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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
74°/64°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
75°/65°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
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West Gets Cross Country Kudos



At last week's Torrance City Council meeting, members of West High School's boys cross country team and coaches received special recognition for winning the CIF State Division III championship. Photo Courtesy of City of Torrance.

New Exhibits Smoke & Mirrors and Solar Flare at The Torrance Art Museum

TerriAnn in Torrance
By TerriAnn Ferren

Two new exhibits at the Torrance Art Museum, *Smoke & Mirrors*, curated by Gioj De Marco and Elizabeth Withstandley, and *Solar Flare*, curated by Manual History Machines, opened Saturday, Jan. 20 and runs until Saturday, March 10. Featured artists include Adler Guerrier, Alejandra Urresti, Barry Markowitz, Bettina Khano, Clifton Childree, Dorsey Dunn, Elizabeth Withstandley, Gioj De March, Gordon Winiemko, Heta Kuchka, Joséphine Wister Faure, Lewis Colburn and Thomas Müller. "The artists in *Smoke & Mirrors* investigate the nature of reality; how objects, memories, and ideas come into being; how they persist; and how they cease to exist," the description of the program reads.

Solar Flare, curated by Manual History Machines includes artists Shanna Waddell, Heather Rasmussen, Paul Pescador, Elizabeth Folk, Sofia Córdova and Daniel Gibson. This show is located in Gallery Two and the Dark Room (where film is shown). The Torrance Art Museum website notes, "The artists selected for this exhibition each respond to their environment and life through a unique lens of recollection and mediation. They reconstruct experiences that reflect the personal, psychological and the subjective... *Solar Flare* serves to honor each of the artists and reinforces the crucial role of the subjective experience as a central core – which everything orbits."

Special events planned for later in the show run include *Levitation and BMT-IRT-IND*, performances by Joséphine Wister Faure and Barry Markowitz on Feb. 10 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Also don't miss the *MAGICAL EXPERIMENTS OR SCIENCE IN PLAY*, a moderated panel discussion with the artists.

I spoke with Gioj De Marco and Elizabeth Withstandley, the two curators of *Smoke & Mirrors*. "We came together in a funny way," said Elizabeth. "We started a not-for-profit space in Miami called *Locust Projects* and

a few years ago we had done an open call and there was 350 artists that had sent in proposals. So I was one of the people going through the proposals and getting them ready for the committee that was going to review them...and you know you have [only] a few slots available – way more artists than you can do things with. But there were a few proposals that I really enjoyed that I felt I needed to reach out to these artists and say, 'I am sorry -- you're not having a show at Locust Project, but I really enjoyed your work.' Through that I sent Gioj one of those emails." The two artists met, connected and realized their work dovetailed beautifully together, so they looked for other artists who would fit in their genre. "How the work connects is that we were both working parallel with the notion with cinema and objects

in film," said Gioj. "At the time, Elizabeth was photographing props in prop houses and then writing imaginary scripts about it and presenting them as photographs. So that was such a clear, esthetic and conceptional connection. That it was also wonderful for me to receive news that I was not alone in my thinking. So we had this real artist experience." These two talented women both live in Southern California and have come together for this and other projects. The two have reached out to artists in Los Angeles, Florida, Argentina, Finland and Germany and feel as if this is the first attempt at the conceptional organization of the work.

The *Smoke & Mirrors* grand opening was a huge success. People were crowded into the museum perusing, studying, reading,
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Torrance PD Welcomes New Deputy Chief Jon Megeff

Deputy Chief Jon Megeff began his law enforcement career with the Torrance Police Department in 1987. He has worked assignments as an officer in Patrol (Field Assignments, METRO, Field Training Officer, and SWAT), Special Investigations Division (Vice and Narcotics), and the Personnel Division (Academy Drill Instructor). He was promoted to Sergeant in December 2001 and worked assignments in Patrol (Field Supervisor, Field Training Sergeant, and SWAT), Services Division (Jail Sergeant), and the Personnel Division (Personnel Sergeant).

He was promoted to Lieutenant in November 2005 and worked assignments in Patrol (Area Commander, South Bay Platoon Commander), and as the Emergency Services Division Commander, Traffic and Special Events Division Commander, Research and

Training Division Commander, Personnel Division Commander, and Community
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Deputy Chief John Megeff.

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Film Review

The Miseducation of Cameron Post Wins Top Honors at Sundance Film Festival

By Morgan Rojas
for www.cinemacy.com

There are so many good things to say about *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*, the second feature film from director Desiree

Cameron’s life is instantly turned upside down as she is immediately sent to God’s Promise, a gay conversion therapy school run by Reverend Rick (John Gallagher, Jr.) and Dr. Lydia Marsh (Jennifer Ehle). This “school” claims to



Chloë Grace Moretz, Forrest Goodluck, and Sasha Lane in *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*. Courtesy of the Sundance Institute. Akhavan and the winner of the U.S. Dramatic Grand Jury Prize, Sundance Film Festival’s highest honor. Adapted from Emily Danforth’s acclaimed teen novel, *Miseducation* is the coming-of-age story of a young teen sent to a religious camp to “pray the gay away.” Led by Chloë Grace Moretz, the entire cast brings life to these characters, mixing heart and humor for moving performances. What’s more, one of the most inspiring parts of this production, besides Moretz’s female-empowering performance, is the below-the-line hiring -- as Akhavan herself, along with the film’s cinematographer, editor, co-writer and music supervisors, compose an all-female crew.

Cameron Post (Moretz) sits in a bible study group, silently observing the environment around her. Having grown up in a Christian household, it has been said since day one that there is a very clear right way and wrong way to live in the eyes of the Lord, which does not bode well for Cameron being that she likes girls. When she is caught engaging in sexual activity with her secret girlfriend on prom night,

cure “SSA,” or “Same Sex Attraction” through Christian teaching.

Luckily, like Cameron, not all of the students – or disciples, as the school calls them – are on the same page with the school’s mission. Cameron quickly finds kinship in rebellious classmates Jane (Sasha Lane) and Adam (Forrest Goodluck), who smoke poorly-grown pot and eye-roll their way through the school’s stream of hokey activities -- like worksheets and collage art therapy -- intended to trace back to events in the students’ lives which “caused them to be gay.” It’s evident that no one at God’s Promise wants to be at God’s Promise, but Cameron and her new friends rely on each other to get through this process as relatively unscathed as possible.

Chloë Grace Moretz is subtle yet astounding in the title role. The authenticity she delivers as a teen struggling with her sexual identity proves she was absolutely the perfect casting choice, and she doesn’t shy away from the

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Film Review

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movie's more demanding scenes of physicality with other women. Her vulnerability in this role makes it easy for audiences to see just how awful this experience is for those who are forced to partake in it (fortunately, as was reported at the post-screening Q&A, more and more states are beginning to outlaw conversion therapy in growing numbers). John Gallagher, Jr. as the conflicted Rev. Rick especially shines in his role. "Rick eating cereal" was the movie's scene-stealing moment. Also, Ehle as the domineering school leader gives another brilliant performance.

Since the release of her debut feature, *Appropriate Behavior*, Akhavan has shown that the ambitions of her artistry have grown in the last four years. Back then, it seemed like a plausible assumption that she would continue to work in niche hipster fare and follow in the footsteps of Lena Dunham's style of trendy filmmaking. But with this project, she proves that she has much bigger aspirations as well as skills. Akhavan has created a film that is appealing to everyone and specifically meaningful to the

young LGBTQ community. *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* serves as a beacon of light for anyone struggling with aspects of their lives and proves that being true to yourself is the only way to live. •



Morgan Rojas.



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Across
1. Grey stuff
4. It's good if it is golden
7. Takes off
11. Cook in the oven
14. Tea-pot carrier
15. Things to do
16. Exuberance
18. Along with
19. Felt
20. Perfect
21. Word of possibility
22. Criticize harshly
24. Hair coloring
25. Bizarrely
29. "Charlotte's Web" girl
30. Place
31. Hold responsible
32. Little crawler
35. Varieties
37. Lord's Prayer starter
38. Pi, e.g.
40. Bug someone, e.g.
41. Tax time
43. Departed
44. Prerequisite
45. Vaulted ceilings
46. Sink
49. Palindromic relative

50. Be in the red
52. Whoop it up
54. Not a VIP!
58. Part of SEATO
59. Escapades
63. Abstruse
64. Falsehoods
65. Fajita filler
66. In addition
67. Ping-pong net skim
68. Kid's query

Down
1. Make, in arithmetic
2. Our boys
3. Despise
4. Pitcher's stat.
5. Guzzled by SUV's
6. Treadmill locale
7. Elated
8. Intoxicated
9. Put to test
10. Lifted
12. Green Day song
13. Slang for a paunch
14. Clean up
17. Yellow, for one
20. Central
22. Oyster gem

23. Tentacle
25. Mighty trees
26. A waste of water
27. Hold back
28. Sonny
29. Not settled
31. Blasé
32. Speck
33. Prime-time hour
34. Stocking stuffers
36. Like some beaches
39. Approval
42. Princess woe
45. Monies owed
46. Detective Sam
47. Stand
48. Has a bit of
50. Single members
51. Triumphed
53. Affix
55. ___Back Steak House
56. Pulled
57. "Uh-huh"
59. 100%
60. Game piece
61. Dog lover
62. Sun spot?

Last Week's Answers

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53	O	N	T	O		52	E	G	G		54	P	E	A					
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61	L	A	D		64	A	D	D		66	H	I	T		68	S	A	D	
69	E	X	I	T	S		71	A	G	E	S		73	W	I	N	G		
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SUDOKU Medium

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	6				7				
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3				4	1	6		9	7

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.

Sports

Brady’s Bunch of Rings
Back at Big Bowl

Hayley Jones Makes
History, West Wins

By Adam Serrao

The sun sets in the west, the moon rises at night, and Tom Brady is in the Super Bowl. Few things in the world are seemingly as automatic as Brady and the Patriots playing for a championship at the end of a season. Come this Sunday, they’ll both be right back where they seemingly belong. You can love him, hate him or even refuse to have an opinion about him, but as Brady readies to play in the eighth Super Bowl of his career, you certainly have to respect the way that he plays the game of football.

Even if you love to root against Brady and the Patriots – which most football fans who don’t cheer for the Patriots do – you have to admit that New England being in the Super Bowl at least makes the game a bit more interesting to watch. What can be better than rooting against the guy who will likely go down as the greatest quarterback to ever play the game, not to mention his head coach who thrives on being unlikeable?

The good news, too, is that New England has never dominated its opponents in the biggest game of the season. In his seven championship games so far, Brady is 5-2. Were it not for some miracle plays by Eli Manning and the New York Giants, he could very easily be 7-0. Just as easily, though, Brady could have been 0-7. The total difference in scoring between the Patriots and their opponents in seven Super Bowl games is just 12 points. New England has put up 169 points, while their opponents have combined for 157. That alone should provide enough foreshadowing to tell that this weekend’s Super Bowl LII will likely be a close game, no matter what outcome arises.

Philadelphia doesn’t figure to be a walk in the park for the Patriots either. Despite losing their MVP-caliber starting quarterback in Carson Wentz, backup Nick Foles has come on as of late and is leading the team in quite a similar fashion. “They’ve got a great defense,”

Brady explained of Philly. “As good as we’ve faced all year. They’ve been playing well all year and that’s why they’re in this game – and that’s why we’re in this game. It’s going to be a great game.” Brady would likely change his opinion about the game should the Patriots lose, but losing isn’t necessarily something that comes easily to New England.

The Eagles defense will be tasked with stopping Brady and his teammates on Sunday. That same group ranked fourth in the league in total defense (306.5 yards per game) and points allowed (18.4) this season. Great defenses have fallen to Brady before, though. Just two weeks ago, he and head coach Bill Belichick dispatched the Jacksonville Jaguars and their top-ranked defense this season. Even still, it’s not the team on the other side of the ball that the Patriots concern themselves with and that in itself could be the reason for the team’s prolonged success. “I think they have their strengths, but we have ours,” Brady continued on. “It’s going to come down to who plays the best and that starts with being who’s the most prepared.”

No other quarterback in NFL history has ever played in eight Super Bowls. This weekend, at the ripe young age of 40, Brady will become the first ever and maybe the last ever to do so. Perhaps the most important thing that has fueled the quarterback’s decade-and-a-half-long run is preparation. The drama and controversy that has been mixed in between has certainly made it easier to root against Brady and the Patriots, but when it comes down to X’s and O’s, New England naturally has a distinct advantage no matter how old the quarterback or how athletically gifted the team.

Now, as Brady prepares for his third Super Bowl appearance in the last four years, the outcome of the game has almost been painstakingly decided before it has even been played. When Brady’s on the field, people expect him to win. He has been a dominant force in

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By Adam Serrao

There may not be a bigger moment in the basketball career of Hayley Jones than the one that she experienced last Friday night. In a 64-43 victory over their rivals from North High, West High’s senior captain reached the 1,000-point mark in her high school ball-playing career. Even more notable is that the Warriors easily got the win. Jones has been a staple of the team over the past four years. In her last season with the club, she is leading West to what will almost surely be yet another Pioneer League title -- and possibly even a spot in the CIF championship game for what would remarkably be the fourth time in the last five years of play.

The West High Lady Warriors have demonstratively made a name for themselves both within the Pioneer League and even throughout all of basketball in the South Bay. With back-to-back CIF championships in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons, the Warriors officially put themselves on the high school basketball map. The team’s great play didn’t stop there, either. Though they were not able to capture another championship, the Warriors made it back to the CIF title game in 2015-16. This year, Jones and the rest of her teammates are looking to put another banner up in the rafters.

The race to accomplish that goal took another step in the right direction last Friday night at home against the North High Saxons when the Warriors buried their opponent and Pioneer League rival. Though the Saxons trailed by only five at the half, West’s huge 22-point third quarter opened the lead up to 51-30 after three quarters and eventually brought home the 21-point victory.

Jones not only scored 26 points on the night to lead the team in scoring, but also brought down 15 rebounds to collect more than 800 boards for her career. “Hitting the thousand-point club is an honor and a blessing,” Jones related after the game. “I couldn’t have done it without all of my teammates who gave me endless opportunities to get those points.” Jones will undoubtedly have plenty more opportunities as the season slowly comes to a close, beginning this week when the Warriors welcome their inner-city rivals from South High into their home gym for a Pioneer League battle.

Despite beginning the season with some momentum on their side, the Saxons have fallen into a slump as of late and look to have dropped out of contention in the Pioneer League standings. The loss to their rivals from West was the team’s second such loss of the season. North has also struggled against other league opponents, including the Leuzinger Olympians. The Saxons (9-8, 0-3) took a 14-point loss at the hands of Leuzinger earlier in the month.

While North struggles on th path toward the end of the season, the Warriors keep on cruising. Behind Jones and other senior captains Katie Timmerman and Lani Lum, West (17-4, 6-0) is quickly approaching one of its best overall records in the last five years. That in itself certainly says something about this team. The Warriors will attempt to keep their Pioneer League record flawless as they look to defeat the Spartans this week before rounding out the regular season with matchups against Leuzinger and the Torrance Tartars respectively.

South High

The South High Spartans girls basketball team took a step backwards in the effort to keep pace with the frontrunners in the Pioneer League standings when the team suffered a 47-35 loss at the hands of the second place Leuzinger Olympians last Friday night at home. Leuzinger’s defense did not allow the South High offense to score more than 10 points in any quarter and allowed just six points in the fourth

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TerriAnn in Torrance

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watching and interacting at times with the art. There are three exhibit rooms at the museum: the large gallery, a smaller gallery and a screening room.

First I toured around the impressive show in the main gallery where a large group of people listened to an artist as he held an onion in one hand and an apple in the other. On the other side of the gallery, Gioj, who has been replicating cinema props out of clay, presented *All The Cigars Smoked by Clint Eastwood in Sergio Leone's Spaghetti Westerns*. "For the piece, I asked volunteers to smoke Toscanelli cigars exactly down to the length at which they appear in every scene of the trilogy. The clay replicas were made from the resulting butts," wrote Gioj.



Gioj De Marco.

The case showed clay replicas of the 114 cigars smoked by Clint Eastwood in *A Fist Full of Dollars*, *A Few Dollars More*, and *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*. On the opposite wall were snorkeling goggles worn by Ursula Andress in the James Bond film *Dr. No* by a monumental conch shell.

Luckily, on this very busy opening night, I had the opportunity of speaking with the Director/Curator of the Torrance Art Museum, Max Presneill. I asked Max how he was able to acquire this particular exhibit and he told me, "As part of an ongoing development into areas which are more connected to direct interaction with artists and artists as curators, we invited a duo who put together the show in the main gallery, *Smoke & Mirrors*, Elizabeth Withstandley and Gioj De Marco, and in the second gallery, we invited a group called Manual History Machines to put a proposal together." Max mentioned that his idea is bringing new museum practices into the Torrance Art Museum. Speaking with Max was most informative and I learned he is working diligently to bring artists from cities in other countries, teaming them up with artists in Los Angeles and then pairing them up and asking them to work together on mini-shows. "There will be 16 spaces, eight from Berlin, eight from Los Angeles -- they are paired up so there will be eight separate territorial [areas] and we will present all eight at the same time," said Max. Wow, that means dozens of artists from Berlin will be flying into Los Angeles, working with local artists, and then presenting their work at a show at the Torrance Art Museum! "If it goes well, we intend to target cities all

around the world so every year we bring artists to Torrance and team them up with Southern California artists groups to work together," added Max.

So Torrance should become the number one center for international art coming to Southern California! Wow, that is remarkable and sets Torrance up as an art mecca. Max continued, "We are going to divide the main gallery into eight sections and then each one presents... 16 galleries, eight different shows, all in the main gallery at the same time. It's going to be mad." All this is happening under the watchful eye of the Director/Curator Max Presneill. Torrance is indeed lucky having such a forward-thinking, artistic, inventive leader for our very own Torrance Art



Elizabeth Withstandley.

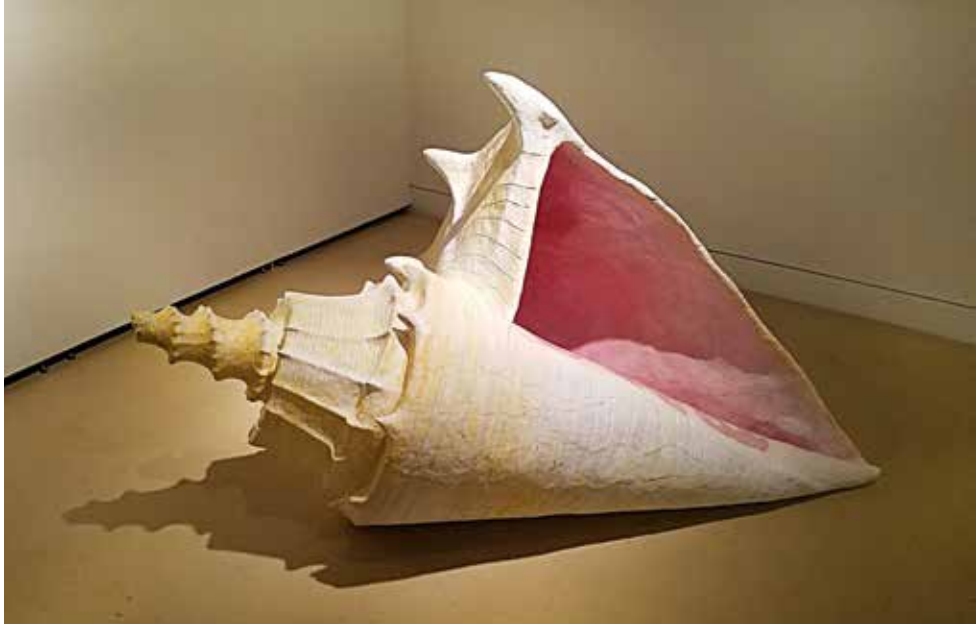
Museum. Max said, "Although we don't have a huge budget, one thing we can compete on is knowing who is doing what sooner than the big museums - and keeping a finger on the pulse. One thing that seems interesting for us is instead of just thinking regionally is to think of Torrance as a center point for the rest of the world. We should really bring the best we can find around the world here and anyone in Southern California can come and see what is going on in Berlin." In thinking bigger rather than smaller, Max is moving forward, bringing art and artists from around the world into Torrance. "We can divide the main gallery into eight spaces and give a reasonable size for everyone to work in... we want it to be part of an ongoing process which means we want them to get to know each other, show in each other's spaces, in the future develop contacts, and really build a much, much bigger integration of the art scenes here and in Berlin. And if we can [do that] in Berlin, then we will be looking at literally countries all over the world."

Some of the other countries and cities Max is reaching out to include Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Tokyo, Melbourne, Sydney, Johannesburg, South Africa, Mumbai and Istanbul. Max wants to work with other thriving artists from other countries. Their work, which is rarely seen outside their own country, will be highlighted at the Torrance Art Museum where everyone can come and see their artwork. That is the plan, so let's do it! Great idea and why not?

For more information on *Smoke & Mirrors*, access www.torranceartmuseum.com or call 310-618-6388. •



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Recipe from Nestle's Balance Your Plate

Ingredients

- 10 chicken drumsticks
 - 1 large lemon zested and juiced
 - 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 - 3 whole cloves garlic, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon oregano
 - 1 pinch each salt and pepper
- Minced parsley for garnish

Honey Mustard Sauce:

 - 3 tablespoons melted butter
 - 1/2 cup honey
 - 1/2 cup mustard
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice



Preparation

1. In a bowl, mix together lemon juice, zest, olive oil, chopped garlic, paprika, oregano, salt and pepper. Add chicken drumsticks and toss to coat evenly. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes. When ready to cook, let chicken come to room temperature for about 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

2. Arrange chicken on oiled foil-lined sheet pan.
3. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes. Flip chicken pieces and cook another 10 minutes until chicken reaches 165 degrees and is no longer pink.
4. Make sauce in a small bowl by whisking together the mustard and honey. Add water as needed for a workable consistency.
5. With a small pastry brush, brush sauce over chicken and broil 5 minutes until bubbly.
6. Place chicken pieces on a serving platter and sprinkle minced parsley over all. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Another Man's Opinion

Celebrities Aren't Banned From Enjoying
Their Right to Freedom of Speech

By Cristian Vasquez

It's easy to dismiss and criticize celebrities for sharing their political opinions, but it's also as childish as a kid on the playground becoming upset because a classmate brought the same version of their toy. The weekend gave us another edition of the Grammys, which in all honesty was avoided in this household like it has been every year. However, what's never ignored is the anger from certain people who have convinced their ignorant minds and feeble egos that celebrities have no right to express any sort of political thoughts. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley demonstrated her ignorance and intolerance Sunday night when she tweeted, "I have always loved the Grammys but to have artists read the *Fire and Fury* book killed it. Don't ruin great music with trash. Some of us love music without the politics thrown in it." Well, Haley and the people who think like her simply need to stop being such whiny babies.

Art has always been political. Music has never existed separate from political, social commentary. Maybe Haley has never heard Merle Haggard sing the lines, "After a soldier fights, should we read him his new rights? There's not that many to read anymore. Where's all the freedom that we're fightin' for?" I wonder if Haley knows that the classic American song "Yankee Doodle" itself has political roots. Or maybe she's just selective about whom she wants to criticize. Maybe Haley is just another one of the

snowflakes that her boss constantly takes jabs at, but he hasn't realized as much. Let's not pretend that the arts exist isolated from current events, because art is an expression of life and life is as varied as the music that's out there.

It is ironic that an ambassador chosen by a party known for constantly slashing funding for the arts is online criticizing the message in the arts. If the industry decides to be political during its biggest celebration, does anyone really have the right to tell it to stop? No. Nothing about the freedom of expression states that it's limited to people in a certain profession, income bracket or from a specific political ideology. Now, do people like Haley also get upset when conservative celebrities speak out? Did Haley speak out against Hank Williams, Jr. when he called President Obama a Muslim who hates the military? I wonder where Haley's outrage was when Ted Nugent threatened President Obama and Hillary Clinton. Haley is a hypocrite of the worst kind and needs to stop spreading the idea that being a celebrity makes you unworthy of a political opinion, especially when that opinion contradicts your personal views.

Let the Grammys have their night. It's an exclusive party for artists brave enough to take a chance on a creative career and fortunate enough to have made it. If their political opinions can ruin your day, then toughen up. Not everyone in the world agrees with you. •

One Year In, Trump Seems to Be Doing a
Darn Good Job... If You're a Legal Citizen

By Duane Plank

So I am still tooling around in my kid's Honda Civic, as he kiped my Mini-van about 15 months ago, as he attends music festivals and similar-type events in and around the environs of Santa Barbara, chauffeuring around his posse. He and his buddy descended on the mansion Friday night, caught me a little off-guard, as they were attending a music soiree in LA. He had to hit the floor in the master bedroom, because my dump was going through a bit of renovation and the furniture was askew.

Anyway, mentioning this because the kid's car that I am driving is a Honda hybrid. Doing my best to save the world and all. And it sports a Bernie Sanders bumper sticker. Kid became politically motivated when Sanders made his cheated run at the 2016 Dem presidential nomination.

If you pay any attention, you may remember that the nomination was rigged by the entrenched, old-line Dems for the skow Hil Clinton, against the upstart Sanders...as she was expected to trounce whichever Republican garnered the nomination on the way to busting the glass ceiling and becoming the first woman POTUS in the good-old-US-of A. Girl power. How did that work out?

Mention this because a recent poll -- because why not float polls two years in advance? -- noted that the pathetic Dems have apparently listed the fossil Sanders as the second choice today to nab the 2020 nomination. He trailed the number one relic Joe Biden. Also mentioned in the poll was two-time loser Hillary Clinton, author of the tome *What Happened*, which

finally showed up on my doorstep courtesy of the Amazon drones. She was number three in the poll. Took Amazon two weeks to get me the Trump book *Fire and Fury*, but I did receive way-too-many emails from the Amazon god zillionaires expressing their remorse for the delay in the delivery of my books.

Shockingly, Congresswoman Mad Maxine Waters, who has incredibly become very wealthy after she started her career in politics (how the heck did that happen?) is not considered a viable candidate for the presidency in 2020. Mad Max has recently toned down her incoherent diatribes against President 45, though she and a few Lib losers were threatening to boycott Trump's this past Tuesday evening State of the Union Address.

Nice! Stay home, or in some other paid-for domicile, and not support the...elected... president of our country. Someone should investigate Mad Max's finances, BTW.

And Trump throws out a plan to help the illegals, Dreamers, whatever, to get a path towards citizenship, and Schumer and Pelosi, who probably hadn't even read the deal, cry foul. Resist, resist. What programs are you proposing, my leftist brethren, other than the garbage of victimization?

Finally, since I have two jobs, I am always amused when the hardly-working DACA freeloaders can take time out of their busy days and protest. At Disneyland. Last Tuesday. Me, no time to protest. Them? The best and the brightest, all college grads, according to the blowhards on CNN. Disneyland? Really?

Adios to the Dreamers. •

Bigger Checks

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Up and Adam

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new withholding tables work with the Forms W-4 that workers have already filed with their employers to claim withholding allowances. This will minimize burden on taxpayers and employers,” the IRS said.

The tax code changes took effect on Jan. 1, just days after the House and Senate approved the biggest tax reform legislation in decades. Companies since have announced bonuses for employees because Congress did away with the previous corporate tax rates and created a new rate of 21 percent.

Several airlines are among the employers who are passing along the corporate tax cuts. Alaska, American and Southwest Airlines all pledged \$1,000 bonuses to their employees. Alaska went a step further and offered \$118 million in incentive bonuses to its 23,000 workers nationwide.

Other companies and entities that do business in the South Bay that have promised tax cut bonuses include:

- **Bank of America:** \$1,000 bonuses to about 145,000 of its workforce.
- **FedEx:** \$200 million in raises, about two-thirds of which will go to hourly team members. The delivery service giant also plans to contribute \$1.5 billion to its pension plan.
- **Home Depot:** Gave one-time cash bonuses of \$1,000 for hourly associates before Jan. 1.
- **Honeywell:** Increased the 401(k) match for employees in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.

Financial institutions and banks, including Wells Fargo and Washington Federal, raised staff salaries and bumped the company minimum

wage to \$15, using the corporate tax savings. Verizon gave employees, excluding its top management, 50 shares of the telecom company’s restricted stock. Apple was even more generous, handing out \$2,500 in stock to most of its employees.

Not everyone will enjoy a tax reduction under the new law. While most taxpayers will pay less, some taxpayers will pay a slightly higher tax rate for 2018, according to Executive Director Kathy Pickering with The Tax Institute. High-earners with a marginal tax rate of 35 percent (up from 33 percent) will be most affected.

Even if you didn’t receive a celebratory bonus, the IRS said that 70 percent of taxpayers are expecting refunds this year. The tax season opened Monday and runs Jan. 29 through Tuesday, April 17. The filing period is five days shorter than last year, putting added pressure on tax preparers and self-filers to make the deadline.

The IRS says 90 percent of refunds are issued in under 21 days, but to expect delays with returns that claim the Earned Income or Additional Child Tax Credits. The Earned Income Tax Credit is for working people with low to moderate income. To qualify for this refund, you must file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax. According to the agency, “The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return.”

For the second consecutive year, April 15 falls on a weekend -- so the tax return filing deadline falls two days later on a Tuesday. •

and final quarter of play. The Spartan defense, on the other hand, allowed 19 points in the third quarter in a game that got away from them late. Leuzinger senior Machari Johnson led the way on the night with game-high totals of 17 points and 15 rebounds.

The loss is the second in the last two weeks for South against opponents above it in the Pioneer League standings – the other defeat was at the hands of the West High Warriors. Senior Kelly Hussey scored 11 in a 65-26 loss to West. The Spartans (10-10, 2-3) will have to finish out their schedule strong with upcoming games against the Warriors and the Centennial Apaches if Hussey, Hannah Mason or the rest of the South roster wants a shot at advancing to this year’s playoffs.

Torrance High
After opening up this year’s league play schedule with a dominant 30-point victory over the Centennial Apaches, Torrance head coach Rick Momohara seems to now be watching his team fall apart down the stretch run of the regular season. A 59-27 loss last week at the hands of the West High Warriors was the Tartars’ third straight league setback in a row. Matchups against Leuzinger, North and West will round out the schedule for Torrance. Momohara will certainly need much more offensive firepower from seniors like Ciara Quizon and Jami Chung, to name a few, if the Tartars (9-10, 1-3) are going to try to improve upon their current fourth place standing by the time the regular season comes to a close.

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Brady

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the NFL for 17 years now. In the most important game of the year, even Patriots detractors feel as though the ending is predetermined. The only thing that can seemingly take him down is a remarkable helmet catch or maybe just Eli Manning himself. Fortunately for Brady, Eli’s not suiting up in Minnesota this week. No matter what the score of the game or how much time left on the clock, Brady consistently finds a way to win. Just ask the Atlanta Falcons. Twenty-five points wasn’t a big enough cushion in the second half of play. Unless they have a miraculous play to draw up in the huddle, Philadelphia certainly has its hands full come game day.

Yes, Tom Brady and the Patriots are going to the Super Bowl again. You’ve heard it before and quite frankly, it’s getting rather disgusting to talk about year in and year out. But just as the Patriots have worn down fans of the NFL, they have also worn down their opponents. The Philadelphia Eagles are next to face off against Belichick and Brady in a championship game. That coach and quarterback are certainly no stranger to big games. That reason alone gives the initial advantage to New England, no matter the eventual outcome of the game on Sunday night.

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Deputy Chief

from front page

Affairs Division Commander. He was promoted to Captain in January 2016, where he served as the Administrative Bureau Commander, and promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in January 2018, where he continues to command the Administrative Bureau. Deputy Chief

Megeff has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Fresno State University and a Master of Science degree in Emergency Services Administration from California State University Long Beach.

– Source: Torrance PD •

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Sunday, Jan. 14

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/14 9:30:00 PM & 1/16 12:30:00 PM 4300 BLOCK 179TH ST. Suspect(s) pries window for entry and takes property/candles.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/14 8:00:00 PM & 1/15 5:25:08 AM 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST. Suspect(s) pries window for entry, ransacks and attempts to take third row seat, but is prevented from doing so by locks.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/14 11:30:00 AM & 1/14 2:30:00 PM 3900 BLOCK 171ST ST. Attempt stolen vehicle: ‘03 Chevrolet Suburban.

Monday, Jan. 15

Battery-Simple 1/15 1:51 PM 1000 BLOCK COTA AVE. Suspect pushes victim, causing him to hit a screen door.

Auto Theft-All 1/15 12:44 PM 2300 BLOCK 236TH PL. Stolen vehicle: ‘96 Nissan Maxima.

Robbery-Weapon Betw. 1/15 10:40:00 AM & 1/15 10:54:21 AM 1700 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Suspects enter open business and demand property while brandishing a handgun/cash.

Arson Betw. 1/15 5:13:45 AM & 1/15 5:13:50 AM 23200 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Suspect(s) smashes residence window and sets fire to a fence.

Robbery-Weapon Betw. 1/15 1:36:27 AM & 1/15 1:36:29 AM 4100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect simulates a handgun, punches one victim in the face and demands four victims’ property/cash, wallet.

Robbery-StrongArm Betw. 1/15 12:54:29 AM & 1/15 12:54:40 AM ARTESIA BLVD. & HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect forcibly takes victim’s property from his possession then drags victim with his vehicle when victim reaches in to recover his property/ laptop, headphones.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Vandalism Betw. 1/16 11:40:00 PM & 1/17

12:40:00 AM 2300 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) sprays paint on victim’s vehicle’s entire exterior.

Battery-Simple 1/16 8:50 PM 300 BLOCK AVE. Suspect punches victim in the face, knocking him to the floor.

Vandalism Betw. 1/16 7:45:00 PM & 1/16 8:30:00 PM 5300 BLOCK LORNA ST. Suspect(s) cracks victim’s vehicle’s window.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/16 10:40:00 AM & 1/16 10:45:00 AM 2800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/16 10:30:00 AM & 1/17 7:00:00 PM 25900 BLOCK MATFIELD DR. Suspect(s) enters unlocked window, ransacks and takes property/TV, laptops, tablet, jewelry, Yen, backpack.

Theft Betw. 1/16 9:30:00 AM & 1/16 10:00:00 AM 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked locker/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/16 9:20:00 AM & 1/16 10:15:19 AM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, notebooks, laptop bag, laptop, watch.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/16 8:30:00 AM & 1/16 10:03:59 AM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/16 5:40:00 AM & 1/16 10:30:00 AM 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/wallet.

Vandalism 1/16 5:18 AM 18200 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE. Suspect(s) smashes business window/no entry, no loss.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Theft Betw. 1/17 7:00:00 PM & 1/17 8:00:00 PM 20300 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/license plate.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 1/17 6:15:00

PM & 1/18 7:00:00 AM 1900 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) cuts chain locking gate to storage room and takes property/auto parts.

Battery-Simple 1/17 3:19 PM 4200 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect punches victim in the arm.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 1/17 1:00:00 PM & 1/17 4:30:00 PM 18000 BLOCK ERMANITA AVE. Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means, ransacks/no loss.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/17 2:57:09 AM & 1/17 2:57:24 AM 2700 BLOCK LOFTYVIEW DR. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/keys.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/18 11:30:00 PM & 1/19 7:30:00 AM 3400 BLOCK MARICOPA ST. Stolen vehicle: ‘01 Toyota Solara.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/18 11:30:00 PM & 1/19 7:30:00 AM 3400 BLOCK MARICOPA ST. Stolen vehicle: ‘13 Honda Accord.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 9:15:00 PM & 1/19 8:30:00 AM 4600 BLOCK BINDEWALD ROAD. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ tablet, clothes.

Theft Betw. 1/18 9:00:00 PM & 1/19 6:21:13 AM 18000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) damages side mirror and rips off door moulding of parked vehicle.

Vandalism Betw. 1/18 8:00:00 PM & 1/19 2:30:00 AM 17400 BLOCK GLENBURN AVE. Suspect(s) damages victim’s vehicle’s side mirror.

Theft Betw. 1/18 8:00:00 PM & 1/19 5:30:00 AM 3400 BLOCK MARICOPA ST. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/license plates.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 7:00:00 PM & 1/19 7:15:00 AM 23000 BLOCK EVALYN AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/FlashPro, Beats Pill speaker.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 6:30:00 PM & 1/19 8:55:00 AM 22900 BLOCK EVALYN

AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/console tray, sanitizer, clippers, cash.

Vandalism Betw. 1/18 5:30:00 PM & 1/19 11:30:00 AM 23700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE. Suspect(s) defeats mailbox lock / unknown if loss.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 3:40:00 PM & 1/18 3:54:42 PM 4600 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 2:11:16 PM & 1/18 3:07:00 PM 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto 1/18 9:45 AM 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/wallet.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/18 9:20:00 AM & 1/18 9:30:00 AM 17500 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/cell phone, credit card.

Auto Theft-All 1/18 6:37 AM 20100 BLOCK WAYNE AVE. Stolen vehicle: ‘15 Lexus 250.

Friday, Jan. 19

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/19 7:00:00 PM & 1/20 5:30:00 AM 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/garage remote, sunglasses.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 1/19 6:30:00 PM & 1/20 7:50:00 AM 1700 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Suspect(s) defeats door lock by unknown means for entry, ransacks/ unknown if property loss at time of report.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 1/19 3:00:00 PM & 1/19 4:30:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Stolen vehicle: ‘01 GMC Sierra.

Theft Betw. 1/19 1:30:00 PM & 1/19 1:45:00 PM 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from victim’s purse as she shops/wallet.

Theft Betw. 1/19 12:00:00 PM & 1/19 12:30:00 PM 1800 BLOCK 205TH ST. •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PUSHER RX, 335 E ALBERTONI ST, UNIT 200-426, CARSON, CA, 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): RICHARD HSU, 335 E. ALBERTONI ST, UNIT 200-426, CARSON, CA, 90746, CA. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2017. Signed: RICHARD HSU, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 10, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JANUARY 10, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JANUARY 10, 2023. 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. 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2018 H-1746

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018017975

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TYLER HATZIKIAN RACING, 803 HILLCREST ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CHRISTIAN TYLER HATZIKIAN, 803 HILLCREST ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. 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: CHRISTIAN TYLER HATZIKIAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 22, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JANUARY 22, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JANUARY 22, 2023. 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. 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2018 H-1747

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018018699

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) BREWPORT MARKET 2) BREWPORT TAP HOUSE, 204 MAIN ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): THE BREWPORT GROUP, 741 REDWOOD AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, CA. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON 3911697. This business is being conducted by a CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/1917. Signed: THE BREWPORT GROUP, TREASURER, PATRICK COX. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 23, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JANUARY 23, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JANUARY 23, 2023. 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. 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15/2018 H-1748

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018016095

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRINK COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS, 1800 MARTINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JEREMY MARKUS BRINKERHOFF, 1800 MARTINA AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90501. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: JEREMY MARKUS BRINKERHOFF, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 19, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JANUARY 19, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JANUARY 19, 2023. 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. 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2018 HT-1749

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2018014351

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EVAN'S POOL SERVICE, 429 26TH STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): EVAN ORTEGA, 429 26TH STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, CA. This business is being conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: EVAN ORTEGA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 18, 2018. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on JANUARY 18, 2023. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to JANUARY 18, 2023. 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. 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22/2018 H-1750

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Think Spring: Plan the Landscape of Your Dreams

(BPT) - The weather outside is frightful, and the week ahead calls for falling temperatures, maybe even snow. That makes it easy to dream of warmer spring weather, but to plan for it? To sit and strategize for making the most of next year's lawn and landscape projects? That seems like no small feat.

The good news is that spring will be here before you know it, and now is the best time to work with your local landscape professional to set the stage for a healthy spring. With the expertise and knowledge of a professional, you'll be well on your way to get a thriving landscape you'll enjoy come spring.

Quality lawn care and landscape professionals are all around you, but finding the perfect one can be challenging if you go it alone. Instead, consult the National

Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) professional directory at www.loveyourlandscape.org/find-a-pro/. You'll have access to the NALP's comprehensive directory and can find inspiration through the organization's expert advice columns and idea center, motivating you to take your spring landscaping projects to new heights. The initial conversations you have with



your landscape professional are essential for creating a beautiful outdoor space. When working with a professional, you can become more prepared by considering the answers to these questions in advance of your first meeting.

What's Important to You?

You don't need to know every last detail, but you should have a broad understanding

of what you want. Do you want to entertain? Have space to garden or create a private area to enjoy quietly by yourself?

What's Your Budget?

When it comes to dreaming of the perfect landscape project, the limit is your imagination. But once you place some real-world practicality behind it, the limit will ultimately be your budget.

What Plants are Best for Your Property?

Flowers, shrubs and trees are all integral to any landscape project and you should have an idea of what you'd like to see. If you don't know, visit your local greenhouse or nursery for inspiration and gain a greater understanding of native plants that fare well in your environment.

What Level of Lawn Care is Needed?

Whether or not you have sprawling acres of land, a healthy lawn of any size and shape sets the foundation for a beautiful landscape. Your lawn care professional can review with you how to grow and maintain a lawn through all the seasons. Consider if weed control, mowing, aeration, fertilization and irrigation may be needed as part of your lawn care program.

The long weeks of winter are here, but now is the perfect time to formalize your plans for a gorgeous, spring lawn and landscape. A professional can help you reach every goal you've dreamed about. So start planning today. Your home will benefit from your preparation - and on those cold mornings, it sure helps to dream of spring, doesn't it? •



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