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## Torrance Rose Float Association Recognized by County Board



On Jan. 16, Supervisor Janice Hahn presented a proclamation to the Torrance Rose Float Association (TRFA) for another winning Float at the 2018 Tournament of Roses Parade. In attendance were Torrance Mayor Pat Furey, Bev Findley-TRFA President, Lynn Robinson-TRFA Vice-President, Carol Gilles-Secretary, Mary Hoffman-Treasurer, and Michelle Polcari-Director of Volunteers. Mayor Furey congratulated TRFA and its awesome volunteers who worked tirelessly to perfectly decorate the float in record time. (Content/Photo Provided by Carol Gilles).

## City to Begin Issuing RFP for New Emergency Operations Center at Airport

By Cristian Vasquez

On Tuesday, the Torrance City Council moved forward with department head recommendations to issue Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the design and construction of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The new, stand-alone EOC will be located at the Torrance Municipal Airport and act as the “central command and control facility” during disaster. The current EOC, located at the Torrance Civic Center, will become the alternate location from which to operate during an emergency situation.

Charlie Wilson from General Services stated during his staff report that funding is available for this project under FEAP (Facility, Equipment, and Automation Plans) 569 EOC-Enhancement. The EOC provides cities and emergency response personnel a location from which to execute emergency preparedness, disaster management functions and duties during an emergency, which would allow for the ongoing operation of the City.

The City Council began discussing the creation of a new EOC last year, and on June 27 approved dedicating funds to supporting such a project. The initial idea was to create an EOC next to the Police Department. However, it was determined that having the EOC at the Torrance Municipal Airport was more effective because: the airport is home to the current alternate EOC and has existing designation rooms that will add more space to the new stand-alone facility. Also during an emergency, the airport has extra space available and allows for greater flexibility and “efficient use of existing data, communication

and break out facilities.”

“I do like the fact that the decision was considered to move the seed from here at Civic Center down to the airport,” said Councilman Mike Griffiths. “I think it makes sense to have it separated.”

At the moment, the EOC is located in the second floor of the Torrance Police Department building and its 960 square feet serve as the coordination point during an emergency or major disaster. The new EOC is projected to stand at 2,760 square feet will provide a centralized information center to gather and

speak to multiple platforms; allow for a “ready to respond” situation by eliminating set-up time; save responders time so they can focus on coordinating resources; ensure phone lines and computer will always be activated, allow instant communication with citizens; serve as a focal point for all mutual aid responses, and create a location to provide year-round training to City staff and first responders. The total estimated cost for the new EOC is \$2.4 million, in addition to \$1.2 million in equipment and furnishings.

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**

Mostly  
Sunny  
63°/48°



**Saturday**

Mostly  
Sunny  
70°/52°



**Sunday**

Partly  
Cloudy  
79°/56°



## To Catch a Thief...

Dear Readers,

We’ve been getting calls and emails telling us that someone is taking the whole stack of our community newspaper the *Torrance Tribune* out of our newspaper racks, which are located throughout Torrance.

We greatly thank all our readers who have alerted us to this situation and we have taken steps to address this crime. Yes, crime. The newspapers may be free to the public, but you can’t take a whole stack or bundle. It’s a misdemeanor crime under California Code, Penal Code 490.7 and the first violation is \$250.

Under this code, our legislature saw that free newspapers provide a key source of information to the public and that unauthorized theft of multiple copies of free newspapers -- whether done

to sell them to recycling centers, injure a business competitor, deprive others of the opportunity to read them, or for any other reason -- hurts the readers, writers and publishers while also impoverishing the marketplace of ideas in California.

We have met with the Torrance Police Department and asked storeowners and employees at the locations we are aware of this happening to keep their eyes open. If anyone else sees this happening at any of our 57 rack locations, please email me at [web@heraldpublications.com](mailto:web@heraldpublications.com).

We appreciate everyone’s help on this. Community members, store managers, employees and the Torrance Police Department have all been wonderful in trying to help us stop this. Thank you. Heidi Maerker, CEO, *Torrance Tribune*. •



# Board Approves Articulation Agreement with Community Colleges

By Cristian Vasquez

A unanimous vote from members of the Torrance School Board approved an articulation agreement between the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD), El Camino College, Los Angeles Harbor College and Cerritos College during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Through the approved agreement all TUSD students enrolled in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course, Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), would be eligible to receive college credit at the participating community colleges for the articulated course. However, each TUSD student will be required to meet all the eligibility requirements to receive college credit under this agreement.

Typical articulation agreements are formalized between various state community colleges and four-year universities, or between local school districts and community colleges. In both scenarios, the schools provide enrollment in college-level courses to students who will also receive credit in their next schooling level.

PLTW provides students with direct, hands-on experiences that are modeled based on real-world challenges. The Introduction to Engineering Design program exposes students into a variety of tasks that engineers must carry out in their careers, in hopes of providing new career paths while developing engineering knowledge and skills. The IED program also groups students in teams so they may eventually design and test solutions. This is expected to allow the students to develop workforce skills such as collaboration, critical thinking and communication. This articulation agreement will not cost the school district any money.

An agreement between TUSD and Northrop Grumman will provide North High School seniors with a unique opportunity to be part of a 17-week internship. With the School

Board's approval, North High seniors will be able to apply for the unpaid internship, which will run from Feb. 8 to May 31, 2018. This experience is different from other programs with the aerospace firm in that the seniors selected for the internship will be required to come to Northrop Grumman. In addition, the internship will be an out-of-class opportunity that will translate to actual working experience (four days a week, two hours each day). "The purpose of this program is to provide high school seniors with on-the-job STEM-related training to support students to acquire STEM work experience, skills and talents, and practical knowledge through Northrop Grumman Corporation," said the staff report.

The internship will provide students with direct mentorship by a Northrop Grumman engineer, hands-on training in a possible future career choice, and the opportunity of learning in a real-world major global corporation. Students selected will also receive classes in Business Ethics, Business Etiquette and site tours. They will also develop work ethics, time management and teamwork skills and receive a certificate of completion, as well as a \$300 scholarship upon proof of continued post-secondary education. Interns will also be given an opportunity to compete for one of 10 scholarships of \$1500 (only available to HIP participants).The internship is offered at no cost to TUSD.

The Los Angeles Kings hockey team and radio commentator Daryl Evans have been given the go-ahead to visit Arnold Elementary School by School Board members. Without a set date for the visit, Monday night's decision tentatively sets the event for some time between February and March.

Evans and the team will host a one-day, hands-on event for the school's Special Day Class (SDC) program. This is not the first

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# Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to [marketing@heraldpublications.com](mailto:marketing@heraldpublications.com). We take Visa and MasterCard.

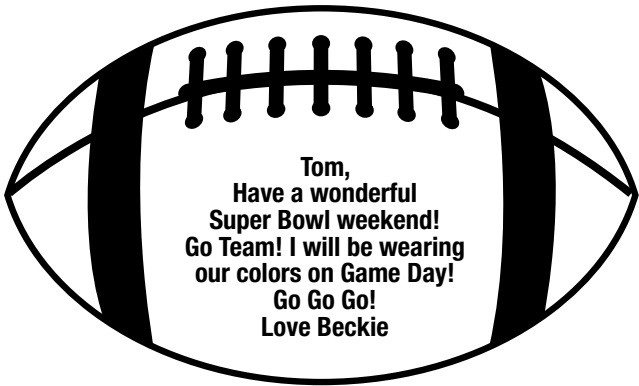
- THURSDAY, JAN. 25
- Smoke and Mirrors – 11:00 AM. – 5:00 PM., Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive (Exhibit Runs 11:00 AM. – 5:00 PM. Tues-Sat, Jan 21th – March 10th)
- FRIDAY, JAN. 26
- Toddler time, 10:15 AM. & 11:00 AM., children 18 months to 3 years, free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
  - Book Sale, 2:00 PM. – 6:00 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., For more info: [www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org).
- SATURDAY, JAN. 27
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
  - Book Sale, 9:00 AM. – 4:00 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., For more info: [www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org).
  - Origami Boxes, 10:00 AM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
  - Dance and Drill Team Winter Show 2018 (The City of Torrance Dance and Drill Team), 7:30 PM. – 9:30 PM., Ticket Donation: \$5, Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2326.
  - Backstage with the Beatles (The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 8:00 PM. – 10:30 PM., Tickets \$45/\$40/\$35, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- SUNDAY, JAN. 28
- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library – OPEN.
  - Book/Bag Sale, 2:00 PM. – 4:00 PM., fill

- up a grocery bag for just \$5, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., For more info: [www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthetorrancelibrary.org).
- Nativity Catholic School Opens, 11:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., meet the principal, teachers and tour the school, Nativity School, 2371 W. Carson Street.
  - St. Catherine Laboure School Open House, 2:00 PM. – 4:00 PM., 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd., Call: 310-324-8732.
- MONDAY, JAN. 29
- Baby Time at the Library, 10:30 AM. & 1:30 PM., children ages 6 to 18 months, free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
  - Pajama Rama: Evening Storytime, 6:30 PM., children ages 2 and up can wear their pajamas, free, Walteria Library, 3815 242nd Street, Call: 310-375-8418.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 30
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31
- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM. – 2:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075. •

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Sports

Up and Adam

Tartars Dominate Saxons in League Play

By Adam Serrao

The race for the Pioneer League title is on and despite being seemingly left out of the conversation, the Torrance Tartars have been pushing to gain some recognition lately. An extremely close overtime loss to the Leuzinger Olympians may have lessened the Tartars’ simmer a bit, but head coach Paul Nitake and his team have remained hot nonetheless. A 72-48 victory at home against the North High Saxons last Friday night kept the Tartars within range of the rest of their divisional foes and on track for a first place finish in the league standings if the team can keep rolling and manage to notch victories in upcoming games that count most.

Torrance used two huge quarters to bury the Saxons last Friday night, including an efficient first quarter of play that saw the Tartars put up 22 total points and jump out to an early 11-point lead. Sophomore guard Jaylen Bourgeois paced the team with 11 points in the quarter and helped put all of the momentum in Torrance’s favor as the team jumped out to an eight-point lead heading into the halftime break.

The Tartars best quarter of the game came immediately following halftime. Once again, it was Bourgeois who scratched fist for Torrance with a three-point shot for the first points of the half. The sophomore eventually put up eight more in the quarter, but his team was able to manage 23 total points while holding the Saxons to just 11 in order to slowly begin to put the game away. A 56-36 lead after three quarters eventually turned into what seemed to be an easy 24-point victory for the Tartars.

Bourgeois finished with a game-high 22 points. Senior guard Tyler Morimoto finished with 16 while junior forward Abdul Ahmad and senior guard Kofi Asante each finished with eight apiece. The Tartars (11-10, 3-1) have now won five of their last six games and eight out of their last 10. Torrance will face the Centennial Apaches this week. As of last weekend, Centennial was one of four teams tied atop the Pioneer League standings with a 3-1 record in divisional play.

Senior Justin Collins led the way for North High on the night with a team-high 13 points. Despite the elite play from both Collins and senior point guard Yusei Shigeta this season, the Saxons (2-15, 0-4) have remained unable to manufacture wins. North has now lost seven games in a row dating back to last weekend, and as the Pioneer League’s last place team has quite the hole to dig out of before the end of the season comes in less than two weeks.

West High

The biggest thorn in the heel of the West

High Warriors lately has been the play of the Leuzinger Olympians. Last Friday night at West High, the Warriors were finally able to pull that thorn out. An excellent second quarter of play set the tempo for West as head coach Neal Perlmutter’s defense was able to limit the Olympians to just six points in the quarter. With 15 points of its own, West was able to jump out to a nine-point halftime lead. “We used our press to slow them down and it kind of threw them off balance,” Perlmutter explained of his team’s efficient play just before the half.

Leuzinger refused to lie down and battled back toward the end of the third quarter. The play of junior guard Alex Mishaw was enough to maintain a 10-point lead heading into the final moments of the game, however. Six straight points by the Olympians exemplified the team’s never-say-die attitude, but the Warriors’ 60 points were ultimately too much to overcome on the night. Behind Mishaw’s 21 points, West took a 60-56 victory.

Senior guard Justin Hight added 10 points and sophomore forward Brandon Kircher threw in 11 for a Warriors team that has won five of its last six games dating back to last weekend. By ending last week with an overall record of 15-4 and a league record of 3-1, West remained locked in a four-way tie for first place in the Pioneer League standings. The Warriors will look to remain in first place as they welcome the North High Saxons to their home court this Friday night.

South High

The South High Spartans are the only team in the Pioneer League besides the North High Saxons that have seemingly dug themselves a hole that is currently too big to crawl out of in the Pioneer League standings. As losers of their last five games in a row, the Spartans’ 0-4 record in league play currently has them tied with the Saxons for last place in the division.

An 80-69 loss last Friday night on the road at the hands of the Centennial Apaches didn’t help South’s cause much. The Spartan defense allowed 20 or more points in three of the four quarters played and saw senior point guard Ervin Allison go off for 36 points and 11 assists for Centennial. South was able to score 48 second-half points, but after the Apaches took a 15-point halftime lead, the game was well out of hand. South will try to get back on the winning track this week against the Leuzinger Olympians.

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Health Officials: Flu Shot Still Good Idea

By Rob McCarthy

Los Angeles County health officials said Friday the influenza outbreak that overwhelmed hospital emergency rooms and contributed to at least 96 deaths so far in January has peaked, and that the annual flu shot isn’t to blame.

Officials say the H3N2 influenza virus making the rounds in South Bay communities, schools and workplaces reached a peak much earlier than in previous years. This year’s flu shot is reportedly between 10 and 30 percent effective against the powerful strain of influenza. Still, county health officials and local physicians continue to recommend a flu shot for anyone over six months of age.

“The vaccine may not completely prevent the flu. But it does help the body launch an immune response,” said Dr. Deborah Lehman, who is an infectious disease specialist and professor at the UCLA School of Medicine.

The Los Angeles County Public Health Department reminds residents that being vaccinated against flu protects a person who receives the vaccine and reduces their risk of contracting influenza and spreading it to others. Receiving the flu vaccine is “the most effective way to protect yourself and others” from getting the flu, according to health officials for the region.

Nearly half of Americans skip annual flu shots that some employers and health plans offer for free, according to U.S. Centers for Disease Control. For people with heart disease, a flu shot can have an additional benefit. Studies have shown that a flu vaccination can prevent heart attacks, according to medical researchers. “When people hear the vaccine isn’t that effective, they assume there’s no point in getting it -- and that’s very frustrating,” said Dr. Lehman at UCLA.

Public health officials in the United States and Great Britain have called for greater public-information campaigns to boost flu vaccinations among patients with known heart conditions. The British medical journal Heart reported in October 2016 on the link between the flu and heart attacks. A “wealth of studies shows that heart attack risk is significantly increased within days of contracting the flu, and risk remains elevated for up to a year,” the paper’s authors wrote. In fact, their data showed that a flu shot was as effective at preventing a heart attack as quitting smoking or regularly taking cholesterol medicine. An annual flu vaccine can reduce cardiac risk by 19 to 45 percent, they found. In comparison, cholesterol-controlling medication lowers the risk by 25 to 30 percent, the authors wrote.

Even with its limited effectiveness, the current flu shot should ward off the more serious effects of the strong H3N2 virus making the rounds this month, health experts say. Healthy vaccinated children and adults may still experience a fever, cough and several days of discomfort. The current strain of flu is called the A variety, and the annual flu shot is most effective against the B type, according to health officials. A B-type of flu could make the rounds here in late winter or early spring, they caution.

The flu outbreak is waning, but it’s not gone by a long shot, so health officials advise residents and caregivers of children or the elderly to recognize the signs of distress due to the current flu strain, and to take emergency action if necessary. That includes these warnings from the UCLA School of Medicine:

- Elderly and people with compromised immune systems need to pay special attention to flu symptoms.
- Dehydration is a main danger because it can set off a chain reaction that makes it harder for the body to defend itself.

“If children, the elderly and immunocompromised people don’t get enough fluids -- or if they can’t keep food and drink down

-- they need more help than a parent or other caregiver can provide,” UCLA health professionals caution.

Seek medical attention if a person with the flu has difficulty breathing or their breathing becomes fast. Children who are unusually irritable or sleepy should see a doctor right away, too.

Frequent hand-washing during the cold and flu season can help health people not get sick, experts say. Getting adequate sleep, exercise and eating a balanced diet also are keys to warding off cold and flu germs, they say. These common viruses spread in families, schools and offices through sneezing and contact with surfaces.

The county public health office lists the flu’s symptoms as: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. It adds that pneumonia is the most common complication of the flu, which can worsen asthma or heart disease. This year’s H3N2 virus is responsible for at least 36 deaths in the county so far, compared with 13 deaths at this time a year ago, according to the county health department.

L.A. County offers flu clinics to South Bay residents at two locations through Feb. 18. Call the Curtis Tucker Health Center in Inglewood at (310) 419-5325 or Torrance Health Center at (310) 354-2300 for clinic appointments. The public health centers are open weekdays and see patients on a first-come, first-served business.

During the first two weeks of January, nine percent of all emergency room visits were for flu symptoms and more serious complications, county officials said last Friday. Flu, like the seasons, follow a distinct pattern where these nasty bugs run hot and cold, the county’s weekly “Influenza Watch” revealed in its Jan. 19 bulletin. “In a typical flu season, illnesses caused by influenza A viruses predominate early in the season,” it said, adding that the B-type viruses come in a second wave later in the flu season, which runs from October to May.

The H3N2 type-A virus peaked earlier than usual, officials say, and is widespread across the contiguous 48 states. It has contributed to 96 deaths -- mostly among older residents in their 80s -- as of Jan. 19, according to the county health department.

The CDC says that colds and flus are easily confused, though both are upper respiratory illnesses. Flus are worse than common colds, with more severe and intense symptoms, federal health officials say. The telltale sign of the flu is a fever, while a cold is more likely to bring on a runny nose or stuffed sinuses, the CDC says. “Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations,” it adds. •



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# TerriAnn in Torrance

## The League of Women Voters Torrance Area Hosted a Civility Workshop In Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week, in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Torrance Area presented an Education Program on Reviving Civility at the Sam Levy Adult Center. Admission was free, children were welcomed and the event was presented by Secretary of the League of Women Voters Gloria Gutierrez; former Torrance City Clerk Sue Herbers; and Jackie LaBouff, who is in charge of education for the League of Women Voters.

Greeting attendees at the door were students Rushni Wickramasinge, age 17, and Hanna Garcia, age 16 from the Torrance High Tartar Ladies. “We are checking in people and we

in in the future.” Jee Eun Yoon explained, “Tartar Ladies is a service club that had been at our school for more than 50 years. There are Tartar Knights and Tartar Ladies. Tartar Knights are for the guys and it is a service club -- not just about getting hours. We serve our community and help our school, our teachers, aids, and ASB as well. So we are kind of important. It is great ‘cuz it is a serious club. We are about meeting new people and starting to grow into our community and also sharing and talking to other people about their experiences...”

Torrance Councilman Mike Griffiths, one of the attendees, told me, “I think if what I understood this event is about is to hear

and reminded the group that the Torrance Area branch began in 1962 as an offspring of the PV League and just celebrated 55 years of existence. “This is something we have been wanting to do for awhile – some kind of activity, program on civil discourse -- so I am really excited that first of all Sue Herbers really dove into it and then Gloria joined her to create a program for this,” she said. “We are a non-partisan but political organization, which means we don’t support our post candidates or parties as a league. Individually we all have our opinions, we all have maybe the party that we like... but here in the league, we believe in the non-partisan approach.” For more information, check out

world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood,” he had said. The leaders for the day encouraged everyone to go out and engage people in conversation remembering that civility, open-mindedness and kindness rule.

The children who came with adults to the event played outside under the watchful eye of the Torrance High Tartar Ladies, while other members of the Tartar Ladies busily bagged over 400 items for 60 hygiene kits in the back of the room.

After the two-hour program, I asked Mayor Patrick Furey what he thought of the event and he said, “It was really good -- lots of



Rushni Wickramasinge, age 17; and Hanna Garcia, age 16.

have numbers on each nametag to make sure that people get to meet new friends and kind of mingle with each other,” said Hanna. I made out my nametag and noticed I was assigned to group seven. The room was set up for several small groups of six people each.

Students Jee Eun Yoon, age 16 and Katie Mendoza, age 15 were busy accepting donations of hygiene items, which were collected from attendees and will be donated to the 1736 Family Crisis Center. Katie Mendoza told me, “We joined Tartar Ladies to serve the school and serve our community. When I first signed up, I thought this is cool -- supporting women voters and stuff like that. And I wanted to come and check it out and see if it is something I want to participate

and discuss some of the philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King. As Sue Herbers mentioned when she brought this item forward under orals at our council meeting, it is a discussion on how to make our world a kinder and gentler world. We certainly need that.”

As the event was about to begin, I noticed my group was missing people. I was the only one in my group. Then Gloria Gutierrez invited some of the Torrance High Tartar Ladies to join the groups that needed participants. Luckily, I was privileged in having four of the young ladies join me. My four group-mates were Katie Mendoza plus Amanda, Emily and Jee Eun Yoon.

Then League of Women Voters President Athena Paquette Cormier welcomed everyone



Jee Eun Yoon, age 16; and Katie Mendoza, age 15.

the League of Women Voters Torrance Area website at: <http://www.lwvtorrancearea.org>.

Herbers and LaBouff then described how the event would progress for the day. Gutierrez explained how we would engage in our individual groups. At this point, I felt very fortunate to have such an opportunity for conversation and idea exchange with these very involved teenagers. They were bright, forthcoming and eloquent, and we had a rapport right from the start.

During the afternoon, discussions ensued about how to engage and talk about controversial topics with others civilly. Not always easy, but Dr. Martin Luther King’s words were the example put on the screen, “The hope of a secure and livable

discussion about the way to react to people and I think if we put those methods into actual operation, I think it’ll work. ‘Cuz there are certain things that I picked up. I always felt, ‘How do I respond to this? Getting those cues is really helpful, I think, to diffuse a situations as well as to perhaps let someone know that’s not what you want to speak about.”

All in all it was a very interesting afternoon, and sharing with four teenagers was a blessing. One particular quote I love by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to mind as I left the event: “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” •



(L-R) Torrance High Tartar Ladies: Katie Mendoza, age 15; Amanda, Emily and Jee Eun Yoon, age 16.



Resident of the League of Women Voters Torrance Area Athena Paquette Cormier; and Secretary of the League of Women Voters Torrance Area Gloria Gutierrez.



League of Women Voters Torrance Area in charge of education, Jackie LaBouff; and former Torrance City Clerk Sue Herbers.



Secretary of LWV Gloria Gutierrez, and former City Clerk Sue Herbers.



# BLT Salmon Caesar Salad

Recipe by Eggland's Best provided by BPT

## Ingredients

- 1 salmon filet, baked and seasoned to your liking
  - 2 slices bacon
  - 1 Eggland's Best egg (large)
  - 5 cups lettuce
- 1/2 cup tomatoes
  - 1 avocado, sliced
  - 1 cup croutons
  - 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
  - 2 tablespoons Caesar dressing



## Preparation

Makes two servings

1. Heat bacon in a skillet and cook completely; set aside and then cut or break into bite-size pieces once cooled.
2. Soft boil the egg over the stovetop.

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3. While egg is cooking, place lettuce in a large bowl and add tomatoes, avocado, croutons and cheese to the bowl; stir to combine.
4. Next, add the baked salmon to the salad, along with the bacon; add the Caesar dressing and stir to combine.
5. Last, add the soft-boiled egg and enjoy!

Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

### Congress to Demonstrate Ineffectiveness

By Cristian Vasquez

The government shutdown is a childish battle of egos between politicians too stubborn and comfortable in their positions to actually get work done. Regardless of who one decides to blame for the second shutdown in less than four years, there is something particularly disgusting about this year's dysfunction. The fact that military personnel is not getting paid for their work is unacceptable, to say the least, and proves what a despicable human being Sen. Mitch McConnell has become.

Yes, McConnell is a scoundrel who this past week demonstrated to lack even the slightest shred of human decency. In the chaos of this unnecessary government shutdown, which hopefully has ended by the time this prints, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri) proposed a bill that would guarantee pay for military troops despite the shutdown. The bill was very similar to the one approved during the 2013 government shutdown and would ensure pay, as well as death benefits, to the men and women serving the country around the world. However, McConnell in his infinite hypocrisy killed the bill. Word for word, the Senator said, "We passed similar legislation back in 2013 and my hope is that we can pass funding for the entire government before this becomes necessary. I am going to object for tonight."

The thing was, this bill was necessary at the time and the senator blocking the bill was nothing more than a move for political leverage. He was not only part of reason for the shutdown, but then became the main culprit

as to why military personnel experienced an interruption in salary and benefits. The Kentucky senator, who is part of the party and conservative ideology that attacks Colin Kaepernick for the latter's silent protest against police brutality, and which claims that kneeling during the national anthem is disrespectful to the troops, just gave the entire military a two-finger salute. McConnell just told the families of those who serve that it is more important to win a staring contest against his political foes than to protect those who sacrifice to protect us.

The Kentucky senator did not have to block the bill, yet he did for political leverage. There are plenty of issues that a politician can be attacked for, and for a variety of reasons. However, when the GOP has been beating the patriotism drum since Sept. 11 and has used every opportunity to praise and thank our military personnel, it is disgusting that its leader blocks a bill that would ensure the salaries of the same people they parade around during campaign season. It would be nice to see Kentucky voters rebuke this shameful and hypocritical behavior and kick McConnell out of office -- because if an NFL player kneeling bothers, then the senator must be held to that same standard.

Regardless of what happens, McConnell showed his vile nature. He cares more about his political gain, as do many in Washington, than anything else. Instead of the troops being denied their checks, Congress should go without a salary. Maybe only then, they can take their sweet time. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Democrats Shut Down the Government, While Kowtowing to Illegals

By Duane Plank

Wonderful weekend, celebrating the first year of the Trump presidency. A lot going on, or not going on, as the obstructionist Dems in the Senate weaponized their votes, shutting down the government Friday night as they continue to place the "rights" of the illegal DACA-ers above the rights and paychecks of the military men and women protecting our sacred shores -- or the federal employees who faced a Monday morning furlough.

Can't say I noticed any of the effects of the governmental shutdown last weekend. I hadn't planned on visiting a national park, or the Statue of Liberty, anyway.

No, the establishments that I favor in my off hours, many that open at 6 a.m. and close the next day at 2 in the morning, were apparently not affected by the government shutdown.

Protests galore last weekend, as the Dems and their acolytes rallied to support women. I will go on the record here. I support women! But great. Rally around, march around. And you and your brethren protest...whom, what? Trump? Men? Or maybe another Hollywood liberal, so help me, James Franco, who took advantage of a gal half his age who was trying to "sleep" to stardom in Hollywood? Many of the leftist privileged Hollywood-ers addressed the protesting throngs, adding their shrill and pointless comments to the mix.

That is not to expunge the misdeeds of the male -- and occasionally female -- miscreants who have been allowed to run rampant in places like the liberal bastion, cover-up-for-all, Hollywood.

Ticked off a bit here. Paid to buy the Trump book, *Fire and Fury*, and also added the Hillary book, *What Happened?* Ordered the books on Amazon, which apparently is on a straight path to owning the world. They are omnipresent. I sometimes despise them, by the way. As you all know, Amazon, Facebook, Google and YouTube apparently run the world. And, kind readers, how much time do you waste each day on those websites, not to mention staring at your phone like a zombie, not living your life?

Anyway, it is five days after ordering the tomes and I haven't seen the books yet, but have seen countless emails from Amazon, mentioning delays in delivery.

Currently watching the libs on CNN, as Nancy Pelosi and the others who are still getting paid with a government shutdown rail on incoherently about the shutdown... and as CNN cheers on the resisters, possibly marching like lemmings off a political cliff as we set sights on the critical November mid-term elections when the party in power typically takes a hit with voters exercising their power to "throw the bums out."

So as Cali turns more into a place where no one except the entrenched rich, or illegal immigrants, should desire to live -- a sanctuary state -- my nephew Nolan, godson to me, said he wants to get out of Cali after the leftist AG shockingly called for fining firms if they violate a state law (not a federal law) that protects illegals. Love a state that protects illegals, eh? I wonder what the cost of a neat little two-bedroom, two-bath bungalow nestled in a picturesque portion of Western Canada is? Oh, Canada! •



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## School Board

time the L.A. Kings organization will have visited a TUSD campus and this time they will bring an outdoor hockey rink for students to play, with adult chaperones supporting the students as needed. “This is a fun event that reinforces the hockey practice students have been participating in during their regular adaptive physical education time,” states the staff report. “Students will be able to

practice their eye-hand coordination, accuracy and focus skills, partner and teamwork skills, applying force to an object and more importantly, gain confidence.”

While each SDC student will be provided with adequate supervision throughout the event, parent permission slips will be required for each student to participate. The event will come at no cost to TUSD.

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## City Council

Also on Tuesday, Council members approved funding and a contract services agreement with C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc. for construction of a Splash Pad at Charles Wilson Park in the amount of \$963,463. “The project is on a tight timeline due to the grant funding provided by the County of Los Angeles requiring a target completion date of June 30, 2018,” states the staff report signed by General Services Director Sheryl Ballew.

With funds being made available from the FEAP 926-Pond Retrofit Project, the Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund and the Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund, in addition to Proposition A Grant funds, the project is expected to cost \$1,087,672. In August 2016, the Council approved an agreement with

landscape architectural firm Hirsch and Associates to design the splash pad and a smaller version of the existing pond, which was drained and fenced in September 2015. The splash pad is a 3,000-square foot concrete circle with all of the water jets located below ground. Park patrons will press a button that turns on random water spray patterns for a limited period of time. The water drains into some filters and is deposited into a storage tank -- no different from a pool filtration system.

C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc. was one of five companies to attend a job walk, but was the only visiting company to submit a proposal. Since the response was to an RFP process and not a bid, the City was able to negotiate the proposal price from the original \$1,073,354 down to \$892,095. •

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## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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- Across**

1. Field yield  
5. Be careful with \_\_\_\_  
9. Classify  
13. Mature  
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15. Remedies  
17. Flush  
18. Obsessed with  
19. Bring up  
20. Musical ability  
21. Disposed  
22. Milk  
24. Droplets on grass  
25. Braid  
27. Tonality  
29. Number  
31. Swelter  
33. Diner sign  
37. Lounges  
40. Loafing  
42. Christmas staple  
43. Pay dirt  
44. Hair director?  
46. Time segment  
47. Found's partner  
49. Biblical preposition  
50. Photocopier problems  
51. Informed  
52. Oval shaped item  
53. Green vegetable  
55. Recognize
57. With it  
61. Fellow  
64. Tack on  
66. Connect with a target  
68. Miserable  
69. Ways out of a building  
71. Rock of \_\_\_\_  
73. Section of a large building  
74. Accepting that..  
75. Synthetic thread  
76. Margin  
77. Lawn chair  
78. \_\_\_\_ light  
79. Quilting and spelling
- Down**

1. Move stealthily  
2. Competitor  
3. Musical piece  
4. Corral  
5. Fall preceder  
6. Smattering of info.  
7. Appear  
8. Biblical pronoun  
9. Trio number  
10. Indeed  
11. What creditors hope to be  
12. Threat word  
16. Knit  
21. Took the cake, say  
23. The \_\_\_\_ is the limit!  
26. Contraction
28. Nonetheless  
30. Pen part  
31. Threw  
32. Sit a spell  
34. Gray \_\_\_\_  
35. Course  
36. Red and Black  
37. Chewbacca's buddy  
38. Fairway club  
39. Beginning driver's challenge  
41. Dope  
45. Skip preceder  
48. "\_\_\_\_ bad!"  
50. Chatter  
52. Finale  
54. Grab a bite  
56. Accusation response  
58. In private  
59. Place for target practice  
60. Just wins over, with out  
61. Chicken order  
62. Central line  
63. Plunge into water  
65. Quite a while  
66. Long sandwich  
67. Ain't  
70. Drink with jam and bread?  
72. Interruption  
73. It's catching

### Last Week's Answers

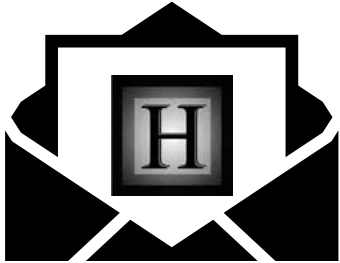
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### SUDOKU Medium

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# Real Estate

## Top Five Features Millennials Look For in a Home

(BPT) - For generations, homeownership has been part of the American dream. For most Americans, it's the largest, most significant investment they'll make, and because homeownership is the best way to grow their wealth, the most important investment as well.

As the youngest generation of new homeowners, millennials are entering the housing market and are eager to get a home to fit their unique lifestyles. Just as every generation has its own music, its distinct style and look, the new generation of homeowners has different expectations than buyers did a few decades ago. To shed some light on these evolving home trends, here are five of the most popular features millennials look for in a home.

### 1. Energy Efficient

More than other generations, millennials are particularly concerned with their impact on the environment. As such, they want to be sure the home they buy will have a mini-

mal carbon footprint. Some energy-efficient features that are a priority for homebuyers are UV-protected windows, programmable thermostats, efficient appliances and upgraded insulation.

### 2. Customized to Their Tastes

It's not enough to find a home that is merely "livable"; millennials want a house that is an outward and inward expression of who they are. Translation: The one-size-fits-all model is no longer sufficient. This is one reason manufactured and modular homes from Clayton Homes have become so popular. They offer diverse floor plans with a number of customizable options to suit individuals' needs and unique styles. There are even built-in home features for pets!

### 3. Rethinking Space Usage

The era of buying a house as big as you can afford is on the way out. Many millennials are forgoing the extra bedrooms and enormous living rooms. These homebuyers prefer smarter ways to utilize space for their



family's needs, while keeping a cozy and intimate atmosphere.

### 4. Open Floor Plan

In a world where everyone seems to be plugged into their phones and staring at their individual screens, the open floor plan has emerged as a way for families and guests to come together and share the same space. Basically, the fewer walls between the kitchen, dining room and living room, the better. This floor plan also aids homeowners with their entertaining needs and provides more natural light, which is very big for this young generation.

### 5. Room for a Home Office

The millennial workforce is a mobile workforce, and just as this generation is transforming the home market, it is also


transforming the workplace. Millions of Americans work from home, and many more are often given the option to work a day or two a week from home. With this shift, many potential homeowners want to be sure there is a suitable workspace for an office.

With evolving needs and different tastes, many millennials worry that they will spend a lot of time searching for that one, perfect dream home. At Clayton Homes, we provide a range of green, energy-efficient home models that can be customized with a range of affordable options. From the kitchens to outdoor living areas and multifunctional spaces, millennials and everyone else can find the choices that will allow them to tailor their home and their living space to suit their lifestyle. •




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