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## Locals Put on Their Dancing Shoes



Christian Wolf, executive director of Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, will be dancing in "Dancing with the South Bay Stars IV," in competition with eleven other dancers for a prize which goes to charity. He is pictured here with Larisa Bates, his dance partner. For more photos and information, see page 12. Photo by Brian Singer/Singer Media.

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## District Moves Forward with Program Improvement Plans

By Cristian Vasquez

Despite the cancellation of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports by the state's Department of Education, the Torrance Unified School District will move forward with its plans to remove its Program Improvement designation.

"Like many other districts we receive funds to support low-income families; that is what Title I is all about and as a district that is in Program Improvement again, like many others in the state, we are in a position where we are to be looking at our progress with the programs that we have in place in relation to supporting students," TUSD Director of State and Federal Projects Ben Eagan said.

Egan, who spoke to the school board during the Tuesday, Jan. 20 meetings, outlined plans by the district to work directly with parents at the different schools in the district that have been designated Program Improvement. Funds from Title I are designated to schools and local educational agencies [LEAs] that do not meet the department of education's Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP]. In addition, Title I is financial assistance to schools and district with high concentrations of low-income families. Said schools are identified as Program Improvement [PI] through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [ESEA].

"We have low-income students in all of the schools in our district but just the concentrations exist a little bit greater in the schools that were designated Title I schools," Egan said.

However, the standardized test used by the state to determine progress is no longer being applied as a measuring standard [Standardized Testing and Reporting]. As of the 2013-2014 school year the state adopted state has adopted the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASPP] test, which leaves TUSD in a peculiar position.

"At this point our fate is frozen since we

don't have standardized data, which was the determining factor for entering Program Improvement and for those changes to happen, so we are sort of stuck," Egan said. "We were closing that gap and that was all based on the STAR test which doesn't exist anymore so we aren't going to be able to close it completely. We don't know what the

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## Forecast Realty Knows Property in the South Bay

By Laura Sorensen

Real estate in the South Bay can be tricky to navigate. Those looking to buy want the perfect home in a great community, a house which meets their price point as well as has the right type of amenities nearby. Each community has its own feel and budgetary concerns, property laws and other quirks. It's always best to find someone to help navigate through the maze: someone who is an expert on local real estate because they know the area by heart. Forecast Realty, owned by Roger Hart, has made local knowledge its bread and butter for decades.

Forecast Realty has been in business for 34 years, having first opened in 1980. Hart kept the business small to midsize through 1991, employing about 50 real estate agents, but in 1991 moved to his current location

at 2420 Carson Street and downsized. "In real estate you have about 10-15% of agents making 90% of the money," he said, so it didn't make sense to have so many people in the office who weren't bringing in sales. Currently, he has an operation that is mostly family: he has three sons and they have all joined him in the business, as well as two of his daughters-in-law. He also has four agents who have been with him for many years. Hart values a companionable working environment and highly trained agents, so he has spent time training each agent himself to meet his standards.

Forecast is not a strictly residential or strictly commercial real estate business. Hart says that in the years he's been in business, he's done a little of everything,

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### Weekend Forecast

Friday  
Sunny  
73°/52°



Saturday  
Sunny  
76°/52°



Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
78°/53°



# Dancing with the South Bay Stars

The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation is excited to host Dancing with the South Bay Stars IV, an evening of dancing to raise money for charity. Twelve South Bay "stars" will be paired with professional dancers and will compete on stage to raise funds for the nonprofits of their choice. The event will be

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hosted by Cherie Davis, general manager of the Miyako Hybrid Hotel in Torrance; and Michael Rouse, VP of Diversity, Philanthropy, and Community Affairs for Toyota, and winner of the first Dancing with the South Bay Stars.

The event will be held Saturday, February 7, at 8pm, at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. To purchase tickets to the show or vote for your favorite dancer, visit [www.torrancearts.org](http://www.torrancearts.org). Here are the bios of the twelve dancers:

**Carolyn Ablett**, who will be dancing with Matthew Castillo, grew up in Wells, England, on a dairy farm. She has also lived in Dubai and China, and has now moved with her husband and two children to the South Bay. She enjoys walking, reading, crafts, photography, and travel. She will be dancing for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation.

**Jacqueline Balestra**, who will be dancing with Walter Sanchez, grew up in Manhattan, and has expanded her coastline-living experience by moving out to the South Bay. Jackie loves to spend time outdoors with her family and friends going flyfishing, skiing, sailing, camping, and traveling, as well as fencing competitively and training in mixed martial arts. She will be dancing for Manhattan Beach C.E.R.T. Association.

**Robin Camrin**, who will be dancing with Michael Gomez, grew up in Long Beach and currently resides with her boyfriend and pets in South Redondo Beach. Robin has worked at Torrance Memorial as a Vice President of medical staff services for 29 years. She will be dancing for Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

**Steve Goldstein**, who will be dancing with Camille Parillo, is a payroll specialist and member of many small business associations. He is also a working musician with two bands, a published author, and a historian. He and his wife enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and working with the community. He will be dancing for Pediatric Therapy Network.

**Melissa Griswold**, who will be dancing with Guillermo Ceballos, grew up in Northern California and has lived in San Pedro for the last ten years. She has served on volunteered for many community nonprofits in the South Bay that specialize in animal rights, human rights, the arts, and children. She will be dancing for Rainbow Services, Ltd.

**Bob Habel**, who will be dancing with Gabriela Perez, was born in Pennsylvania and a die-hard Steelers fan, has lived in Torrance for the past 21 years. He is retired from Torrance Unified School District and is currently serving on the City of Torrance Traffic commission. He will be dancing for the Torrance Theatre Company.

**Carin Mavrosakis**, who will be dancing with Mark Mendez, has a degree in Human Resources from Cal State Long Beach. She loves to run, hike, garden, and spend time with her husband and sons. She will be dancing for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**James O'Callahan**, who will be dancing with Jade Jerry, has served as Director of Visitor Services for LA Inc. and the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau. He has also been Executive Director of Venice Visitor, and now is President and CEO of the Manhattan Beach chamber of commerce. He will be dancing for United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk County, NY.

**Terri Robson**, who will be dancing with Minn Vo, is a professional belly dancer who has performed since 1984 at festivals and other events. She grew up in Texas but has lived in the South Bay area for 30 years. She enjoys her three grandchildren, and her hobbies are travelling, baking, and riding her Harley-Davidson motorcycle. She will be dancing for Richstone Family Center.

**John Joseph Teng**, who will be dancing with Stacey McKenzie, currently works at Sunrider International. He and his wife have four children. Because John has a mixed heritage of Chinese, German, and Irish, and because his sister passed away from leukemia when she was five, John chose to dance for a charity which helps mixed-heritage patients find bone marrow matches. He will be dancing for Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches.

**Josh Thomas**, who will be dancing with Alina Sachs, grew up in Wisconsin. He is involved with working in the senior care industry and also a non-profit that fights against elder financial abuse. Josh loves to spend time with his wife and two daughters and enjoys fishing, camping, and sports. He will be dancing for KEEP SAFE coalition.

**Christian Wolf**, who will be dancing with Larisa Bates, is a performer, writer, producer, and director, as well as an acting teacher, graphic designer, and marketing professional. He is now the executive director for the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation and also the Vice President of California Presenters. He will be dancing for Food for Kids Program of the Volunteer Center.

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## Business Briefs

### NAMI South Bay Educates About Medications for Mental Illness

David S. Rad, M.D., Medical Director of the Crisis Resolution Unit at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry UCLA will present about medications for mental illness, and will update

and review medications that are currently being used in psychiatry, at the NAMI South Bay general meeting, Monday, January 26, 2015 p.m., 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 2900 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90503.

### South Bay Village: It Takes a Village to Age in Place

On Wednesday, January 21, the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association (OTNA) has invited the South Bay Village ([www.SBVill.org](http://www.SBVill.org)) to present resources seniors need to age comfortably in their own home and continue to lead active lives - a strategy of bringing services to

people rather than moving people to services. The meeting will be held at the Bartlett Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue, Torrance (upstairs) at 7pm. OTNA meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Debbie Hays at 310.320.6054.

### CitiCABLE Low-Power TV Signal Goes Live

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and award-winning shows that feature news, sports, entertainment, businesses, pets, cooking, seniors, and much more.

CitiCABLE's carriage on KNET increases the potential viewers from an estimated 55,000 households to more than 4 million. It affords anyone doing business with Torrance, as well as residents and employees, one more way to see what is happening in the community without having to rely on a pay cable provider. •

### Forecast Realty

*from front page*

from avocado groves to apartment buildings to homes to ranch land. He just concluded a "tricky transaction" which sounded very tricky indeed, involving a shopping mall that was built across three separate parcels of land owned by three different sets of people. The mall was built sixty years ago with an original

sell, or they may pass the home along to their children for another generation of residency.

Because of low turnover and tendency to pass housing along to children, Forecast Realty agents are also skilled at dealing with probate and trusts. Hart noted that since he started his business almost 40 years ago, many of his

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lease agreement, but of course the price of land has gone up just a bit since then. Hart spent two and a half years dealing with developers, commercial brokers, attorneys, the City of Torrance, the LA City tax assessor, and the title company. "It was a real challenge ... that took a very unique buyer and a sophisticated buyer." The deal was finally concluded successfully and Hart was proud to say that he got the best outcome possible for the families of the owners.

Land and homes in Torrance are in great demand because of the atmosphere in Torrance. Since the early 1990s, developers have spent, according to Hart, about \$70 million rejuvenating the Old Town area making it more accessible and interesting to residents. All the homes in Old Town are custom-built and not tract homes, which also helps the real estate market to thrive. The area is also considered very safe and the schools are good, which contributes to a thriving community in Torrance and bolsters a small-town feel even though Torrance itself is spread over a large area. Hart says that when people buy, they tend to stay until they are old and have to

clients' parents are getting older and dying, leaving the clients to deal with sticky situations involving living trusts and wills. Many requirements have to be completed within a certain

time frame, and Forecast has a network of trustworthy attorneys and specialists. Sometimes the person who receives the trust doesn't know what they have to do and in what time frame, but "with just a little extra [help], you can get it right."

Forecast also specializes in helping customers find the right home for them, the right area for their family size, and the right loan to buy a place with. Hart loves the community: he has five grandsons and said that he enjoyed having the family close, enjoying Torrance's parks, and walking around area feeling safe in the community. When asked what he wanted to say to the readers, Hart said, Even if they haven't worked with Forecast in the past or just have questions, all are welcome to give him a call. He added, "Thanks for the many years they [the readers of the Trib] have allowed us to represent them, and we look forward to many more years of taking care of real estate needs." •



Roger Hart, owner of Forecast Realty. Photo courtesy of Forecast Realty.

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 Degenerative Disc Disease  
 Spine Facet Arthropathy



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 Shoulder – Hand Arthritis  
 Hip – Knee Arthritis

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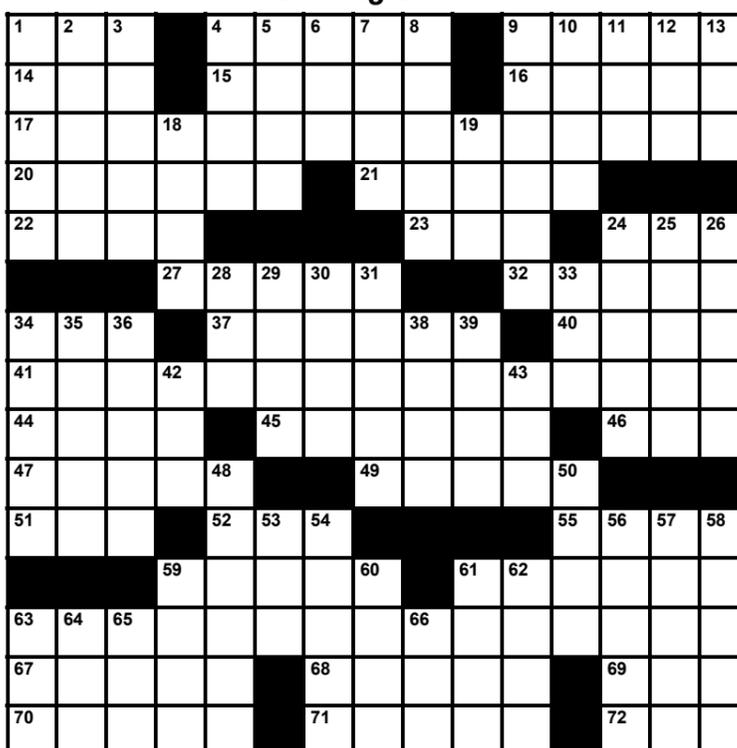
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1. TV monitor?
4. Annex
9. Gumption
14. "So that's your game!"
15. Sierra
16. Saddle horse
17. Conrad Hilton's ex
20. "I swear!"
21. Hold forth
22. 1987 Costner role
23. "That's awful!"
24. Alliance that includes Lat.
27. Ark contents
32. Affair
34. Lady rapper
37. Humans, e.g.
40. Mythological ship
41. "Love Happens" star
44. Otherwise
45. Uris novel
46. Mud hole
47. Crusted
49. Words to live by
51. Crack
52. Break bread
55. Bring in
59. Kind of den
61. It's for the birds

#### Down

63. Three-time Academy Award nominee
67. Adjust
68. Arab leader
69. Hurricane heading: abbr.
70. Oater group
71. Obstreperous
72. Bleeding Gums Murphy's instrument
28. Kimono sash
29. Abundant
30. Culminating point
31. Early Judean king
33. A donde \_\_\_? (Spanish)
34. Boot out
35. Consonant type
36. Glorify
38. Carpenter's groove
39. Tight
42. Margaret Thatcher \_\_\_ Roberts
43. Doctrine
48. Appoint as agent
50. Mozart's "Il mio tesoro," e.g.
53. Lungful
54. Piano man?
56. Overhangs
57. Boxing venue
58. Heat-resistant glass
59. "My bad"
60. Note
61. Bowled over
62. Exceedingly
63. Dummy
64. Swearing-in words
65. Beetle juice?
66. Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet"

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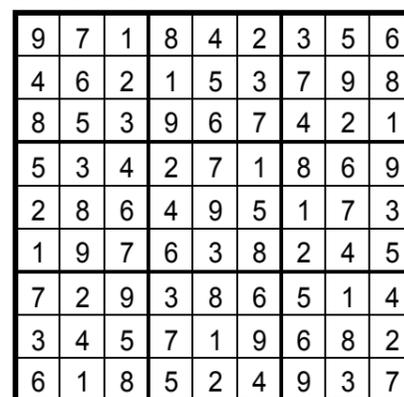
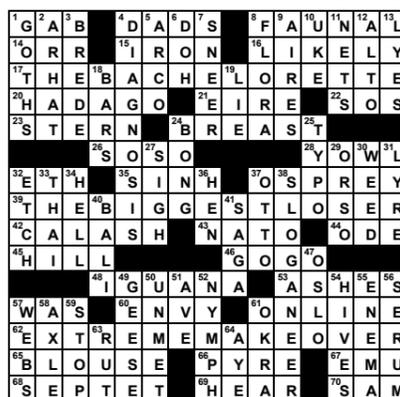
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### Last Week's Answers



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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

By Gerry Chong

The brilliant poet, Maya Angelou wrote: "The caged bird sings with a fearful trill / Of things unknown but longed for still / And his tune is heard on the distant hill / For the caged bird sings of freedom."

How close are we to losing our freedom? Before Thanksgiving, as a preoccupied America sat for its annual feast, Barack Obama released a list of 3,514 new regulations affecting citizens

*"Obama released a list of 3,514 new regulations affecting citizens throughout the land. But he was not finished yet."*

throughout the land. But he was not finished yet. On Christmas Eve, again when no one was paying attention, he issued another 1,200 new regulations. So a Happy New Year to all the caged birds.

"A free bird leaps on the back of the wind / And floats downstream til the current ends / And dips his wing in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky / But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage / Can seldom see through his bars of rage / His wings are clipped and his feet are tied, so he opens his throat to sing"

After having said on 22 separate occasions that a president did not have the authority to create new laws, on November 20, Obama hypocritically issued another presidential edict, protecting one-third of the 11 million illegal immigrants from being deported. As the top attorneys from 25 states filed a suit to invalidate his edict, the Administration arrogantly exclaimed, "This policy is unchallengeable by any plaintiff, reviewable by no court, and

subject to no public input." We shall see what the Congress and courts have to say about that.

"But the caged bird stands on the grave of dreams / His shadow shouts on a nightmare scream / His wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing"

Having imposed Obamacare with no Republican votes, January 1, 2015 brought the following tax increases: Medicare tax increased from 1.45% to 2.35%; Top income

tax bracket increased from 35% to 39.6%; Top income payroll tax increased from 37.4% to 52.2%; Capital gains tax increased from 15% to 28%; Dividend tax increased from 15% to 39.6%; Estate tax increased from 0% to 55%.

And that just scratches the surface, since the U. S. tax code is now 73,000 pages long, and no one, I repeat, no one, knows what it says anymore. With this code, in 2013 the Federal Government collected \$2.7 trillion in income tax revenue -- the most in history -- but it wasn't enough. Our debt grew to \$18.2 trillion.

The caged birds sing not only of their freedom lost, but the enslavement of future generations of birds. How will our sons and daughters repay a debt, almost half of which we created in just 6 years? With a shrug, economists concede this debt will immorally not be paid. Either we will so inflate our currency that we will repay our creditors with worthless money or simply smash the cage, default, and set the caged birds free. Can you hear the screeching now? •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Republican Party Needs to Accept Facts, Stop Whining

By Cristian Vasquez

With the circus that is our presidential election process just around the corner, we as an electorate are soon to get bombarded with propaganda from the Republicans and Democrats. Given the message delivered by the GOP since 2008 (make sure President Obama was a one-term president), we can easily anticipate the jabs that they will be taking at the current president. While we don't yet have a list of official candidates vying to represent the Republican Party in its bid for the White House, the most important talking point against the president remains the same: the state of the economy.

In the past my words have been critical of the President. From foreign policy to domestic issues like immigration, there have been plenty of actions by our Commander in Chief that have triggered an unpleasant reaction within me. However, credit must be given where it's due and the truth is that the economy has recovered and continues to grow under President Obama. This is something hard to accept for any conservative talk radio disciple; however, the Bureau of Labor Statistics [http://www.bls.gov] can refute those claims. Their numbers show that since 2009, when unemployment peaked at 10 percent, last December that rate dropped to 5.6 percent.

Now, if memory serves me right, former Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney said his economic plans would reduce unemployment to a less than 6 percent rate. So by a die-hard Republican's measure back in 2012, when unemployment was reported to hover at 8 percent by the BLS, President Obama has outdone himself with economic

growth. Sadly, that's not the case. To this day Republicans keep attacking the president about the lagging economy and high unemployment despite the numbers. For anyone who wants to argue that these numbers are biased, the same department reporting these stats was used during President Bush's time in office to argue that the economy was recovering.

Also reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis [http://www.bea.gov] was that the country's Gross Domestic Product [the value of the production of goods and services] increased by 4.6 percent during the second quarter of 2014 and by 5 percent in the third quarter of the same year. I'm not an economist but even in my limited capabilities it makes sense that these are good numbers.

Still, some of the GOP leadership refuses to give any credit to President Obama for anything good that happens. Don't believe me? Sen. Mitch McConnell is the poster child for the reluctance of the conservative right to admit that within his flaws, President Obama has helped the economy grow. McConnell had the audacity to say that "The uptick appears to coincide with the biggest political change of the Obama administration's long tenure in Washington: the expectation of a new Republican Congress." Really Senator?

It's sad to think that the Senator's head is so far removed from exposure to the sun that he believes the current economic recovery is based on a "newly-elected" Congress. Disagree with the President all you want; hate him if that's your prerogative; but when you deny facts because of the previous two then you come across as foolish as Sen. McConnell. •

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# Sports

## The Ohio State University

By Adam Serrao

For one reason or another, not many people have paid much attention to the Ohio State football team of late. Whether it's because they are fresh off sanctions, in a Big Ten conference that doesn't traditionally get much love, or because they have just found a way to slide under the radar over the past few years, is hard to determine. One thing that can now be concluded with accuracy, however, is that "THE" Ohio State, as they like to say, is back. Under head coach Urban Meyer, the Buckeyes have now thrust themselves into the limelight and won this year's first ever College Football Playoff national championship. With a 42-20 victory over the Oregon Ducks two Mondays ago, Ohio State has successfully put themselves back on the map.

At the beginning of this year's college football season, you would have been hard-pressed to find anyone at all who would tell you that they thought the Ohio State Buckeyes would win this year's national championship. Even their head coach, Urban Meyer, saw the feat as clear long-shot possibility. "To say we had this vision back in September or even August, no, not a chance," Meyer stated plainly. "I thought this was a team that could battle and battle and find a way to win a bunch of games and then a year later go make a run at it." Well, they battled and then battled some more. They battled so much that they snuck right into the playoff brackets and made a run at the whole thing. Meyer and his squad full of youngsters were the last remaining club on the field when the confetti dropped from the ceiling.

The scary part about this Ohio State team is twofold. The first fold is that if you remember

back to one year ago today, the Buckeyes were undefeated heading into the final two-game stretch of the season. The team looked almost just as good then, but sanctions, including a bowl ban, prevented Meyer and the Buckeyes from attaining even the possibility of participating in any postseason play. Fast forward one year later and Ohio State has, maybe unsurprisingly, won the entire thing. The other fold is that this Buckeyes team is still so young. Half of the starters that have now won it all are either freshman or sophomores playing against guys who are at least two years older than them in most cases. With a combination of speed and toughness, however, coach Meyer has gotten it done yet again. "This may go down as the greatest coaching job in the history of college sports," former Ohio State Hall of Fame offensive tackle Orlando Pace said of the coach. Like he did two previous times with the Florida Gators, Meyer has built the perfect college football team that, even amidst injuries, is made to be reckoned with.

Let's not forget that even this year, the Buckeyes snuck into the playoff system as the fourth and final team in. In last year's old BCS system, Ohio State wouldn't even have had the chance to compete for the national title. After suffering two huge losses at the quarterback position where two potential Heisman Trophy contenders went down to injury, the team rallied around third-string sophomore quarterback Cardale Jones. Jones was lost on the depth chart earlier in the season behind Braxton Miller, who took over for then starter J.T. Barrett. With a mixture of good luck, talent, and keen coaching ability, however, Jones and Meyer

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## Saxons Rolling in League Play

By Adam Serrao

As the beginning of league play continues to get underway, the North High Saxons boys' basketball team is emerging as one of the Pioneer League's toughest contenders. By defeating the West High Warriors (0-2, 5-13) last Friday night at North High's own gymnasium, the Saxons (2-0, 9-8) not only won a key inner-city rivalry game, but they also kept pace with traditional Pioneer League basketball powerhouse the Leuzinger Olympians (2-0, 8-9) in the race to stay in first place. While the Warriors continue to struggle early on in the young divisional season thus far, they were able to keep the game close throughout. Finally submitting to a 58-54 loss, however, showed that North and West could simply be headed in different directions this season.

It was North who got off to the hot start in this one, jumping on top of the Warriors early with a 9-0 lead to start the game before taking a 13-7 lead after the first quarter ultimately came to an end. It looked as if it would be all downhill from there for the Warriors, but a gritty team under head coach Andrew Furuto stuck with it and delivered an excellent second quarter. Nathan Tanada led the way on offense for the Warriors. His 16 total points led all scorers on the night as he went 6 for 12 from the field and helped West score 22 second quarter points to take a 29-28 halftime lead.

The Warriors lost the third quarter, trailing in the scoring battle 15 to 14, but the game was still tied going into the pivotal fourth quarter. Aaron Ogata scored eight of his team high 14 points in the second half to help North not only stay in the game, but pull into the lead in the final quarter. The game was tied at 52 late, after a see-saw start to the fourth. In the end, it was Ryan Burnett who saved the day for the Saxons scoring the go-ahead bucket with just seconds remaining in the game to add to the 58-54 North High victory. Burnett finished with 10 points.

The Saxons have now won their first two consecutive league games after defeating West and Centennial earlier in the week. The schedule will get tougher from here on out for head coach Luke Dupperon and his Saxons, so they will have to stay on their toes to keep pace with Leuzinger, who they will face off against this Friday night. The Warriors, on the other hand, will continue on with their rough go of a season and look to get things turned around against Centennial and South High this week. It's still early enough for West to catch a second win and challenge for a playoff spot in the Pioneer League this season.

South High

The South High Spartans have been on a run of late and continue to have a successful 2015 season up to this point. An early loss in league play vs. Leuzinger is the only thing that is separating South from a seven game winning streak. As it is, the Spartans have won six of their last seven, including their last two league matches. Latest in the victory column came a nail-biter against Centennial. It took more than four quarters to decide this one, but South was eventually able to pull things out in overtime with a 63-58 victory last Friday night at South.

Centennial sits at the bottom of the Pioneer League standings so far this season, but they certainly gave the Spartans a run for their money. With 20 first quarter points, the Apaches jumped on top of South with a four point first quarter lead. By halftime, however, Sophomore Jordan Tang had woken up for South High. His team and game high 28 points helped the Spartans to a 32-29 lead at the half. Tang was 10 for 21 on the night from the field. Things remained close for the entirety of the game and the back-and-forth matchup ended in a tie at the end of regulation. Ultimately, Ajeya Kukreja and Michael Yost came to the aid of Tang with nine points and 10 rebounds, and 10 points and eight rebounds respectively. An eight-point overtime period was enough for South to finally put the Centennial away by five points. Next up for South is rivalry matchup with West High this Friday night.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars just so happened to run into the team that is giving everyone in the Pioneer League problems this season. The Leuzinger Olympians came to town last Friday night and ruined the start to Torrance's weekend. Another close game throughout led to a nail biter for both teams. Giovanni Jackson was the standout player of the game for the Tartars as he led all scorers with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Kousha Modanlou added 19 points to the effort but it was ultimately Leuzinger who put together the better team game as the Olympians pulled out a 60-59 win over the Tartars.

Torrance (0-2, 7-11), losers of three of their last four games, will look to get things turned around and attain their first league play victory of the season when they face off against league and cross-town rivals, the North High Saxons this Wednesday night at North. Head coach Paul Nitake has ample time to get things turned around for the Tartars with various key matchups against league opponents remaining on this season's schedule. •

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- 1 jar Omaha Steaks All Natural Seasoning
- Round wood toothpicks

## Preparation

*Prep time: 20 minutes (plus time for thawing)*

*Cook time: 6 minutes*

1. Thaw steak tips and bacon overnight in refrigerator.
2. Preheat oven to 450°F degrees.
3. Sprinkle each tenderloin tip with seasoning.
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## TerriAnn in Torrance

# Remembering Martin Luther King

By TerriAnn Ferren

Every year on the third Monday in January, we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the United States. Signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on September 2, 1983, the holiday was first celebrated on January 20, 1986. As time passed, February was designated as Black History Month.

The other evening I met with Torrance resident Ted Lange -- actor, writer, producer director, and playwright -- who played Isaac on the popular 1970s hit television show *The Loveboat*, and he gave me his thoughts on

you have a scene in the play where there is a man and woman in the bed...'. I said, yes, I know Mrs. King, but it is comedy. 'Ted, you know this is the Martin Luther King Center for non-violence. You know that people come here from all over the world...' I said, Mrs. King, do you want me to cut that scene? And she said, 'Yes,' said Ted, finishing the story. Needless to say, Ted Lange cut the scene. Somehow I can see that particular exchange taking place in a reception following a big opening night. Ted told me he has lots of memories that swim around

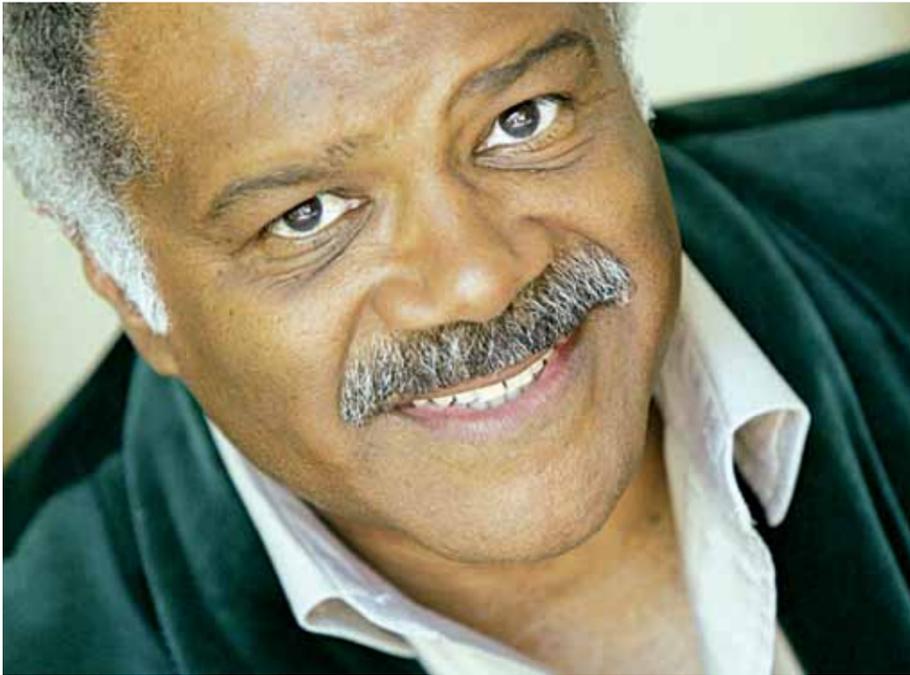
his head on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I can fully understand that statement after this brief gem of a story. Listening to Ted tell me what a wonderfully comedic actress Yolonda was, made me wish someone had filmed their performances. Ted starred with Yolonda King in *Willie and Esther* and in the play Ted wrote, *Soul Survivor*.

We continued to talk about Ted's memories of Martin Luther King and he told me how surprised he was that I knew that Santa Barbara Street in Los Angeles was renamed Martin Luther King Blvd. "I used to live not far from there when I started out in the 70s acting," added Ted.

Ted Lange, a gifted historical playwright wrote and directed a play that will be dramatically read in the South Bay during

to bring the dramatic reading of *Let Freedom Ring* to the school on Saturday, February 7, at 3 p.m.

*Let Freedom Ring* will be read by a brilliant cast that includes Monique Wildee, Adam Clark, J.D. Hall, Christine Kludjian, Carl Weathers, Garrett Morris, Chrystee Pharris, and William Christopher Stephens. The very next evening, Sunday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., the reading will be presented at the George Nakano Theatre as Ted Lange brings his cast of *Let Freedom Ring* to Torrance. Want to attend one of these special performances? Contact Kathy Hagee at Rolling Hills Preparatory at 310.547.7212 or khagee@rollinghillsprep.org for the Saturday afternoon performance, or call 310.781.7171 for the performance at the George Nakano



Ted Lange Photo by Kevin Major Howard.

the holiday: "I have had the good fortune to meet Mrs. King and act on the stage with their daughter, Yolonda King. I am always reminded of his great sacrifice...and the fact that he did it for his children and my children. I am blessed that one of his daughters became a friend of mine."

I was surprised Ted had not only known Mrs. King, but had worked on stage with Yolonda King, Martin Luther King's eldest daughter, who died in 2007. As I sat across the table from Ted, he told me, "Yolonda was a wonderful actress. She used to do a one-person show about her dad." Then Ted proceeded to tell me the story of how both he and Yolonda ended up doing the play *Willie and Esther* in North Carolina. As the story goes, a friend who was slated to do the play was booked for a film at the same time and asked Ted to step in and open in the play -- in ten days. Flabbergasted, Ted told me he said no at first, but in the end he memorized his lines in ten days, using every memory trick he had, and was on stage in *Willie and Esther* before he knew it. "I read the play, and it is a wonderful play. Yolonda and I hit it off. We just had a chemistry that was just fantastic. We loved each other she was just a great gal."

The two had a connection, so it was no surprise that a couple of years later, Yolonda decided to produce the new play Ted had written after being invited to the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta, Georgia, where Yolonda first saw the production of *Soul Survivor*. Ted began, "This is a three character play, and it is a love story... my play is a cautionary tale about a guy trying to sell his soul to the devil - but he can't get a good deal. Yolonda wanted to produce the play here in Los Angeles, but there was one catch. Although the play is a comedy there is a 'bedroom scene' [in *Soul Survivor*] done with comedic overtones. It has jokes flying left and right.

Now, Coretta King saw the play opening night... and we have the opening night party... Mrs. King comes up to me at the party at the Martin Luther King Center - at the theatre and Mrs. King says, 'Ted, I loved your play.' And I said, Thank you very much. And she said, 'However, I have a question,

*"I am always reminded of his great sacrifice... and the fact that he did it for his children and my children. I am blessed that one of his daughters became a friend of mine."*

Black History Month. *Let Freedom Ring* tells the story of a group of black men who conspire to steal the Liberty Bell prior to the traditional ringing of the big bell on George Washington's birthday, February 22, 1846. Will the mystery of the famous bell's crack be solved? We will all get the chance to find out. Kathy Hagee, history chair at Rolling Hills Preparatory School, invited Ted Lange

Theatre on Sunday evening. The dramatic reading at the George Nakano Theatre is produced by the South Bay Conservatory and Mercury Theatre.

As we enter February, Black History Month, right after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, let us remember this great American who inspired us all, and the world, through peace and non-violence. •

## Let Freedom Ring

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Property Taken: Us Coins, Cup Of Hot Chocolate

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Property Taken: (1)Gold Colored Iphone 6/ With Clear/Blk Case

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Property Taken: Sony Cd Player, Air Compressor

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Property Taken: 13 Inch Silver Apple Macbook Pro

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**BURGLARY** 4500 W 118TH ST APARTMENT/CONDO Tue 01/06/15 21:00

Property Taken: Art Collections, 3 Foot By 3 Foot Oil Painting Of A Girl Dancing, Acrylic Painting 3 Foot By 3 Foot Of A Girl Posing

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Property Taken: Michael Kors Purse (Brown) And Off Whi Wallet, \$80 Us Currency, Driver's License

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Property Taken: Tools, Two Drill Set In Blk/Yellow Carry Case Brand New

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**BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL** 5500 W 133RD ST HOUSE Sun 01/11/15 11:44 •

## Ohio State

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were able to pull all the strings necessary in order to bring home a championship trophy.

Another key cog to this championship run was sophomore tailback Ezekiel Elliot. Elliot carried the load for the Buckeyes not only in the championship game, but all season long. With 246 yards and four touchdowns against Oregon, however, Elliot not only won Offensive Player of the Game, but also may have been the sole reason that Ohio State had so much success. "This year was a great year to learn a lot of things," said Elliot. "I think we'll be the same team next year. As long as we stay humble, we grind hard in the offseason, don't let our heads get too big, I think we'll be here next year." Keep in mind, those are words coming from a sophomore. Not just any sophomore, but a sophomore who has just finished a year in which he tallied 1,878 yards, a total of 18 touchdowns and won a national championship. To be thinking about getting back to the grind, keeping a level head and winning another next year just moments after accepting the championship

trophy shows the true character of the group of guys that Meyer has compiled on his championship team this season. It wasn't just Jones, Elliot and Meyer who got it done for Ohio State, though. The Buckeyes came together and gave the perfect team effort every time they needed to in order to get the job done. And don't forget the defense. They held Oregon and their high-flying offense to its lowest point output of the entire season.

Jim Harbaugh might want to think twice about the job that he just accepted at Michigan. Right now there is Urban Meyer's Ohio State Buckeyes and then there is everyone else in the Big Ten. With a team full of stand-out sophomores who will all be returning next year and a coach that simply knows how to keep his players motivated, it looks as if the Buckeyes will be around for quite some time to come. Winning a national championship is no easy thing to do, but whether you like the Ohio State Buckeyes or not, you'd better get used to seeing them contend for one in the next few years to come. •

## School

from front page

state will do in terms of a new assessment with the tests to be taken this spring. Our hope is that we are going to do very well in those. The truth is we did well statewide in the past."

TUSD has eight elementary schools that are designated as Title I as well as three middle schools, which Egan estimates makes 30 percent of the district's population fall into the low-income bracket. Students are determined to be low-income based on the access they have to the free/reduced meals program that is offered by schools. Despite

the uncertainty of what the new test results will yield, Egan and the district are determined to work closely with parents via advisory committees that would meet on a regular in order to better identify the areas of academic shortfalls among low-income students.

"This [meetings with parents] is not for the purpose of one exercise; it would be an ongoing relationship to build that community with them," Egan said. "The goal of the first session is to let our guard down and let them [parents] know that we feel that they can help

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## Tech Talk

### What is the Cloud?

By Sid Kato, Array Systems, Inc.

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to another office location, your company owned and managed the connection of these "self-contained" locations. Today our world is ubiquitous because of the Internet. Not only are you connecting to other offices through the internet but you are also accessing software and hardware through the Internet. You can even store your data on the internet. The cloud, then, is all that stuff outside of your current physical location or, if you're a dinosaur like me, outside of your cave!

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us shape services in the district with direct input. One of the first goals is to recognize their importance as to what they bring to the table.”

The TUSD schools that were labeled Program Improvement dates to 2001 and was the result of being considered by the state as a district on watch due to what was considered the lack of academic growth English, Language Arts and math among low-income students. Since TUSD has done historically well in terms of student achievement, the rate to meet those state standards in the years leading up to 2011 was a challenge.

“Even though their [students] achievement was growing every year, the average student in our district, despite designation, was advancing faster and there was still a gap,” Egan said. “So what Program Improvement did was force our attention to that smaller group of kids.”

The eight schools and three elementary schools will invite parents to join the planned advisory committees within the next couple of weeks in order to move forward with removing the Program Improvement designation. Egan, who was principal at West High prior to his current position with the district, hopes that current efforts combined with new input by parent committees will help students move forward academically.

“Schools offer intervention type classes which amounts to an additional teacher or maybe working with children outside of the school day,” Egan said. “At the elementary school the focus is building the reading fluency for kids who maybe aren’t reading at grade level or progressing as quickly as their classmates. We are inventing new ways to provide support and it is time to bring in the families and ask parents how things are going and if they are accessing these resources. Is it enough? What should we do differently?”

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**Mama Cass** is sweet, friendly, gives lots of kisses and has a very bright sparkling personality. It's hard not to fall in love with her the instant you meet her. She is right around 4-6 years old and weighs 6 pounds. This is a really nice little girl who loves to be carried around or sitting on your lap or next to you on the couch. She is your



Mama Cass is only six pounds!

constant companion. Mama Cass is in foster care and is completely housebroken. She is spayed, has had a dental, current on vaccines, microchipped, fine with other dogs and children over 6 due to her small size.

**Gracie** is an active 5 month old "Puggle" mix who was born on July 29, 2014. She loves absolutely everyone she meets. Her day is all about play, play, play. She currently weighs 16 pounds and is still growing. Gracie was dumped at the shelter by her prior owners and is just learning everything for the first time. She is starting to sit on command and goes to the bathroom on newspaper. Gracie is a really nice little girl who needs someone who has the time needed to raise a puppy. Gracie is spayed, current on vaccinations, dewormed, microchipped, fine with other dogs and children over 7, but please no cats.

**Gypsy** is a beautiful little Lab/Shepherd puppy born on November 22, 2014. As a puppy, Gypsy will require a lot of your time and consistency with training as she grows up.

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Gracie is a growing girl who loves to play, play, play.



Gypsy is a shepherd/Lab mix.

## Happy Tails



Stella started off the new year with a new family. Here she is with her new BFF.



Isabella is a very affectionate and devoted companion.

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**Isabella** is super affectionate, a total lap cat and loves belly rubs. Her big blue eyes will melt your heart and you will have a devoted companion who gives as much love as she gets. Her scoliosis makes her back a little crooked and has given her a spiral tail,



Micha is very adventurous and loves to explore.

which is very endearing. It doesn't give her any discomfort or affect her mobility in any way. She is also de-clawed from a previous owner. Isabella does get a special diet kibble to prevent urinary tract crystals due to her scoliosis, but loves any kind of wet food and has had zero health issues! Isabella would make someone a fabulous companion and would be happy as an only cat or with another easygoing kitty.

**Micha** and **Moses** are adorable five-month-old brothers. Micha is a goofy, playful boy who loves to explore. He is the leader and super adventurous. Micha loves to play with any toy he can get his paws on and loves other cats. Moses is a bit more laid back than his brother, letting Micha take the lead. Since they live with small dogs as well, Micha and Moses would be great in just about any home.



Moses loves to hang out with his brother Micha or playing with others.

With their energy and young age, Micha and Moses can be adopted together or separately into homes with another cat as a buddy to romp and cuddle with.

**Suki** is a very sweet four-month-old kitten who loves to cuddle with his fellow foster kittens and foster mommy. Suki enjoys playing with his toys and is a mellow little guy. He loves to snuggle in your arms and will bury his face if he's feeling overwhelmed. Suki needs a fellow kitty in his home and would adore being adopted with one of his foster buddies.

These kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kitties, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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Suki is looking to be adopted with a companion.

at her anymore, just kind of walks around her and checks her out. I think it's safe to say they are comfortable around each other now. She's become very comfortable with me and Jonathan already and will run right to us when we walk in a room. Also, we started calling her Stella, which she started responding to already. All in all, she is such a sweetie and we are loving having her here. I have attached a few pictures of her as well....Rachel and Jonathan."

When you adopt a "pet without a partner", you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

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Dancing

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Carin Mavrosakis with Mark Mendez. Photo by Brian Singer/Singer Media.



Robin Camrin with Michael Gomez. Photo by Brian Singer/Singer Media.



James O'Callaghan with Jade Jerry. Photo by Brian Singer/Singer Media.



Steve Goldstein with Camille Parillo. Photo by Brian Singer/Singer Media.

# Real Estate

## 5 Easy Kitchen and Bath Upgrades that Take Only Hours to Complete

(BPT) - Do your kitchen and bathrooms look a bit drab? If you don't have the time or budget for a full remodel, there are still many simple updates you can do to refresh these spaces and invigorate each with impressive style. From affordable faucet updates to pretty paints, each takes one day or less to complete, instantly providing a dramatic effect.

### FRESHEN THE FAUCET

Almost anyone who enters the bathroom or kitchen will use the faucet, which means it's a functional focal point of the space. Installing a new faucet is a simple way to redefine interior design and reflect your own personal style. The new line of Kohler faucets available at Home Depot offers exceptional quality at an affordable price. For example, set the ambience in your bathroom with the Georgeson line of faucets, inspired by the Gatsby era with chic detailing and unique shapes to provide a decorative, eclectic touch. For those who prefer traditional silhouettes, the Mistos kitchen faucet's soft lines and classic

aesthetic provide a timeless, upscale look.

### UPDATE HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES

Cabinet hardware and other accessories do for a room what jewelry does for an outfit - they provide the finishing touches that really elevate the space. Fortunately, it's simple and economical to swap out dated hardware for new handles, knobs and pulls. Popular metal finishes include brushed nickel, oil-rubbed bronze and chrome. For bathrooms, update accessories to match your new Kohler faucet - each line includes coordinating accessories like towel bars, showerheads and tub fillers.

### EXPERIMENT WITH PAINT

Paint is one of the most affordable ways to dramatically change the look and energy of a space. If you have dated tile, research if tile paint is an option for your kitchen or bath. Don't be afraid to experiment with color - a rich or vivid color on a focal wall can add instant style, like on the wall behind the tub or stove. Don't forget the fifth wall:

a fresh white ceiling instantly brightens the area and visually heightens the room, which can make the space feel larger and more modern.

### FRAME THE MIRROR

Every bathroom has a mirror, and some kitchens and adjacent dining spaces feature mirrors as well. A mirror provides a focal point while reflecting light to make it appear brighter. But if you have a builder-grade mirror, you're probably longing for more style. Instead of investing in a costly new mirror, simply add a new frame around your current one. You can buy a prefabricated frame or create one yourself fairly easily from supplies at your local craft store. Your boring old mirror will be transformed immediately into an upscale alternative.

### SWAP LIGHT FIXTURES AND BULBS

If your current bathroom and kitchen light fixtures evoke nostalgia from a lost era, it's



time for a swap. Pick out a new overhead fixture to instantly dress up the room - modern chandeliers, track lighting and recessed lighting are popular options. For bathrooms, installing task lighting by the mirror can help streamline daily routines. Keep in mind, cool, bright white bulbs with a high color-rendering index (CRI) closely reflect natural light and therefore are a good option for bathrooms as well as cooking spaces. •



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