic paraphernalia and a knife.

Once detained, Officers noticed the subject had difficulty breathing. Medical personnel

were requested to respond to the scene. The subject was later transported to a local hospital. Approximately 45 minutes later, the Police Department was advised the subject had passed away. The identity of the subject is pending confirmation by investigators, as well as notification to the next of kin.

This incident is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau with the assistance of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Anyone with additional information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5570.

– Source: Torrance PD •

Sports

Up and Adam

Lady Warriors, Saxons Look to Lead Way in Girls Basketball

By Adam Serrao

A new year brings with it new hope for girls basketball teams around the city of Torrance. Among those basketball teams expected to do especially well this season are the West High Warriors and the North High Saxons. Both teams have not only been longstanding rivals, but also finished neck-and-neck atop the Pioneer League standings last season. With each expected to do equally well this season, not only should other teams in the Pioneer League beware—but fans of the Lady Warriors and the Lady Saxons alike should get ready for a great show this year.

After finishing the year with an overall record of 16-10, the Lady Warriors' one loss in Pioneer League play (9-1) happened to come in a 47-46 loss at the hands of the Lady Saxons. Even still, head coach Riki Murakami expected a bit better of her ballclub. After making it to last year's postseason, West was eliminated in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1AA playoffs after taking a 61-46 loss at the hands of the Valencia Vikings. This year, the Lady Warriors are back and are already looking to be performing on a much higher level, to the expectations of Murakami.

So far in the young 2017-18 season, the Lady Warriors have impressed by winning 10 of their first 12 games of the year dating back to last week, which included a five-game winning streak to open the season. Four of those five victories just so happened to come in the St. Mary's Tip-Off Classic as West High fans watched their team take home the tournament title. Those same fans can expect similar dominating play from a team that is retaining the services of stars Haley Jones and Katie Timmerman from last year's roster. Jones and Timmerman will be joined by the return of team captain Lani Lum and the expected emergence of freshman Anaya James to form a lineup that will undoubtedly be battling to take home the Pioneer League crown and make a deep run into the CIF playoffs this year.

A team that will be right there with West High in the race for a Pioneer League crown all season long is North. The Lady Saxons finished right in line with the Lady Warriors one year ago and even had a better overall record at 19-8 (9-1 in league play). Much like West High, however, North was also eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, taking a 68-59 loss to the Vista Murrieta Broncos to the dismay of head coach Lauren Kamiyama and fans alike.

Despite the loss of key seniors from last year's club like forward Daylene Taulii and guards Kellie Ogata and Brittany McPherson,

the Lady Saxons are already back, recharged and looking to make an impact on this year's schedule. Names you can expect to see lighting up the box score this season include returning seniors Madison Shigeta, Jane Ezeani, Kayla Tashima and more. The Lady Saxons have gotten out to a somewhat uneven start to begin the year and have posted a 5-5 record dating back to last week. Expect to see North catch fire down the stretch of the season and become a force to be reckoned with once Pioneer League play gets its start.

South High

The South High Spartans have seemingly been in the shadow of their counterparts from North and West over the last couple of seasons, but will be looking to take the next step forward this season. A 13-13 record with a 5-5 mark in league play was perfectly average for head coach Bobby Imamura and landed his team in third place in the Pioneer League standings. The Lady Spartans later went on to make the playoffs, but lost in the first round to the Bishop Montgomery Knights by a final score of 69-52.

As an extremely young team this season, South High sports a roster with only three seniors who will look to lead the way on offense against their rivals. So far those seniors, who include Kelly Hussey, Hannah Mason, and Sally Kasashima, have assisted in leading the team to a 7-6 overall record dating back to last week, while helping in key victories against teams like El Segundo and their rivals from Torrance High, just to name a few.

Torrance High

The Lady Tartars finished last season with a 12-12 overall record, but found certain challenges when up against their rivals from the Pioneer League. A 2-7 record against divisional opponents landed the team a fifth place finish. Even still, Torrance was the only team from the Pioneer League able to make it out of the first round of the playoffs. Head coach Rick Momohara and company beat the Rio Mesa Spartans in the Division 2A playoffs only to later lose to the Righetti Warriors in Round 2.

The Lady Tartars will attempt to take their talent a step further this season, despite losing the services of senior captains Kacie Yonemoto, Kylie Okamoto and Jordan Sakasegawa. Seniors Jasmine Moore, Patricia Sanchez and Jami Chung return to the team and have already led Torrance to a 6-5 record through the first 11 games. The Lady Tartars show promise this season, but will have to prove it once league play gets started almost midway through January.

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Legal Marijuana Dos and Don'ts

By Rob McCarthy

A century of marijuana criminal law goes up in smoke in a few days, leaving in its place a patchwork of dos and don'ts for South Bay residents and their employers to follow.

On January 1, marijuana became legal for recreational adult use. Adults must be 21 and older to buy, carry and use marijuana. They can't smoke it in a public place though.

It has been a crime since 1913 to possess or grow marijuana in California. That changes, too when adults can grow six marijuana plants in their homes or outdoors as long as the plants are out of plain sight. The strong odor from mature marijuana plants attracts attention, and authorities want to deter minors from getting their hands on easy weed.

The Dos

Let's start here. Adults over 21 can grow their own marijuana or buy it from a state-

licensed retailer. All licenses must be issued by the Bureau of Cannabis Control.

Adults can give away marijuana, but cannot sell or barter with it. The adult-use law also doesn't mean the end of medical marijuana. State-sponsored medicinal pot retailers will be open for business in early 2018.

Young adults, 18 to 21, can buy medicinal marijuana with a recommendation from a physician or a county-issued identification card.

The cannabis control bureau had issued approximately 150 temporary licenses statewide as of December 27. Unlike Colorado that was ready with retail stores on the law's first day, California's rollout is much slower. The state released the rules for retailers and laboratories in November, including a requirement that applicants for licenses comply with local rules.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

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benefiting *The Art Attack Foundation* in Association with Dancin’ Dan Productions. Her new CD, *The Fellas*, backed up by the 40-piece *Citrus College Blue Note Orchestra*, mesmerized the audience. Later that month, to celebrate Torrance High School’s Centennial, the *Concert of the Century* was planned. The evening’s performance in the Torrance High School Auditorium included the reunion of Torrance High School band members from the *Symbols of Tyme*, winners of the 1968

National Battle of the Bands. David Pack (original member of the band), perhaps best known as co-founder, singer and guitarist of *Ambrosia*, Grammy Award-winning record producer and voice of timeless hits of the 1970s and ‘80s, returned to Torrance High School along with Fred Beato (*Beato Band*). They were joined on stage with Tom Crouchier and nearly all their high school bandmates. It remains one of my favorite concerts of all time. There was something magical that

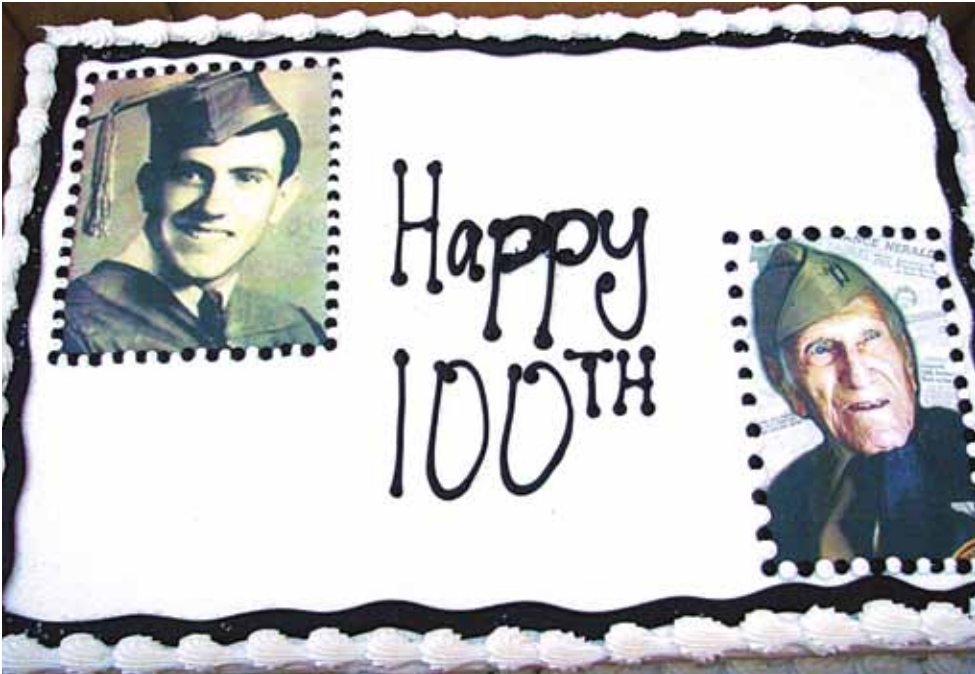
night in the building as the music poured over the audience. It was a truly special way for Torrance High School to celebrate turning 100 years old. Later that month, Torrance residents joined together with *Coastal Cleanup Day 2017*, under the leadership of Beach Captain Leslie Cortez and Beach Co-Captain Betty Perez who orchestrated volunteers from American Honda, employees from the Torrance Community Development Department,

Mayor Furey and councilmembers, along with local citizens to clean up Torrance Beach. The event was a huge success and seems bigger every year. Remember to mark your calendar for the third Saturday in September for *Coastal Cleanup Day 2018*! Let’s keep Torrance Beach beautiful and the cleanest one around! There are many programs within the city of Torrance where you can hone your craft

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Luke Zamperini with his father Louis Zamperini's Bomber Jacket.



Happy 100th Birthday, Louis Zamperini!



Melissa Manchester.

Happy 100th Birthday

City of Torrance



Timothy McCauley on St. Patrick's Day.



Coastal Cleanup Day 2017.



The Craft Delight Program at Isabel Henderson Library.



Mayor Patrick J. Furey and Jared Sidney Torrance recipient Debbie Hays.



David Pack.

TerriAnn in Torrance

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skills, and *The Craft Delight Program* is but one. Located at the Isabel Henderson Branch Library, crafters gather every Wednesday for socializing, knitting, crocheting and creating lots of other handmade items. Want to join? Just pop in on any Wednesday from noon until 2 p.m. at Isabel Henderson Library at 4805 Emerald Street.

On October 10, Mayor Furey awarded Ghislaine (Ges) Davis with the *Citizen of the Year Award*, and surprised Debbie Hays

with the *Jared Sidney Torrance Award*. Let’s just say the Mayor surprised everyone—especially Debbie Hays!

Thanksgiving came and went and then we learned a lot about Ernest Hemingway from Dr. Terence M. Hammer, MD, who traveled to Cuba for the annual meeting of the *Finca Vigía Hemingway Association*, held at Ernest Hemingway’s Cuban home estate, *Finca Vigía*, located 15 miles east of Havana. Not only did we see Cuba through Dr. Hammer’s

experiences, but learned a great deal about a famous American author. Dr. Hammer was a guest speaker at the conference.

Torrance resident Michelle McIntyre gave us a peek into her dream job with the *Los Angeles Lakers*. And as December rolled around and we made preparations for Christmas and Hanukkah, we remembered taking time to enjoy the moment is good for the heart and for the soul.

All in all, it has been a very good year.

We in Torrance are blessed in many ways. We live in a city where our City Manager, Mayor and Council care about our town. Citizens participate in local causes, government and schools. I suggest Torrance is unique. We are unique simply because we care about our town and the people who live in and around us. Thank you for sharing your stories this past year and for allowing me a peek into what makes us special. And that specialness is YOU. •



Hemingway lookalike and Dr. Terence Hammer, MD.



Ron Kovic and Hal Holbrook.



Fred Beato and David Pack.

City of Torrance’s Fabulous Float

Photos by Betsy Maerker

The Mayor Award for most outstanding float from a participating city went to none other than Torrance at Monday’s Rose Parade in Pasadena. The float embodied the theme “Protecting Nature... The Madrona Marsh Preserve,” vividly capturing the area’s flora and fauna as shown in the photos.



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Police Reports

Sunday, December 17

Theft Betw. 12/177:00:00 PM & 12/189:00:00 AM 4100 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes unattended property/purse.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/1712:25:00 PM & 12/1712:48:00 PM 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/wallet, credit cards, IDs.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 12/1711:00:00 AM & 12/188:20:00 PM 1900 BLOCK 232ND ST. Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open window, ransacks/unknown if property loss at time of report.

Monday, December 18

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/188:00:00 PM & 12/193:00:00 PM 18600 BLOCK YUKON AVE. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/headset, handheld radios, phone charger.

Vandalism Betw. 12/186:00:00 PM & 12/188:00:00 PM 21400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Battery-Simple Betw. 12/184:30:00 PM & 12/184:45:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect repeatedly punches victim in the face and pulls her hair.

Battery-Weapon/Agg 12/183:24 PM 21700 BLOCK TALISMAN ST. Suspect throws rock at victim's head, causing injury.

Theft Betw. 12/1811:50:00 AM & 12/182:40:00 PM 2500 BLOCK AIRPORT DR. Suspect(s) takes locked property from front of location/bicycle.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 12/1811:00:00 AM & 12/185:00:00 PM 16600 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window and takes property/camcorder.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/18& 12/185:00:00 AM 2800 BLOCK KNODE ST. Suspect(s)

pries open door for entry and takes property/jacket, headphones, keys.

Tuesday, December 19

Battery-Simple Betw. 12/1911:19:32 PM & 12/1911:19:41 PM 3600 BLOCK GARNET ST. Suspect punches victim in the head.

Battery-Simple Betw. 12/1911:07:59 PM & 12/1911:08:05 PM 23800 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect pushes victim.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 12/199:00:00 PM & 12/207:05:38 AM 3900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/197:15:00 PM & 12/207:00:00 AM 1900 BLOCK 233RD ST. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/purse, doll, slippers, clock radios, USB converter, flashlight, pencil case, coffee pots, tools, Santa suit, jacket.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/196:30:00 PM & 12/207:30:00 AM 2300 BLOCK 166TH ST. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 12/196:00:00 PM & 12/208:00:30 AM 18100 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/safe, cash.

Burglary-Auto 12/195:52 PM 2300 BLOCK ABALONE AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/watch, tools.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 12/195:00:00 PM & 12/222:45:00 PM 4900 BLOCK WHITE CT. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks/unknown loss at time of report.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/194:00:00 PM & 12/205:30:00 AM 16500 BLOCK WILKIE AVE. Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Battery-Simple Betw. 12/193:30:00 PM & 12/193:40:52 PM 3700 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect pushes victim. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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1. Civil rights concern
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8. Beat setter
12. Bow
13. Church or movie follower
14. Nigerian
15. Draped dress
16. Bump
17. Assistant
18. Breeches
20. Produced
21. Big money game
22. Home Depot recommendation
23. Dilly-dally
26. Encampment
30. IRS mo.
31. Flunky
34. Operatic melody
35. To the point
37. Lucky fish
38. Sweater make
39. Letterman or Leno
40. S Amercian beaver
42. Fraternity letter
43. One of the Leeward Islands
45. Protein substance that remains when starch is removed from cereal grains
- Down

1. Lay in the sun
2. It's south of Georgia
3. Farm tract
4. Guard
5. Matter
6. Sauce with basil
7. Graphic ____
8. One kind of farmer
9. Bad-mannered
10. Passed on
11. Ruin
13. Beard type
14. Addiction
47. Jaguar, for example
48. Star in Cygnus
50. Capital on the Caspian
52. Bargain
56. Might be able
57. Super server
58. Resounding noise
59. Slow or wasting time
60. Subject used by Picasso in many paintings
61. Comparison connector
62. "Back in the ____"
63. Salamander
64. Evergreens with red berries
19. Tumor
22. Push for payment
23. Russian villa
24. Cooking bib
25. Carpus
26. "I am not my ____" India Arie
27. Straight-up
28. Pigeonhole
29. Himilayan mountain goat
32. Gull-like bird
33. Verbal jewel
36. Martinet
38. Key master
40. Protein source
41. Tune out
44. Too colorful?
46. State of existing and being localized in space
48. Coffee order
49. Get rid of
50. Crowd noises
51. Chunky, short-winged diving birds
52. Pews' place
53. Masseuse's target
54. Spring event
55. Seemingly forever
56. PC element

Last Week's Answers

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SUDOKU Medium

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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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Legal Marijuana

Now for the Don’ts

Make no mistake. There is a time and a place for lawful use of recreational pot. And there are places where under no circumstances will it be okay to smoke a joint.

Employers have the right to ban the use of marijuana and cannabis products by their employees. Getting stoned before or during the workday is not a protected activity.

Driving while under the influence remains illegal, the DMV reminded motorists in a pre-Christmas announcement. A stash of marijuana must be kept in a closed container in a vehicle or in the trunk. The open-container restriction applies to passengers, too. “The DMV will assign negligent operator point

counts for this violation,” it warned on December 21.

The annually revised drivers’ handbook for 2018 will explain the penalties for marijuana-related violations.

Traveling across the state line with marijuana is forbidden, even to Nevada and Oregon that have legalized pot. It’s not okay to carry marijuana or cannabis onto federal property, including national parks and military bases. That’s because federal law continues to classify weed as a Schedule 1 drug, making it illegal to use as a medicine or to kick back and relax.

A Schedule 1 drug is considered extremely harmful and without any medical benefits.

Other Schedule 1 drugs include LSD, heroin and the date-rape drug Ecstasy. Despite several studies done on marijuana’s medical benefits, federal authorities haven’t reclassified marijuana. Nonetheless. 23 states now allow medical marijuana. Landlords and private property owners can ban marijuana from the premises, too.

Despite the new freedoms, California’s decriminalization of pot law isn’t open season for state-licensed shops in the South Bay. Carson is the only city open to allowing marijuana businesses to operate locally. Voters approved taxing marijuana and cannabis products grown and sold in the city. There are no retail shops open yet.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control did not issue a single temporary license to operate a cannabis store, growing operation, testing lab or delivery service in the South Bay, as of last week. The nearest adult-use retailers of marijuana are found in West Hollywood, where four retailers had the green light to open for business on Jan. 1.

The California Department of Public Health talks about legal, safe and responsible use of cannabis on the Web at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/DO/letstalkcannabis/Pages/LetsTalkCannabis.aspx. The health information pertains to youth, pregnant and breastfeeding women, parents and mentors, and health care providers. •

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017339570

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WESTCO SIGNS, 2413 AMSLER ST, TORRANCE, CA 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SKYWAY SIGNS, LLC, 2413 AMSLER ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, CA. This business is being conducted by a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/2017. Signed: SKYWAY SIGNS, LLC, MANAGING MANAGER, ABDULLAH A. ISSA. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 30, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on NOVEMBER 30, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to NOVEMBER 30, 2022. 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: Pub. 12/21, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4/2018 HT-1729

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017349337

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MY CARPENTER SOLUTIONS, 11955 MANOR DR APT 1, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 3000 CONSTRUCTION INC., 3732 105TH STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90303, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: 3000 CONSTRUCTION INC., CEO, ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ ESCARENO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 13, 2022. 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: Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017349564

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 4WAVES CONSULTING, 5124 CAROL DRIVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MANOLY GUSTAVSON, 5124 CAROL DRIVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MANOLY GUSTAVSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 13, 2022. 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: Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 HT-1732

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017350895

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAAT MINDFUL MOVEMENT, 1886 W. 94TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RENISHA JENKINS, 1886 W. 94TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90047; CA. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2017. Signed: RENISHA JENKINS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 14, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 14, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 14, 2022. 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 Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017345726

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VARIEL AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN, 12825 CITY DRIVE, UNIT 105, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ANDREW KWON, 12825 CITY DRIVE, UNIT 105, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2017. Signed: ANDREW KWON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 7, 2022. 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 Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 HH-1734

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017344315

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CAPIZON PUBLISHING, 2442 ANDREO AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) SOUTH BAY BOOKS, PO BOX 3272, TORRANCE, CA, 90510-327 3) STAN MORRIS ASSOCIATES 4) STAN MORRIS MUSIC Registered Owner(s): STANLEY MORRIS, 2442 ANDREO AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2017. Signed: STANLEY MORRIS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 6, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 6, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 6, 2022. 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: Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 HT-1735

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017351631

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOOD SHAPE RESEARCH, 2408 PALM AVE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MARGARET JEAN PROFET, 2408 PALM AVE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MARGARET JEAN PROFET, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 15, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 15, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 15, 2022. 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: Pub. 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11/2018 H-1736

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353043

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) COURTESY INN, 901 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) COURTESY HOTEL, 640 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301. 3) COURTESY HOSPITALITY 4) COURTESY HOTELS 5) COURTESY INNS 6) COURTESY INNS OF AMERICA. Registered Owner(s): SMITRAY, INC., 901 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/1998. Signed: SMITRAY, INC., SECRETARY, N. DAHYABHAI. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 18, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 18, 2022. 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 DAILY NEWS: Pub. 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2018 HI-1737

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353035

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) BEST WESTERN SUITES HOTEL, 5005 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304-1228, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) LOS ANGELES SUITE INN, 640 W MANCHESTER BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 3) AIRPORT SUITES HOTEL 4) BEST WESTERN PLUS SUITES HOTEL 5) BEST WESTERN PLUS SUITES HOTEL-LAX 6) LOS ANGELES SUITES HOTEL 7) SUITES HOTEL-LAX. Registered Owner(s): CENTURY ASSOCIATES INC, 5005 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304-1228, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/1992. Signed: CENTURY ASSOCIATES INC, SECRETARY, N. DAHYABHAI. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 18, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 18, 2022. 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 DAILY NEWS: Pub. 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2018 HI-1738

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017359122

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KORB LENDING, 12844 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON: C3584759. Registered Owner(s): KORB CAPITAL INC., 12844 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 012/2017. Signed: KORB CAPITAL INC., CEO, AARON E HAITH II. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 27, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 27, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 27, 2022. 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: Pub. 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/2018 HH-1739

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017359121

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KORB REALTY, 12844 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON: C3584759. Registered Owner(s): KORB CAPITAL INC., 12844 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 012/2017. Signed: KORB CAPITAL INC., CEO, AARON E HAITH II. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 27, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 27, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 27, 2022. 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: Pub. 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/2018 HH-1740

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017358434

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FLEET FAMILY RENTALS, 811 VIRGINIA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) DAVID FITZMAURICE, 811 VIRGINIA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. 2) SALLY FITZMAURICE, 811 VIRGINIA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a MARRIED COUPLE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2017. Signed: DAVID FITZMAURICE, HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 26, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 26, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 26, 2022. 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: Pub. 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/2018 H-1741

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017360945

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LOYOLA AUTOMOTIVE, 8314 LINCOLN AVE, WESTCHESTER, CA, 90045, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): KIBBENS LTD., 8314 LINCOLN AVE, WESTCHESTER, CA, 90045, CA. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/1986. Signed: KIBBENS, LTD, PRESIDENT, KAREN TALLENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 28, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 28, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 28, 2022. 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: Pub. 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/2018 H-1742

Real Estate

Homeowners Liable for Snow and Ice Control

(BPT) - Whenever it snows, it is common to see shopping center employees and business owners out and about clearing pathways, parking spaces and entrances of snow and ice. But this isn't just good business to help customers get in the door, it is also a liability issue should someone slip, fall and injure themselves. Homeowners, too, face similar, albeit more limited, liability if they fail to take adequate steps to remove such slippery hazards from their property.

Generally speaking, homeowners are responsible for limiting dangers on their property, but in some cases this can also extend to public sidewalks abutting the home. In some localities, Homeowners Associations (HOAs), and governments also require that homeowners clear snow and ice or face fines. A regional survey of county and municipal ordinances conducted by the Salt Institute found that 83 percent have written policies directing property owners to remove accumulated snow and ice "within 24 hours of the end of the snowstorm." Penalties for property owners not complying can range from nominal tickets to misdemeanors punishable by up to 90 days in jail and fines



of up to \$500.

Shoveling snow is simple enough, but ice is another matter, and nothing works better to remove ice or prevent ice from forming than salt. Salt lowers water's freezing point,

the temperature at which it changes from a liquid to a solid and vice versa. Melting water that is already frozen is called deicing and is applied once ice appears. Preventing water from freezing in the first place is called anti-icing and is applied when a freeze is expected.

Commercially available anti-icing materials include salt (sodium chloride), calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium acetate and calcium magnesium acetate.

Each has its advantages and disadvantages, but salt brine remains the best choice for anti-icing in temperatures above 15 degrees F (minus 9.4 degrees C) and continues to work in temperatures as low as minus 6 degrees F. For extremely low temperatures, look for a mixture using calcium or magnesium chloride instead.

Laws regarding snow and ice clearing vary by state and locality, but most mandate that some action be taken within a reasonable time period after it stops snowing. For example, the Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act states that any owner who "removes or attempts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks abutting the property shall not be liable for any personal injuries allegedly caused by the snowy or icy condition of the sidewalk resulting from his or her acts or omissions unless the alleged misconduct was willful or wanton."

The dangers from slips and falls should not be taken lightly, especially for the elderly. Each year thousands are rushed to emergency rooms as a result of icy falls with injuries that could have easily been prevented. One enterprising hospital, St. Vincent's in Indianapolis, Indiana, even decided to give away road salt to local residents one winter to try and prevent such injuries and the resulting emergency room visits. In the end, the person who is most likely to slip and fall is the homeowner themselves. •

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