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Torrance Legend Born 100 Years Ago Today – Louis Zamperini



Known as the "Torrance Tornado," the late Louis Zamperini--born 100 years ago today on January 26, 1917--set an American high school mile record of 4:21:02 on May 19, 1934 in Los Angeles. The mark stood for 19 years. The photos show him running the Olympic trials in New York, and wearing a different uniform as a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Photos Provided by the Zamperini Trust Collection. Located at the Torrance Historical Society. •

City Council Authorizes Purchase of Two New Fire Engines

By Cristian Vasquez

In a unanimous vote on Tuesday, Mayor Patrick J. Furey and members of the Torrance City Council approved the purchase order with Pierce Manufacturing Inc. in the amount of \$1,265,799.98 for two fire engines. The approved recommendation made by Torrance Fire Chief Martin Serna and General Services Director Sheryl Ballew will be funded through the City's Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund, a non-general fund (Facility, Equipment, Automation Plans, FEAP 848). With \$1,830,000 in the FEAP 848 fund, the City was able to replace one of three fire engines in early 2016 (the purchase that was approved in June of 2015).

"These two engines will serve for 15 years as front-line apparatus for the citizens of the City of Torrance and an additional 10 years as reserves--that gives us a life span out of a fire truck of 25, sometimes 30 years out of a fire engine," Torrance Fire Department Assistant Chief Alec Miller said during the staff presentation. "We are able to project the cost of a fire engine and that includes a three percent annual increase from the manufacturer, which is industry standard."

During the 1998-99 fiscal year, the City Council approved the Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund to keep pace with the ongoing need to update emergency vehicles and equipment, but established a system that would spread the burden of large, one-time expenses throughout several years. That strategy included placing money into a fund based on an approved

schedule every year in order to accumulate the necessary reserve for when an apparatus replacement was due for replacement.

"Our projections were accurate and we have set aside money out of our operating budget and into our apparatus replacement fund and we have ample funds to cover this expenditure," Assistant Fire Chief Miller said. "We did buy our last three fire engines and our last two fire trucks from Pierce out of Appleton and we are pleased with the quality,

the craftsmanship and competitive prices."

Due to budget restrictions imposed during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the fire engines' (Pierce 1500 GPM Triple Combination Pumps) time of front-line service extended from 12 to 15 years to 20 years per fire engine, while the service years for a fire truck increased from 15 to 20 years to 25 years. At the moment the Torrance Fire Department counts on seven front-line engines, as well

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
62°/43°



Saturday
Sunny
66°/47°



Sunday
Sunny
69°/52°



Celebrating 100 Years Torrance High School and Louis Zamperini

By Debbie Hays, Torrance High Centennial Committee

On September 11, 1917, Torrance High School opened its doors. Over the decades, countless Tartars have walked the iconic halls of Torrance High. One in particular would also be celebrating his 100th birthday this year--Louis Zamperini (Class of 1935).

In his youth, he was a juvenile delinquent stealing pies, cigarettes and liquor; ringing church bells in the middle of the night to awaken neighbors; fighting; shooting spit wads at girls in class; and indulging in other countless acts of misbehavior.

What began as a "career" of running from the cops got Louis selected to be one of the 334 American athletes to go

to the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. With his older brother Pete's (and his paddle's) encouragement, Louis eventually learned to channel his bad-boy energies into running. While at Torrance High School, he blew the competition away, setting a new interscholastic mile world record of 4:21:02 that stood for 19 years. Louis put Torrance on the map.

The rest of the world later came to know him as that incredible person who survived 47 days adrift on a raft in the Pacific during WWII. Floating for 2,000 miles after his plane crashed on a reconnaissance mission, only to be captured by the Japanese military, and taken ashore to

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Calendar of Events

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THURSDAY, JAN. 26

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Stories in Art, 4:00 PM. – 6:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7163.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

- Friday Fun, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free – donations accepted, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- Fully Loaded (The Tony Ferrell Band), 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$15, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Co-Rec Club – Sports Party, 7:30 PM. – 9:30 PM., for 6th, 7th & 8th graders, Tickets: \$6 Members/\$8 Guests (Must have a current Torrance Middle School ID), Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2729.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

- Science Month: What Do You Know About H2O??, 2:00 PM., free, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Klezmer Juice (The Torrance Cultural Arts

- Foundation), 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$30/\$25/\$20, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Open, 1:00 PM. – 5:00 PM., 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- The Re-Grand Opening of the Nature Center with The Friends of Madrona Marsh & Staff, 10:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told (The Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation), 2:00 PM. and 5:00 PM., Tickets: \$20/\$25/\$10, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 2:00 PM. – 4:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve – CLOSED.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Babytime, 10:30 AM. and 1:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

- Toddlertime, 11:00AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson

- Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Thrilling Thursday Theater, 4:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Teen Zone: Movie, 3:30 PM., free – teens only, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

Police Briefs

Major Traffic Collision at 190th and Hawthorne Boulevard

On Sunday, January 22 at approximately 4:20 a.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to major traffic collision on 190th Street, just east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

On arrival, officers discovered a single vehicle traffic collision involving a black Hyundai sedan. The initial investigation indicates the Hyundai was driven by a 39-year-old female traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of 190th Street, east of Hawthorne Boulevard when it collided with a concrete support pillar in the center median. The female driver and sole occupant of the vehicle sustained major injuries and was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and

transported to a local hospital where she is listed in critical condition.

The westbound number one lane of 190th Street east of Hawthorne Boulevard was closed for approximately two hours during the investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557.

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Work Comp Crackdown Targets Business Fraud

By Rob McCarthy

Years of cost-cutting reforms have brought California business owners relief from high workers' compensation bills, and now state officials are going after the cheaters for even more savings. Lately, anti-fraud efforts have been directed at companies that inflate bills for medical care, equipment and assistive services to injured workers. The state office that oversees the workers' comp system on January 1 froze \$1 billion in suspicious bills from companies that are under investigation or been charged with fraud. A new fraud-fighting law gave officials the authority to red flag almost 200,000 bills from being paid.

There are 75 medical providers facing criminal fraud charges, according to the Department of Industrial Relations in Oakland, which requested and received greater enforcement powers from lawmakers. The department also intends to suspend doctors, clinics and healthcare providers who have been convicted of fraud using its new authority as the state combats the insurance fraud.

The state will ramp up fraud detection this year and create a special unit to share and track data from the physicians, hospitals, medical

billers and other businesses that serve injured workers. The unit specifically will watch for overbilling for services performed or billing for treatment that wasn't given or pre-approved.

This type of fraud in the California workers' comp system drew the notice of federal investigators, who arrested and prosecuted in 2014 the operator of a Long Beach hospital for illegal kickbacks to doctors. The physicians allegedly referred patients to the former Pacific Hospital for spinal implants. The facility's operator, Michael Drobot, also admitted that bribed former State Senator Ron Calderon for legislative support for the billing scheme. Calderon, who represented Montebello, was convicted of corruption and is serving a four-year prison sentence.

The fraud isn't limited to doctors and hospitals that inflate their charges, according to the new report. Efforts to catch cheaters will turn this year on the employers who don't pay their fair share to cover their employees in case of injury or illness as a result of their employment.

"While some associate the word 'fraud' with false or exaggerated claims of injury, it also

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Community Briefs

Torrance Teachers Selected for Northrop Grumman Foundation Teachers Academy

The Northrop Grumman Foundation and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) announced that two out of 25 educators chosen as Teacher Fellows in the 2016-2017 Northrop Grumman Foundation Teachers Academy are from Torrance. Selected from targeted areas across the country, the Teacher Fellows (listed below) will participate in a number of science, engineering, and technology-related activities and professional learning opportunities.

2016-2017 Teacher Fellows from Torrance:

- Kristy Mar, J.H. Hull Middle School.
- Nancy Ton, Madrona Middle School.

The Teacher Fellows were selected on the basis of several criteria, including displaying a strong desire to advance STEM education and applying real-world applications in the classroom. During their fellowship, recipients

will participate in a five-day workshop at a Northrop Grumman facility during the summer of 2017; attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in Los Angeles, March 30-April 2; participate in an immersive, 80-hour externship at a local Northrop Grumman facility; develop lesson(s)/units that integrate an authentic and real-world application linked to their externship experiences; and develop tools/resources to share with colleagues to help build capacity for engineering and technology instruction within their schools and districts.

The Teacher Fellows will also receive a comprehensive NSTA membership package and an opportunity to participate in a variety of Web-based professional learning activities, including a specially designated online learning community.

Barnes & Noble Launches My Favorite Teacher Contest

Bookseller Barnes & Noble has announced the start of the 2017 "Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest," which for the past seven years has provided middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers.

Students can nominate their teacher by writing essays, poems or thank-you letters that share how their teacher has influenced their lives and why they appreciate and admire their instructors. Participating schools collect the essays and submit those to their local Barnes & Noble store for consideration. Entries are judged on the compelling nature of the teacher's inspiring qualities, the sincerity of the student's appreciation and the quality of expression and writing.

The local winning teacher will be recognized

this spring at the Del Amo store and receive a special award acknowledging their achievement. The student with the winning essay or poem will receive a certificate of recognition and will also be honored at the ceremony.

Teachers grades one through 12 are eligible for nomination. Awards include cash prizes, gift cards, NOOK® devices and more. The contest is broken down into local and regional winners, from which the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" will be chosen. The national winner will be recognized at a special community celebration, with both teacher and school receiving \$5,000. The national student winner will win a \$500 gift card and NOOK.

Students must submit their entry to Barnes & Noble Del Amo by March 1. More details at www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher.

6th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration Benefits Pediatric Therapy Network

The 6th Annual Mardi Gras Celebration to benefit the Pediatric Therapy Network is set for Thursday, March 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Miyako Hybrid Hotel (21381 S. Western Avenue, Torrance). Event tickets are \$45 pre-sale and the event sells out every year. Attendees can celebrate Mardi Gras PTN-style with live jazz music and food and beverage tastings from local restaurants and breweries including the Depot, Red Car Brewery & Restaurant, Restoration Kitchen & Wine, HT Grill, Torrance Bakery,

Strand Brewing Company, Ise-Shima and more! For more info, visit <http://www.pediatric-therapynetwork.org/events/mardigras.cfm> or call 310-328-0276 x 202.

All proceeds from this event benefit Pediatric Therapy Network. For 20 years, PTN has been committed to providing quality services for children with special needs, medical concerns and those at risk for developmental issues. With locations in Torrance and Long Beach, PTN serves over 2,500 children of all abilities. •

Sports

Up and Adam

Spartans Tested, but Remain Atop Pioneer League

By Adam Serrao

The South High Spartans boys' soccer team is having a year for the record books. Even successful teams lose matches early on in the season while players are still trying to figure each other out. Last season, the Pioneer League champion Spartans lost their first match of the year before storming their way into the CIF championship match. This season has been different for head coach Chad Lagerwey and company, though. Lagerwey and South have seemingly channeled their momentum from one year ago—and despite a tie at West High last Wednesday night, they have remained undefeated with a 14-0-1 record through the team's first 15 matches.

The West High Warriors are clearly South's biggest competition this season, but despite sticking in the match last Wednesday night were unable to overtake the powerhouse that has been the Spartans this year. West scored first in the match, which not only put South on its heels but also gave the Spartans their first deficit in any match this season. It was West's Cameron Korshavn who was able to sneak the ball past South's goal line after striking an impressive corner kick in the first half. Though being put in an awkward position that it had not yet experienced this year, Lagerwey's team fought back.

"The first time trailing in a game, the question became, 'How do we respond?'" Lagerwey said of his team's conundrum. The response may not have gotten the Spartans the win, but it certainly kept them from taking a loss. Ryan Vedov came through for South in the second half, sinking a pass from Dara Fakhfour into the net. After trailing for about 15 minutes in the match, the Spartans decided that they didn't necessarily enjoy the feel of things. South's defense clamped down and was able to hold West scoreless the remainder of the way.

"We created an opportunity and scored a goal," West coach Mike Shimizu explained of the fight within his team. "Unfortunately we allowed one, but it was a great game. Our defense challenged everything and didn't let their offense get into a rhythm." Both rivals showed up with intense defensive efforts on the night. West had a number of opportunities to put another goal on the board in the second half of play, but South goalkeeper Kohl Kutsch remained relentless in his protection of the net. West goalkeeper Adam Surls was just as good, holding the Spartans at bay in their attempt to snatch a last-minute victory in regulation. Both teams remained scoreless throughout two 10-minute overtime periods to force the tie.

The first place Spartans (14-0-1, 3-0-1) will remain blazing hot as they enter the stretch run of

the Pioneer League season. Anything short of a Pioneer League title would most likely feel like a failure to Lagerwey and his team that has CIF championship aspirations after losing in the CIF final last season. West (8-2-3, 3-0-1), on the other hand, will consider the season to be a success should it find a way to hand rival South High that team's first loss of the year. Shimizu and his defensive-minded club will get another crack at South on February 3 at South High.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars are in competition with the North High Saxons this year in the boys' soccer season, but unfortunately for both teams it's not the same type of competition that exists between South and West. While the Spartans and Warriors are battling it out for first place in the division, Torrance and North are trying to one-up each other in order to stay out of the cellar of the Pioneer League. The Tartars took a major step forward in that competition when they earned their first league victory over Centennial Apaches two weeks ago with a 4-1 win on the road at Centennial.

Senior Oscar Salcedo, junior Jeff Rivera and sophomore Aaron Garcia were all able to come away with scores for Torrance (3-9-2, 1-3) as the team exploded on offense for four goals against the fourth place Apaches. The only other time this season that the Tartars have scored four goals or more was in the opening game of the year when Torrance took down Santa Monica by a 5-0 final. Salcedo also had two goals in that game.

Despite the victory, Torrance went on to lose its next match against the red-hot South High Spartans and then took a 4-1 loss at the hands of Leuzinger last Wednesday afternoon. With time running out in the Pioneer League season, Torrance will have to string together some wins for any outside chance at gaining an at-large bid into this year's CIF playoffs.

North High

This year's soccer season has seemingly come and caught off guard a North High Saxons team that is still looking for its first win of Pioneer League play. The team's last victory was in mid-December against a Lawndale club that is 5-11-3 on the year. Last week the Saxons took a 2-1 loss at the hands of Centennial, but managed to score their first goal in three games. North has been shut out four times on the season and has managed to score over one goal in just five of its first 15 matches. The Saxons and head coach Robert Rivas have a lot to get right heading into next season and will hope that another year of maturity for a very young team can go a long way to help put some wins in the standings. — Asixlion@earthlink.net



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TerriAnn in Torrance

A Glance at Rural Torrance

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Some of you may remember not too many years ago when Torrance was less crowded, when open fields claimed Hawthorne Boulevard, chicken and turkey farms dotted the landscape, and local youngsters kept and sold pigeons.

Torrance had a rural feel. There were wide-open fields and blocks where Hawthorne Boulevard was home to several single-family homes. The other day, I had the opportunity to speak with former Mayor Frank Scotto about growing up in rural Torrance. Frank Scotto was raised by Italian immigrant parents on a rabbit farm located at 237th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. At the early age of 10, he began a pigeon business. "It was a different time than we live in today. I was growing up on a farm, and we had literally thousands of rabbits. Next door was a chicken ranch, so there was a lot of agriculture," said Scotto.

Frank Scotto was an entrepreneur even at a young age. He mowed lawns, kept score at a bowling alley, and had a paper route in addition to his chores at the rabbit farm. He told me he collected money for the lumber that he needed to build this pigeon coop, which was literally the size of a small bedroom, by collecting bottles at the nearby construction site around Marble Estates and Palo Del Amo. Scotto said, "I would collect bottles every day and I would turn them in for money. That is how it started because I didn't have money to start this. I collected nails from the construction site, small pieces of wood and lumber that they would give me to construct [the coop]. It was 12 x 12. The idea was to collect pigeons to earn money. At the time, we thought they were very rare pigeons. There was the Feather Footed pigeon, a Fantail pigeon, and also I collected Tumblers that tumbled in mid-air. They'd fly along at full speed, then stop and start to roll. All these pigeons at that time were expensive." Scotto told me people spent \$10, \$20 or more for a pigeon, which was a lot of money back then. Scotto selected pigeons of different colors he thought would breed and show well at the exhibits. Scotto continued, "People who collected pigeons back then would show them. I did it [the business] all by myself. My biggest concern was predators, of course--cats and coyotes...anything that

would eat pigeons."

Frank then told me he remembers a number of other farms in the city of Torrance. "There were cattle farms, a couple dairies that were really big, a couple of big turkey farms, and a number of chicken farms," he said. "Chickens were raised in Torrance on a large scale. People don't realize that Torrance had a large chicken population back in those days. We had the only



Picasso's Dove of Peace.

rabbit farm of that size and it was truly a lot of work. Rabbits were just like chickens that we would sell to the markets. We would bring the rabbits [dead] and drive around San Pedro with other people that were doing the exact same thing--with three or four other trucks--and we would go to a corner, honk our horns, like six, seven, eight o'clock on Saturday mornings like a moving farmer's market. We would stay there 15 to 20 minutes and people would come out and buy our rabbits. One guy sold chickens, one guy sold produce, etc. Everybody did his or her own thing until you ran out of product. We did that for a number of years. I would go to these corners and people would ask me if I had this or that kind of pigeon and if I had one, I would bring it the next week and sell it."

These were not the kind of pigeons that you see flying around today. They were considered "show pigeons." Scotto told me he never personally took a pigeon to a show because he didn't have transportation or money for the entry fee, but he did sell them to people who did. Not only did some of the pigeons he sold win prizes, but he met a lot of very famous people who lived in the South Bay and kept pigeons.

Scotto went on to tell me, "It was a different time in Torrance, almost a different era. It's

hard to imagine Torrance has evolved into the city it is today because we were truly a farming community. There were large areas bordered by Crenshaw down to Western to Lomita--there were a lot of farms in that area. There were also farms around Torrance and Hawthorne boulevards. A turkey farm was there and a dairy off of Del Amo with hundreds of cows. It was a different time in Torrance, it really was. Most people who move here today would never imagine that Torrance had that kind of history and past--that we had that type of community. Lomita was that way for years, and you can still do a lot of things in Lomita that you cannot do in Torrance. Once in a while I would get \$30, \$40 or \$50 for a bird and in those days that was a lot of money. It was a big deal. The funniest part is my parents could never accept it. They could never see the value of a pigeon looking pretty to sell. Remember, they came from Italy and they could never understand the concept of an animal being in a show. It was strange to them. I went to a lot of work to build a cage all by myself, and my dad thought it was cool, but he would shake his head at me and tell me I was wasting my time and that I needed to make money. I would tell him this is going to make me money and he would laugh in Italian at me. So when I sold



Former Councilman Frank Scotto and his wife, Cindy.

my first pigeon, I had to make sure he was there just to see that. He couldn't believe the guy handed me \$10 for my first pigeon. All he could do was laugh. He realized you could make money on something like that. When I was 13, 14 years old I got a full-time job and

couldn't continue doing the pigeons. That is the only reason I got rid of them."

The Scottos stopped raising rabbits in the mid '60s as rabbits fell from favor. With first-generation Italian immigrants, rabbit was a staple--but as their children were born in America, less and less families ate rabbit. It slowly became unprofitable.

After all this talk about pigeons, I had a few questions. I thought doves and pigeons were different, but I found out they are from the same family: Columbidae. We call the smaller, more delicate pigeons doves. Most of us know a white dove has come to symbolize peace. Genesis 8:11 tells us "...a dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth." The picture of a white dove with an olive branch has become the universal symbol for peace. In 1949, Pablo Picasso's lithograph of a white dove was selected as the emblem for the International Peace Congress in Paris. Each Christmas, I receive at least one Christmas card adorned with Picasso's later-developed simple drawing, which has become one of the world's most recognizable symbols of peace.

I attended an opening for a new business in Torrance last year, where the owners released white doves into the air. Somehow, it might not have had the desired effect had they released a flock of dark, speckled, fat pigeons.

But, doves are pigeons. When my late husband Dave was about 13 years old, he used to keep pigeons in the backyard behind the garage. He had cages for his pigeons and fed and tended them with care. I remember he once told me he was trying to teach his pigeons to carry messages. He and his friend Joe Raia thought they could train the birds to fly messages back and forth. I am not sure if Dave ever achieved his pre-Internet message system, but he enjoyed caring for his pigeons.

So the next time we find ourselves zipping up and down Hawthorne Boulevard, I suggest we slow down and remember our rural roots. Torrance has grown immensely through the years, but we still have a treasure of history alive in the people who remember a gentler time--a rural time, a much slower time--which is still at the heart of Torrance. •

PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

Wowser Schnauzers



Cecil

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs, which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach from noon-3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability, you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one!

"If a one-year old, male purebred Miniature Schnauzer is your idea of the perfect addition to the family, then I'm your guy. My name is Cecil and I love to play. In fact, I was out playing with some friends when I lost my way

and ended up at an LA city shelter as a stray. I met some really great dogs and, because I get along well with other dogs, we became fast friends. I've been told that I'm very "puppyish" and if that means "loves to play," then that's definitely me. I'm 18 pounds of curiosity and could use some obedience training, but most dogs my age need a bit of "guidance" in the manners department. Please come to adoptions and just ask for the playful one!"

If you're interested in Cecil, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"Hi, my name is Zion and I'm a two-year old male purebred Miniature Schnauzer who has had a pretty bizarre life. My "first" family decided that they didn't have time for me, so they gave me to a groomer about a year ago.



Zion

Nice family, but his Giant Schnauzer and Old English Sheepdog took turns bullying me--so that's how I ended up with the folks at MSFR. Upon first meeting I may appear to be a bit shy and a tad nervous, but once I realize you like me I warm up very quickly. I'm 18 pounds of affection and kisses...and playing with other dogs is my absolute favorite pastime. In fact, if you already have a dog, I'd be the perfect companion for both of you because I know that having a doggie pal about my size (please, no big dogs) would make me ecstatic."

If you are interested in Zion, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

"They call me Anderson and I'm a two-year old, male Havanese mix. Not sure what the "mix" is, but whatever it is, it works because



Earl



Anderson

I'm cute as a button. I'm only 15 pounds, but it's all friendliness, love and affection. I got lost one day and ended up at an LA county shelter where I met lots of nice folks. I had two potential adopters and I thought I'd be going home, but then both of them changed their minds. Then I was scheduled to go to another state for adoption, but that got cancelled too. Looks like I was just meant to be rescued by the wonderful MSFR folks and boy, am I ever glad! They think I'm mostly Havanese, but they're not positive. What they do know is that I get along great with other dogs and would be the perfect companion to a family looking for someone to love."

If you're interested in Anderson, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

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- 1 cup celery (chopped)
- 1 tsp Oregano
- 1/4 cup Olive oil
- 2 each large green mild chili (deseeded)
- 2 quarts chicken stock or water (to cover)
- 2 tsp Cumin

Preparation

1. Saute onions, garlic, celery, chilies, chicken/turkey for 10 minutes on medium heat. Add half of the chicken stock
2. Add salt, pepper, oregano and cumin and simmer for 45 minutes.
3. Adjust with the remaining chicken stock. Combine all ingredients in crock pot or large heavy-bottomed pot, bring to a boil and then simmer overnight, or 8 hours
4. Puree 1 cup beans for a thicker chili and serve. Garnish with shredded cheese, fresh cilantro, tarragon or basil, chopped Tabasco peppers, raw chopped sweet onions or hot sauce. •

Classifieds

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

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EMPLOYMENT

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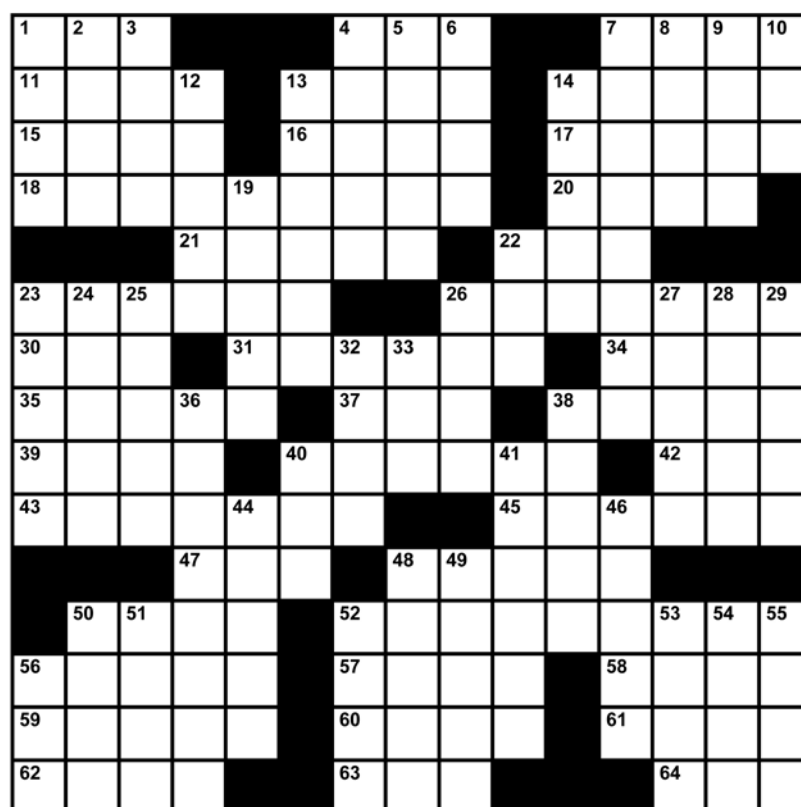
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To appear in next week's paper, submit your Classified Ad by Noon on Tuesday.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



Across

- Type of welding
- Sunbathe
- Foremost
- Self-assurance
- Push for
- Dieter's dread
- Empire HQ
- Split
- Arise
- Diplomatic buildings
- Similar
- Backbone
- Rocket launch area
- Very thin
- "Ladder 49" character
- Behave
- Hold onto
- Musical mark
- Weather phenomenon
- Lamp type
- Lifted
- Not one
- Moderate heat
- Kind of story
- Addressed
- Time out
- Torched
- Heartless
- Dismal
- Proficient
- It's put out by 26 across
- Deficiency
- Dark place
- Toward the edge
- Addition column
- Kind of pad
- Garden invader
- Married
- Destroy
- Fasten
- Was not
- Thespian
- Rock
- Shoot
- Big deer
- Rand McNally product
- Must have
- Contemptible one
- It's breathable
- Recognized
- Bedding linen
- Rain
- Hauling vehicles
- Chef's necessity
- Short light metallic sound
- Long-legged wading bird
- Went like the wind
- Collagist's need
- Be worthy of
- Furrow former
- Sugar source
- ___ as we speak
- Owner's acquisition
- Hair ribbon

Down

- Israeli port city
- Study, say
- Search carefully
- Teach
- See eye to eye
- New Jersey hoopsters
- Fender-bender
- Lamb section
- Idea
- Self starter?
- Lowest in consideration
- Advantages
- Alternative heating
- Kind of whale

Pets

"Have you ever seen a three-year-old, 60-pound, male Catahoula mix dog? If you'd like to meet one, just ask for **Earl**. I was rescued from an LA county shelter where they called me a stray, but I was just lost. I'm very intelligent and would be a great addition to your family. I have fine leash and car manners, I'm housebroken, and crate- and doggy-door trained. I aced my leadership-based obedience classes, but like many large-breed adolescents I can be stubborn. I would do best with an "alpha"

handler who has experience and time to help me fulfill my potential. In fact, I thought I had found my forever home, but unfortunately I was returned after just a few months. My over-scheduled adopter decided that she did not have time for a young, very active dog who is a happy, playful, affectionate boy. I absolutely love people of all ages, sizes and genders."

If you are interested in meeting Earl, please email Emread@verizon.net for more information. •

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City Council

from front page

as five reserve fire engines, which are used whenever front-line engines are immobile due to pending repairs, when they are providing requested mutual aid outside the city and when being used by the City for special events.

"Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Seagrave Fire Apparatus LLC are leaders in the industry and manufacture top-of-the-line fire engines and trucks," states the staff report. "The City currently has only Pierce and Seagrave fire trucks (ladder trucks) and fire engines, which helps achieve more efficient and safer operations, training and maintenance."

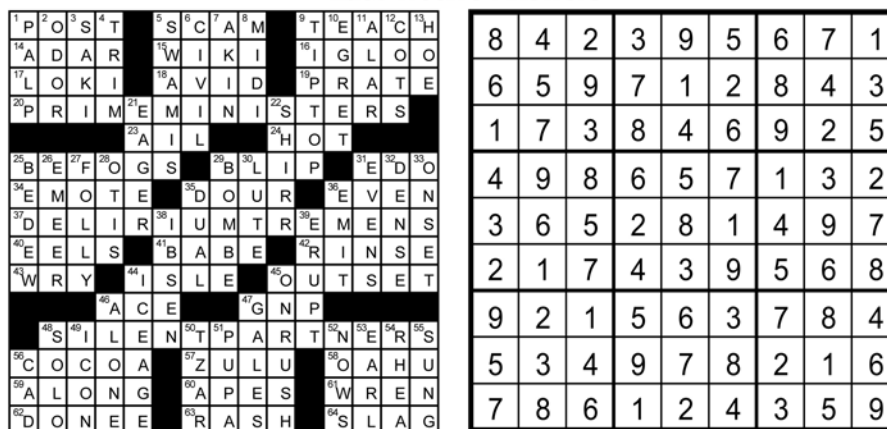
With the approved purchase, the Fire Department will place the 2003 engines under reserve status and decommission the current 1994 and 1996 reserve engines. Pierce offered the City several prepayment discounts (\$38,000), equal to a 3.4 percent interest rate (4.12 percent annualized) on a 90 percent down payment. In addition, Pierce offered a multiple-unit discount of \$10,000. The staff report also states that the Fire Department

has traditionally purchased its engines and trucks through the prepayment option along with a performance bond.

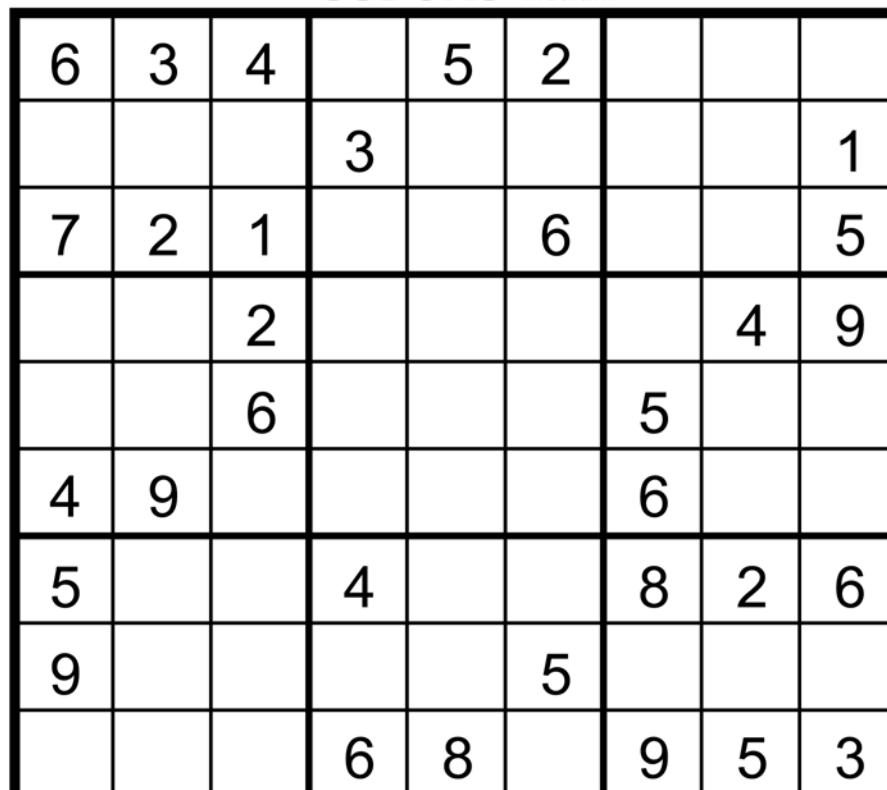
Described as the leaders in the industry in the staff report, Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Seagrave Fire Apparatus are the only companies to supply the department with fire trucks (ladder trucks) and fire engines and is credited to contributing to safer, more efficient operations, having an positive effect on training and maintenance.

"Through the history of the Fire Department we have sought out the highest level of manufacturers since we keep them for such a prolonged period of time, so we are looking for a high-end fire engine," Assistant Fire Chief Miller said. "We used to purchase from a company called Seagrave and we always got competitive pricing from Pierce, since they both did all of their manufacturing in-house and didn't outsource any of it. That way if there were any issues, we knew exactly who was responsible." •

Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU Medium



Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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HERALD PUBLICATIONS

Work Comp

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embraces service provider and premium fraud, which can be far more costly to the system and to the California employers who pay for that system," acknowledges a January 18 report on the scope of the problem.

Companies lie about the number of people they employ and also underreport their payroll so their insurance costs stay low, says the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office that works with state insurance fraud investigators on workers' comp cases. The cheating goes beyond weekly payroll, too.

The underreporting of payroll is estimated as high as \$68 billion per year, though that figure comes from a 2009 report to workers' comp officials. The low estimate for payroll fraud is \$4 billion, the report notes.

Misclassifying employees is another abuse of the system, with an example being claiming an employee performs a less-risky job. A roofing company employee who is an estimator would be insured for less than an actual roof installer.

Some companies, especially in the transportation industry, report their drivers are contractors. A legal test exists to determine who is an employee versus a contractor, and the question is largely decided by whether an employee has direction and control over his workday.

Companies can pay employees in cash too, which lowers their reported payroll on which workers' comp insurance rates are based. Skipping mandatory payments to the state for unemployment and disability is another scheme for hiding actual payroll and getting an unfair bargain on coverage, according to fraud prosecutors. The case of a Long Beach trucking firm charged in April for a \$3.7 million fraud on its premiums over four years illustrates how much money can be saved by cheating the insurance system.

The couple who own Metro Worldwide Inc. are facing 36 years in prison for workers' comp fraud, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. In another

case involving two executives for a garment company and their accountant, the trio pleaded no contest in December to a \$3.8 million workers' compensation fraud scheme. Their sentencing is set for this week.

Insurance crimes are difficult to uncover and time-consuming for prosecutors to build a case. Anti-fraud grants to county district attorneys have financed the bulk of workers' comp cases in the past, and the Division of Workers' Comp plans to continue that funding to local prosecutors.

Los Angeles County prosecutors in October received a \$6.7 million grant from the state insurance commissioner to combat workers' comp fraud. It was the largest grant amount given for 2017.

In announcing the stepped-up effort to rid the work comp system of premium and billing fraud, state officials ask for the support of local prosecutors and judges. The penalties for workers' comp insurance fraud include

finances, restitution and even prison sentences in extreme cases.

Sometimes, the fraud is committed by a network of individuals and companies working in tandem, like in the former Pacific Hospital case in Long Beach. Referrals to a doctor or hospital for a kickbacks are "designed to generate billings for unnecessary or sometimes nonexistent evaluations and treatment," according to the report.

Shady operators try to hide the source of the bills by bundling them and assigning them to a billing collection company, making it more difficult for investigators and authorities to track. A law passed in 2012 closed a billing loophole, but state officials admit that this didn't halt the fraudulent practice entirely. The scheme works when unreviewed bills for pharmacy drugs and language translation services, for example, are submitted to the insurer for payment without going through a bill review to confirm that all treatment was pre-approved and payable. •

Torrance High School

from front page

an enemy-occupied island weighing only half of his original body weight. While imprisoned, he withstood over two years of unimaginable torture and humiliation. After the war, Louis was able to forgive his captors by accepting Christ into his life.

To kick off the Centennial Celebration of Torrance High, 350 students from the track team and fellow athletes, Student Council, Kiwins and other clubs will gather on the steps near the office, with the Senior Patio in the backdrop, to spell out "LZ 100" on what

would have been Louis Zamperini's 100th birthday--January 26, 2017. Louis' son and daughter, Luke and Cynthia, will also partake in this tribute.

The student groups participating in this event represent some of those to which Louis belonged. Back in his day as a Tartar, Louis was on the track team and served as the Commissioner of Athletics while on the Student Council.

This event will take place at 12:45 p.m., and an aerial photo will be taken of the students.

The Torrance High Band will play a birthday tribute to Louis, and the bells from the local churches will ring 10 times--representing each decade of the High School and Louis, and in remembrance of the forgiveness he found through conversion.

This is the first of many special events Torrance High School has planned to celebrate its centennial year. For additional information, visit www.TorranceHighCentennial.com.

Originally, City Hall was planned for the knoll upon which Torrance High School (2200

W. Carson Street) sits. The school opened its doors on September 11, 1917, and was the first unit of the public school system to be provided by Los Angeles. Classes included kindergarten (ages four to six), eight grades of elementary school and four grades of high school. In 1948, Torrance High successfully seceded from the Los Angeles Unified School District. Torrance High has also been the site for the filming of popular television shows, including *Beverly Hills 90201* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARISCOS LA FIESTA, 15020 HAWTHORNE BLVD STE E, LAWDALE, CA 90260, LA COUNTY. AI #ON: 3972721. Registered Owner(s): R T FOOD GROUP INC, 15020 HAWTHORNE BLVD STE E, LAWDALE, CA 90260, CA. This business is being conducted by A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: R T FOOD GROUP INC, ISMAEL RAMIREZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 3, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). LAWDALE TRIBUNE: Pub. 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/2017 **HL-1576**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017003085

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GANACHE A TROIS, 2049 W 236 PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SANDRA I ALVAREZ GARCIA, 2049 W 236 PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2017. Signed: SANDRA I ALVAREZ GARCIA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 5, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 5, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 5, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). TORRANCE TRIBUNE: Pub. 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/2017 **HT-1577**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017010301

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TOPOP MARKETING, 2817 W. 83 RD ST, INGLEWOOD, CA 90305, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GERARDO VILLALOBOS, 2817 W 83 RD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90305. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: GERARDO VILLALOBOS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 13, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: Pub. 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/2017 **HI-1578**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017010387

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) AEG CREDIT CONSULTANTS, 1238 W 107 SUITE 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044, LA COUNTY. 2.) 15501 SAN PABLO AVE, RICHMOND, CA 94806. Registered Owner(s): MARCUS FRANKLIN, 1238 W 107 SUITE 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: MARCUS FRANKLIN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 13, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 13, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 13, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/2017 **H-1579**



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