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The City of Torrance Police Shown Appreciation with Luncheon



The Torrance Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer Planning Committee, which put on the first "Torrance Police Department Awards and Appreciation Luncheon" pose in front of the Chamber office. See our "TerriAnn in Torrance" weekly article and more photos on front page and page 6.

Bluff Street Runoff Improvements Added to Capital Budget Plan

By Dylan Little

During its January 14 meeting, the Torrance City Council decided to address the unsightly and slippery runoff affecting the residents of Bluff Street, while choosing to delay adding measures to alleviate issues in the Del Amo Boulevard and Madrona Avenue areas to the 2013-2018 capital budget plan. Residents of Bluff Street have been contacting the Council seeking to find a solution to a slippery mess that was leaking onto streets and driveways. In addition to being visually unappealing, Bluff Street resident Norm Segel said the runoff posed a danger to the those living on the street, especially the elderly. "Please consider it from a health and safety aspect," said Segel. "There is a [risk] of a slip and fall accident because of the slippery material on an incline. Falls with older people have worse outcomes... and there's a lot of older people in this neighborhood."

To address the issues on Bluff Street, the Council decided to install a new gutter inlet and storm drain to connect to the LA County storm drain system. The cost of this plan is \$200,000 with an additional \$1,000 in cleaning and maintenance. The Council did not state which currently budgeted projects would be deferred to fund this project. City staff did come up with a cheaper, temporary fix for the issue, but Councilmember Bill Sutherland believed the best course of action was to fund fully fixing the problem instead of constantly half-fixing it. "I think if we're going to do this project, we should do it right," said Sutherland.

While the Council approved the Bluff Street improvements, it also pushed off two other projects also actively sought after by residents, with the first being improvements to the Del

Amo Boulevard median landscaping between Crenshaw and Van Ness Avenues that come with a \$950,000 price tag. Lee Ybarra lives in the neighborhood and said it has been ignored for years and could use some aesthetic improvements. "It's been such a long time since our street has had something done to it to improve it. Sometime in our lifetime we want something new," said Ybarra. "Price is not the issue here—it's the community. We are a good community. A long time ago they branded us 'Little Tijuana' and different names, but we're all American citizens and part of Torrance. We're not going away... we're not stopping."

While sympathetic to Ybarra's plight, the Council decided to explore adding the landscaping to other maintenance planned for that section of Del Amo Boulevard just outside of the five years covered in this budget in order to more cost-effectively improve the neighborhood.

The other project not added to the budget involved proposed improvements to a vacant lot south of Sepulveda Boulevard past where Madrona Avenue ends. City staff came up with four plans to address the issue: install a seven-foot asphalt walking path (with a cost of \$50,000 and \$500 in annual maintenance),

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly Sunny
80°/51°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
74°/52°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
76°/50°



TerriAnn in Torrance

The First Torrance Police Department Awards & Appreciation Luncheon

By TerriAnn Ferren

Torrance has always prided itself with its state-of-the-art police department complete with its own forensic lab (*Torrance Tribune* May 9, 2013). And it is no secret that many cities look to Torrance as a model of how to structure a community-supported police force.

Last week I spoke with Donna Duperron, President and CEO of the *Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce*, and she told me, "The *Torrance Police Department* has always been one that is very involved in the community." Donna explained to me that several years ago, the Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Torrance

Police Department and developed the *Business Watch Program* that assisted in increasing the knowledge to business owners about the benefits of the program. Donna told me she was aware that other chambers hosted a police appreciation luncheon in Southern California and she thought it would be a great idea for Torrance to have the same sort of event. "I contacted Chief John Neu and explained the concept of the program and he and his staff did research of other cities who partnered with chambers to do the luncheon and he agreed. We have actually been in the planning process for about five

See *TerriAnn in Torrance*, page 6

Calendar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

• Beach Cities Republicans Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 753-4159 or email plagrelius@aol.com.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

• “Ready for the Wii-Kend?” Teen program, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

• Paperback Booksale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

• Free Technology Assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

• WMoF Celebrity Lecture Series: A Step into History with Jim McCurry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Torrance Airport, 3315 Airport Drive, Red Baron #3. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

• Torrance Art Museum Opening Reception of REVERB!, 6-9 p.m., at the Joslyn Center. The exhibition will be on view from Jan. 21-Mar. 8. For more information call (310) 618-3846.

• The Interludes: Classical Music Concert Series, 3:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church of Torrance, 2900 W. Carson Street.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

• “The Blimp - 37 Good Years of Flying.”,

2 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block Lomita Blvd., 2nd floor in #”C. For more information call Carol Hubert (310) 378-5331 or Anne Marie Knudsen (310) 548-8558.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

• Space Science Laser Spectacular, 4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information please call (310) 618-5964.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

• “Good Ol’ Trailer Park Wedding”, 6 p.m., Toyota Meeting Hall, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• “Story Pirates”, 2 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

ONGOING

• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department. •

City Council

from front page

leave the spot as is (with no additional costs), install ornamental grass and a new concrete walking path (with a cost of \$450,000 and \$27,000 in annual maintenance), or develop a private partnership to solve the problem. Sarada Nilakantan lives near the lot and

to clarify the particulars of a City charter amendment to extend the time the Council has to decide how to fill vacant Council seats. The issue has come up twice this year with former Council members Susan Rhilinger and Cliff Numark resigning and Herbers

“Residents of Bluff Street have been contacting the Council seeking to find a solution to a slippery mess that was leaking onto streets and driveways.”

imagines it transforming from an eyesore to a place people of all ages can enjoy. “We have in our neighborhood a lot of children who are under 10 years of age... it takes a long time to take those kids to any park close by and it would be so nice if we had something like that right here,” said Nilakantan. “We also have a lot of elderly and they would benefit from having a walking path right there. Right now it doesn’t look like much, but we look at the possibility of how nice and bright it could look...how much we could enjoy it.” While the Council did not add this project to the budget, Mayor Frank Scotto strongly hinted that he believes a private partner could fund improvements to the lot that the community might find acceptable.

has asked the Council to examine a charter amendment, but so far that is as far as the issue has progressed. “I will succinctly say right now that a charter amendment is not proposed for the 2014 General Municipal Election,” said Herbers. “It was mainly to address the issue of filling vacancies. [On] each of these occasions, comments have come from the Council and from the public about the short period of time to make an appointment or take action.”

Also during the meeting, City Clerk Sue Herbers took time to clear up a misconception regarding the June 2014 election. She wanted

In addition to addressing concerns about the quick appointment timetable, Herbers said she believes the changes would be cost effective and would be aligned to the most recent version of the California Elections Code (which as of 2012 has allowed a 60-day window to appoint or elect as opposed to Torrance’s 30-day deadline.) Despite the positive outlook on the change, Herbers believes this election is too big and too soon to fully examine the topic.

“Due to the nature of the election this year with the number of candidates seeking offices and the need to focus on current issues, there would not be sufficient time to allow a full and transparent study of this matter as warranted,” said Herbers. “In my professional opinion as the City Clerk, the discussion can and should be left for a dialogue with the soon-to-be-elected Mayor and new Council members and the City of Torrance in a manner of their choice.” •



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This Week in 1864

JANUARY 16

President Lincoln attended lecture by Anna Dickinson in the Capital.

JANUARY 17

Letter in *New York Times* called for mechanized transport to prevent mistreatment of horses.

JANUARY 18

Meetings in pro-Union areas of western NC, GA and east TN protested South's conscription laws.

JANUARY 19

Colorado territorial legislature petitioned Congress for statehood.

JANUARY 20

President Lincoln suspended orders for execution of several soldiers for desertion.

JANUARY 21

Unionists in Nashville, TN proposed abolition of slavery.

JANUARY 22

Confederate Congress enacted \$1000 fine for anyone aiding a deserter.

These history tidbits were excerpted from United States House of Representatives calendar. This We, the People calendar commemorates the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and is provided by The United States Capitol Historical Society. The calendar was sent by Congressman Henry A. Waxman.

Police Reports

Burglary-Auto 1/4/2014. 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/backpack, camera, camera lens

Burglary-Auto 1/4/2014. 2400 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE. Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle and takes property/cash, gift card

Vandalism 1/4/2014. 23100 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window/no entry, no loss

Theft 1/4/2014. 23100 BLOCK KASHIWA CT. Suspect(s) takes property from exterior of location/scrap metal, printer parts

Vandalism 1/4/2014. 1900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) tags vehicles and exterior walls with spray paint

Auto Theft - 1/4/2014. 4500 BLOCK GREEN MEADOWS AVE. Stolen vehicle: '06 Ford van

Burglary-Auto 1/3/2014. 2600 BLOCK SKYPARK DR. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ ID, backpack, cosmetics, scarf, eyeglasses, mugs

Burglary-Residential 1/3/2014. 16500 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE. Suspect(s) forces open door for entry to primary residence, removes guesthouse window for entry to it, ransacks both residences and takes property/cash, bank card, purse

Burglary-Residential 1/3/2014. 2400 BLOCK BORDER AVE. Suspect(s) forces open garage door and takes property/ '06 Honda M/C

Burglary-Residential. 1/3/2014. 4100 BLOCK 176TH ST. Suspect(s) removes screen, smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/unknown loss at time of report

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/2/2014. 3700 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) pries open window for entry and takes property/third row seat

Vandalism Betw. 1/2/2014. 1800 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO. Suspect(s) uses spray paint to tag victims' garage door and wall

Theft 1/2/2014. 21700 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) enters business, poses as soda co employee and takes property/carbon dioxide tank

Burglary-Residential. 1/2/2014. 5100 BLOCK ZAKON ROAD. Suspect(s) pries window screens in an attempt to enter victim's residence/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Auto. 1/2/2014. 2000 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes windows for entry to two vehicles and takes property/ paperwork, purse, jackets, jewelry

Burglary-Auto. 1/2/2014. 3800 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes windows for entry to two vehicles and takes property/ toolboxes, tools

Burglary-Auto Betw. 1/1/2014. 17300 BLOCK YUKON AVE. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/clothes, safety vest, paperwork

Burglary-Auto. 1/1/2014. 2600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes windows for entry to two vehicles, ransacks and takes property/trumpet, case

Theft. 1/2014. 1700 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO. Suspects enter victim's residence uninvited and takes property/ cell phone

Battery-Weapon/Agg. 1/1/2014. 1600 BLOCK BEECH AVE. Suspect brandishes knife and advances toward victim, threatening to kill him and slash victim's vehicle's tire.

Theft. 1/1/2014. 23100 BLOCK KASHIWA CT. Suspect(s) takes property from exterior of location/security camera, recyclable scrap metal

Vandalism. 1/1/2014. 2000 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect is seen kicking victim's vehicle window, smashing same

Burglary-Commercial. 12/31/2013. 3400 BLOCK EMERALD ST. Suspect(s) cuts lock on storage locker for entry and takes property/ Christmas decorations, bags of miscellaneous items

Burglary-Auto 12/31/2013. 2100 BLOCK 235TH PL. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks, but takes no property

Burglary-Residential. 12/31/2013. 1600 BLOCK FERN AVE. Suspect(s) tears window screen and attempts to force open window/ no entry, no loss

Auto Theft-All. 12/31/2013. 3800 BLOCK 181ST ST. Stolen vehicle: '02 Ford van

Burglary-Auto. 12/30/2013. 2600 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/suitcases, clothing

Theft. 12/30/2013. 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) takes victim's unattended property/bag containing wallet, keys, clothes

Burglary-Residential. 12/30/2013. 18800 BLOCK FONTHILL AVE. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, removes garage remote, opens garage and takes property/ bicycle, vacuum cleaner, radio

Theft. 12/29/2013. 21300 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from valet station/ keys

Battery-Weapon/Agg. 12/29/2013. 1400 BLOCK MARCELINA AVE. Suspect-1 punches victim-1 in the face and strikes him with a drinking glass while suspect-2 hits victims-1 & 2 with a pool stick

Auto Theft. 12/29/2013. 23800 BLOCK WALNUT ST. Stolen vehicle: '94 Honda Civic

Burglary-Residential. 12/29/2013. 18200 BLOCK FAIRVIEW LANE. Suspect(s) enters open garage and takes property/golf clubs •

Finance

10 Simple Ways to Instantly Improve Your Finances in 2014

(BPT) - Do you wonder how you could better manage finances? You're not alone. When it comes to money, most people are far from perfect. Whether you make \$20,000 a year or \$200,000, some simple steps can start you on the right financial path, and some of them only take a few minutes to complete.

"Personal finance is an intimidating topic, especially if you've made mistakes in the past," says Michael McAuliffe, an adjunct instructor at Morton College and president of the nonprofit Family Credit Management. "But everyone has the opportunity to start fresh and make improvements. Your past missteps don't have to dictate your financial future if you resolve to be proactive today."

McAuliffe recently co-authored a financial workbook titled "Personal Finance Made Easy." Thanks to a grant from State Farm, the workbook can be downloaded for free at www.familycredit.org, or you can request a hard copy be mailed to you free of charge. You can use the workbook alone or pair with the free online video lessons. Topics covered include money management, savings, investing and more.

McAuliffe suggests 10 simple ways for you to start improving your finances immediately:

1. Stop, think, save - When out shopping, don't mindlessly pile things in the cart. Take a moment to stop, think what you really need, and save by not buying extras. Cutting unnecessary spending is easy when you make a habit of briefly pausing to analyze what you really need.

2. Cut 5 percent - If your employer cut your paycheck by 5 percent, you'd be unhappy, but you'd still be able to survive. Why not make that cut now? Reduce the extras like your daily latte or weekly visit to the salon and the savings will mount quickly.

3. Save - Every little bit counts when it comes to savings. If you save just \$5 a day - the cost of a fast food lunch - you'll have \$1,800 in a year. It's OK to start slow and build momentum. The ultimate goal should be to save at least 10 percent of your net



income (income after taxes and other deductions).

4. Budget - It sounds simple, but most people don't have a solid budget. Create a spending plan now and stick to it. List all expenses and see where adjustments can be made. Refer back to your budget regularly to stay on track.

5. Keep multiple savings accounts - The less accessible your money is, the easier it is to reduce spending. Keep multiple savings accounts and pay yourself first. One savings account could be designated for an emergency fund, another for a new car or a future vacation.

6. Make it visual - Discourage overspending by reminding yourself why you are trying to save. A photo of your vacation destination, for example, illustrates what you're saving for; put it everywhere you spend money - wallet, computer monitor, vehicle, etc.

7. Make your money work for you - Consistent contributions add up over time, and thanks to the power of compound interest, the longer you leave your money untouched in a savings account or other investment, the more it can grow.

8. Home savings - If you own a home, you know it can cost a lot of money. Cut costs by doing home improvements and maintenance jobs yourself rather than hire out. Call your insurance agent and see if there is a lower rate for homeowner's insurance. Check into refinancing while rates are still low.

9. Manage checking accounts - You need a checking account, but are you really keeping track of your money? Online banking makes it easier than ever to balance your checkbook, track your spending and set up alerts when your balance goes under a certain amount.

10. Review your credit report - From mortgages and car loans to employment and renting eligibility, your credit report and score affect many aspects of life. You can review your credit report for free annually by going to www.annualcreditreport.com. Make sure you know what's on it and make corrections as necessary. •



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Last Week's Answers

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SUDOKU *Medium*

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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.

Sports

Sports

Lady Warriors Make Splash vs. Tartars

By Adam Serrao

Perhaps it took such an enormous win to get everyone's attention. Maybe it's just that time of the year when the elite teams separate themselves from the rest of the field. Whatever the reason may be, however, the Lady Warriors' rout of the Tartars last Friday night at Torrance High opened up eyes everywhere. Not only did West win by a final score of 72-37, beating the Tartars by almost as many points as the home team scored in the entire game, but with the win, the Lady Warriors moved their record to 17-2 on the season. The cross-town rivalry game against the Tartars prepared West for its Bay League opener against Mira Costa that took place this week. The Warriors have their hands full in a perennially tough Bay League division that this year features the likes of Costa and Palos Verdes Peninsula, but the dominating victory has head coach Mike Caporaso and his girls believing that they can compete with anybody this season.

The Lady Warriors got out to a fast start against the Tartars and never looked back from there. West outscored the Tartars by nine points in the first quarter, but it was the final minutes of that period combined with the entire second quarter that really broke the game wide open. The Warriors began a 16-0 run towards the end of the first quarter and used it to dominate the second quarter on their way to a 40-16 halftime lead. "We have practiced hard and we had a lot of energy coming in," explained West's Kayla Sato. That energy was evident not only in the first half, but continued on throughout the rest of the game as well. With another 16 points in the third quarter, the Warriors extended their lead to 56-24. The Tartars had their best offensive quarter of the game in the fourth, but eventually found themselves down by 27 points with the game well out of reach by that point.

Kylie Fujioka led the way for the Lady Warriors on offense, posting 19 points and 10 rebounds. "We're ready," Fujioka said. "We still have a lot to work on for league, but we're getting better." Jasmine Jones assisted Fujioka on offense, racking up 10 points and 12 rebounds while Sato posted 10 points of her own. Ashley Sasaki took the lead for the Torrance, as she and Carah Fukumoto posted eight points each to lead the Tartars. While the game was somewhat of a letdown for Torrance, head coach Rick Momohara chose to see things optimistically instead. "For us, this was something we needed," he said.

"We're very young and we need experience playing against better teams, and West is one of the elite teams in our division." The Tartars will have another tough matchup as they take on North High this Friday night in the Pioneer League opener. West has an early week matchup against Mira Costa, followed by a game with Palos Verdes on Friday night.

South High

The Lady Spartans of South High began their league play season a week earlier than most other teams in the Pioneer League as they took on the Centennial Apaches last Friday night at home. Centennial has been an above average team this year and came into the game against South as winners of two out of their last three games. South has been much better, though. Aside from a loss to West High, the Lady Warriors had won seven out of their last eight to move to a 12-4 record and into first place in the Pioneer League standings. Those facts held true last Friday night as South was able to pull out a 46-35 victory.

Kasey Takahashi was the main catalyst on offense for the Spartans on the night, putting up 16 points and six rebounds to help South hold on to the lead throughout. Alexis Henry had a great all-around game with eight points, nine rebounds and four steals, while Jaryn Fajardo put up seven points, seven rebounds and five assists to attain the victory for South. The Lady Spartans will take on El Segundo this Friday night in another division matchup as they look to hold onto first place in the Pioneer League.

North High

The Lady Saxons are another team holding their own in a stacked Pioneer League this year, as they have jumped out to an impressive 9-4 start, but suffered a setback in their last game against Cerritos two weeks ago. North started hot and held an 11-point lead going into the second quarter, but their defense was compromised in the second and third quarters as North gave up a total of 42 points in just those two quarters of play to go down by seven points leading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Saxons won the quarter, holding Cerritos to only seven points as they scored 11, but it was not enough as they were still left three points short and took the 59-56 loss. North will look to get back on the right track this week as they open league play against Centennial on Wednesday night before participating in a cross-town rivalry game in their second league game of the season against Torrance. •

Been There, Done That

By Adam Serrao

It almost looked like it was a little bit too easy. At the beginning of the year, anyone would have thought that a matchup between the San Francisco 49ers and the Carolina Panthers in the second round of the playoffs would have been just that for San Francisco: easy. These Carolina Panthers weren't the same Panthers that we've seen before or even at the beginning of this year, though. After a rough 1-3 start to the season, the Panthers rallied off eight wins in a row and 11 of 13 to take a bye

the field this Sunday night in Seattle. These two teams have seemingly been on a track for a collision course matchup since before the beginning of the season and now we finally get the chance to take it all in. These are two teams that are similar in almost every way. Both have mobile cornerbacks, elite defenses, are able to dominate on offense with the running game and perhaps most stunningly, both have exuberant head coaches who have come to them via the Pac-12. "I think we're the two teams that everybody was looking at from the

"We came out – they did some unorthodox things against us. We settled down, we got into our rhythm, we started making plays."

in the first round of this year's playoffs and show the world that they had actually become a team to be reckoned with in the NFL. That didn't matter to the 49ers, though. A relatively close game through the first half turned into a dominant second half performance by the San Francisco defense as it rallied toward its 30th postseason win in a 23-10 victory, advancing the team to an NFC championship matchup with the Seattle Seahawks.

At the end of the first half, the 49ers went on an 80-yard drive resulting in a touchdown to take the lead going into the break. Coming out of the intermission, San Francisco's defense began to assert its power with a quick three-and-out, allowing the 49ers to go on another 70-yard drive for a touchdown to steal all of the momentum from the game and give the team a distinct advantage. "We had to get settled down," 49ers starting quarterback Colin Kaepernick explained. "We came out--they did some unorthodox things against us. We settled down, we got into our rhythm, we started making plays." Once the 49ers got settled down, it was all downhill for the Panthers from there and San Francisco's superiority over Carolina really began to show. The 13-point victory over Carolina marked the third consecutive season that the 49ers would make it to the NFC title game--three years straight under head coach Jim Harbaugh, including one Super Bowl appearance last year. San Francisco had the experience and that was evident on the football field. The 49ers have been there and done that before, and now will be looking to do what they couldn't last year: win on the last day of the season.

If the 49ers are going to do that, though, they are going to first have to get past a Seattle team that statistically has the best defense in the league, the loudest crowd in the league, and has lost only one game at home in the two years that starting quarterback Russell Wilson has been at the helm. If you thought the Niners/Panthers game was intense, just wait until you see the display of emotion that takes place on

beginning," Kaepernick said. "It's going to be a knockdown, drag-out game."

The 49ers may have all of the momentum on their side. Having won eight games in a row, they are the hottest team in the NFL right now and are coming off of two straight road victories in the playoffs. If that doesn't say tough to beat, then what does? Seattle had a pass on wild card weekend because its record gave it a first-round bye. Either that means the Seahawks are more well-rested than San Francisco or it means they are at more of a disadvantage. The past three Super Bowl champions have had to play on wild card weekend and San Francisco is the only team left standing that did not have a first-round bye this year. Perhaps that bodes well for the team from the Bay, but if the 49ers are going to even make it as far as the Super Bowl, they'll have to learn quickly how to play in the stadium that literally generates earthquakes because of its noise level. San Francisco may enjoy playing on the road, judging from its first two playoff victories, but there is no venue in the NFL that is more difficult to play in than Seattle's CenturyLink Field.


The Seahawks and the 49ers have met twice this season already, splitting the regular season series at a game apiece. This time isn't like the others, though. This time, it's do-or-die, win or go home, and someone's season will end on Sunday night. For the two teams on the field, it will definitely be intense and impassioned in what has truly become a heated rivalry. For all of those watching, it will be fun to view, to say the least. For the San Francisco 49ers though, they have experience on their side. If there is one thing that can take down the Seattle Seahawks, it is experience in big time games like this one. The 49ers have been there and done that before and are now back to gain the one thing that has eluded them throughout their success in these last three seasons. A Super Bowl victory is the only accomplishment left for San Francisco and the only way to get to that is through the Seahawks this Sunday night. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

from front page

months now," said Donna. "This will be the first one [awards luncheon]--and the strength of the businesses that have come forward



Lifesaving Award.

to be sponsors or want to participate in the VFW donations just shows the support from the business community and the residents of what a tremendous and incredible police force [we have] and we are lucky in the city of Torrance to have them."

In addition to honoring specific officers, businesses and others for duties above and beyond, the Torrance Chamber and Police Department are sponsoring a donation effort to benefit the VFW (*Veterans of Foreign Wars*). Collection bins will be set up at the luncheon for "gently worn" ties, men/women sports jackets, and dress shirts. Items collected will be distributed to veterans returning from war and those in need who are living in the South Bay. VFW Commander John Hardin is very appreciative of the donations and has coordinated with the Chamber to make sure the veterans receive the needed items. Rob

Van Lingen, President of *Van Lingen Towing*, has generously offered the use of a storage container located at his facility where the items gathered at the luncheon will be stored.

This special awards luncheon will be held Thursday, January 30 at the *Torrance Marriott*. Specific awards to be presented by Chief Neu will include the Humanitarian Award, the Award of Merit, the Lifesaving Award, the Chief's Award, the Community Outreach Award, the Special Recognition Award, the Unit Citation Award, the Business Recognition Award, the Sworn Officer of the Year, the Civilian Employee of the Year, the Volunteer of the Year, the Cadet of the Year, and the Explorer of the Year. Recipients will receive a beautiful badge especially designed for the specific honor in each category. I was privileged to view the awards and they are truly beautiful and masterfully created and designed.

The Torrance Police Department has made a positive impression on me throughout the years--in particular when writing the article (*Torrance Tribune*, February 23, 2012) in



Flashlight especially made for Awards Luncheon by Pelican. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

which I highlighted the *Partners in Policing Program* when I participated with other

citizens, under the careful leadership of Officer Erik Eidet, and saw the many facets of our police department. It was eye-opening and I won't forget the SWAT officers, Chad Farley and John Lee, who gave the class a peek



Torrance Chief of Police John J. Neu.

into their jobs. The K-9 detail officer Mark Sandoval and his trusty companion were more than open to explain how a dog helps out during a police search (*Torrance Tribune*, January 10, 2011). Detective Jim Wallace reminded us of the detailed and sophisticated investigation that is done within the department. All these dedicated men and women were a sample of the many others who open the doors of the department to the citizens of Torrance. We have such an amazing police force

and that is not by accident.

The dedicated planning committee members have worked very hard to make the first *Torrance Police Department Awards & Appreciation Luncheon* a very special event that will hopefully be celebrated every year. "*Pelican Products* is donating flashlights for all the attendees, which is marvelous, and really a nice act on their part," said Donna.

This particular event merges the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance Police Department, volunteers from the



Award of Merit.

business community and the citizens of Torrance together to honor special individuals and businesses who go above and beyond on a daily basis. This event is an example of the true heart of this city. Torrance remembers and honors those who honor others. This special afternoon will indeed be one to remember.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the very first Torrance Police Department Awards & Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, January 30 at the Torrance Marriott from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information on becoming a sponsor for this event, please contact Shatera Luna at 310-540-5858, or shatera@torrancechamber.com. For tickets and more information, access www.torrancechamber.com. This is one event I can't wait to attend. See you there. And don't forget to bring a donation for the VFW!•



Community Hero Award.

Our business community has really stepped up to support this event. Donna told me, "So many businesses have given so much to support our police department it is amazing. I think for our community to be doing something like this is just pretty spectacular and saying thank you and giving back in so many different aspects...I am just so excited about this first-time event. A true partnership with business, with the residents, the Chamber volunteers...I am excited!" Committee member Carmen Freeland approached *Fern Elementary School* and asked if the children would draw pictures of police officers doing their duties. The idea was eagerly accepted. The creative and imaginative drawings will be gathered, laminated, and then used as part of an artistic centerpiece for each table at the event. Hundreds of Torrance schoolchildren will be contributing to the environment of this special day. Giving of his time and expertise, Shawn Nejad of *PV Florist* is working with Carmen to make each table special, using elegant flowers in a vase surrounded by the pictures drawn by the children. I can just imagine how that will look.

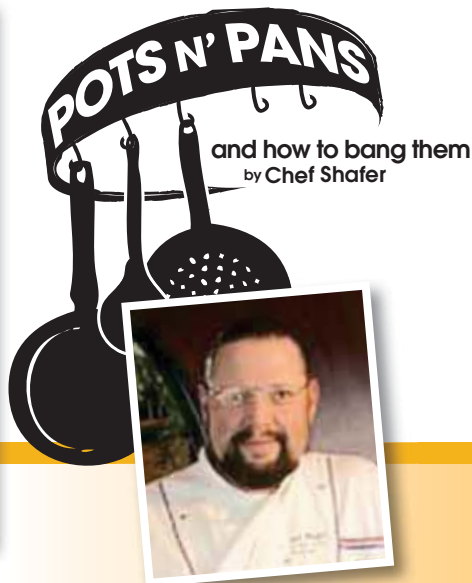
Sergeant Robert Watt, Adjutant to the Chief, who is a vital link on the committee, told me, "It's a very humbling experience. The great work that has been going on--it's nice to officially recognize the work from all our employees, sworn and non-sworn." Sergeant Chris Roosen, Community Affairs, added, "I think this is a very important event. The TPD does some great work and this is a great time to recognize their efforts."



Humanitarian Award.

I was shopping with my kids the other day and saw a box of Bisquick. This immediately brought me back to my youth and cooking with my mom. When she would make us pancakes she would use Bisquick. Back then you didn't have all the other pancake mixes that we have today...so I bought a box and had a lot of fun making up new concoctions to the classic pancake. Hope you like some of my creations. If you have a special family treat of your own send it to me at editorial@heraldpublications.com

The Chef



Fun with Pancakes



Basic Mix
 2 cups Bisquick flour
 1 cup milk
 NOTE; I like to use 1 cup cream and 1/2 cup cold water, this makes it a little richer and more fluid to add other stuff
 2 whole eggs

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix thoroughly
 Pour small amounts 1/4 cup size on a greased griddle on medium heat. When the edges are brown and the top has bubbled flip over the cakes and finish cooking the other side

- That's the basic pancake. - Now Comes the Fun
- Southwest:** add bell peppers chopped onions cilantro and smoked sausage
 - Greek:** chopped spinach, olives and feta
 - Country:** bacon corn and cheddar
 - Smores:** Choco chips, marshmallows and chopped up graham crackers
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Seniors

Create an Independent, Restful and Peaceful Home Setting

(BPT) - Senior living is a time for rest and relaxation, and the home is the first place to incorporate a comfortable and spa-like living quarters. The chaos of raising children has passed, and retirement has brought a sense of peace and quiet upon the home. Many upgrades can make your home more comfortable and restful and allow you to stay safe and independent in your home.

For example, sometimes the decor needs a bit of variation to develop a calming ambiance in rooms like the bedroom or living area. Blues, greens and muted yellows can impart a sense of serenity to these rooms. You can also use fabrics to establish a restful feeling. Soft, muted carpeting, flowing curtains in light airy colors and plush pillows decorating furniture help accomplish this. Finally, rounded shapes in the furniture and accessories of the room help to finalize the whole picture. Try finding oval end tables, or curved artwork to hang on the walls, rather than straight corners, which could cause injury or a tripping hazard when bumped into.

But don't just stop at the decoration - also make certain the fixtures in your home have the spa qualities you crave. For example, available are walk-in baths featuring wonderful spa qualities of hydrotherapy, chromatherapy and aromatherapy. Hydrotherapy jets in some walk-in tubs are gentler than traditional spa tubs, because they blow air, rather than water.



After each use, the tub drains clean, which means it doesn't recycle water. These features are important for seniors with sensitive skin or health conditions. Chromatherapy lights immerse the tubs in relaxing colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, turquoise and magenta. And some tubs include an innovative, built-in oil warmer that releases the fragrance of essential oils. Seniors can breathe in a new level of relaxation and bliss. Being able to use the tub safely without climbing over tub walls allows seniors to maintain their independence at home.

Once you've established the bathroom spa, bring a little outdoors inside with plants and sunlight to finalize the at-home spa experience. Potted plants with beautiful flowers or decorative green and white contrasting leaves create a living sanctuary, plus help to increase oxygen levels in a room. Consider establishing an indoor garden in the kitchen along the windowsill with aromatic herbs, or in a living room or family room with potted flowering plants. Incorporating plants inside often requires more sunlight. Natural light is great for a restful home - it provides warmth and can ease achy muscles, especially in the colder months.

With these tips, your home will be a restful and comfortable place to enjoy retirement and the luxury of being able to spend your time the way you want to spend it - no children or jobs around to interrupt. •

Looking Up

The Coldest Place in the Universe

By Bob Eklund

Inhabitants of Minneapolis, Chicago and St. Louis may be thinking that the American Midwest is the coldest place in the Universe. Well almost, but not quite.

At a cosmologically crisp one degree Kelvin (minus 458 degrees Fahrenheit), the Boomerang Nebula in the constellation Centaurus is actually the coldest known object in the Universe—colder, in fact, than the faint afterglow of the Big Bang, which at minus 455 degrees Fahrenheit, is the natural background temperature of space.

Astronomers using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) telescope in Chile have taken a new look at this intriguing object to learn more about its frigid properties and determine its true shape, which has an eerily ghost-like appearance. The ALMA telescope array observes the Universe in a relatively unexplored region of the spectrum between infrared light and radio waves.

As originally observed with ground-based telescopes, this nebula appeared lopsided, which is how it got its name. Later observations with the Hubble Space Telescope revealed a

bow-tie-like structure. The new ALMA data, however, reveal that the Hubble image tells only part of the story, and the twin lobes seen in that image may actually be a trick of the light as seen at visible wavelengths.

"This ultra-cold object is extremely intriguing and we're learning much more about its true nature with ALMA," said Raghvendra Sahai, a researcher and principal scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, and lead author of a paper published in the *Astrophysical Journal*. "What seemed like a double lobe, or 'boomerang' shape, from Earth-based optical telescopes, is actually a much broader structure that is expanding rapidly into space."

The Boomerang Nebula, located about 5,000 light-years away, is a relatively young example of an object known as a planetary nebula. Planetary nebulae, contrary to their name, are actually the end-of-life phases of stars like our Sun that have sloughed off their outer layers. What remains at their centers are white dwarf stars, which emit intense ultraviolet radiation that causes the gas in the nebulae to glow and emit light in brilliant colors.

The Boomerang is a pre-planetary nebula, representing the stage in a star's



The Boomerang Nebula, called the "coldest place in the Universe." Photo Credit: Bill Saxton; NRAO/AUI/NSF; NASA/Hubble.

life immediately preceding the planetary nebula phase, when the central star is not yet hot enough to emit sufficient ultraviolet radiation to produce the characteristic glow.

At this stage, the nebula is seen by starlight reflecting off its dust grains.

The outflow of gas from this particular star is expanding rapidly and cooling itself in the process. This is similar in principle to the way refrigerators use expanding gas to produce cold temperatures. The researchers were able to take the temperature of the gas in the nebula by seeing how it absorbed the cosmic microwave background radiation, which has a very uniform temperature of 2.8 degrees Kelvin (minus 455 degrees Fahrenheit).

ALMA, an international astronomy facility, is a partnership of Europe, North America and East Asia in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. ALMA construction and operations are led on behalf of Europe by the European Southern Observatory (ESO), on behalf of North America by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), and on behalf of East Asia by the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ). The Joint ALMA Observatory (JAO) provides the unified leadership and management of the construction, commissioning and operation of ALMA. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Watching the devolvement of Obamacare is like a rerun of the old joke about the fool who fell off the roof of a high rise building. The tenants on each floor could hear him shouting as he flew past, "So far, so good!"

"He recognized that the cancellation of 60-75% of the employer health plans would raise the number of uninsured by as many as 80 million people."

Arms windmilling as he dropped past the 50th floor, he recognized that the cancellation of 60-75% of the employer health plans would raise the number of uninsured by as many as 80 million people, so he postponed that mandate for one year. Deferring that disaster he shouted, "So far, so good!"

Gaining speed and rocketing past the 25th floor, he realized that cancelling 50% of the individually held insurance plans would cost another 4.7 million plans. So he declared a moratorium on criminalizing those policy losers for another year. As window dressing, he focused on the two million who signed up for Obamacare without mention of the number who actually paid for their new policies. Again, the pain was delayed and papered over, so the diving fool shouted, "So far, so good!"

By the time he passed the 15th floor, the program's namesake was vacationing in Hawaii when the state acknowledged that it had spent \$204 million on Obamacare and had signed up a meager 960 people. To be viable, Hawaiians declared it needed to sign up 50,000 people and businesses by June 30, 2014 or the money will have run out and the

program would not be economically viable. Only 49,040 to go, bro. "So far, so good!"

As the 10th floor flew past, the human glider acknowledged that 40% of the new healthcare enrollees need to be healthy young people willing to sacrifice their income as a patriotic

gesture to lower premiums for the poor and elderly. Alas, to date, patriotic young'uns comprise only 25% of enrollees. For shame, you whippersnappers. But the day is still young, so if young people will walk away from their parents' plans and step up to buy their own, it could save the country. Otherwise, the wicked insurance companies will have to raise their 2015 premiums so high that no one can afford insurance. But then, it's only 2014, not 2015, so the pain has not arrived. "So far, so good!"

Now desperate, at the second floor, flapping his wings did not slow his descent. The Washington Post reported that one-third of the signups have a critical flaw: the government has failed to notify insurance companies of their new enrollees! Moreover, in August, just two months before the law became effective, the agency responsible for the law's implementation learned that the building of the financial management system is "beyond its currently available resources." Presumably, an increase in taxpayer funding would save the law for another day. "So far so good!"...or as Annie would say, "Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow, you're only a day away."

SPLAT! •

Another Man's Opinion

Finally, Somebody Steps Up to Prevent Mass Spying of Citizens

By Cristian Vasquez

Due to the repeated admission by federal administrators that there has been a widespread effort to spy on American citizens who are innocent of any wrongdoing, Senators Ted Lieu and Joel Anderson introduced a bill seeking to ban state agencies, officials and corporations that currently provide a service to the state from assisting the federal government in its efforts to spy and collect certain data on Californians.

It is troubling and disheartening that the federal government has spent so much time and resources on domestic espionage of people who have done nothing wrong. It is even more frustrating that since the tragic events from September 11, there are leaders still willing to exploit the fears and anguish of the victims of that day to justify these types of espionage tactics on private citizens. Sens. Lieu and Anderson are taking a stand, for now symbolic, against such invasive practices.

It is no surprise that the government, on any level, can spy on citizens. However, the steps that the NSA took to collect information on millions of citizens are as ridiculous as they are criminal. One report indicated that the NSA collected phone information on an estimated 317 million Americans. Of those citizens whose privacy was violated for no good reason, about 38 million are Californians. The NSA and President Obama's administration can claim that these actions were taken in the name of national security, but the truth is that such an explanation is simply

a copout. It is difficult for me to believe that 38 million Californians are involved in criminal activity. It is even harder to accept that 317 million Americans are such a threat to national security that we need the NSA to spy on their phone calls.

Conducting secret surveillance on a group of individuals involved with criminal activities is a legitimate security measure. In order to do so, there are several steps that must be followed, such as obtaining warrants and other paperwork that help maintain transparency throughout the process. The bill introduced by Sens. Lieu and Anderson attempts to preserve that process in order to maintain the privacy rights of every law-abiding Californian. Maybe I'm old-fashioned in believing in the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the right of Americans to not be subjected to "unreasonable searches and seizures."

In California, the NSA would rely on the services provided by the state and private entities to collect and conduct such surveillance. With the bill attempting to ban state agencies, officials and corporations providing any services to the state from giving support, from participating or assisting any federal agency in spying efforts, at least Californians will be more protected than your average American. The first step has been taken with the bill introduced by Sens. Lieu and Anderson. Maybe the rest of our elected officials in Sacramento can pass the bill and enforce it for the well-being of every Californian. •

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013264785

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOCAL FILTERS AND SERVICE, INC. 3457 EL SEGUNDO BLVD. UNIT A, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): David McKinney, 325 Monterey Blvd A, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: David McKinney, Vice President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 30, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 30, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 30, 2018. 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). Hawthorne Press Tribune: January 09, 16, 23, 30, 2014. **HH-1028.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013259693

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANTHONY MOLINO DBA MOLINO & BERARDINO LAW FIRM. 4751 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 207, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. Registered Owner(s): Anthony Molino, 4751 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 207, Los Angeles, CA 90010. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Anthony A. Molino, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 19, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 19, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 19, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: January 09, 16, 23, 30, 2014. **HT-1029.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013263750

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PINK WORKS. 214 MAIN STREET, #408, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Emblemworks LLC, 214 Main Street, #408, 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 listed: N/A. Signed: Emblemworks LLC, Chief Executive Officer, Linda Kim. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 27, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 27, 2018. 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: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1030.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013265802

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 109 CATAMARAN STREET. 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 31, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 31, 2018. 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: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1031.**

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. YS025583

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Meghan Michelle Sepanik for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Meghan Michelle Sepanik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Meghan Michelle Sepanik to Jaskaram Kaur Khalsa
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 2/14/14, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: B, Room: n/a
The address of the court is Superior Court Southwest District 825 Maple Avenue Torrance, CA 90503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles
Date: 12/23/13
Mark S. Arnold
Judge of the Superior Court
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HT-24082



Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013248314

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FAMOUS NAILS. 2215 REDONDO BEACH BLVD, GARDENA, CA 90249. Registered Owner(s): Khanh Mai Nguyen, 15516 Lemoli Ave, Gardena, CA 90249. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Khanh Nguyen, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 04, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 04, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 04, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: January 02, 09, 16, 23, 2014. **HT-1026.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013257507

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. SIMPLE THINGS. 2. SIMPLIFIED NATURALS. 11708 WILKIE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Oscar Becerril, 11708 Wilkie Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Oscar E. Becerril, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 17, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 17, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 17, 2018. 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). Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 26, 2013 and January 2, 9, 16, 2014. **HH-1025.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014005156

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WDG- WEISLER DESIGN GROUP. 6250 CANOGA AVE., #366, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367. Registered Owner(s): Rhoda Moretsky, 6250 Canoga Ave., #366, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Rhoda Moretsky, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 08, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 08, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 08, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: January 16, 23, 30, 2014 and February 06, 2014. **HT-1035.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013260261

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. AMERICA PD 2. AMERICA POST DISASTER CO. 2919 GRAND CANAL, VENICE, CA 90291. PO BOX 1334, LAWDALE, CA 90260. Registered Owner(s): Alonso Armendariz, 2919 Grand Canal, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: . Signed: Alonso Armendariz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 20, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 20, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 20, 2018. 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). Lawndale Tribune: January 16, 23, 30, 2014 and February 06, 2014. **HL-1033.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013262126

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STRONTIUM LIMITED. 1999 AVE OF THE STARS #1100, CENTURY CITY, CA 90067. Registered Owner(s): Strontium, LLC, 1999 Ave of the Stars #1100, Century City, CA 90067. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Ofir Almog, Member. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 24, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 24, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 24, 2018. 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: January 16, 23, 30, 2014 and February 06, 2014. **H-1034.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013265803

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 111 CATAMARAN STREET. 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 31, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 31, 2018. 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: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. **H-1032.**

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"There's no doubt in my mind that I will become the apple of someone's eye. That's why my name is **MacIntosh**! I am a three-year-old Schnauzer/ShihTzu mix that was rescued from an LA County shelter. When the folks from MSFR spotted me, I was pretty seedy. Matted, dirty and smelling pretty ripe, is it any wonder that I was extremely depressed? They knew I was in desperate need of help, so they picked me to take home. When I visited the groomer, they found a large scar across my back that may have come from a burn--but I can't be



MacIntosh

certain what caused it. I am a refreshingly quiet and reserved little guy who only weighs 10 pounds, but I'm as sweet as can be. If you already have a dog, not to worry--that's fine with me. I like everyone. See for yourself what a scrumptious little treat I am."

"Hello, my name is **Sabrina** and I just know I'm going to find my forever home soon. 2014 is going to be my year. At the end of 2013, I had been at an LA County shelter for three weeks and had run out of time. I was a horribly matted mess and no one wanted me. Then the New Year rang in and the MSFR people found and rescued me. They had me groomed and even though I had to be entirely shaved down (no beard left), I am feeling very lucky. I'm a four-year-old, female Schnauzer mix. Since I'm a longer-legged girl but only 22 pounds, there's a good chance I could be part Poodle or perhaps a Wheaten Terrier. I get along great with other dogs, I love people and I'm extremely sweet. I would be absolutely perfect for someone who always wanted a terrific dog that is the size of a slightly built Standard Schnauzer. If your resolution is to open your heart to a dog that will love you forever, I'm it."

"If you've ever seen a snowstorm, you'll understand how I got the name **Flurry**. I was rescued from the San Bernardino Shelter, which has a euthanasia rate of 70%, so I'm feeling lucky to be here! I'm not much bigger than a snowflake--only four pounds--and I am just as much fun to watch. I love to play wildly and chase my playmates. I'm a two-year-old, male Maltese/Terrier mix who is very sweet and friendly with people. Because I'm such a tiny guy, it would be best if my family didn't have



Flurry

small children (under 12). It would be perfect if I had another young dog to join in my enthusiastic play and we could be very entertaining." Flurry can be seen anytime at Yellow Brick Road Doggie Playcare in El Segundo. Call 310-606-5507.



Clarabelle



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Real Estate

Three Weekend-Friendly DIY Bathroom Upgrades

(BPT) - How much time do you spend in the bathroom each day? Whether it's where you prep the kids for bed or step away for some alone time, the bathroom is one of the most frequently used rooms in the home. It's also one of the best areas in which to invest; renovating or simply updating this space can lead to a 62 percent return on investment.

Luckily, making upgrades doesn't have to require a lot of time or money. Follow these simple DIY steps to improve your space on a pocket-friendly budget in just a weekend or less.

Swap your Showerhead

Make bath time more enjoyable by replacing your basic builder-grade showerhead with one that's designed with the whole family in mind. For less than the price of a day at the spa, you can transform your entire shower experience with an In2ition two-in-one shower from Delta Faucet.

Featuring H2Okinesis technology, this shower manipulates the flow of water for a luxurious bathing experience that feels like you're getting more water than a standard shower, without actually using more. The embedded hand shower, which can be used simultaneously or separately from the showerhead, makes it easy to accomplish everyday tasks, such as bathing children or washing pets. Plus, it's easy to install. The In2ition simply threads onto your existing shower arm - no behind-the-wall work required. It is perfect for busy families or home renters who want to enhance their shower experience.

Pick Out New Paint

Paint is a cost-effective way to transform your room. Pick colors that express the feel-



ing of the space, whether you want it to seem soothing and calm or lively and welcoming. Rich grays and navy blues can serve as a nice neutral in either case when punctuated with colorful accents, like patterned shower curtains and bright soap pumps or toned down with earthy accessories, like bamboo bath mats and beeswax candles. A quick tip: when working with lighter tones, carry your wall color onto your bathroom's ceiling to help make the space feel larger.

Also, be sure to think beyond just walls.

Painting cabinets can help make an outdated bathroom look new again. Choose neutral hues, like cream or charcoal, that work with nearly any color scheme.

Change Your Toilet

According to a recent survey commissioned by Delta Faucet, the average American's toilet is used for more than just "going." Rather, people are spending their time on the pot checking emails, posting updates or surfing the Web. If your toilet is outdated, consider switching it out for one that's more comfort-

able and efficient.

Most importantly, says expert craftsman Chip Wade, host of the HGTV show, Elbow Room, and Delta spokesperson, when it comes to making bathroom improvements on a budget, consider function before form.

"While decorative accents, like sconces and ceramic cabinet knobs, may be beautiful, it is more important to concentrate your money on the items required to perform a task, like your faucet or toilet, by investing in materials that will withstand the wear of everyday use." •

"The California Museum of Fine Art was looking to promote its grand opening in Downtown Torrance earlier this year and to publicize its special event accommodations. The Torrance Tribune did a superb job covering our grand opening and while we just started running the special event ad, we are already very pleased with the feedback from the local community and businesses."

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