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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Rain
60°/53°



Saturday
Sunny
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Sunday
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Zamperini Family Celebrates



The Louis Zamperini 100th birthday festivities at Torrance High School on January 26 featured a visit from the local legend's family members. From left to right in this photo are Louis' daughter Cynthia Zamperini-Garris, son Luke Zamperini, daughter-in-law Lisa Zamperini, grandson Clay's girlfriend Camber Jones, and grandson Clay Zamperini (Luke and Lisa's son). Photo by TerriAnn Ferren. For Story see page 4.

Council Rejects Measure H

By Cristian Vasquez

A motion to take no action on the recommendation by the Social Services Commission was approved 6-1 by the Torrance City Council during Tuesday night's meeting. As a result, the recommendation made by the Social Services Commission that the City Council support special ballot Measure H was rejected.

"At their December 6, 2016 meeting, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors agreed unanimously to place a measure on the March 7, 2017 ballot asking voters to approve a quarter-cent sales tax increase in Los Angeles County to help fund supportive services for the homeless," Staff Liaison to the Social Services Commission Viet Hoang said. "If approved, the tax will be levied for 10 years and will include annual audits and a citizens' oversight."

All members of the Council were adamant in their concern and willingness to help alleviate the homelessness problem that afflicts the county. However, there was a reluctance to support a sales tax without a clear understanding of how Torrance residents would be directly affected.

"This comes right on the heels of two tax increases that we just passed--we passed a parcel tax in the last election just a couple of months ago and we passed Measure R, which is a non-ending tax," Councilman Tim Goodrich said. "Torrance is known as a donor city because we are the third largest sales tax producer in Los Angeles County, but we have a disproportionately small need."

If approved by Los Angeles County voters, Measure H funds will be used to combat and end homelessness for an estimated 45,000 individuals, including seniors, women, children and veterans. Furthermore, the funds are expected

to help prevent 30,000 people from becoming homeless. While L.A. County representatives present at the meeting shared that there are 47 strategies--including increasing income, affordable housing and case management services--no specific mention was made of how funds would be allocated to Torrance.

"I am concerned that not enough is known on Measure H on how it would affect Torrance. Homelessness is a huge problem, you get no argument from me on that, and veterans' homelessness is too, but my vote will go no," Councilwoman Heidi Ann Ashcraft said. "I understand you have a framework. I understand that you have a plan and it will be implemented and you will be bringing it

together after the vote, but I don't feel that I can vote for a tax increase without knowing how our city will benefit and without knowing how it will be allocated."

Measure H is projected to raise \$350 million annually during a 10-year span, resulting in an expected cost to consumers of an additional \$1 per day. The extra funds generated by the tax will pay directly for comprehensive supportive services (job training and mental health supportive services), permanent housing and homelessness prevention services.

A homeless person count conducted by the South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH) in the City of Torrance in 2016

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School Board Recognizes Retirees, Committee Members, Students

By Cristian Vasquez

During Monday night's Torrance School Board meeting, hosted at Torrance City Hall, the members dedicated the evening to recognizing students' academic and athletic achievements, retirees and community members who have dedicated their time and efforts to Torrance Unified School District's well-being.

Recognized for their academic achievements on the national scale was South High School's CyberPatriot Team, which participated in a nationwide competition designed to inspire students in middle school and high school to pursue careers in cyber security as well as other Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-based

(STEM) areas. Team members are Connie Chen, Robyn Miyazaki, Naseem Bahar, Christine Nanobe, Dayuen Kim and Joy Richardson.

"The South High CyberPatriots Team, better known as MicroChips and Guac, is part of a network security competition sponsored by the U.S. Air Force, Northrop Grumman and Cisco Systems," Senior Director Secondary Schools Dr. Nisha Dugal said. "Students learn to defend network hacking attempts, repair security breaches and design more secure systems."

South students have competed for two years, with a total of 50 of them participating over nine teams. This year there

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Calendar of Events

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

- THURSDAY, FEB. 9
- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
 - Valentine’s Day Program, 4:00 PM., free, Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
 - Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden, 6:30 PM. – 8:30 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 10
- Friday Fun, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free –donations accepted, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
 - Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
 - Wii Gaming for Teens, 3:30 PM., free, teens and tweens only, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
 - Hypnotic Brass Ensemble, 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$35/\$30/\$25, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
 - Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.
- SATURDAY, FEB. 11
- Serendipity Saturdays: Animal Crackers with

- the Sunshine Storyteller, 10:30 AM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
 - Valentine Potpourri Workshop, 1:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., Tickets: \$5 per person, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
 - Charles Phoenix: This is Americana! Live Comedy Slide Show, 2:00 PM. & 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$30/\$25/\$20, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
 - Open Opera Talks, 2:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.
 - Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
 - Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 8:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.
- SUNDAY, FEB. 12
- Catholic Co-Ed Softball Practice Games at Wilson Park, RSVP to fredlawler@hotmail.com.
 - The Amazing Bubbleman, 2:00 PM. & 5:00 PM., Tickets: \$20/\$15/\$10, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
 - Torrance Theatre Company Presents: The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby, 2:00 PM. – 4:00 PM., Tickets: \$30, 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, Call: 424-243-6882.
- MONDAY, FEB. 13
- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve – CLOSED.
 - All Torrance Libraries CLOSED for Lincoln’s Birthday
- TUESDAY, FEB. 14
- HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!!
 - Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson

- Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
 - City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
 - Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
 - Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
 - Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
 - Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
 - Terrific Tuesdays – Valentine’s Day Lovebug Craft, 4:00 PM., free, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15
- Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
 - Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.

- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
 - Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 16
- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
 - Teen Zone: Glistening Glycerin Gemstones, 3:30 PM., free, teens only, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
 - Hoop Dreams, 4:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
 - Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
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Police Brief

Torrance PD Reports Fatal Traffic Collision

On February 6, at approximately 6:28 a.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision at the intersection of Western Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. On arrival, officers discovered that a 2012 Toyota Prius had collided with a pedestrian at the intersection of Western Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. The initial investigation indicates the Toyota was traveling northbound on Western Avenue when it collided with a pedestrian who was crossing Western from an unknown direction. The pedestrian, an unidentified female adult, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the scene and transported to a

local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. The driver of the vehicle, a 52-year-old male from Gardena, was not injured in the collision.

Both lanes of Artesia at Western, and Western between Artesia and 178th Street were closed for approximately three hours for the investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department’s Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau.

Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department’s Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557. •

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3D Printing Brings Good Things to Life

By Rob McCarthy

There’s an industrial revolution happening right here in the South Bay, and it’s called 3D printing. It can make almost anything that humans can design, from an aircraft part to a body part. And the technology isn’t difficult to understand--not to anyone who has made printed copies.

A 3D printer works much like a home or office laser printer. Open a file, hit print and wait for the copy. The difference is that 3D printing jets build three-dimensional prototypes and parts using 100 different kinds of materials, from plastic to metal to nylon. The process is so unique that people in the fields of manufacturing, medicine and consumer products accept that it’s the next industrial revolution.

The other difference between the printer-copier

and a 3D printer is how a digital file is reproduced. The 3D printer creates an image starting at the bottom and working its way up, instead of top-to-bottom like a home office printer does. The newer process has been likened to a layer cake, where the baker lays down each layer one at a time until the entire cake is formed. There are videos on the Internet about 3D printing and the unbelievable things that really smart people have designed, like a fully functioning jet engine.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library has working 3D printers on display as part of a hands-on technology exhibit. The “Interactive!” program looks at how popular culture in movies, books, TV and the arts has influenced modern technology. Interestingly, Captain Kirk and

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Community Briefs

Registration Available Now for Spring at El Camino College

Hundreds of classes are available for the spring 2017 semester at El Camino College to help students meet their educational goals. Students can register for general education courses that transfer to a university in high-demand subjects such as English, math, history, communications, Spanish, and political science, to name a few. Basic skills and career education classes are also available. Students can take classes that fit into their schedule, with day, evening, and distance education/online classes.

El Camino College offers 99 degree programs and 83 certificate programs designed to prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university or succeed in a high-paying career. More than 30 Career and Technical Education

programs help students and working adults looking to train for a new career, or upgrade their skills for advancement.

Registration for the spring semester is now open. The spring semester begins February 11. The schedule of classes, in both digital and searchable formats, is available on the Web at <http://www.elcamino.edu/admissions/schedule.asp>.

Students can also search the list of seats available: <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/classes-added.asp>.

All students are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the best class selection. Students may register online 24 hours per day at www.elcamino.edu by clicking on MyECC.

Torrance Adult School Offering Blueprint 4 Workplace Success

This custom-tailored class is now offered at Levy Adult School in Torrance and is targeted towards teens and young adults still at home. The course runs semester to semester through 2017 and the program awards a certificate of completion that can open doors to employment opportunities.

Participants receive assessments, tools, resources, networking contacts, mentoring and monitoring to ensure a successful work experience while promoting to higher levels of income brackets. Register at www.tusdae.org or contact the instructor at 310-469-1935.

West Basin Board Elects 2017 Officer Positions

At its January meeting, the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors elected its new positions for 2017. Division I Director Harold C. Williams was named Board President, with Division IV Director Scott Houston becoming Vice President. Division V Director Donald L. Dear and Division II Director Gloria D. Gray will serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Division III Director Carol C. Kwan, who previously served as Board President, was named Immediate Past President.

Williams represents Carson, Palos Verdes Peninsula and portions of San Pedro. He is also a board member of the National Water Research Institute, a member of the CalDesal Executive Committee and a member of the Los Angeles County Building Board of Appeals.

Houston represents El Segundo, Del Aire, southwest Lennox and Wiseburn as well as Culver City, West Hollywood, Malibu, Marina del Rey, Playa Vista, North Ladera Heights, View Park and Windsor Hills. He also serves on the Tree Musketeers Board of Directors.

Dear represents Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale and portions of El Camino Village. He is currently First Vice Chair of the Local Agency Formations Commission and is one of two West Basin representatives on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

Gray represents Inglewood and unincorporated

areas of Athens, Howard, Lennox, Ross-Sexton and South Ladera Heights. She also represents West Basin on the Metropolitan Board.

Kwan represents Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, part of Torrance, and unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Harbor Gateway. •



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Sports

Up and Adam

South Soccer Avoids Letdown Versus West

By Adam Serrao

In an epic season in which the South High boys’ soccer team has only lost once all year long, it is one game that has the potential to come back and bite the Spartans in the back. South is in the midst of a season that has the potential to be one of the school’s all-time best. Coming off of a year in which the team won the Pioneer League championship outright and went all the way to the CIF championship game, head coach Chad Lagerwey has his team looking even more powerful one season later. A 1-0 victory at home against the rival West High Warriors not only kept the Spartans on their torrid pace, but also gave the team its third win in the last four games with only two regular season contests remaining. A loss to Leuzinger near the end of January sticks out like a sore thumb to Lagerwey and his team, but even still, South is playing at a pace that could certainly mean CIF success this season.

Dara Fakhfouri has been a gem on offense for the Spartans all year long. That fact rang out loudly and clearly once again in South’s shutout victory over the Warriors last Friday afternoon in a home game. Fakhfouri came through with what turned out to be the winning goal in the 32nd minute as the Spartans defense held on to do the rest of the job. “I could see the back line wasn’t set,” Fakhfouri said of his opportunity. “I was looking for an early service and Spencer put a beautiful ball into the box.” Spencer Paine was the assister that Fakhfouri spoke of and it was the team

effort that eventually brought home the win.

The Warriors had their chances to do damage in the second half, but opportunities by Brian Burrell and Andrew Hazzard were stymied by a stout and experienced South High defense. “I thought we did a lot of good things,” West head coach Mike Shimizu explained. “We just didn’t finish.” There haven’t been many teams this year that have been able to finish against the Spartans. South has only allowed four goals over its last nine contests combined and has only allowed one opponent (Leuzinger) to score more than one goal all season long.

Despite their disappointing loss, the Warriors still have an opportunity to finish in first place if a little bit of luck happens to be on their side. West (9-5-3, 4-2-1) will close out the regular season with back-to-back matchups against Leuzinger before moving on to finish things out with a game against the fourth place Torrance Tartars.

The Spartans (17-1-1, 6-1-1) have only experienced one loss all season long, which was two weeks ago at the hands of the Leuzinger Olympians. Despite the team’s almost flawless record, South may finish in second place to Leuzinger if it doesn’t get some help from West. In order to gain their second straight Pioneer League championship, the Spartans will need to win their last two remaining matches of the regular season against fifth place Centennial and last place North High. South will also be looking for Leuzinger to lose at least one

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Happy 100th Birthday, Louis Zamperini

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

On Thursday, January 26, Torrance High School students, teachers, Student Council, Kiwins, special guests Louis Zamperini's son and daughter Luke Zamperini and Cynthia Zamperini-Garris, and others gathered on the steps of the high school, near the Senior Patio, to spell out "LZ 100" on what would have been Louis Zamperini's 100th birthday.

It had been a long time since my summer school days when I took Drama (twice), Home Economics and Typing respectively at Torrance High School. Last week, I walked up the steps of that beautiful school and checked in with the office. Staff, along with Debbie Hays from the Torrance Centennial Committee, escorted me into the school, past the Senior Patio and down the steps where I saw the preparations for the afternoon's event. An excited Student Council and others were preparing for their fellow students who would join them that afternoon, forming the letters "LZ" and "100" for Louis' 100th birthday. Four huge sheet cakes depicting different events in Louis' life, from Sam's Club (two of which they donated), graced the snack tables. I noticed a group of students gathering on the steps, waiting for the bell to ring. It was finals week, I was told, and I overheard lots of anxious teens discussing their exams. James Lee, age 17, Samantha Montano, 16, Samantha Pollock, age 17, Ashley Sasaki, 17, Torrey Park, 17, Britny Jumalon, 17, Joseph Chang, 17, and Blake Porter, 18, excitedly waited for the festivities to begin. Joseph said, "We are here to celebrate Mr. Zamperini's hundredth birthday. He was just a great man and everything he's done for Torrance High--can't put to words how much... There was a movie about him."

On one side of the yard, wearing a maroon t-shirt with a picture of Louis on the front, and orchestrating the event along with the Centennial Committee, was Nathan Jones. It was Jones who also planned Louis' memorial celebration at Torrance High School several years ago, along with the City of Torrance and the community. Jones told me, "With the help of the Centennial Committee...we have about 350 kids coming out [today]. It's something nice. We have our track team, our cheerleaders, our drill team, different groups on campus, our Tartar Ladies, our Tartar Knights, and our ASB Student Council. We're trying to get as many different kids that we can, as well as our teachers, and community as well. We are looking forward to it."

Just then, I noticed Louis Zamperini's son and daughter, Luke and Cynthia, coming down the stairs. Cynthia Zamperini-Garris told me, "I

am so grateful to the citizens of Torrance to the students of Torrance High for keeping my father's memory and his legacy alive in their hearts and their minds. It just means everything to us. I am welling up already and I just got here." Luke Zamperini added, "It is wonderful, just wonderful. On what

would have been my dad's 100th birthday, to have the school do this to remember his birthday and celebrate it. We are just so glad to be here. I was just telling Nathan [Jones] that the family has felt more associated with Torrance now that my father has passed on. He was down here all the time. So now the family feels that we will come down more. We are happy to be doing this and that the Historical Society is curating all his memorabilia and we have carried

on his non-profit organization. It used to be called Victory Boys Camp and now it is called the Louis Zamperini Foundation and we are exploring the possibility of opening up a thrift store in Torrance for the foundation if at all possible."

Around Cynthia Zamperini-Garris' neck hung a small gold USC track shoe. She told me, as she held the gold shoe in her two fingers, "He got these little gold track shoes when he was running races for USC.



Robert Williams, age 18, wearing the shirt from the film *Unbroken*, and holding Louis Zamperini's shoes.

I have one, Luke has one, Angelina Jolie has one, and his sister, Sylvia's daughter, Linda has the other one. Both of his sisters had one all their lives. He gave one to his mother, one to each of his sisters...and my aunt sent me one...and I think she inherited Grandma Zamperini's which she gave to her

daughter Linda, and then Louis wanted to make a special gift to Angelina--and she wore this the entire time she was making the film [*Unbroken*] before, during and after. A treasure. It is so small and so nothing-looking, but means more to me than any trophies or medals."

Former faculty member Jerry Ronan, who retired from Torrance High School in 1992, walked down the street from where he lives for this special event. Smiling and

gesturing, Jerry told me, "My office used to be right over there. This was home from 1955, before most people were born! What I like is that they have done this recent renovation and updated things. The campus looks great inside and outside. The classrooms are bright and nice."

Torrance Centennial Committee member Debbie Hays told me that the Kiwins (the Kiwanis High School service group) are here especially because "back in the day,

the Kiwanis Club presented Louis with the trophy he won for setting the world record in high school--the interscholastic school record for the mile, back in 1934. The Kiwanis Club used to have Louis go around with Jim Thorpe, the older Olympian, because back then he was discriminated against and so they had a young Olympian and an old Olympian, if you will, together--so he could get speaking engagements. And the Kiwanis Club sponsored them and paid Jim."

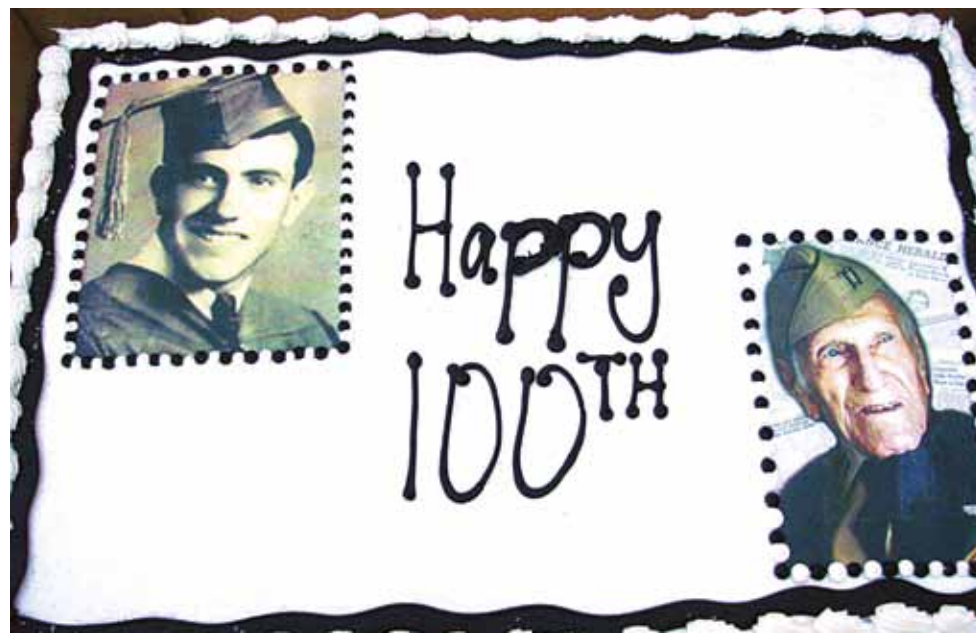
Luke Zamperini gave the welcome and words for the auspicious occasion and then--with instructions from Nathan Jones--the students, faculty and others lined up to make the "LZ 100" for the photograph. The photographer (Lifetouch) was stationed on the roof of the overpass offices overlooking the steps. Everyone smiled and looked up for the camera. Then a quiet came over the crowd and on the count of one-two-three, the photo was snapped. A glorious sea of young faces with the Zamperini family in the middle of the shot stood still for the epic photograph. The banner, across the front of the sea of students read, "Happy 100th Birthday Torrance Tornado." Then, right on cue, accompanied by the Torrance High Band, everyone sang, "Happy Birthday to Louis." Goosebumps, anyone?

I noticed one young student dressed in an old-fashioned Torrance High School shirt, holding track shoes. Robert Williams, age 18, from the Torrance High cross country team, was chosen to wear the shirt from the film *Unbroken* and hold a pair of Louis Zamperini's actual track shoes for the photograph. He told me, "I am incredibly honored to be given the opportunity to represent him. I am a fraction of what he was, so it is incredible I was given the opportunity out of all the people it could have been. I am incredibly honored."

This is a very special year for Torrance High School because this year marks the Centennial year. On September 11, 1917, Torrance High opened its doors to the community.

It is fitting that the Torrance Centennial Committee chose its most celebrated alumnus, Louis Zamperini, on what would have been his 100th birthday, to also kick off a yearlong celebration of the very first high school established in Torrance.

Looking at the photograph that was taken on that special day, I noticed there were so many students who showed up for the picture, the "100" is sort of blurred. No matter. That simply shows the love and respect Torrance High School students and faculty have for their beloved alumnus, Louis Zamperini. Happy Birthday, Louis! •



The cake celebrating what would have been Louis Zamperini's 100th birthday.

3D Printing

the crew of the Starship Enterprise had a 3D printer onboard as they traveled the galaxy in the 1960s television series. Museum visitors can get a close-up look at the first 3D printed car.

The 3D automobile represents both the past and the future of how factories churn out products for industry and consumers. The technology of 3D printing, which originated in 1981 in Japan, is viewed as the replacement for the assembly-line manufacturing that carmaker Henry Ford introduced into American commerce in the late 19th century. American engineer Chuck Hull is credited with developing in 1984 a more commercially useful way to print solid images, basing his process on work done by French General Electric Co. that dropped the project after seeing no money in it.

Hull correctly predicted it would take 30 years to be widely adopted by industry and consumers. High-end systems cost a half-million dollars, and are used by General Electric to make turbines for engines. Desktop models start at around \$650 and are sold by office suppliers like Staples.

South Bay companies are using 3D printers

in research and development to get industrial and consumer products to market more quickly. Aerospace and defense contractors, with their need for precision parts that meet strength and weight specifications for use in aircraft, are able to bypass the traditional supply chain and avoid delays by making parts or ordering them locally from a 3D print shop. An advantage of this manufacturing method is that 3D printers can use lightweight materials, like carbon fiber, and apply it in a lattice pattern for maximum strength and safety.

The 3D printing companies themselves are driving the industrial revolution in how products and prototypes are made. They are experimenting with materials, including metal printing, and rapid prototyping that takes a product engineering team's concept from design to reality in less time. The goal is to lower strength-to-weight ratios in aerospace and defense, making aircraft lighter and fuel efficiency better for commercial airlines and the military. The 3D printing companies say it can be done.

The actual name for 3D printing is additive

manufacturing, a description of the process of adding layer upon layer of plastic, for example, until Mattel has a new-toy prototype or the toy itself. Additive manufacturing leaves less waste and is considered more efficient. Parts and products are made without whittling down a hunk of metal or plastic. It's a simple matter of addition versus subtraction.

Nike is off and running with them. The athletic footwear maker used to spend thousands of dollars on a prototype and wait weeks to see one. Using 3D printing, Nike has shaved time and money off the prototype process. Its development cost is a few hundred of dollars, any changes to a shoe can be made instantly on a computer, and the redesigned prototype is reprinted the same day.

Though prototypes have been the major use so far, some local companies have found 3D printers useful for short-run or custom manufacturing, also called one-off. As speeds of these space-age printers increase and the price of commercial units drop, it's expected more manufacturing will be done by 3D printers. Medical-device makers are using them to

build prosthetics for patients.

The new manufacturing process isn't limited to machine and aircraft parts (see GE's video of its working Boeing 787 jet-engine model posted on YouTube). Human organs are being created using a patient's own tissue as the material, and there are practical uses for dentistry that could replace molds in the making of replacement teeth and bridges.

Much like how dot matrix and laser printers moved from offices into people's homes, 3D printers are available for everyday uses. Machines costing up to \$2,000 are printing jewelry, appliance parts and colorful iPhone cases. Hobbyists and do-it-yourself types are wrapping their heads, and their hands too, around this industrial revolution in the making here in the South Bay.

Like any computer-driven device, it requires software that takes time to learn to operate. The good news is that ready-to-print software for running desktop 3D printers is finding its way to the market. Like software for PCs, the 3D programs are easy to install and begin using immediately to make things. •

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2. Pour into greased 2 quart soufflé or casserole dish. Top evenly with berries and almonds. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Spoon into bowls. Serve with a drizzle of warm jam, yogurt and chopped almonds over the top.

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tallied a total of 107 homeless people. Of that amount, 50 were identified to be living on the street and 57 in their vehicles. Of the total 107 homeless people, 37 were adults living on the street, 11 relied on makeshift shelters, two lived in tents, 14 found shelter in cars, 25 were in vans and 18 in RVs. These numbers, based on the SBCEH discoveries, are higher than last year's homeless count that found 79 people to be homeless--and well below the 37 in 2013.

"I don't have a problem funding a homeless tax, but I do have a problem using purely a sales tax as the calculation because I do think it penalizes some cities--in this case Torrance--who contributes so much in sales taxes but has a relatively small problem," Councilman Mike Griffiths said. "Not to minimize the problem...but I don't think we should take so much upon our shoulders and it should be spread, in my opinion, much more equitably."

While an endorsement would not have cost the City's budget any money, the Mayor and Council refused to support a measure that would cost residents additional taxes. "I know with Measure M, I personally opposed that tax and as a body we opposed that tax and that's for local return--but this is not about local return. This is about funding the County of Los Angeles to be the safety net for the County of Los Angeles, which we just happen to be a part of," Mayor Patrick J. Furey said. "It's not like we are going to get dollar for dollar and we wouldn't expect to get money from them to build homeless shelters in our city."

City to Continue Operation of Transit Program's Swipe Card System

An amendment to continue the operation of the swipe card system used by the Torrance Transit Program patrons was approved by the Council during Tuesday night's meeting. The amendment adds \$30,000 to the contract with Cabconnect, Inc., which is capped off at \$127,310 and has been extended to December 31, 2017.

"Transit utilizes Cabconnect software to operate the electronic swipe card system for our Torrance Community Transit Program, which serves the senior and disabled citizens of Torrance. This is a renewal of the contract

license agreement," stated a Transit Department staff member presenting the item to Council.

The swipe card system extension, which is funded through the Transit Department's operating budget, will be paid for through the department's 2017 and 2018 fiscal year budgets. In 2003 the Torrance Community Taxi Program (TCTP) was consolidated with the City's Senior and Dial-A-Taxi programs so that they would operate under the same efforts. Through the all-taxi service, this element of the transit program gained flexibility, making the use of services easier for local patrons.

In December 2014, the Mayor and Council approved agreement C2014-150 with Cabconnect, which kicked off the transition process from vouchers to the paperless swipe card system for the TCTP. The full implementation of the new system took place in May 2015. The transit programs that rely on the swipe card system include the Senior Taxi Program, which serves senior citizens 65 and older who are Torrance residents; and the Dial-A-Taxi program, which serves Torrance residents of all ages but who have a disability. In addition, Torrance has contracts with three local cab cooperatives that provide 24-hour service.

While the swipe card system has been considered a success, there have been some hardware issues and GPS failures relating to reception. However, staff reported that the GPS failures occur "less than one percent of the time" and that efforts are constantly taking place to upgrade the hardware and eliminate the possibility of future setbacks.

The Council amended the current contract on December 8, 2015, extending its lifespan to December 31, 2016. In the middle of researching the possibility of working with a different vendor, the contract expired. However, discussions between both parties led to the agreement for a contract extension for an additional year.

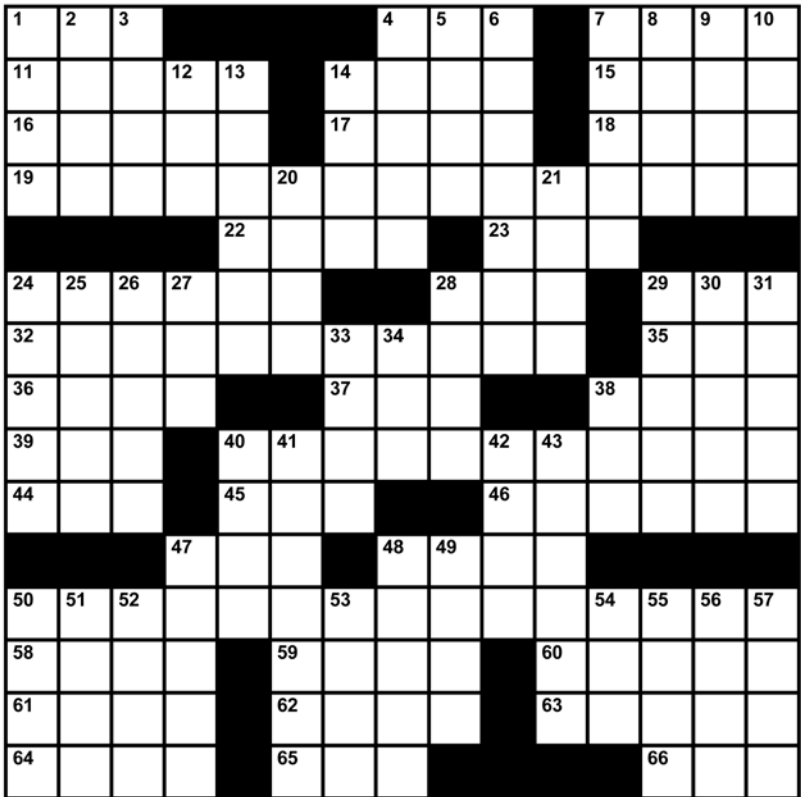
"Cabconnect had communicated that they were willing to help transfer the project to another vendor should Transit wish to terminate the contract," states the staff report signed by Transit Director Kim Turner.

The amendment adds the \$30,000 to the agreement to cover the ongoing monthly services charge, including maintenance fees. •

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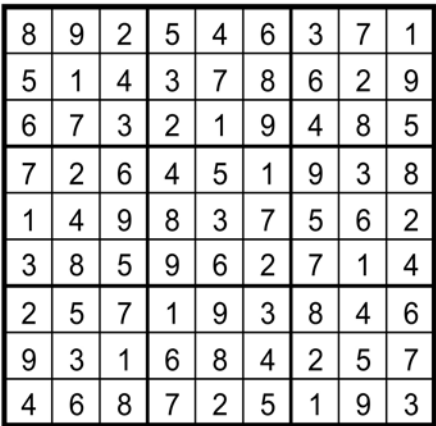
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- Pudding ingredient
- __fangled
- Make a comeback
- Cyst
- Solemn promise
- Hell
- Creeping
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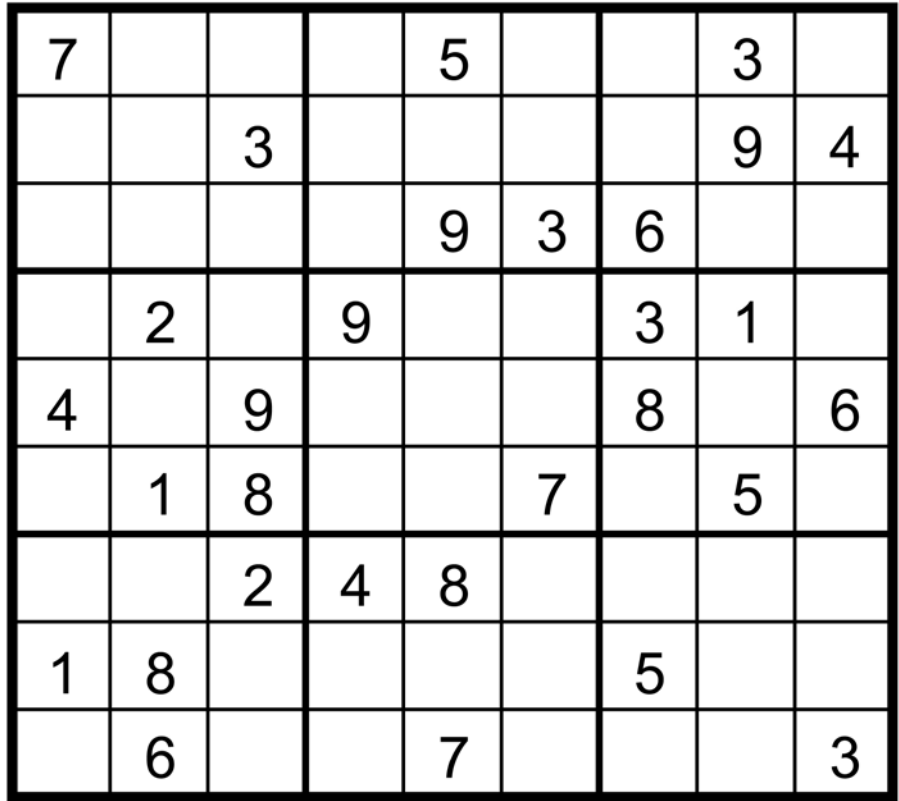
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- Submachine gun
- Apartment dweller, probably
- Swing around
- U.S. Vice President
- Look after

- Prank
- Guts
- Brew
- Kid's query
- English architect, Sir Christopher
- Record visually
- Pizza places
- Kurt Russell in Tombstone
- Contort
- Roman eggs
- Trickster
- Floor space
- Unfair treatment
- Lass
- Dubai rulers
- Go around
- Stir
- Half-heartedly
- Select a prize bull
- Arch type
- Note designator
- Fraction of thrice
- Headlight setting
- Focused on something (2 words)
- Capital of Norway
- Ooze

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.

School Board

have been three competitions with criteria and difficulty becoming more stringent in each subsequent level. The most recent competition took place in January when MicroChips and Guac qualified to the Gold Division and placed 16th in the nation out of 4,200 teams.

Other students recognized by the Board included West High School juniors Owen Gunawan and Sung Yun Kim, along with sophomore Dongho Kang for their selection to sing in the California All-State Honor Choir. All three students are part of the school’s Elite Choir Ensemble and Aristocracy Singers and were able to pass a “rigorous audition” to qualify for the opportunity to sing in San Jose later this month.

Also from West High, the Board gave recognition to senior Carson Bix and junior Andrew Hazzard for their accomplishments with the Boys Cross Country Team, as well as their wins at the Woodbridge Invite, South Bay Cup, and KC Metro Invite that led them to become Pioneer League champions and CIF Southern Section, Division III champions. The team also won second place in the California State Meet. Bix ended the season qualifying for the CIF Southern Section first team and the California State first team, while Hazzard qualified for the CIF Southern Section first team.

For philanthropic efforts, the Board recognized St. Francis Korean Catholic Center, which has hosted a carnival and donated its ticket profits (30 percent of the ticket price) to the PTAs at Arlington, Carr, Hickory and Anza elementary schools. St. Francis Korean Catholic Center hopes to turn the carnival into an annual fundraiser for the

schools. The church had representatives Fr. Gabriel Kim, John Han, Paul Yoon, Cecilia Kim and Francisco Kim at the meeting to receive the honors.

As is the Board’s custom, District employees who have retired were recognized one-by-one for their service. The retirees recognized stepped away from their duties between June 2016 and January 2017, and include Edison Elementary School Teacher Andrea Ballas; Arlington Elementary School Instructional Assistant Gail Cole; Towers Elementary School Paraeducator Tier I Diana Demshki; Griffith Adult Center Adult Education Teacher Gwen Fleischer; South High School Paraeducator Tier II Marsha Greenfield; Griffith Adult Education Teacher Sharmone La Rose; Edison Teacher Gloria Matoba; Edison Child Development Program Assistant II Carmen Nazarian; Calle Mayor Middle School Teacher Linda Perone; Griffith Adult Education Teacher Nancy Roy; and Hamilton Adult Center Paraeducator Tier II Dolores Schiller.

Members of the Board recognized two more individuals for their work as volunteers in the city. Outgoing members Eddie Choy and Armin Karl Walther of the Torrance Unified School District Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Proposition 39 Measures Y, Z, T and U General Obligation Bonds were given special thanks for their work. “Measures Y, Z, T and U were passed under the rules of Proposition 39--which directs the Board of Education appoint an independent citizens oversight committee to monitor school bond expenditures,” Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services Dr. Tim Stowe said.

“Two members of this committee have just completed six years of service to the community in this role and they have ensured that bond projects that we are working on have complied with bond language.”

This committee is responsible for providing the oversight of the District’s use of bond money and must report annually to the Board. Choy served as a member-at-large while Walther represented the South Bay YMCA and Senior Citizen’s Program representative.

Up and Adam

game against the Warriors and/or Centennial in the final game of the year.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars boys’ soccer team ran into the buzz saw that is the South High Spartans last Wednesday afternoon on the road and felt the full brunt of their force. Despite a goal early on by sophomore D’Angelo Alva on the assist by Marcelo Rios, the Tartars fell apart in the second half. South High ramped up its offense and attacked the Torrance defensive front. The Spartans managed to score three goals on Torrance goaltender Erich Von Roishmandt in the second half of play to pull away from the Tartars and take a 4-1 victory. Von Roishmandt had four saves on the afternoon.

The Tartars’ defense had been a problem coming into this season, and despite a four-goal outing against South was something that had been looking better in recent weeks. Torrance was riding a two-game winning streak coming into the matchup with the Spartans in which it outscored opponents (North, Centennial) by a total score of 9-2. The Tartars have two

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They both joined in April 2011 and will complete their terms in March of this year. “Both of them have been an integral part of the community and the ICOC; each has served on subcommittees, annual report committees and both have served as chairpersons,” Dr. Stowe said. “We would really like to thank the volunteer service of Mr. Choy and Mr. Walther--not only for their hard work, but for their professionalism and dedication to the city of Torrance.” •

matchups against North and West remaining in the regular season. At this point, it looks as if the team will be on the outside of the playoff picture looking in.

North High

The 2016-17 soccer season has not been the one that head coach Robert Rivas and the North High Saxons expected when things got started last November. Despite an impressive 6-0 victory over Morningside in the opening game of the season, the Saxons have been on a downward spiral ever since. That victory has been one of only three for Rivas and North High, with another coming last Friday afternoon at home against Centennial. The Saxons (3-15-2, 1-7) were able to shut Centennial out by a final score of 4-0 that in turn could help North escape the clutches of a last place finish this year. The Saxons will finish their regular season with matchups against Torrance and South while they will hope for a loss (or two) from Centennial (4-9-1, 2-6) in matchups versus South and Leuzinger.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NATURAL-WE COMMUNITY HAIR SHOW, 2656 E 55TH WAY #5, LONG BEACH, CA 90804, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TIEAREA J. ROBINSON, 2656 E 55TH WAY #5, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. 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: TIEAREA J. ROBINSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 3, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 3, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 3, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/2017 H-1580

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017018024

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ETHUR, 411 ½ RICHMOND ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): HALLAND BRINAN ETHRIDGE, 411 ½ RICHMOND 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: 01/2017. Signed: HALLAND BRINAN ETHRIDGE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 24, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 24, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 24, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/2017 H-1581

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017021908

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1.) CORBISGLOBAL, 1500 ROSECRANS AVE SUITE 500, MANHATTN BEACH, CA 90266, LA COUNTY. 2.) CORBISSTUDIO. 3.) FRANK COLLABORATION. 4.) KITELABS. 5.) LIGHTBOX. Registered Owner(s): VMA COMPANIES, LLC, 1500 ROSECRANS AVE SUITE 500, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266, CA. This business is being conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2007. Signed: VMA COMPANIES, LLC, MARTIN P AMENGUAL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 26, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 26, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 26, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/2017 H-1582

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017030857

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HIDDEN MIST CARTEL, 3515 W 111TH PL, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): HUGO JIMENEZ, 3515 W 111TH PL, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2016. Signed: HUGO JIMENEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 7, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). INGLEWOOD DAILY NEWS: Pub. 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/2017 HI-1583

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017030839

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE PENNSYLVANIA MUTINY, 1730 E HOLLY AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ANDREW STEVENS, 1730 E HOLLY AVENUE, 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: 01/2017. Signed: ANDREW STEVENS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 7, 2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on FEBRUARY 7, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to FEBRUARY 7, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/2017 H-1584

Real Estate

Hot Bathroom Designs Trends that don't Cost a Bundle

(BPT) - Coffee bars, TVs in mirrors, smart toilets and pet-friendly amenities - a growing number of homeowners are requesting such upscale features in their bathroom design, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Is it any wonder that association members report the average cost of remodeling a bath is between \$10,000 and \$30,000? However, you don't have to spend that much to update your bathroom stylishly and easily.

Here are some popular bathroom design preferences, plus tips to cost-effectively achieve these looks in your home:

Transitional is Trending

According to a poll of remodeling professionals, the vast majority agreed that "transitional" was the most-requested style in bathroom settings. Transitional design allows you to blend elements of both traditional and contemporary styles. The result is a comfortable blend of sophistication and simplicity that is easy to create with only a modest investment.

An example is the urban depiction of the Townsend widespread lavatory faucet from American Standard in dramatic legacy bronze, paired with a modern vessel sink in sleek white. The high-arc, deep bronze finished faucet harkens to a classic era of design. The tapered faucet shape, reminiscent of classic bridge pediments, evokes an industrial feel of city living that fits well with a lavatory that showcases contemporary angular styling.

Neutrals have Staying Power

Long favored for their ability to create an easy-to-customize color foundation, neutral hues remain in vogue in the bathroom.

Whites and grays are the most popular color schemes, NKBA reports, although these colors aren't confined to walls or floors.

White continues to be the most popular color choice for toilets, tubs and sinks. In bathrooms with these pristine-toned fixtures, you can cost-effectively play on the neutral trend by adding pale gray to the walls. For a subtle effect that will also add height to the room, paint the ceiling a gray several shades lighter than the walls.

Superior Showers

The shower is becoming a highlight of the bathroom, with many renovators reporting that homeowners want customization such as lighting, built-in seating, benches and hand-showers installed. Remodeling your shower can be as simple as replacing an old-style, static showerhead with an upgraded, more luxurious model. One option is the American Standard drenching 6-inch square showerhead, paired with the Times Square shower system that features an ultra-convenient hand shower. A teak shower seat and recessed lighting above the shower are also cost-effective upgrades that can elevate your shower experience to be truly spa-like.

Aging-in-Place Amenities

Home design experts have long predicted that as baby boomers grow older, demand will increase for home features that will allow seniors to stay in their houses throughout their golden years. NKBA members report



evidence of this trend, with more homeowners asking for aging-in-place upgrades such as grab bars, higher vanities and chair-height toilets.

Aging-in-place upgrades are among the most useful and cost-effective bathroom improvements. Following this pattern can be as simple as installing grab bars in showers and tubs, and next to toilets. Replacing knob

faucets with single-handle or lever-style faucets allows people with dexterity challenges to easily and safely function in the bathroom.

Remodeling your bathroom to keep pace with today's hottest trends doesn't have to cost a lot. With a few creative touches and versatile pieces like new faucets and hand showers, it's possible to create an up-to-date look with a modest investment. •

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