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Torrance Barnes & Noble Favorite Teacher Contest Winner



Barnes & Noble Del Amo's My Favorite Teacher Contest ran from January 4 to March 1 and gave middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers. Students nominated their favorite teacher by writing essays, poems or thank-you letters. The photo shows Community Business Development Manager Noel Zimmerman; the winning essay author Griselda Chicas and her teacher Ms. Ruth Brown of Harry Bridges Span School; and Barnes & Noble Store Manager Edward Urzua at the recent store event honoring the winners. Photo by Melissa Mellati.

Transit Department To Submit **Grant Application For MOSIP Funds**

By Cristian Vasquez

On Tuesday, the Mayor and City Council approved for the Torrance Transit Department to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for \$3,194,900 for funds that would be appropriated to the department's operating budget. "This is the maximum allocation that transit can request and in the details in the body of the item are the various products we are looking to carry forward," James Lee with Transit Department said. "Some of these are continuation of existing projects such as maintenance, remodeling of facilities and our aboveground tank replacement. Some of them [projects] are brand new."

The Transit Department will use Federal Highway Administration Toll Credits and funds from the Municipal Operator Service Improvement Program (MOSIP) as a local match (but not from the general fund) in the amount of \$4,000. This federal assistance is available to the department for the operation and maintenance of its programs, old and new. The single largest expenditure listed on the staff report is preventative maintenance (\$2,250,000) of the City of Torrance's bus fleet.

"We wish to build a storage facility," said Lee. "We need to purchase a new air compressor and there are some electronic components we would like to add to the facility as well."

Funds will also be allocated to aboveground tank replacement (\$270,000)--a current project replacing and improving the aboveground tanks for the department at the Torrance City Yard; the transit facility remodeling phase 2.1 (\$277,700) for the department's administrative offices at the City Yard; storage facilities (\$250,000) for department items such as engines and transmissions; the department's

single point sign-in system (\$60,000) that will enhance the bus operator sign-in system for faster driving assignments; the new air compressor (\$50,000); and payroll interface software (\$10,000) that will allow for the synchronization and interface capabilities with the Kronos Payroll System. Of the projects on the list, the new solar-powered, self-compacting trash receptacles were most discussed during the Council meeting.

"One surprise item that we got about three weeks ago, we applied for and received a small grant for approximately \$20,000 to purchase solar-powered, self-compacting trashcans," Lee said. "We would like to purchase a couple for the transit center as well as for placement at the Del Amo Fashion Center."

The trash bins are the only items in the application that will require matching funds (\$4,000), with the FTA providing the outstanding \$16,000. The funding totals in the FTA grant application are consistent with the amounts provided by the Los Angele County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The monies will purchase five trashcans to be placed at the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal and the Del Amo Fashion Center. "We chose the Del Amo Fashion Center because there is high visibility and it's a well-lit and well-secured area that is monitored," said Lee. "We can monitor the feasibility of placing cans there long-term and we want to test how durable they are."

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THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 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.
- Check It Out @ the Southeast Library, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM., free - teens only, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Juggler David Cousin, 4:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. – 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- Friday Fun for Kids, 10:00 AM. 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Model Make and Take, 4:00 PM., Free, registration is required, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- The City of Torrance 58th Annual Armed Forces Day Concert Presents: The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West (Torrance Police Dept.), 1:30 PM. and 7:30 PM., Tickets will be passed out at 1:00 PM on May 13th., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Closed

for Armed Forces Day. (ALL DAY)

Mini Train Rides (Public Run Days), 12:00
 PM. – 3:00 PM., donations accepted, Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Avenue.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Open, 1:00 PM. – 5:00 PM., 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- YMCA Mother Daughter Fairy Tea Party,
 1:00 PM. 3:00 PM., Tickets: \$10 per person by May 1st, \$12 per person after that. Registration ends May 10th. Torrance South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Call: 310-325-5885.
- Youth Asian Symphony Concert, 8:00 PM., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call for ticket prices: 310-781-7171

MONDAY, MAY 22

- Civil Service Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., City Hall - Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Babytime, 10:30 AM. and 1:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- 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: Bugs Craft, 4:00 PM., free, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200. •

School Board Approves Surplus Property Advisory Committee

By Cristian Vasquez

Members of the Torrance School Board on Monday adopted a resolution to form a Surplus Advisory Committee in compliance with Education Code 17387 et seq. The move approved 4-0, with Board President Terry Ragins representing the group at a separate event.

The Surplus Advisory Committee, also referred to in the staff report as 7/11 Committee, will be responsible for advising the Torrance Unified School District's governing board in the development of policies and procedures that will be used to oversee "the use or disposition of school buildings or space in school buildings" that will no longer be needed for school purposes.

"They are to look at the property, they are to look at the projected student enrollment and ultimately make a recommendation to you," said Andreas C. Chialtas of Atkinson, Andelson Loya, Rudd and Romo Law Corporation during his presentation. "It's a Brown Act Committee. This is a legislative extension of this government body, so it has to convene through the Brown Act with public notices and agenda meetings."

Located at 2606 W. 182nd Street is the Hamilton Adult Center (the "Property"), which the District is looking to dispose of with the committee's advice. The advisory committee is required to consist of no less than seven, but not more than 11 members. Also mandated is that the committee be represented by the school district's ethnic, age group and socioeconomic composition; the business community, including store owners, managers or supervisors; landowners or renters, with a preference given to representatives of neighborhood associations; teachers, administrators, and parents of students. The staff report also states that it is required for the committee to include individuals with expertise in "environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes and land use planning, including, but not limited to knowledge of the zoning and other land use restriction of cities or cities and counties in which surplus space and real property is located."

Appointing members to the advisory committee may be the authority of District Superintendent Dr. George Mannon, and/or one of his designees. When the superintendent, or a designee, identifies the members to the advisory committee, the governing board will be presented with the names of the selected committee members for ratification.

"Each of those committee members needs to make sure they have no conflict of interest and are not going to derive a benefit from the sale or lease of your property," said Chialtas. "They are going to conduct at least one public hearing and a minimum of three or four meetings where it is actually in open session."

The 7/11 Committee will be responsible for reviewing projected school enrollment, along with other information provided by the District that will help determine the amount of available surplus space and real property. The committee will also create a priority list of use of surplus space and real property deemed acceptable to the community. The committee will also "cause to have circulated throughout the attendance area a priority list of surplus space and real property and provide for hearings for community input to the committee on acceptable uses of space and real property, including the sale or lease of surplus real property for child care development." Lastly, the committee will determine the limits of use of space and real property, which it will forward to the District's governing board in the form of a report that will recommend uses of surplus space and real property, if any.

The property in question, Hamilton Adult School and Education Center, consist of two See School Board, page 6

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Community Briefs

Drivers Charged in Torrance Crash that Killed South High Student

Two drivers who were reportedly involved in a hit-and-run crash have been charged in the death of South High school student Jesse Esphorst, Jr. after both allegedly ran a red light in Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced last week. Deputy District Attorney Ryan Gould said Darryl Leander Hicks, Jr. (born 5/25/88) of Los Angeles and Tung Ming (born 8/10/95) of Rancho Palos Verdes both are charged with one felony count each of vehicular manslaughter and reckless driving on a highway causing injuries and death. Hicks also is charged with one felony count each of hit-and-run driving resulting in death or serious injury to another person and hit-and-run driving resulting in injury to another person and one misdemeanor count each of hit-and-run driving resulting in property damage and driving when privilege suspended or revoked. Case YA095989 includes allegations that Hicks fled the scene and Ming personally inflicted great bodily injury in the vehicular manslaughter count. Arraignment was scheduled on May 11 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch. On March 7, Hicks is accused of crashing into Ming and then fleeing the scene near Crenshaw Boulevard and Silver Spur Road. Ming allegedly began chasing Hicks and both defendants ran a red light near Crenshaw Boulevard and Crest Road, the prosecutor said. Both defendants are accused of crashing into a vehicle, killing Esphorst, Jr., 16, and seriously injuring the driver, Esphorst's father, the prosecutor added. Hicks is charged with also fleeing the scene of the fatal crash. If convicted as charged, Hicks faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 12 years in state prison and Ming faces nine years in prison. The case remains under investigation by the Torrance Police Department.

Source: LA Country District Attorney's Office

Torrance Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade

Beginning May 19 and through Sunday, May 21, the City of Torrance will pay tribute to the nation's Armed Forces with its 58th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade--the City's longest-standing tradition. Each year, the City honors a different military branch. This year highlights the United States Air Force. Grand Marshal General Ellen M. Pawlikowski, who serves as Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, will lead the Parade on Saturday, May 20 that will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The parade will include active and reserve military units from the five branches of the Armed Forces. The event will also feature military vehicles of all descriptions including Humvees, armored personnel carriers, and support vehicles. Abrams Battle Tanks will also rumble down the streets of Torrance.

Additionally, General Pawlikowski will conduct the swearing in of hundreds of future military heroes (recruits) from the five branches.

Military members, elected dignitaries, and the community will also be honoring the hundreds of military service men and women as they pass in review.

The weekend will include military exhibits outside the Life Style Wing in the east parking lot at the Del Amo Fashion Center; a free concert by the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West at the James Armstrong Theatre, Friday, May 19 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.; a 5K run/walk in tribute to Louis Zamperini on Saturday, May 20 at 8 a.m.; and the parade on May 20 at 1:30 running westbound along Torrance Boulevard starting at Crenshaw Boulevard and ending at City Hall.

For more information on events and schedules, go to www.TorranceCA.Gov/ ArmedForcesDay.htm.

For information on road closures, go to http://www.torranceca.gov/28758.htm.

Source: City of Torrance

Historical Society to Hold Memorial Services for Torrance Military Personnel

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at 2 p.m., the Torrance Historical Society will conduct a memorial service for Torrance service personnel who gave their lives in U. S. military actions. The program will take place on the Memorial Plaza at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue and will include the reading of the 146 Names on the Wall. Those Names include war losses from World War I to those in the Iraq and

With the help of a handful of volunteers, the Torrance Historical Society is continuing to gather and preserve the tooshort life story of each of the Torrance military war causalities. To date, the organization is over halfway to its goal of putting a face on each name with the hope to place in the Museum archives the story of each of

"On Monday, we will be grateful for the See Community Briefs, page 6



Tartars Hold on for Pioneer League Title

By Adam Serrao

It certainly wasn't easy, but the Torrance Tartars are your 2017 Pioneer League baseball champions. The regular season couldn't have ended in any more of a suspenseful, edgeof-your-seat type of fashion. A season filled with 31 games and excellent play from both West High and Torrance High came down to the very last game after the Warriors forced a winner-take-all matchup with a 3-2 victory over the Tartars last Tuesday afternoon at Torrance. The Tartars were able to step their game up and win when it truly meant the most, though. Behind a phenomenal pitching effort from senior Travis Martizia, Torrance was able to fend off West High with a 4-1 victory in the very last game of the regular season, giving the Tartars a league championship.

The Tartars had a chance to clinch the Pioneer League title on their home field last Tuesday afternoon, but what would a divisional title race be without a little bit of drama? Torrance's biggest rival this season, the West High Warriors, came out of the gates up for the challenge and thinking that they were the better team. Last Tuesday, they were. West starting pitcher Trevor Proo was the catalyst for his team's success, tossing six-plus innings of one-run ball while striking out three. Warriors head coach Juan Cueva was, of course, impressed with his team's effort. "The team has worked hard all year to put themselves in this position," he said after the game. "This is what you work for."

While Proo was holding Torrance hitters at bay, it was junior outfielder Tanner Schafer getting things started on the offensive end for his team. Schafer doubled and later scored for the first run of the game in the second inning to put West up 1-0. Another double in the fourth inning off of the bat of senior Sean Whorley made it 2-0 before the Warriors took a 3-0 lead with a double from Daniel Parr in the fifth. The Tartars weren't able to get on the board until the seventh and final inning. By that time, Proo was out of the game and West's lead was too much to overcome for Torrance. "We waited too long to get it started," Torrance head coach Terry DeWan said after the loss. "We've been preparing for this [next game] since July."

Despite the loss in Game 1 of the twogame series, Torrance still had another shot to salvage this year's Pioneer League crown. This time, DeWan turned to his ace, Martizia. With just about the entire season on the line, Martizia shined. Through seven innings on the mound, the senior pitcher only gave up four hits and one run while striking out seven. "I knew I had to control my breathing and throw strikes", Martizia said of his performance. "The less walks I allow, the better." The pitcher only walked two batters on the day and was excited to see his offense producing behind him. The Tartars got things going early when Noah Ishikawa walked and later scored on a throwing error in the first inning. Sophomore first baseman Neil Feist came up later in the inning and made it 2-0 with a single to score a run before West could blink an eye.

Brad Kong was the latest batter to get to West starting pitcher Adam Gonzalez when in the second inning he singled to give Torrance a 3-0 lead. Gonzalez had a rough outing, allowing three runs, six hits and seven walks to the Tartars offense. The Warriors (20-10, 6-2) salvaged a run in the bottom of the seventh with a home run by Proo, but Torrance (22-9, 7-1) took a 4-1 win and the team's first outright Pioneer League title since the 2011 season.

North High vs. South High

The North High Saxons and the South High Spartans rounded out their 2017 baseball campaigns by splitting the final two-game series of the regular season. South had been battling to get back into third place with the Saxons all season long. In Game 1, the Spartans were able to make things pretty interesting. Senior pitcher Ian Brady pitched four-plus innings of one-run ball while giving up four hits and walking three. It was South's offense that came alive, though. Junior Ryan Wilmoth was three for four with three runs scored while his classmate Javin Fish went two for three with two RBIs. Freshman Dawson Hokuf was one for four with an RBI double and a run scored as the Spartans brought six runs across the plate to cruise to a 6-2 victory.

South's victory forced North's hand in Game 2. A loss and the Saxons would fall beneath the Spartans in the standings and finish the season in fourth place. Sophomore starting pitcher Thomas Bainton made sure that North would finish things off on a winning note. Bainton only gave up one unearned run over seven strong innings on the mound. To go with a strong defense, senior outfield Brett Takeuchi added a nice offensive effort. Takeuchi finished the day with two hits and two runs scored as his North High team jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. South added one in the top of the fifth when sophomore Carey Arbolida came across the plate to score, but Takeuchi and the Saxons offense were able to add one more in the fifth and two in the sixth to take a deciding 5-1 victory. With the loss, the Spartans (11-13, 3-5) finish in fourth place behind North (14-11, 4-4) in the final Pioneer League standings. Torrance and West finished the year off in first and second place, respectively. - Asixlion@earthlink.net •





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TerriAnn in Torrance

A Rose for Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Did you know that the City of Torrance was the recipient of a very special honor from the American Rose Society? It happened at a Torrance City Council meeting, which I attended, on April 18 when Mayor Patrick J. Furey formally accepted The City of Torrance Rose from the American Rose Society. Our special rose is a mini-flora, orange/pink-color rose.

very own rose. The American Rose Society developed the rose especially for the City of Torrance as part of the former's 125th year anniversary celebration. One rose bush will be planted in the city rose garden so everyone can view the new addition.

During the Tuesday Council meeting, Pat Shanley, President of the American Rose Society, flew into town from New York, arriving at carrying the City of Torrance

she indicated it would be available online through the For Love of Roses website at www.forloveofroses.com. Glancing at the bloom of Torrance's rose, it looked as if it was toward the end of its bloom--but I could definitely see how beautiful the rose will be when it is in perfect bloom.

Inside the Council chambers, during the presentation, Executive Director of the American Rose Society, Laura Seabaugh, from Shreveport, Louisiana, Pat Shanley and Beverly Findley posed for a photograph with the new City of Torrance rose along with Mayor Patrick J. Furey. Pat Shanley announced, "We flew in today especially to present you with this rose that has been named City of Torrance. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Torrance Rose Float Association effort and we look forward to be a part of the float for 2018. This rose is a mini flora. The rose will probably grow to four feet [and about one-and-a half-feet in width] and is an orange/pink in color. It looks a little darker now because it is a little bit of an 'old spent bloom,' unfortunately. Earlier this week there were four or five beautiful roses on it, but as we all know timing is everything. But we did manage to get you part of it--but I believe we have sent you a photo of it as well."

Then Laura Seabaugh, added, "We want to thank all of you for having us here and to be able to do this for you for your city... our mission is to 'promote the culture and appreciation of the rose through education, research and preservation.' And so, we have been doing this for 125 years."

Then Mayor Furey said, "A little back story on this--this past year, City Cable arranged for Robin Gee to volunteer to provide live Facebook coverage of the Torrance float being



Pat Shanley, National President of the American Rose Society.

constructed and decorated. Robin happens to be on the board of the American Rose Society and she presented to them an opportunity to provide sponsorship for the 2018 float in honor of the Rose Society's 125th anniversary. The Rose Society has already purchased seeds of Torrance's 2018 float from Pat and Laura and on behalf of the City. Thank you for your sponsorship. However, this is the honor that we are having--to have a rose named after our city is very special obviously and a treat and special to you--but Torrance is very special to all of us."

Beverly Findley added, "We are really excited that they will be out here riding on the float and some of them might even help us decorate. It is going to be a real good time this year. We are really looking



The City of Torrance Rose. Photo by American Rose Society.

forward to working with them. And while I am here, I would like to show last year's float." At that moment, Beverly presented a framed picture of the 2017 Torrance float, winner of the Tournament Volunteer's Trophy. "Be Your Own Knight" depicted West High School senior Lindsey Beckmeyer's winning concept design for the float, where a brave female knight defends her castle and citizens from a furious winged dragon. No wonder Torrance won the Volunteer's Trophy. We are still one of the proud few original cities who decorate their own float.

After leaving the Council meeting, I started thinking about Torrance's special flower and tree. Torrance does have a 'city tree' -- the Cork Oak (Quercus Suber)--and a 'city flower,'-the Hybrid Delphinium (Ajacis), which was a favorite of our founder Jared Sidney Torrance's wife Helena Childs Torrance (Torrance Tribune, July 7, 2011). Somehow, I think having a rose completes us--in a horticultural sense, that is. Imagine how beautiful our town would be if every citizen planted our new City of Torrance rosebush, the Hybrid Delphinium, and the Cork Oak. Hopefully, by the fall the rosebush will become readily available for purchase. I, for one, can't wait!

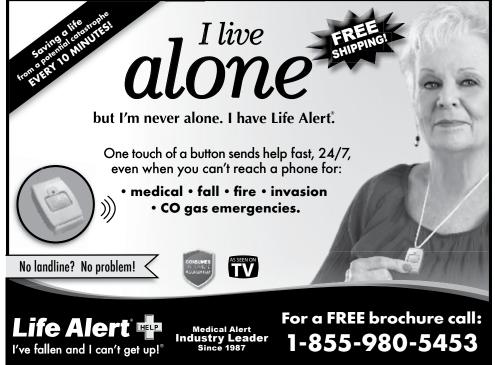
The 2018 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade will include Pat Shanley, National President of the American Rose Society, and Laura Seabaugh, the Executive Director, riding on the all-volunteer City of Torrance float as it makes its way down Colorado Boulevard. •



It all began when Robin Gee of the American Rose Society covered Torrance's float last year on Facebook Live. It was during that project that Robin spoke with Beverly Findley, President of the Torrance Rose Float Association (TRFA), about their possible participation in the 2018 rose float. That started the ball rolling, so to speak, and ushered in the City of Torrance being the recipient of our

rosebush planted and ready to present. I met her outside the Council chambers and she told me, "I am honored to be here and present you [the City of Torrance] with a rose. They should be available for sale later this year. The nursery is called, For Love of Roses, and it is located in Brighton, Tennessee, and they'll be the ones selling the rose." I asked if the rose will be available for purchase and





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Ingredients

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- 1-2 small carrots, grated
- 1 tablespoon each of fresh parsley and dill, chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Juice of half a lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Couple cracks of black pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Preparation

- 1. Bring 1 3/4 cups of water to a boil and add 1/2 a teaspoon of salt. Add 3/4 cups of raw quinoa. Stir well, reduce to a simmer and cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Check the quinoa; the water should be absorbed and the grain should be fluffy. If the quinoa has not unraveled, add another 1/4 cup of water and cook until the water evaporates and the quinoa looks cooked. Fluff with a fork and allow to cool for up to two hours, or you can make ahead of time and refrigerate overnight.
- 2. Place the cooked, cooled quinoa in a large bowl. Using a knife, cut away all the skin from the grapefruit and cut all segments directly into the bowl. Add all the remaining ingredients and mix well.

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School Board

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parcels totaling 10.265 acres. Chialtas stated during his presentation that the property is currently zoned as Torrance PU/Public Use District, but is considered to be of highest and best use as multifamily residential. He also noted that depending on the zoning received, the property's best value will be obtained from its sale.

The 7/11 Committee must be allowed to meet and develop its report for two months. Upon completion of its report, there will be a board meeting to consider the committee's findings and decide whether or not to declare the property a surplus. Public notices will then be sent out, if needed, followed by negotiations with agencies interested within 60-150 days. •

Community Briefs

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gift of those who never came home. We will remember every day is Memorial Day. We will pray that we may never add another name to that cold, black wall," noted Jerry Ronan, Torrance Historical Society Board Member and WWll Veteran. The Memorial Service is free, and open to the public. For more information, call the Museum at 310-328-5392 or visit: www.TorranceHistoricalSociety.org

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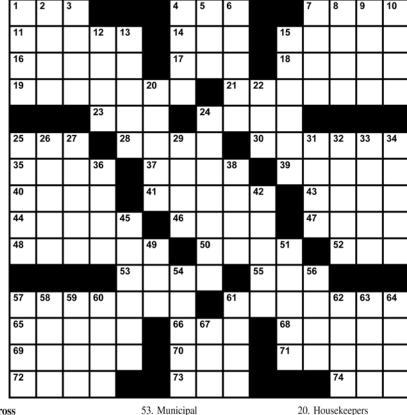




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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



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- 7. Impede 11. Shift shapes
- Supply, 60's rock group
- 15. Soft
- 16. "Well, I ___!" 17. "What'd I tell ya?"
- 18. Loosen
- 19. Soap opera's slot
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- 35. Pillow filler
- 37. Nutritional discipline
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- 47. Certain surgeon's "patient'
- 48. Took five
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61. Middle kitchen counters

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- 13. Attempted

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8. When repeated, like some

- Fight monies
- 9. The "U" in I.C.U. 62. Twelve .
 - 63. Buggy terrain 64. Hot pot
 - 67. Chamomile

22. Large open vessel for liquids

24. By that means

31. Kind of analysis

32. Eye-opener?

34. Skate blades

38. Floor piece

42. Is in the game 45. Say one's piece

49. Cease to exist

54. Almost falls

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58. "___, Bake 59. Carrot, e.g.

60. Massages

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51. Cheesy sandwiches

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26. Everybody's opposite

29. Is at the table, for example

33. One who goes for the gold?

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Last Week's Answers

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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.

City Council from front page

Department staff has gone out to examine the trashcans in Compton and San Pedro and concluded that the receptacles are "very durable," but they would like to test them in a real-world setting to challenge their durability. "Staff tried to vandalize one [trash receptacle] with the other city's representatives present and they are very secure," Lee said. "That

is also why we wanted to go with a small allocation at the time and see how feasible they are and if they are operationally feasible."

One of the firms that creates the receptacles is called Big Belly and the product can hold up to 150 gallons, but they are the size of a regular 55-gallon trashcan. However, there is a monitor placed inside the receptacle that

will compact the trash into a manageable size and in essence triple the amount of waste that can be deposited. The receptacles would be secured to the ground and be monitored with nearby cameras. The bins would also be equipped with Wi-Fi capabilities so that staff can check on them via their cell phones.

"I had these in the back of my mind for

several months after initially seeing these pop up here and there in the L.A. region, so I am interested to see how this test phase turns out and I would like to hear back on that," Councilman Tim Goodrich said. "You often hear complaints in the community about trash receptacles overflowing at our parks and sometimes that leads to coyote issues." •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAYTAG LAUNDRY HAWTHORNE, 14345 INGLEWOOD AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MATTHEW IAN CLARK, 15307 EUCALYPTUS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. 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: MATTHEW IAN CLARK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 18, 2017

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZOFICALI, 1) 13102 ROSELLE AVE., #5, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) PO BOX 1394, ATTN: SOPHIE REGNIER, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SOPHIE REGNIER, 13102 ROSELLE AVE., #5, HAWTHORNE, CA, 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business amme or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: SOPHIE REGNIER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 18, 2017.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALTA SOUTH BAY, 22433 SOUTH VERMONT AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90502, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al#ON 201303910043. Registered Owner(s): TORRANCE PROPERTY OWNER, LLC, C/O AIG GLOBAL REAL ESTATE CORP, 80 PINE STREET, 4TH, NEW YORK, NY, 10005, DE... 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: 05/2005. Signed: TORRANCE PROPERTY OWNER, LLC, VICE PRESIDENT, TIMOTHY BARRY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on APRII 11 2017.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017089763

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) X31 CREATIONS 2) X31 PHOTOGRAPHY 3) DEEP MYSTIC, 409 NORTH PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #423, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MICHAEL CRUZ, 409 NORTH PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #423, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2017. Signed: MICHAEL CRUZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MAY 3, 2017.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017104664

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRUE LUXE EVENTS, 5514 BERAN ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Registered Owner(s): MICHAEL KAINTZ, 5514 BERAN ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90503. 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: MICHAEL KAINTZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on APRIL 25. 2017.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIL SIMMZY'S ON THE DECK; 1) 850 S SEPULVEDA BLVD, STE K200, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) 108 ARENA ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SIMMZY'S LLC, 108 ARENA ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, 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: 01/2017. Signed: SIMMZY'S LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, THOMAS M SIMMS, JR. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MAY 1, 2017.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MIRAKU 1) 18535 S WESTERN AVE, GARDENA, CA, 90248, LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2) 909 E WALNUT AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): EL SEGUNDO BEACH, LLC, 909 E WALNUT AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. 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: N/A. Signed: EL SEGUNDO BEACH, LLC, OWNER, MYUNGJA ASHWORTH. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MAY 4. 2017.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017124513

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NOMAD STUDIO, 20615 CHRISTINE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) RICARDO PARRA, 20615 CHRISTINE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA, 90503. 2) LAURA MALANDRINO, 20615 CHRISTINE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA, 90503. This business is being conducted by a MARRIED COUPLE. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: RICARDO PARRA, HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on MAY 15, 2017.

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Real Estate

Exterior Home Improvements Yield Higher ROI for Less

(BPT) - Renovation season is approaching. Do you know what home improvements will give you the best return for your money? Here's a hint: step outside.

You might assume upgrades to interior spaces like kitchens and bathrooms have the best payoff, but most home improvements don't return 100 percent of their value at the time of resale. Those that yield the best return on investment for the most modest costs are generally exterior improvements.

Outside the Box

Interior projects like a minor kitchen renovation or bathroom upgrade return a decent percentage of your initial investment when you sell your home - about 80 percent and 65 percent, respectively, according to Remodeling's Cost vs. Value report. However, they can also cost tens of thousands of dollars.

By contrast, exterior projects like adding a deck or replacing a garage door deliver similar high rates of return, but for far less cost. Adding a composite deck can cost around \$17,000 and yield an ROI of more than 65 percent, while a garage door typically costs less than \$2,000 and returns nearly 77 percent of your investment when you sell.

In fact, six of the eight improvements with the best ROI on Remodeling's report were exterior projects, and their average payback was nearly 75 percent.

Top Exterior Projects

Here are popular exterior projects that offer high ROI, according to the Cost vs. Value report:

• Roof replacement - A midrange roof



replacement costs approximately \$20,000 and returns nearly 69 percent of the investment. What's more, a new roof helps protect your entire home from weather damage and can improve curb appeal.

• Composite deck addition - Costs vary, but Remodeling bases its evaluation of ROI on a cost of about \$17,000. At that price, adding a composite deck delivers ROI of 65.2 percent. Of course, the value of your deck will depend on many factors, including the quality of the building products you choose. Capped board composites, like Envision Decking by TAMKO Building Products, are gaining popularity. Envision Inspiration, the latest in the TAMKO collection, was introduced in late 2016, and

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features striking color patterns for a visual effect that's as appealing as the financial ROI of composite decking.

• Siding replacement - Another exterior feature that protects the whole home and greatly affects its curb appeal, new siding can cost around \$14,500. When you sell your home, that new siding will recoup about 76 percent of your initial investment.

- Garage door replacement Older garage doors may lack modern insulating qualities and a shabby-looking door can drag down the look of your home. Replacing the garage door costs roughly \$1,700 and returns nearly 77 percent of that amount at the time of resale.
- Steel entry door The single exterior home improvement with the greatest ROI is also one of the cheapest and easiest to do. Replacing a wooden door with a steel entry door will run you about \$1,400 and you'll recoup more than 90 percent of that cost when you sell your home.

Exterior home improvements not only enhance your enjoyment of your home and help maintain its security, they're also the first things potential buyers see when they pull up to the curb. When you want to make cost-effective, high-ROI improvements, making exterior upgrades is money well spent. •

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