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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
72°/49°



Saturday

Sunny
75°/51°



Sunday

Sunny
80°/53°



Rotary Clubs of Torrance Award Funds to Four High Schools



Torrance's North, West, South and Torrance High Schools were the recipients of over \$16,000 raised by the Four Rotary Clubs of Torrance and checks were presented to school representatives on January 20 at the DoubleTree Hotel. The proceeds were raised at the annual USC/UCLA tailgate event sponsored by the Del Amo, Lomita-Torrance Airport, South Bay Sunrise and Torrance Rotary Clubs. The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Pictured are the Rotary club leaders who made the presentations along with the school representatives. Photo by Gilbert Watson. •

Council Awards Contract For Abatement, Removal of Hazardous Materials at Zamperini Field

By Cristian Vasquez

In a unanimous vote by the Torrance Mayor and City Council, a contract was awarded to WESTCOR Environmental Inc. of Cerritos, in the amount of \$72,993 for the abatement and disposal of hazardous materials found at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Included in the contract is a 5 percent contingency [\$3,649.65], making the total of the contract \$76,641.65, which will be appropriated from the Airport Aeronautical Fund Balance.

The discovery of hazardous materials was the result of two separate fires, one in September and one in November, which caused significant damage to several hangars at the airport. Due to the September fire, one hangar was significantly damaged, as well as its contents, which included an aircraft. That incident caused minor smoke damage to an adjacent hangar but was put out before any additional structures were affected.

"As far as the first fire goes, to the best of our knowledge, it was a faulty appliance in one of the hangars; that is basically what the evidence points to. As far as the second fire goes, there is no determination at this time," Facility Operations Manager Shant Megerdichian said. "I know that the city's risk management division has been working with our insurance to see if there is going to be any accountability for any funds. We do have a deductible of the city so we have to meet that first."

November's fire, which destroyed one hangar and the aircraft stationed inside, was more severe than the previous incident and affected five separate hangars with both smoke and soot damage. Unlike the September fire, which occurred on a weekday morning, the November fire took place during predawn hours, which allowed for the flames to spread farther before the city's fire department could respond.

"Right now we are spending the funds to have the hangars cleaned, we need to get the tenants back into their hangars and we need to have it clean not only for the tenants to come back, but so we can begin the design and construction process," Megerdichian said. "We really can't do anything until the hangars are deemed clean."

The risk management division continues working with the tenants insurance in order to determine liability. However, at the time of the council meeting, staff did not have the status on whether a claim had been, or would be filed.

"Affected tenants were advised not to enter their hangar until a professional abatement contractor was retained to clean the structure," states the staff report. "Personal items in the hangar are the responsibility of the tenant, and is not part of the scope of work for WESTCOR. Each affected tenant has been temporarily relocated to vacant hangars."

Eric Tsao, Finance Director, indicated that the city will seek recuperating financial losses via risk management but the priority at the moment is to fix the hangars in order to have tenants back into the facilities.

"Due to the nature of the fires, Ellis Environmental was retained to perform environmental testing to determine if any hazardous materials were present," states the staff report signed by General Services Director Sheryl Ballew. "The

test results concluded that elevated levels of lead, mercury and zinc were present in wipe samples taken from the hangars. Due to the nature of these materials, the hangars must be professionally cleaned and abated by a qualified and licensed vendor, with any remaining items disposed of properly."

On Dec. 17, 2015 city staff and Ellis Environmental carried out a job walk in order to solicit proposals for the hazardous mitigation and disposal. For the walk, four vendors were invited but only three of the invited contractors submitted proposals. Among the proposals submitted was that of WESTCOR Environmental of Cerritos, the most cost-effective and winning bid. The other two proposals were submitted by: Castlerock Environmental of Santa Fe Springs with a price tag of \$96,995, while New Horizons Contracting from Chino priced its proposal at \$121,530.

"Staff has reviewed WESTCOR's proposal and licenses, and found everything to be in order," concluded the staff report. •

Middle Schools Given Go-Ahead To Apply for AAUW's Tech Trek

By Cristian Vasquez

A unanimous vote by the members of the Torrance School Board gives the district's middle schools permission to apply for participation in the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) 2016 Tech Trek, a weeklong science camp scheduled for July or August.

Board approval, which comes at no cost to the district, will allow all of the middle schools' girl students who are interested to apply for Tech Trek, which is organized by the AAUW and conducted by credentialed middle school teachers and guest presenters.

Tech Trek is a science and math camp dedicated to developing interest and excitement,

along with self-confidence in young women who are on track to begin the eighth grade during the upcoming fall; the camp curriculum is targeted specifically at girls entering the 8th grade. Through hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields, students are introduced to science and math in hopes of sparking an interest in the subjects that will trickle outside of the classroom.

"Since 1998 AAUW Tech Trek camps have been designed to help girls continue their interests in science, math, engineering & technology (STEM) exploration and learning, through the tricky years when new distractions enter their lives," states

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Sally Stowe

As an educator Sally had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of local children. In the mid-1960s, she founded a preschool at her church; around the same time she established a story-time program for children at the Torrance Public Library. For over 50 years—first as a volunteer, then as Instructional Aide, and again post-retirement as a volunteer until after her 80th birthday—she served the Torrance Unified School District as a reading, computer, and drama instructor. She received the district's

Sally is survived by her husband, two sisters, four children, and eight grandchildren. The family plans to establish the Arts Council of Torrance Sally Stowe Arts Achievement Award in her honor; donations can be made at the Council's web site at <http://www.artscounciloftorrance.org/> or by mail at Arts Council of Torrance, 4733 Torrance Boulevard, #428, Torrance, CA 90503-4335. •

from front page

The camp will be hosted at the University of California, San Diego, University of California, Santa Barbara, University of California, Irvine and Whittier College. In addition to study trips and many kinds of hands-on experiments, the weeklong camp will give the girls a very close to identical college experience by having them attend classes at one of the host universities, while living away from home for the week.

“An AAUW committee comprised of Educational Partnership Committee members and business partners who contribute money for the scholarships will make the final selection
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“All of the good roofers are super busy. So, you have to ask yourself, ‘Hey, how come this

**“You don’t stay in business by cheating your
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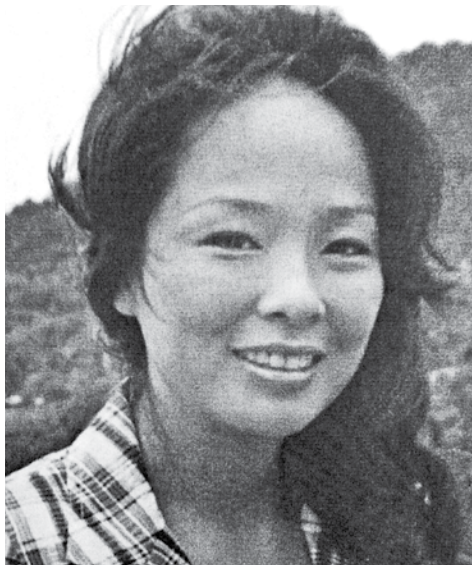
TerriAnn in Torrance

Chinese New Year in Torrance

Photos and story by TerriAnn Ferren

Chinese New Year 4714, the year of the monkey, falls on February 8th. This centuries-old celebration is huge in China, but here in Torrance I wondered how our Chinese citizens celebrate.

Years ago, I attended a Chinese New Year's dinner with other Torrance citizens at a restaurant in downtown Los Angeles in the heart of Chinatown. It was a



Julie (Yeh) Johnson. First day in the United States.

very special, festive, celebration dinner. Lazy Susan's, in the center of each table, were filled with wonderful and exotic delicacies. I can't remember what year it was, but I do recall everyone at the table trying to figure out what Chinese year they were born in, and which animal represented them.

The Chinese calendar (like the Jewish calendar), is unlike our Gregorian calendar, – so if you are going to look up which year you are (which animal), and you were born in January or February, make sure you first find out where your birthday falls on the Chinese calendar (in which year) and go from there. Who knew?

We have Chinese immigrants who continue celebrating Chinese New Year in our community. Torrance residents, Nora and Chris Shih spoke with me about their memories and traditions of Chinese New Year. Nora was born and raised in Hong Kong, and was one of three girls and two boys in her family. "Hong Kong is part of China now, but the customs are still the same. It was a big holiday [New Year's] and there was no school. New Year is fun for kids. You have Chinese candy, and you get red envelopes filled with denominations of money that is given to the kids. The envelopes come in different sizes with different designs and usually the bigger envelopes hold more money. So the kids have a ball. You get food to eat and you get money," said Nora.

Chris Shih told me he also grew up in Hong Kong, and has one brother and two sisters. He told me he celebrated, as all the little children would, with lots of candy, food, firecrackers, and looked forward to the red envelopes. Children would set off firecrackers, creating a loud bang, which supposedly chased away evil spirits. Chris added, "Also friends and family visit each other." Nora said a tradition she remembers consisted of making many kinds of puddings. Each province, or regions



Chinese Firecrackers.

in China, had a special pudding that they made exclusively. "They prepare this [pudding] way ahead to get the food done early. You would clean the house up and down to prepare the house for the New Year. So it will be a good, clean year. Some people would cut out red Chinese characters with gold and put them on their doorstep, or their rooms to bring them good luck and prosperity. You don't see it too often now. It is big red letters, fancy stuff – on the doors of the rooms too," said Nora. I remember one of my neighbor's pasted Chinese characters with red and gold on their front door and I couldn't figure out why. Now I know. Nora also told me lots of food is prepared in advance and served on a 'lazy Susan'. For example a lazy Susan may include: preserved food, candy, seeds, red seeds (red is good luck), and dry lotus. Chris told me, "'Lotus' in Chinese is pronounced the same way as having many children...so it is good luck." "Chinese are very superstitious," added Nora.

Chris and Nora met and fell in love in the United States while attending college. "A lot of people sent their children away to college, as there were limited colleges in Hong Kong, and China wasn't that developed at the time. You don't go to China for school," said Nora.

"Now we don't do it as much [cooking]. We don't go to all that work now," laughed Nora. The women would work very hard preparing food and cleaning the house, which was quite time consuming. Nowadays, Nora doesn't spend weeks in the kitchen cooking, but their son, Stephen (now Dr. Stephen Shih, M.D.) did receive red envelopes growing up in Torrance,



Chinese Family Celebrating.

and Nora and Chris continue the tradition, giving 'red envelopes' to their grandchildren.

Nora also told me just gathering the special ingredients for many of the dishes made for Chinese New Year, can be challenging. There is, however, a market in Gardena that carries special 'New Year' foods that are imported for this special holiday. "We order the special pudding," said Nora. "It's like a cake," added Chris.

I then spoke with Julie Yeh, who was born in China. She told me her dad was a pilot in the National Air Force, fighting the Communists, so her entire family moved to Taiwan in 1948 when Julie was only 4 months old. "I grew up in Taiwan with a sister and older brother until I was 25," said Julie. "[New Year's] was a big celebration...the best part of being a child at Chinese New Year's is you receive red envelopes from your parent's friends, your uncles, your aunts - whoever comes to your house, or you go to their home. Inside the red envelope is money. So for kids, that is the biggest event of the year. And the children compete with each other on who gets the most money," said Julie. She told me that the family would have New Year's Eve dinner together, comprised of at least ten courses. They began with hors d'oeuvres, usually cold cuts, then soup, a whole chicken, a whole duck, pork, beef, and vegetables. But the most important dish was the whole fish. "You don't finish the fish – you save it for

the next year – 'so every year you will have extra' – so you will never be short [we saved it until the next day]. What my mom would do is she would prepare two fish. One we could eat and the other one - completely don't touch, until the next day," said Julie. "We would stay up until 12 o'clock and then we would light firecrackers to welcome the next year. Then on the first day, [of the year] we have to wear new clothes, new shoes, and [got] red envelopes, [lit] firecrackers, and [ate] candies, and all the goodies. We also have an '8-treasure box'... so you would have eight candies, etc. in a box and when you have visitors, you invite them to have those sweets. Eight is a good number for the Chinese," added Julie.

Julie Yeh moved from Taiwan to San Francisco for college in the 70s and was totally lost. "But I enjoyed it and I learned pretty fast. It was fun," she said. Now, Julie still celebrates the family dinner every New Year's Eve and still hands out the red envelopes to the unmarried children in the family. I learned if you are unmarried, you are a 'kid' and entitled to red envelopes. Today, Julie and her family make 'reservations' instead of cooking and preparing for days, but the long-established ritual of getting together with family is strong and Julie and her sister, and their families, make it a point of carrying on the traditions of celebrating Chinese New Year. "In the old days, we celebrated for fifteen days," Julie added.

Next, I spoke with Peter Yang, who was born and raised in Taiwan, immigrating to the United States in 1982 when he was 31 years old. "I immigrated because my family was here. They all immigrated earlier. I waited for

to their hometown to see parents, wives, and the kids. They get off work and want to get together in the New Year. Travel is terrible there [in China] – millions and millions of people travel. It is special because the New Year is almost springtime when they are traveling," said Peter. Peter told me that he also remembers receiving red envelopes filled with money. About now, I was wishing I had this 'red envelope' tradition. It would have been



Chinese Child with her Red Envelopes

fun looking forward to receiving envelopes filled with money whenever visiting relatives on New Year's. "All cash, no checks or credit cards. This is a tradition people like. If the kids have a lot of relatives, he can get rich. When we grow up – we hate it because we have to pass the envelope back," Peter said, laughing. "My nephew, he is 30 years old, but he is still not married, so I still treat him like the kids, and give him a red envelope. It is for good luck. In our country, on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, you bought a lot of firecrackers. They are not like here - they are not fancy and just for fun. The kids play with them – they are not dangerous – they scare the monsters away," Peter said. I learned that Chinese New Year is more like Thanksgiving than anything else because people are with their families. In fact, some people only see their extended families at New Year's.

Well, all the talk about Chinese food made me so hungry, the next day I drove to the Gardena bakery recommended by Nora and Chris Shih. There were so many yummy treats to choose from, I had a hard time restraining myself. And the next night I hit one of my local Chinese take-away restaurants. My parents attended a Chinese New Year's dinner last week and they had a great time. Mom told me the table was decorated with 2 monkeys, for the 'year of the monkey' and the buffet dinner had over a dozen courses. However you celebrate Chinese New Year, either with pudding, candy, lots of food, or with those special red envelopes, enjoy it with family and friends. After all, a holiday like Thanksgiving is one we should all celebrate. Happy New Year to all our Chinese brothers and sisters! •

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Film Review

‘The Birth of a Nation’, ‘Swiss Army Man’ Break Records, Prompt Walkouts at Sundance

Courtesy of the Sundance Film Festival.

Last week we brought you *Life, Animated*, *Viva*, and *Belgica*, three films that inspired crowds at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, UT. This week, we're covering two films that are a bit more divisive. *Swiss Army Man*'s adventure drama about a farting corpse induced an overwhelming amount of audience walkouts, but also established itself firmly as a cult worthy "must see", while the historical retelling of a slave rebellion in *The Birth of a Nation* made Sundance history by Fox Searchlight's acquisition of the film for a record-breaking \$17.5 million. These two

Daniels" (the minds behind the outrageous DJ Snake, Lil Jon music video "Turn Down For What"), have a reputation for ridiculous and highly entertaining short films and music videos, and this feature represents a conglomerate of numerous ideas that sound bad yet somehow all work. As Hank develops a relationship with the dead body (one that starts out similar to Wilson in *Cast Away*), the intriguing absurdity keeps you engaged for the rest of the film. This is the type of film best seen with little information beyond the initial premise, as it is full of mystery boxes waiting to be unraveled. Thanks to the great use of locations and production



L-R: Paul Dano, Daniel Radcliffe in *Swiss Army Man*, Nate Parker in *The Birth of a Nation*.

very different films have been the talk of the festival circuit, and we're happy to share our reviews of them with you. For more reviews on Sundance titles, check out: www.cinemacy.com.

Swiss Army Man

Usually, fart jokes are associated with raunchy comedies in the likes of any recent Adam Sandler movie. Insert, *Swiss Army Man* – the Sundance title that's generated the most vocal reaction among festival goers for it's ridiculous, now infamous, farting dead body played by Daniel Radcliffe. This is only how the film begins, but let's just say it toots even louder from there.

Paul Dano plays Hank, a man lost on an island. Right when he's about to give up on life, he discovers the aforementioned farting body and finds an unexpected answer to why his life is worth living. He discovers that many elements of this body can help him survive and find a way back home, and keep himself sane (or perhaps insane) by talking to it.

The writer/director duo Dan Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, collectively known as "the

design, the world building is fantastic and the wackiness becomes downright fun.

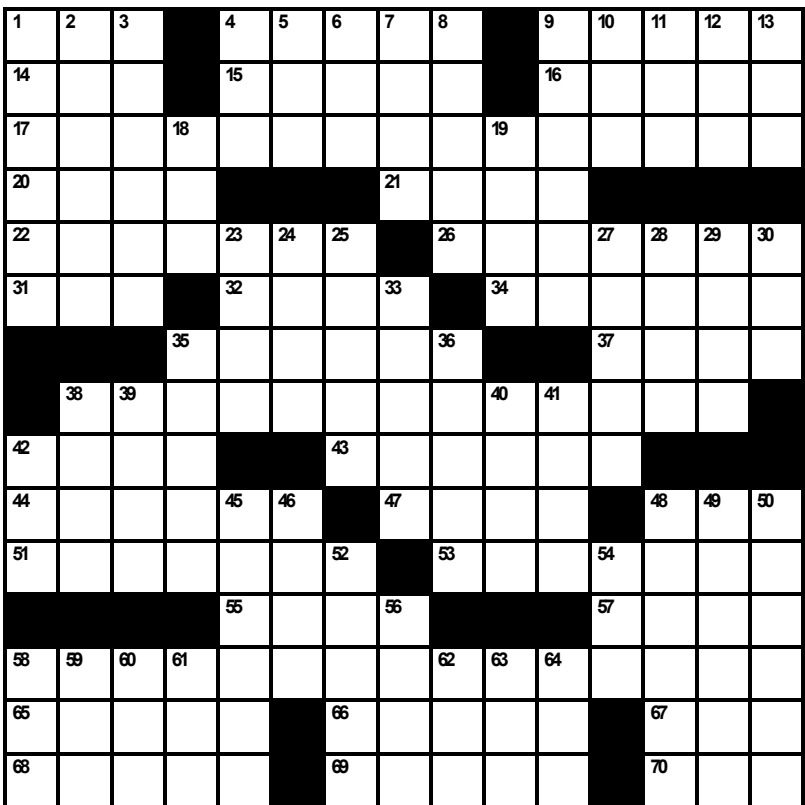
The Birth of a Nation

The true story of slave-turned-preacher Nat Turner and his eventual uprising has been a passion project for actor Nate Parker for 7 years, and he finally quit acting 2 years ago to write, direct, produce, and star in *The Birth of a Nation*. The title is a reclaiming of the same title associated with the 1915 D.W. Griffith silent film. Griffith's movie was the first epic of its kind but is a blatant and spooky glorification of the Klu Klux Klan from today's lens. It's been a blemish that can't be concealed in cinematic history since its release. Nate Parker's story repurposes the title as a symbol of how this country was built on the backbones of enslaved Africans and their unavoidable connection to a country founded on the pursuit of freedom. It's a brilliant way to shelve Griffith's film, which is an important movie for historical and cinematic study but like the Confederate Flag has no place in today's world. Parker's 2016 film most certainly does.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



Across

- Movie format
- Mission to remember
- OPEC member
- Something to lend or bend
- Like some fans
- Common phrase
- Appetizer with a national flavor
- "If all ___ fails ..."
- Member of a Turkish minority
- Race do-over
- Kalahari critter
- Pork place
- Unkind cut
- Iroquoian language
- Lover of Dido, in myth
- Juice server
- Breakfast item with a national flavor
- Solo for Carmen
- Situation
- Set aflame
- E-mail from a Nigerian prince, probably
- Youngest Lincoln
- Whine-makers
- 19th century Turkish viceroy
- Apiece

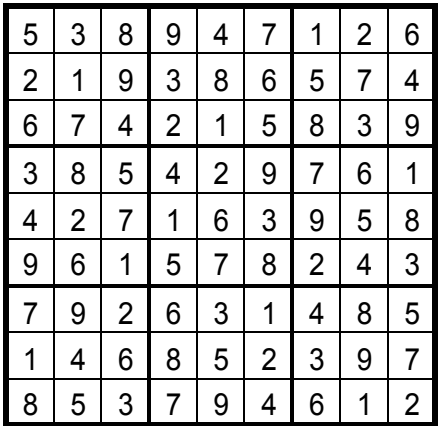
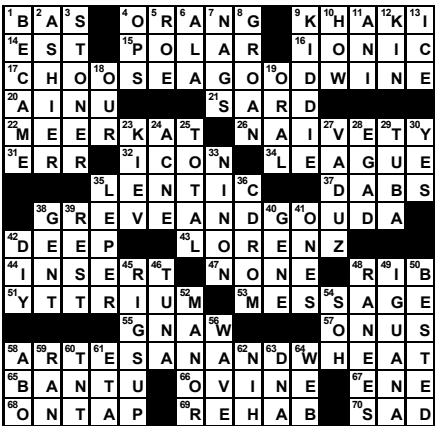
- Birthstone after sapphire
- Eggs with a national flavor
- Airport tower
- Sheeplike
- Granola bar bit
- Giving the pink slip
- Rome or Fuji
- Before, in verse

Down

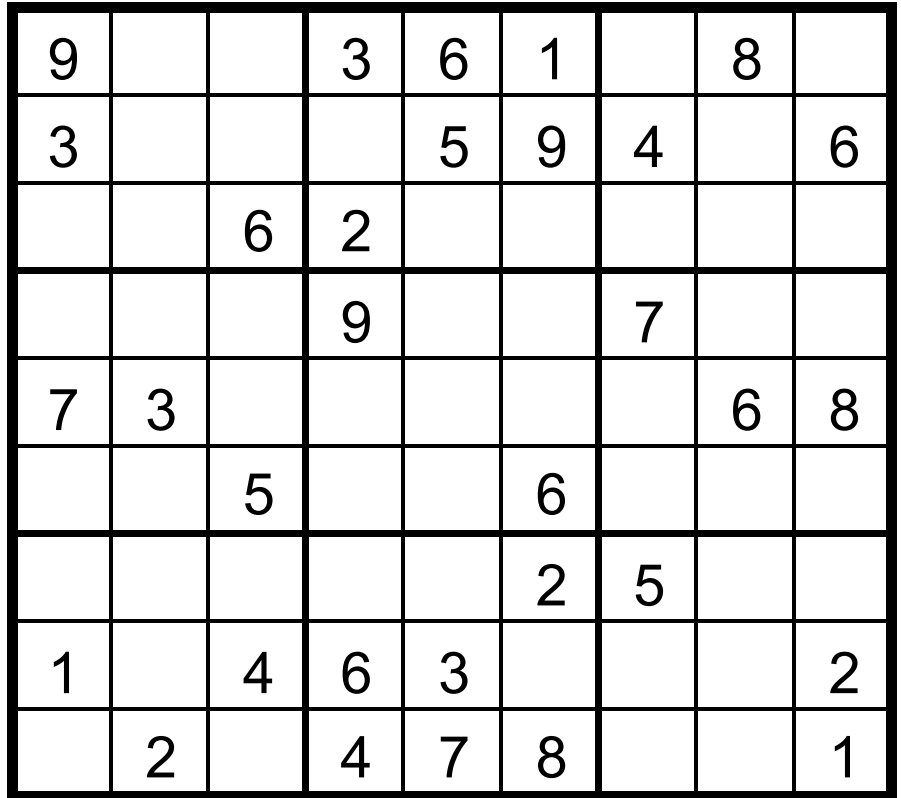
- Postpones
- Scoundrel
- Stylish
- ___ de Triomphe
- ___ de dah
- ___ system (way of classifying human blood)
- Stole material
- Bad blood
- Lime tree
- Bar requirements
- Tell-all book, often
- '-- think?
- Bandstand box
- Cyberspace
- Sweet sandwich
- Cain's bane
- Indian queen
- Haircut discard

- Hull wreckers
- Moa relative
- Arabian Peninsula coastal city
- Word on cigarette packs
- Thailand money
- "Here we go ___!"
- Squarely
- It may lead to a conclusion
- Ricci of fashion
- Kings Peak locale
- Cause for opening a window
- Sharpshooter's asset
- Getting ready, with "up"
- Archeozoic and Cenozoic
- Move stealthily, in a way
- Visual embodiment in a virtual world
- Remove
- Unstressed vowel
- Buck's mate
- Hula helper?
- Detoxification place
- Eucharist box
- Champion of 10/30/74
- Fatal opening?
- Do the floors, in a way
- Right-angled pipe
- Strong cleaner

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.

Beefy Nacho Shells and Cheese

Servings: 3

Ingredients

- 1 package Velveeta Shells & Cheese Bold, Jalapeño
- 1/2 pound lean ground beef
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips

Preparation

1. Boil 6 cups water in saucepan. Stir in shell pasta and jalapeños; cook 8-10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.
2. Drain pasta and jalapeños. Do not rinse. Return to pan.
3. Add cheese sauce; mix well.
4. Brown ground beef in skillet; drain. Add taco seasoning mix and water; simmer until most of the water is cooked off.
5. Add meat mixture to cooked pasta with cheese sauce; mix well. Top with tortilla chips.

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Review of McCormick & Schmicks

By Gregg McMullin

El Segundo has been the home of a widely popular restaurant to the South Bay for years. This fine dining restaurant is touted as a seafood restaurant but don't let you meat lovers be dissuaded because McCormick & Schmicks has an extended menu that features the choices cuts of meats to fancy any meat lover. This is a restaurant that caters to the most discernable diners looking for a culinary separation from the ordinary.

Diners are first welcome from a pleasant and friendly staff at the front entrance located at 2101 Rosecrans Avenue. From the time you enter the building to the time you're ready to leave this capable staff helps make your dining experience memorable. The interior has been updated with friendly details.

The menu is extensive and the quality of the food has never been compromised. The menu promotion can be seasonal and with the Winter Promotional in full swing diners can be assured that Executive Chef Kina Deth has something special waiting for you.

Chef Deth, who has been with the McCormick & Schmicks for the past 14 years, has put together a special menu for the Winter Promotion. It includes an appetizer, homemade soup, a special salad and three different entrees along with three delectable side dishes to choose from.

To start the appetizer brought to my table was a roasted mushroom flatbread. This was a perfect starter that set the tone of the entire meal. This crispy grilled flatbread is topped with sundried tomato pesto, goat cheese, spinach, pan roasted mushrooms and Fontina cheese.

If you enjoy soup then try the tantalizing Blue Crab & Corn Chowder. This was a creamy chowder that had a hint of zest with the chili oil used. It was perfectly balanced with a tinge of spiciness yet subtle enough for your taste buds wanting more. In each bite I savored crab coupled with the freshness



This Sustainable Salmon with Fall vegetables could be a McCormick and Schmicks signature dish.

of each crisp corn kernel. The garnish on top was a drizzle roasted corn salsa with a hint of chili oil.

Next a Tuscan Kale Salad was brought to our table. I was skeptical at first because I know how kale can be a little bitter. From the first bite to the last this salad was loaded with Fuji apple match sticks, radish slices and tossed with a warm bacon apple vinaigrette. It was topped with Feta cheese and spiced pecans. The end result was a delicate flavor of the vinaigrette crossing with the other ingredients without a hint of bitterness.

For our entrée we ordered the Sustainable Salmon with fall vegetables. If you're not familiar with this type of salmon it is raised in the wild. This is where the extremely low stocking density for these fish are 99 percent water to one percent fish raised in an area of the North Atlantic Isles.

The salmon we had had no fishy ocean taste but rather had a subtle but firm unique

flavor that was perfectly seasoned. This piece of heaven on my plate was a generous portion that was basted with scampi butter. Paired with roasted potatoes and brussel sprouts tossed in a balsamic glaze, this Winter Promotion and the special attention your servers give you will have any discriminating diner returning.

An alternative to the salmon could be Jake's Famous Bouillabaisse that was full of clams, black mussel, shrimp, fresh cod, calamari tubes, and king crab all in a special Jake's Bouillabaisse with a hint of garlic and a generous amount of shallots for an inviting taste.

Try the roasted fall vegetables that consist of roasted to perfection diced red and gold beets, roasted cipollini onions and asparagus spears and all drizzled with a hint of black pepper and a mild but tasty horseradish sauce. Or try the wild mushroom spinach sauté that is a perfect blend of roasted mushrooms and spinach tossed and sautéed in a delicate whit

wine and house seasoning.

There are tasty endings to your meal but I opted for the Chocolate Bag. The Chocolate Bag is a special dessert meant to be shared. It is dark chocolate formed in the shape of a paper bag filled with white chocolate mousse and fresh berries topped with chocolate shavings.

The level of service at McCormick & Schmicks is what you might expect from a restaurant that has been successful over the years. The only thing better was the food and its extensive wine list and Happy Hour.

The management at McCormick & Schmicks can also make your visit personal. If you give them an advanced notice they can personalize your own menu such as an anniversary with your name on it.

If you're planning to sit in the dining area, call for reservations and ask if their private booths, closed off by curtains for that romantic feel, is available. Dinning on the patio under the warmth of heaters or fireplace can be extra special and relaxing.

To take advantage of the Winter Promotion visit McCormick & Schmicks at 2101 Rosecrans Avenue, El Segundo. For reservations call 310) 416-1123. •



The Chocolate Bag should be on everybody's culinary dessert wish list.

Sports

Up and Adam

Deadline May Ensure Top Pick

By Adam Serrao

The NBA trade deadline is looming! Normally, for fans of the Los Angeles Lakers, that wouldn't mean much in a season where their team is the worst in the Western Conference and almost in the entire NBA. This year, however, the February 18th deadline has very specific implications. Rather than looking to acquire talent, the Lakers should be looking to ship it out. With veterans like Lou Williams, Brandon Bass and Roy Hibbert having been made available on the market, their departure from the team could ensure the preservation of the Lakers top-three-protected pick in this year's NBA draft.

More than halfway through the regular season, the Lakers persist to be one of the most mediocre teams in the entire league. As they continue to trudge along in last place in the Western conference, the team's priorities have clearly rounded out into form. Primarily, this year is a celebration of the great and extensive career of none other than number 24, the "Black Mamba", or "Vino" - whose grapes are finally souring to the point where retirement looks like the best option to one of the league's all-time greatest competitors. Secondly, this year is about developing the skill-sets of young players on the team like D'Angelo Russell, Jordan Clarkson, Julius Randle and others who hope to one day get the Purple and Gold out of the black and blue cellar that they have been stuck in for what seems like ages now.

Naturally, players like Russell, Clarkson and Randle should be safe from the trade deadline unless Jeannie Buss turns into The Godfather and someone makes her a deal that she simply can't refuse. Other players, however, have become prime candidates to get shipped out of Laker Land to never return in a year where, despite what head coach Byron Scott will tell you, losing is actually a good thing.

So, if the Lakers want to lose, the first thing that they'll have to do is get rid of Lou Williams. I mean, really, where does this guy get off? Coming into Los Angeles after experiencing the impressive year that he had last year in which he won the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year Award and almost duplicating his numbers and efficiency. Williams is currently averaging 15.5 points, 2.7 rebounds, and 2.6 assists per game while shooting 40.5 percent from the floor and 33.2 percent from three-point range. Put him on a team like the Cleveland Cavaliers or even the Chicago Bulls, for instance, and imagine how much better those teams would instantly get. Clearly, his absence from the Lakers lineup would be beneficial to their cause while his presence on a contender could actually help an eager team's playoff push.

In addition to Williams, there is also Brandon Bass and Roy Hibbert. Bass, who was

brought in at a cheap price, mainly to assist in the learning process of Randle, is only averaging 18 minutes per game but is still putting up quite an impactful 6.3 points and 4.2 rebounds per contest. The 30-year-old veteran forward could serve as a nice piece off of the bench for a deep team looking for toughness at a cheap price. Hibbert, like Nick Young who is also presumably on the block, will be one of the Lakers harder chips to move at the deadline simply because he won't offer anything positive to any other team, to put it bluntly. The Lakers took a chance on the big man from the Indiana Pacers, hoping that he would regain some of the skill set that has kept him in the league this long, but clearly what the 7-foot-2 center is best at is taking up space. He does have an expiring contract after this year, which may make him somewhat attractive to certain teams around the league, but expect more calls to come in about Williams and Bass than for Hibbert and Young.

The departure of these veterans from the Lakers would serve a two-fold purpose for the team. Firstly, the team's overall production should go down thus making the chances for the top pick in the draft and the acquiring of the services of LSU standout Ben Simmons that much more possible. Secondly, getting rid of veterans on a team that is going nowhere is only a good thing for the prospects of the young players already on the team. Without Williams, Bass, Hibbert and Young, coach Scott - who for some reason is resisting the opportunity to get the youngsters all the playing time in the world - will be forced to work with and mold his infantile team into the superstars that they will hopefully one day become. More minutes for young players is always better, especially when the only hope that a team has left is of acquiring a draft pick.

It's a sad time in Laker Land when fans should be rooting for their team to lose in order to keep a draft pick that they traded away to the Phoenix Suns in 2012 for Steve Nash. Alas, it is what it is, as they say, and the team's best strategy at the time being is to lose games and get rid of cagey veterans that make that tactic harder to accomplish. Yes, tanking is fully engaged, though Scott and anyone else in the Lakers front office will deny that fact vehemently. That being said, hopefully, the days of cellar-dwelling are few and far between for the Lakers in their future. It's never a fun season when you have to root for your favorite team to lose. The acquisition of a player like Simmons to add to an already young and exciting core, however, should ensure that the Lakers arrow redirects itself and the prospects of a once storied franchise begin to look upward for what will be the first time in what has been a very long time for both the team and the Laker faithful. •

Boys Basketball Playoff Race Heating Up

By Adam Serrao

While the South High Spartans boys basketball team is roughing it through a year that they would rather forget altogether, the Torrance Tartars are having a season for the ages. The re-opening of their newly renovated basketball gym isn't the only good thing that has been happening to the Tartars lately. No matter where Torrance plays or who they go up against, it seems as if head coach Paul Nitake and his team simply find a way to come away with a win. Last Friday night in the Tartars new gym was no different. The game began on time, at its planned 7:30pm start, but was seemingly over far sooner than scheduled. The Tartars were back at it again with a 72-56 defeat of the Spartans, giving Torrance their sixth win in a row.

Six wins in a row for the Tartars means that the team remains unbeaten in league play this season. Naturally, an unbeaten team in its own division is going to remain at the top of the Pioneer League standings. That is precisely where the Tartars (16-7, 6-0) sit, now two full games in front of the North High Saxons who lost to Centennial over the weekend last week. One of the many reasons the Tartars have been so successful this season is because of the play of their 6-foot-1 senior guard and captain, Giovanni Jackson. Jackson has been turning heads lately, most notably with his 17 point performance in the teams win over inner-city rival North High, and his dazzling 26 point, eight rebound performance over Pioneer League rival Centennial two weeks ago at home.

The Tartars made the playoffs last season under head coach Nitake, but it has been quite some time since the team has experienced the success that they have come to experience this year. In the 2004-2005 season, the Tartars put together a 23-6 record while going 7-3 in league play, but finished in second place behind Centennial in the Pioneer League. They later lost in the third round of the playoffs. In the 2011-'12 season, a 16-14 record with a 5-5 league play standing seemed underwhelming, but the then third place Tartars went on to reach the semifinals of the CIF Division 3AA playoffs, where they lost to eventual champions, Calabasas.

While the Tartars currently sit in first place, where they will almost certainly finish the season, and are in prime positioning for a top playoff spot, the South High Spartans are experiencing a season of futility like they have not experienced in quite some time. It was in

the same 2011-'12 season that the Tartars made it to the semifinals that South also experienced success, making it to the championship game while also losing to Calabasas. To find a season where the Spartans have put up a record similar to the 2-18, 0-6 record that they currently maintain, however, you would have to go all the way back to the 2009-10 season where the team finished with a 5-21 record, going 2-8 in league play to put Leo Klemm's South High team in last place, a position where they currently sit in the Pioneer League this year. In his time as head coach of the Spartans, Klemm has certainly seen it all. One thing about his team's, however, is that when they get down, they don't stay down very long. South may be struggling this season, but coach Klemm will certainly have his team turned around in the blink of an eye. This year's regular season is almost at its end. The Tartars will be tested with tough matchups to round things out, taking on the second, third, and fourth place teams in their league (North, Leuzinger, Centennial), respectively. South closes out the year facing the exact same teams, simply in a different order.

North High

The North High Saxons have struggled since their first loss of league play to Torrance two weeks ago. The team was able to escape with a thrilling, but close, 68-67 victory over Leuzinger at home two Friday's ago. They weren't so lucky last week, though, as they took to the road to take on the fourth place Centennial Apaches. The Saxons trailed the entire first half before coming out strong in a third quarter in which they outscored Centennial 27-14. The Apaches turned the tables on North in the fourth, however, putting up 25 points to the Saxons 10 to take a 74-67 win, sending North to their second loss in three games of play.

The Saxons (12-10, 4-2) will try to hold on to their second place standing in the Pioneer League with a relatively easy schedule to close out the season. Aside from their matchup with Torrance High (16-7, 6-0), who North will need somewhat of a miracle to pass in the standings, the Saxons will get West High and South High, who take up the bottom two positions in the standings this year. If North wins out, they will certainly hold on to a playoff standing. One more loss, however, could drop the Saxons into fifth place and out of contention.

West High

The West High Warriors remain ahead of only the South High Spartans in this year's

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Film Review

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Nat Turner was born a slave but early on was taught to read from the Bible, and would grow up to become a preacher. Through studying the Bible while living in the midst of slavery, Turner reaches a point where he can no longer stay silent about the cruel injustice that, in this world, is a daily routine. At a certain point, he is tired of the slave owners abusing scripture passages to make their slaves submissive and moves toward radical action as the only path to freedom.

Given the subject matter and time period of history, there is an unavoidable comparison to 2013's *12 Years A Slave* that anyone who has seen both films will feel. Interestingly, between

the two films combined, 60 years of history are shown, further emphasizing the enormity of America's slave epidemic. Parker is not as focused on visual thematics as McQueen was, but certainly has a knack for numerous storytelling devices. Undoubtedly, *The Birth of a Nation* is in touch with numerous themes related to its religious and historical premise and utilizes them well to tell the story, a part of history that does not have a massive legacy. Compared to the general Sundance lineup, the scale of this film feels like a step above the rest; much of that is due to budget, but a significant amount has to be the intentionality of the craft. •



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customers,” Ramey said.

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- Don’t pay more than 10 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less. as a down payment.
- Avoid paying cash.

Up and Adam

Pioneer League standings and came away with an impressive victory at South High just two weeks ago. An 85-71 win kept Neal Perlmutter’s Warriors (8-14, 2-4) ahead of the Spartans (2-18, 0-6) and out of last place. Though the team’s playoff hopes are all but dashed, another

- Get a written contract.
- Scams by unlicensed contractors and dishonest repairmen succeed when homeowners feel rushed to make a decision. If a contractor is applying pressure to sign a contract on the spot, that can be a tipoff that he’s a fraud. Reputable construction businesses give a homeowner time to compare bids before making a decision, the State Contracting Licensing Board says.
- Rainy days are no exception.
- “They’re not thinking it through. They’re not thinking clearly,” Ramey said, referring to the homeowners who call out a roofing company they don’t know to make emergency storm repairs. “Most of us overreact.” •

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matchup with South and two rivalry matchups with Torrance and North that should definitely be interesting will round out the schedule. West is undoubtedly playing the role of spoiler this season, looking to knock any cross-town rival out of the playoffs that they can. •

School Board

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from the nominees,” states the board meeting’s agenda.

The Torrance Branch of the American Association of University Women has more than 100 members that reside in the South Bay Area. Nationwide, the AAUW is the leading organization promoting equity and education for women and girls. Founded in 1881, members of the AAUW have studied and taken positions on issues ranging from an educational, social, economic and political nature, all in an effort to be a source of change. The nonpartisan and nonprofit organization is made up of more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States. In addition, there are 1,000 local branches and more than 800 college and university partners.

Every girl selected to attend Tech Trek camps in 2016 will do so on scholarships made possible by AAUW California branch members who work with participating middle schools in their area. However, AAUW’s goal for 2016 Tech Trek is to provide a \$750

scholarship from corporate donations for at least one girl from each middle school.

“In most camps, girls are assigned either a math or a science core class that they attend daily (in some, they do both), sometimes with field trips to encourage maximum interaction and instruction; all instructors and staff members are women,” states the Tech Trek website. “No matter which campus they attend, campers will have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for a week. They will learn to live with someone other than a sibling or a relative, share community bathrooms, eat dorm food, and explore the campus area under the careful supervision of camp staff. They also will interact with women who model a high degree of science, mathematics, or computer expertise as part of their daily lives.”

For more information on the AAUW Torrance branch, persons interested can visit: <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net>. Persons interested in more information on Tech Trek can visit <http://www.aauw-techtrek.org/index.php>. •

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NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 15, 2021. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 15, 2021. 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. 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/2016. H-1386

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016012655

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SEKAI CONSULTING, 12617 CRENSHAW BLVD., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ATSUSHI NAKAJIMA, 12617 CRENSHAW BLVD., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 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: ATSUSHI NAKAJIMA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 19, 2016.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 19, 2021. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 19, 2021. 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).

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— Scott Peters

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016023246

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SICARIUS VICKATE, 1) 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250; 2) 2851 W. 120TH ST # E163, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-29-16. Signed: FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016022955

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NATHAN'S TOWING, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FRANK FUENTES, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. 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: FRANK FUENTES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.

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Real Estate

Choosing Windows for Your Kitchen or Bath Remodel

(BPT) - Kitchens and bathrooms are not only two of the most highly used rooms in your home, they're also two of the most popular rooms to renovate, according to home style experts and Remodeling Magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report.



With any kitchen or bath renovation, there are many aspects to consider - cabinets, counters, floors, etc. And whether you're making small updates or completely gutting the room, make sure to include window replacement in your list of must-haves.

How can new windows benefit a room? With a style that fits your personality, the right window provides natural light and ventilation to help create a beautiful, functional and comfortable living space.

Keep three key elements in mind when choosing a window for your kitchen or bath: **CHOOSE A WINDOW STYLE WITH FUNCTION IN MIND**

Kitchen windows are often placed above counters or sinks, while bathroom windows tend to be located above tubs, beside showers or above bathroom counters. The placement

of these windows can sometimes make them hard to reach, so choosing a window style that's easy to open and close is a must.

Sliding windows or casement windows - which crank open and closed - are good options for hard-to-reach areas like above a counter or sink.

Ventilation is another key consideration for kitchens and bathrooms. A properly placed window can help decrease the amount of heat and moisture retained from cooking or showering. Awning windows, which can be pulled in or pushed out, are a good option for ventilation, and perform best when placed close to the ceiling or above eye level.

SELECT A WINDOW MATERIAL THAT FITS YOUR NEEDS

Kitchens and baths require windows that are easy to clean and can withstand moisture, so materials like vinyl or fiberglass are ideal.

Fiberglass windows can withstand extreme heat and cold, are energy-efficient and can have the quality look of painted wood. Vinyl windows are easy to care for and don't require additional painting or staining.

However, if wood is a better fit for the style of your home, make sure to select a finish that will hold up against stains and moisture, and be prepared to do a little more cleaning

and upkeep.

CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND OPTIONS

If you want to maintain privacy while maximizing natural light in the bathroom, choose a window with obscure or opaque glass.

Or, you can streamline the look and function of your kitchen or bath with between-the-glass cordless blinds or shades, which minimize allergens and eliminate clutter. Because these window coverings are tucked between the panes of glass, you won't have to worry about moisture or stains.

Take it one step further and motorize the blinds or shades. Controlled via a remote or home automation system, the blinds or shades can customize the level of light in the bathroom or kitchen. Pella's Insynctive technology is just one example of motorized blinds and shades. •

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