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Torrance Fire Department Helps Out After Carpinteria Mudslides



Torrance firefighters were part of the South Bay Area G Strike Team that went to Carpinteria to perform secondary searches, a debris search down Carpinteria Creek, and to assist at an elementary school removing mud. Photo Courtesy of Torrance Fire Department.

Date Set For the City of Torrance General Municipal Election

By Cristian Vasquez

Tuesday, June 5 is the date set for this year's general municipal election. The resolution establishing the date was approved by the Torrance City Council during its last regular meeting. Additionally, the request has been submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the latter to agree to consolidate the election on the statewide primary ballot.

On the ballot will be the seats of Councilmembers Heidi Ashcraft, Tim Goodrich and Kurt Weideman, along with Mayor Patrick Furey's seat. All incumbents, with the exception of Ashcraft, have submitted candidate contact information with the City Clerk's office, along with six other aspiring candidates.

The candidate nomination filing period will open Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. and close on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. for any of the elective offices for Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, and City Treasurer, according to City Clerk Rebecca Poirier. "If any eligible incumbent candidate does not file within the nomination filing period, the nomination closing date for only the applicable offices would be extended five days (March 14 at 5 p.m.)," she said.

For the office of Mayor there have been finance disclosure forms submitted by Furey

and candidates Norman Sase, Ron Riggs and former Torrance Councilmember Tom Brewer. Forms have also been submitted by Goodrich and Weideman, as well as by potential candidates George Chen, Aurelio Mattucci and former Councilmember Bill Sutherland.

Of the candidates who have declared so far, Brewer and Sutherland enter the race with experience at City Hall. Brewer served as a councilmember for two terms, has been part of the Torrance Civil Service Commission, Torrance Environmental Quality Commission, the Torrance Education Foundation and various other community and City Council committees. Sutherland, who also served on the City Council alongside Brewer and Furey, served two terms and has years of experience working in the City of Torrance.

Based on the Political Reform Act all candidates must file documents with the filing official, the City Clerk's office, before beginning to raise or spend money towards their candidacy. That includes personal funds. Candidates are also required to establish committees (Statement of Organization) within 10 days of spending, or receiving, \$2,000. Complete information and forms are available in the City Clerk's office.

"In a consolidated election, the County charges the City their vendors cost for

printing candidates statements," said Poirier. "Previous councils have assumed a portion of the candidates' statements printing costs."

An inquiry made by the City Clerk's office to learn what portion of candidate statements are covered by the candidate and/or city they represent was sent to 480 agencies, of which 18 responded. Torrance is one of four that pays a portion of the fee. State law allows nonpartisan candidates to include a written statement of no more than 200 words to be included on the sample ballot. However, a city may authorize candidate statements to be no more than 400 words. As of 2016, printing costs per candidate are set at \$1,329.74 per candidate. In 2016, the City Council raised the candidate's portion of the printing cost to \$580, totaling \$3,480 for the candidate. The City was left to cover the remaining balance of \$4,498.44. The Council agreed to bring back the issue of candidate printing costs for discussion during an upcoming meeting.

Campaign finance documents are public records available for review (during regular business hours) by visiting the City Clerk's office, or online at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk>. For a full list of the current candidates, persons interested can visit www.TorranceVotes.org. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
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Saturday
Sunny
60°/45°



Sunday
Mostly
Sunny
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Construction Career Class Offers Second Chance for South Bay Area Residents

By Rob McCarthy

Eleven Inglewood residents have successfully completed a building industry training program called HireLAX that gives men and women from South Bay communities the tools they'll need to land construction jobs. The first graduating class from HireLAX reflected the diverse population of the communities that were eligible for the pre-employment training, according to the sponsors. Of those who completed the eight-week training, 42 percent were from Inglewood. Two-thirds of the class were African-American, and 19 percent were women. Hispanics made up 31 percent of the first group who started their training in September.

The Apprentice Readiness Program at Southwest College is designed to help entry-level workers overcome barriers to employment, including lack of transportation or past troubles with the law. Other barriers to full-time employment will be addressed, such as lack of a high school diploma or GED, child care, homelessness, and an inability to afford tools.

Recruiters will consider all eligible candidates, including people on probation or who completed their sentences. The HireLAX program offers a second chance to men and women with criminal convictions, who typically are turned down by employers. That could start to change because of a new law in California, and the tight labor market in which employers reportedly are offering people jobs despite past troubles with the law.

Starting on Jan. 1, employers no longer can ask job applicants if they've been convicted of a crime. An employer can withdraw an offer of employment to a candidate if a conviction

or criminal history shows up on a background check. Small businesses with five or fewer workers are exempt, along with some government and criminal-justice positions.

A criminal background isn't a deal-breaker to the HireLAX organizers, who revealed that 46 percent of the first-class graduates had brushes with the law before being accepted.

The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness program is an outreach by LAX officials and local building industry groups who are scrambling to hire qualified employees for the \$14 billion modernization program at the airport. Contractors performing work on the massive LAX upgrade to terminals, runways and parking structures are expected to hire more than 30 percent of their crews from the local communities, the airport authority says. "The HireLAX program trains local residents to earn these jobs," said airport spokeswoman Christina Watkins.

Sponsors of the pre-employment training are bullish about the job prospects in the construction trades. As many as 30 percent of people currently in construction trades are expected to retire within the next five years, according to the LAX-sponsored work-readiness effort. Plus, a surge in construction is expected across the city. "This creates the challenge of not enough skilled workers for all of the work, but also a great opportunity for anyone interested in construction," organizers say.

The eight-week pre-employment training is designed to send the graduates into union apprenticeship programs or directly to work with the airport's contractors to begin their construction careers at LAX. Currently, there are more job openings at building sites throughout Greater

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Calendar

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THURSDAY, JAN. 18

- Check It Out, 3:30 PM., free for tweens & teens only, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Kinetic Texture (North Torrance High School), 7:00 PM. – 9:30 PM., Tickets: \$12/\$10, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-938-7033.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

- CITY HALL CLOSED – All Day
- Kinetic Texture (North Torrance High School), 7:00 PM. – 9:30 PM., Tickets: \$12/\$10, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-938-7033.
- Steve Valentine – Life & Other Deceptions (The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 8:00 PM. – 10:30 PM., Tickets: \$35, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Steve Valentine – Life & Other Deceptions (The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 8:00 PM. – 10:30 PM., Tickets: \$35, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Smoke and Mirrors – Opening Reception, 6:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive (Exhibit Runs 11:00 AM. – 5:00 PM. Tues-Sat, Jan 21th – March 10th)
- RJB Presents Ice House to White House (Sriganesh Saravana Kumar), 7:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library – OPEN.
- The 13th Annual Bill Liebowitz Classic Yo-Yo Classic (Adam Navarro & Mark McBride), 3:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Contact: Mr.skim888@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

- Baby Time at the Library, 10:30 AM. & 1:30 PM., for children 6-18 months., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., free, for ages 2 years and up –wear pajamas, Walteria Library, 3815 242nd Street, Call: 310-375-8418.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

- 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.
- Pajama- Rama, 6:30 PM., free, for ages 2 years and up –wear pajamas, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., free, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., free, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.

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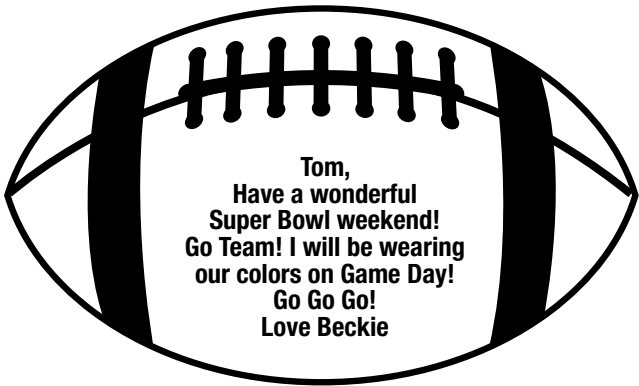
- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM. – 2:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
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Police Briefs

Torrance Police Department Welcomes Newest K9



Torrance Police Department has a new K9 and his name is Kido. He is a 3-year-old German Shepherd from Germany. Kido and his partner will soon begin Basic Handler School. Thanks to the support of the Torrance Police Foundation, the City of Torrance will now have three K9 teams for the first time in 30 years. – Photo/Content Courtesy of Torrance PD

“See Something Say Something” Helps Reunite Dog with Family

On Jan. 11 during the early afternoon, a responsible resident reported suspicious activity in the 2900 block of Carson Street. Patrol Officers arrived and contacted Erik Ruiz Serratos inside a parked vehicle. The preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen in Carson the day prior. Serratos was arrested for grand theft auto.

The following day, crimes property detectives began their investigation by first calling the owner of the stolen vehicle. The owner was grateful his vehicle had been recovered, but was distraught because the family dog was inside the vehicle when it was taken. The owner explained that he was checking on his family at a local restaurant in Carson when both his dog and his vehicle were stolen.

With this new information, investigators then interviewed Serratos, a 22-year-old Santa Fe Springs resident, and discovered the victim’s dog had been left in a transient camp in the area of Main Street and Sepulveda Boulevard near the railroad tracks. Investigators searched until they located the victim’s dog, a 5-year-old German Shepherd named Holly.

The Torrance Police Department is grateful for the alert resident that reported the activity. This equipped officers and investigators with the necessary tools to reunite Holly with her family.

This case is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department’s Detective Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

– Source: Torrance PD

Torrance Police Detectives Arrest Dog Thief

Torrance crimes property detectives completed a month-long investigation that reunited a breeder with his 2-month-old Cane Corso Italian Mastiff. The breeder was scammed on Dec. 2 when a potential buyer used counterfeit money to pay the \$800 asking price. Upon checking the currency, the suspect fled on foot with the puppy. Detectives spent hours conducting surveillance and reviewing phone records until they identified the suspect, 28-year-old Alexander Myers of Redondo Beach, whom they arrested last week at the latter’s residence while at the same time locating the stolen puppy (who is not yet named). A follow-up search warrant of the residence revealed evidentiary items to include counterfeit money and a loaded handgun. Investigators believe this weapon was concealed on Myers during the crime. Torrance officers, investigators and Animal Control officers all played vital roles in the recovery of this puppy.

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– Source: Torrance PD •

Sports

Up and Adam

West Dominating Against North

By Adam Serrao

For boys basketball teams in the Pioneer League, it has become that time of year again -- the time of year when every game begins to mean just a little bit more and inner-city, divisional rivals roll in one after another looking to take advantage of any and every weakness possible. For the West High Warriors, those weaknesses may be few and far between this season, but that hasn’t stopped their rivals from trying to steal a win in any way possible. Last Wednesday night at North High, it was the Saxons who were looking for a victory over their rivals from West High in what was the first game of league play this season. North wound up learning very quickly that the Warriors weren’t a team that would simply roll over. With a 79-46 loss, West recorded a demonstrative divisional win while sending a message to the rest of the Pioneer League in the process.

The Warriors and the Saxons have been involved in two very distinctly different seasons so far this year. For head coach Neal Perlmutter and the rest of West, they wanted to make that fact known and make it known fast. The Warriors succeeded in doing so last week against North by coming out in the first quarter of play and making quick work of the Saxons. By the end of the quarter, West held a 20-point lead at 32-12. Alex Mishaw led the way in the quarter with 12 points, while Ken Asai also provided a nice period with seven points of his own.

Things would only get worse from there for the Saxons. Though the team put up its best quarter of the game in the second quarter with 16 points, it was still outscored by the Warriors who put up 18 of their own. By the third quarter of play, the game was well out of reach for North and continued to spiral more and more out of control. West outscored the Saxons 24-9 in the quarter to take a 74-37 lead into the fourth. At that point, there was nothing more that North could have done except accept defeat in what turned out to be a 33-point loss.

Mishaw finished the game with 22 points for the Warriors, while his teammates Asai and Nick Snyder finished with 15 and 11 respectively. For the Saxons, point guard Yusei Shigeta led the way and tied Mishaw for game-high in scoring with 22 points. North has surprisingly only won two games all season long. With the most recent loss, its losing-streak moves to four in a row. West, on the other hand, is sitting pretty at the top of the Pioneer League standings and is currently on a three-game winning streak. Up next for the Warriors (13-3, 1-0)

will be a Pioneer League matchup against the South High Spartans. The Saxons (2-12, 0-1) will look to turn their season around with divisional play against the Centennial Apaches.

South High

The South High Spartans painstakingly made it through the first half of the season by attaining just five victories in what was mostly tournament play to begin the year. The schedule hasn’t done the Spartans many favors either, as the team was forced to take on one of the best rosters in the Pioneer League last week in the opening game of league play with a matchup against the Leuzinger Olympians. The Olympians have been playing above-average ball to start the season, and last Wednesday night at home against South wasted no time in showing that they were clearly the better team on the basketball court.

Going into the game, the mission for South was to stop Leuzinger and leading scorer on offense Amound Anderson. The good news for the Spartans was that Anderson didn’t finish the game as his team’s leading scorer. The bad news was that he finished with 16 points to Devon Brown’s 17 in what became a game that quickly got out of hand leading into the second half.

Leuzinger’s offensive firepower was simply too much for a South team that is allowing close to 57 points per game on average. For perspective, the Spartans had only scored 57 points or more in six different games this season out of the 16 that they had played dating back to last week. In the end, South’s 68-41 loss to the Olympians didn’t come as much of a surprise. The Spartans (5-11, 0-1) will look to rebound this week with a matchup at home against the West High Warriors.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars boys basketball team managed to come away with a nice victory in the first game of Pioneer League play when it took to the road and defeated the Centennial Apaches by a final score of 56-52 last Wednesday night. The Tartars have been streaking lately, and under head coach Paul Nitake have now won two games in a row and five out of their last six. The victory vaulted the team to within striking distance of first place in the standings. With games against Leuzinger and North High coming up this week, the Tartars (8-9, 1-0) could very well make some noise in the Pioneer League this season if they are able to keep their hot streak alive.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Tending a Cold: You're Not Alone

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

It happened last week. After all the festivities of Christmas and the New Year's celebrations, it hit. Not like a bomb, but more like a sneeze or a coming fog. Achi-ness swelled up to weariness and then my throat began hurting. It was coming. I knew it. By Wednesday late, I was done. Yes, a full-fledged cold was upon me. The news programs told me of many who had the flu and although it felt like the flu, I knew this was a full-blown cold caused probably from being overdone.

A doctor once gave me some great advice when he said never check the Internet when you have an ailment. Though going online won't completely confirm or dismiss your symptoms, it will most assuredly give additional symptoms and diseases for things that are nowhere near your particular ailment. Anxiety surely follows. Instead, I conferred with my trusty Encyclopedia Americana. Actually, it had quite a bit to say about the subject of colds. "Catching a cold is a term of wide popular use, and signifies an affection which is little treated of in medical literature, although an affection widespread and unpleasant..." Oh, how I love the beautiful language of 1953! Unpleasant? Coughing uncontrollably and spitting out "ick" with a head that feels like it is about to explode -- on top of achy bones and little appetite? Well, yes it is unpleasant.

Many people have home remedies for a cold. Chicken soup is a favorite and I really think that could be the best advice. Warm, healthy broth feeding the body as well as the soul somehow soothes in a way second only to a mother caring for a child with a cold. Tea is another prescription I adopt when my throat feels on fire and coughing fits wear me out. Herbal tea soothes as it warms my raw throat and slips down easily. Like most people, when I am sick I ask for suggestions

on how to get well quickly. Since my mom Teddy is a nurse, I always turn to her first/ "Drink a lot of fluids and rest," is her prescription. My daddy Tom said, "You should stay inside and drink lots of water and take aspirin and relax as much as possible because your body will correct itself if you give it a chance." Hmm. Sounds like my daddy has been listening to my mom.

Next, I asked friends who are in the same predicament with a cold, or have had a cold this season, what they recommend. Ronnie told me, as I waited for him to stop cough-

ing on his head if he has a fever. "I am getting over a cold now and I can't wait to get better again. There is nothing more important or precious than our health."

Former Torrance Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky told me, "Drink water constantly. Chicken noodle soup has been our family generational get well. Cause of colds is all of us touching things outside the doors of our home."

Torrance resident Leslie Cortez said her dad likes to relive his many years of working at the hospital (he is a physician) and

Former Jared Sidney Torrance Award-winner and Torrance Historical Society Board member Janet Payne told me she doesn't ever get colds, but has another family recipe to share. "The Kentucky [where she is from] remedy for the cough that accompanies a cold is a mixture of honey, lemon juice and Kentucky Bourbon," she said. "Mix in a bottle and shake before taking two teaspoons three times a day. That was always the cold cure in our family from when I was a young girl. Everyone even took it to school and the nuns would let us take our dose at lunchtime! Imagine Catholic school in the late 1950s allowing that! OMG!"

Carolyn Weyant doesn't get colds either and can't remember having one for the last 15 years, but does suggest chicken soup. Marla Hastings told me she has worked in retirement living for a lifetime, so infection control rules. She stated, "Colds are caused by germs that get sneezed out as particulates into the air and by shaking hands or touching surfaces that an infected person has touched." She told me covering your mouth with the inside of your elbow (not your hand) if you are sneezing is important. Also avoid shaking hands during cold season. Frequently washing your hands is best and Marla also suggests not touching bathroom doors on the way out if you can help it. Sounds like good advice to me. My sister Linda told me she tries to avoid places where there are lots of people -- like the grocery store -- and she washes her hands a lot too.

Torrance Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft told me she finds, "...drinking hot water with lots of lemon and a little honey helps the cough. If it is a cold, it's not caused by cold weather, but by germs! Wash hands with soap and during this sick season, probably not a good time to shake hands. Hopefully, no one gets offended!"

Brad Walker told me, "The common cold
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I don't feel well...

ing, "First thing I say is, 'I am not happy.' I don't like getting colds and have actually been pretty lucky and didn't have one last winter, so I almost forgot what it was like to have a cold. It is just uncomfortable and I get anxious and worried it's the flu or something worse." Ronnie told me he simply slows down his pace and tries to rest as best he can. He confessed he eats way too many cough drops, and puts a wet alcohol compress

insists on nursing her back to health. "He brings in his elixir that has been in his family for centuries. It's a 'tea' he makes with ground ginger, lemon, honey and apple cider vinegar. He makes it piping hot so you can breathe in the steam while drinking it. It tastes god-awful and I have to plug my nose to get it down, but surprisingly it silences an uncontrollable cough and loosens up the sewage in my lungs."

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- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 cup pickled jalapeños, drained and chopped
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Preparation

- Using a food processor or grater, shred cheddar cheese.
- Add chopped pimentos, chopped jalapeños, cayenne powder, salt, pepper, garlic powder, mayo and 1/4 cup thick Greek yogurt. Mix until combined. Depending on texture you want, add more Greek yogurt.
- Stir in lemon juice.
- Serve with Lay’s Kettle Cooked Original or 40% Less Fat Jalapeño Cheddar Chips.



Politically Speaking



One Man’s Opinion

Just a Reminder on This Honorable Day

By Cristian Vasquez

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, it is appropriate to address a lie floating around the past couple of years. Some conservatives have taken it upon themselves to proclaim that Dr. King was a Republican. Stop it, people. That is a lie. It is wishful thinking on behalf of a group that, much like liberals, doesn’t have a squeaky-clean record on civil rights -- but who unlike liberals has done more to hinder the spread and protection of civil rights than to ensure them.

In a 1958 speech at Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. King himself stated he was neither Republican nor Democrat. To use the man’s exact words, “I am not a politician. I have no political ambition. I don’t think the Republican Party is a party full of the almighty God, nor is the Democratic Party -- they both have weaknesses. I am not inextricably bound to either party.” Yet, conservatives love to label the man a Republican. You don’t get to rewrite history to excuse your ideological flaws from the present and past. It’s a lie. You are wrong. So once more, just stop. There is evidence that Dr. King’s father, like most African Americans of the time, voted in favor of the Republican Party. However, there is no evidence of the man himself supporting said party. So, much like when conservatives want people to stop bringing up slavery because they had nothing to do with it, conservatives should stop using Dr. King’s father’s voting habits to identify the civil rights leader under a false political label.

In addition, the pathetic attempt to rewrite the past includes the constant reminder by conservatives that the Democratic Party is

responsible for the KKK and segregation. And for once, they got a fact right. However, their selective memory keeps them from mentioning that this was a conservative Democratic Party. The Democratic Party was the conservative party of the past. This is a fact that can’t be ignored. Conservatives jumped from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party during the 1960s and 1970s. The Democrats’ ties to the KKK can’t be ignored, but neither should the hate-group’s birth in conservatism. It is disgusting for anyone to deflect the role of conservatism in birthing the KKK for political gain, and it takes a complete lack of human decency to purposely distort these facts for political gain.

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner are names we should never forget. They were murdered because of their dedication to fighting against racial injustices. These men were executed by conservative Klansmen dedicated the preservation of white supremacy. When the laws shifted to provide that equal protection under the law, these same conservatives jumped to the Republican Party. The most notable conservative to abandon the Democratic Party because of his opposition to civil rights: Strom Thurmond.

Thurmond represented everything wrong with conservatism and when his Democratic Party supported legislation to promote civil rights, he defected. So when sharing out nation’s history, don’t make up things such as Dr. King being Republican and don’t omit facts such as Democrats used to be the conservatives when the party gave birth to the KKK. It would be no different than if I sat here and claimed that Thurmond was a liberal. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Don’t Let President Trump’s Poor Choice of Words Obscure Immigration Reality

By Duane Plank

Wow, the left wing media went into meltdown mode last week when it was leaked that President Donald Trump had apparently used some coarse language when speaking during what was supposed to be a private, closed-door session with members of Congress ruminating over the DACA situation.

Trump initially denied commenting about the immigration status of s--hole countries located in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, though at least two people in the meeting said he did use the derogatory phrase while trying to fix our broken-down immigration system.

Trump would rather see legal immigrants invade our borders from thriving countries like Norway than from third-world enclaves such as Haiti. Gee, what a dumb, racist thought, right? America should continue to allow in, many times illegally, the most poorly educated folks from allegedly developing countries -- many who have no discernible skills and dodgy histories in their homeland.

Then once the immigrant invades America, allow said immigrants to play tag with their alleged relatives ... and through the idiotic leftist chain migration program, export a bunch of people not fit to be here and oftentimes exploit our lefty social services and raid our financial coffers.

When was it decided, and by whom, that Americans do not have the right decide whom we allow to enter our country? Would you really rather import a horde of people who barely speak English, may not be all that educated, and may lack the job skills necessary to thrive

(not just survive on the dole) in America? Or allow in (even recruit) men and women who speak English, are well-educated, and possess the skills -- whether technical or so-called “blue collar” -- that our country needs?

The lefties and their lock-step media buddies will trot out the same excuses for letting darn near anyone who wants to call America home to land here. We are all immigrants, they thunder. If we don’t let immigrants in, who will man the jobs that Americans won’t do? Yada, yada. And they automatically brand as racist those who don’t agree with their jaded way of thinking.

So, the blathering talking heads in the south-paw media went full bore at the president, excoriating him for what were supposed to be private thoughts leaked by deep-staters with their own agenda, privy to the DACA meeting.

Trump is not the first president to evince salty language. As we learned during the Washington. cover-up the Watergate scandal devolved into, California’s own “Tricky Dick” Nixon threw the F-bomb around like a drunken sailor on shore leave. And Southern gentleman Lyndon B. Johnson spewed colorful language when dealing with the post-JFK assassination challenges like, oh, the Vietnam War, or the revolt that permeated America as the flower-power pot-heads and other 1960s unemployed resisters created mayhem in the streets, chanting, “Hey, hey LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?”

Point is: Don’t let Trump’s ignorant choice of words, in what was supposed to be a closed-door, private meeting, obscure the fact that we need to get the grip on whom we are allowing into our best-as-it-gets country. •

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Across

1. "That's ____!"

4. Supporting

7. Roe

11. Viewed

13. Water carrier

14. Nasty look

15. Deeply invested

16. Count ____ blessings

17. Let go

18. Helper

20. Dutch ____

21. Closes up tight

22. Be obligated

23. Highlight

26. Social deportment

30. Winter wear

31. One buck

34. Straight

35. City landscape features

37. ____ Supply: rock band

38. Lot

39. Composed

40. Most expansive

42. Miserable

43. Answered

45. Desert saddle animals

47. Nest builder

48. Cry of accomplishment

50. Spore producer

52. Interpret

56. Hilltop

57. Lighten

58. Cafeteria carrier

59. Tee off

60. New Testament book

61. Interest

62. Plant foe

63. Bishop's jurisdiction

64. Twin, e.g.

Down

1. Large map area

2. Contact, e.g.

3. Permits

4. Bottom line

5. Starts, for business purposes

6. Musical symbol

7. Infrequent innings

8. Kind of force

9. Title word from 2008 Clint movie

10. Driver's license datum

12. Sonic boom

13. Eye site

14. Adult

19. Propels

22. Dinghy propeller

23. Subsequently

24. Twist

25. Grovel

26. Stallion's lady

27. Expunge

28. Bucolic

29. Germinators

32. ____ up; sick in bed

33. Top of a cooking pot

36. Blew up

38. Glowing pricks in the sky

40. Freshly painted

41. Broadway segments

44. ____ Sanctum

46. Cheesy sandwiches

48. Hint

49. Undue speed

50. Good quality

51. Ford car

52. They are used in bags

53. Middle Easterner

54. Bit of filming

55. Checked out

56. Not cooked

Last Week's Answers

1	9	6	3	7	4	8	2	5
4	3	8	6	2	5	7	1	9
7	5	2	9	8	1	3	4	6
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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.

Police Reports

Sunday, December 31

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/31 11:00:00 PM & 1/1 8:00:00 AM 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/third row seat, DVDs, headset.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 12/31 9:17:44 PM & 1/2 3:00:00 PM 18300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Stolen vehicle: ‘15 Kia Forte.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 12/31 8:30:00 PM & 1/1 12:15:00 AM 3400 BLOCK 171ST ST Stolen vehicle: ‘17 Lexus ES350.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 12/31 11:00:00 AM & 1/1 4:00:00 PM 20500 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/portable battery.

Monday, January 1

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/1 7:00:00 PM & 1/1 8:30:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) takes property from possibly unlocked vehicle/purse, jacket.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/1 2:30:00 PM & 1/2 9:00:00 AM 17000 BLOCK YUKON AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/credit cards.

Battery-Weapon/Agg Betw. 1/1 2:15:00 AM & 1/1 2:18:07 AM MADRONA AVE. & CARSON ST. Suspect strikes victim’s vehicle window with a knife, smashing same.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 1/1 1:00:00 AM & 1/1 3:02:00 AM 20400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) enters dealership maintenance garage and attempts to drive a vehicle off of the property.

Tuesday, January 2

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/2 5:00:00 PM & 1/3 11:00:00 AM 25900 BLOCK MATFIELD DR. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/handgun, holster, ammunition.

Theft Betw. 1/2 4:00:00 PM & 1/2 6:00:00 PM 20000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD.

Suspect(s) takes property from unsecured locker/IDs, gift cards, cash.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/2 7:00:00 AM & 1/2 4:00:00 PM EMERALD ST & EARL ST. Stolen vehicle: ‘00 Mitsubishi Eclipse.

Wednesday, January 3

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 6:30:00 PM & 1/4 10:00:00 AM 1700 BLOCK ELM AVE. Suspect(s) attempts to pry open door/no entry, no loss.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 6:00:00 PM & 1/4 8:45:00 AM 2600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/backpack, jacket.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 5:45:00 PM & 1/3 7:20:00 PM 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) punches door lock in an attempt to enter victim’s vehicle/no entry, no loss.

Theft Betw. 1/3 4:00:00 PM & 1/4 6:30:00 AM 1500 BLOCK CRAVE.NS AVE. Suspect(s) forces open mailboxes and takes property/mail, parcels.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/3 3:40:00 PM & 1/3 9:34:28 PM 4600 BLOCK PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS. Suspect(s) tears window screen for entry, ransacks and takes property/jewelry box, jewelry.

Theft Betw. 1/3 10:55:00 AM & 1/3 12:44:00 PM 21700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) enters open business, forces open register and takes property/cash.

Theft Betw. 1/3 10:45:00 AM & 1/3 3:45:00 PM 3900 BLOCK EMERALD ST. Suspect(s) takes property from front porch/delivered parcel.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 10:30:00 AM & 1/3 10:38:01 AM 2800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/groceries.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 9:50:00 AM & 1/3 10:30:00 AM 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE

BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/Toyota reverse camera, cosmetics.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/3 9:10:00 AM & 1/3 1:40:00 PM 21500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, sunglasses.

Vandalism 1/3 8:13 AM 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST. Suspect(s) uses spray paint to graffiti doors, walls, walkway.

Thursday, January 4

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/4 5:30:00 PM & 1/5 8:06:08 AM 17400 BLOCK FAYSMITH AVE. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry/unknown if property loss at time of report.

Theft 1/4 2:29 PM 3500 BLOCK 187TH ST. Suspect(s) takes property from front porch/delivered parcels.

TerriAnn in Torrance

cannot be ‘cured’ – it must run its course. Keep hydrated with fruit juices --no dairy -- and of course lots of chicken soup.” Linda Dryer said a doctor told her, “...after many years of practice [she] strongly believes that we need to drink lots of water every day, especially when coming down sick. She strongly feels that the water flushes the body of the invading germs to help prevent illness, and if you are starting to feel sick, it’s time to start increasing the water to help your body recover by flushing the germs through your liver and kidneys.”

Joyce Sharman said, “My mother used to put Vick’s VapoRub on our necks and wrap a sock around our necks and pin it. Really cute. Also... some of my Italian friends insisted that if you warm a brick and put it in the bed with you, it would draw the cold out.” Well, that is interesting. I never heard about heating a brick and sticking it in bed for warmth. Maybe that

Theft Betw. 1/4 1:40:00 PM & 1/4 1:55:00 PM 24600 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from victim’s purse as she shops/wallet.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/4 1:00:00 PM & 1/4 2:30:00 PM 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST. Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/safe, jewelry, cash.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/4 10:00:00 AM & 1/4 4:15:00 PM 3000 BLOCK SOF-TWIND WAY. Suspect(s) smashes second floor window for entry and takes property/safe, jewelry, watches.

Theft Betw. 1/4 5:15:00 AM & 1/4 5:23:00 AM 2600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) uses a key to open multiple mailboxes and takes property/mail, parcels. •

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was before there was forced-air heat?

After hearing so many suggestions for fighting a cold, I hope you have learned something too. I know I will put a few of them into practice. Although I am not sure if Janet Payne’s Kentucky concoction is the best, it might be worth a try. Actually, I know keeping the fluids up and lots of rest does wonders toward full recovery. The last bit of advice comes from the Encyclopedia Americana, which says, “No cold in the head, no general cold, should be neglected. Rest in bed, cathartics, hot drinks and medical advice are desirable.” So to you who have suffered this season with a cold, and to you who are diligently trying *not* to get a cold, remember you are not alone. Rest, rest, rest and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. And when you sneeze into your elbow, God bless you, salud, prosit, santé and gesundheit! •

Career from page 2

Los Angeles than skilled laborers to fill them.

HireLAX successfully found 13 of its graduates work with a union or contractor, Watkins reported. The program is forming a second group of trainees who’ll begin class on Monday, Feb. 5 at Southwest College. Anyone interested in starting a construction industry career or learning a trade is invited to participate.

An orientation will be held Saturday, Jan. 20 at the college, 1600 W. Imperial Hwy. The three-hour orientation is mandatory and begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and late arrivals will not be admitted. Personal interviews will be conducted Saturday, so bring a resume and proof of right to work.

The HireLAX Apprentice Readiness program is sponsored by the airports in partnership with Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Los Angeles Southwest College, and the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. “Our HireLAX program provides training and opportunities to local workers who want to take part in modernizing LAX and building our next chapter. We hope that people will embrace this opportunity and join us on orientation day.” said Samson Mengitsu, the chief operation officer with the LA World Airports.

Residents of Inglewood, Mar Vista, Westchester, Hawthorne and Lennox are eligible, but the deadline to apply is this week. Register immediately for Saturday’s orientation online at www.eventbrite.com/e/hirelax-apprenticeship-readiness-program-arp-orientation-tickets-41577837431, and wait for an email with instructions.

Within a few days of registering, you will receive an email with further information regarding applying for the program. Failure to fill out this paperwork in advance will delay your application and may result in you not being fully screened on the day of orientation.

To be accepted into this LAX-area work-readiness program, applicants must show proof of residency, be at least 17 1/2 years old and have a strong interest in the construction industry. A California identification card and Social Security card are musts too. •

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<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353043</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017353035</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017359122</p> <p>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): A1#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</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017359121</p> <p>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): A1#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</p>
<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017358434</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017360945</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017362029</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NOELANI COSMETICS, 22930 CRENSHAW BLVD, SUITE K5, TORRANCE, CA 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): NOELANI BREWSTER, 1033 E FERNROCK ST, CARSON, CA 90746. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2007. Signed: NOELANI BREWSTER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 29, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on DECEMBER 29, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to DECEMBER 29, 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. 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2018 HT-1744</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017349354</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as D'LUNCH SPOT, 15315 S FIGUEROA ST, UNIT C-D, GARDENA, CA 90248, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION NUMBER (if applicable) A1#ON: 4087524 Registered Owner(s): NORVA FUSION INC., 15315 S FIGUEROA ST, UNIT C-D, GARDENA, CA 90248, 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: 12/2017. Signed: NORVA FUSION, INC., PRESIDENT, RIPSIME ARUTYUNYAN. 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). EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2018 H-1745</p>

Real Estate

Barn Doors Go Indoors: An Ideal Winter Project

(BPT) - Known for their versatility, barn doors have been popping up in homes across the country - in contemporary and rustic designs. Read on to discover why adding a barn door is an ideal winter home-improvement project.

Transitions in Open Floor Plans

As homeowners seek more open floor plans, interior doors are evolving. Barn doors meet homeowners' desire for fluid room flows by seamlessly connecting adjacent rooms, allowing the flexibility to close spaces off or join them.

"The rolling feature of barn doors creates a fresh look in any home," says Brad Loveless, product development manager for Simpson Door Company. "The functionality of a door mounted on a barn track allows homeowners to control the degree to which spaces are opened or closed." Unlike conventional hinge-mounted doors, barn doors open previously divided rooms with an air of intentionality.

Showcasing

Style and Personality

Like a distinctive piece of art in the home, the right interior door can showcase a homeowner's style and personality. An unexpected door style creates a great discussion point when entertaining friends and family. Is your home lacking a statement piece that inspires creativity and sparks conversation? You may find that a barn door is a simple solution to this problem with its eye-catching rolling feature.

Adaptable to Changing Style Trends

Do you ever worry that the sweater you bought last week will be out of style in a



year or two? Are you a trend skeptic since the bell-bottom era? (If those can go out of style, anything can, right?) These farmyard-meets-indoors statement pieces have actually been around for over a decade. Today you'll find barn doors with a modern, sleek look, rustic wood paneling or even made with a chalkboard.

Barn doors are available from several companies. For homeowners who like the look and feel of wood doors, Simpson Door Company offers rustic-style barn doors, as

well as sleek, contemporary doors that can be mounted on barn track hardware.

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