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El Camino College Breaks Ground On New Shops Building



El Camino College celebrated the groundbreaking of a new Shops Building. The Shops Building will be a brand new 44,400-square-foot, state-of-the-art learning center, complete with indoor and outdoor learning spaces. The \$31.8 million project is made possible with funds from the college's 2002 Measure E facilities bond. The new Shops Building replaces one of the first structures built on campus, dating back to 1949. Pictured is ECC Superintendent/President Thomas Fallo (center) with El Camino Community College District Board members (l to r) Ray Gen, Mary Combs, Brooke Matson (student trustee), and Ken Brown. Also pictured at right: Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members Kirk Retz (committee chairman) and Nilo Michelin (committee member and Hawthorne councilman). Photo courtesy of El Camino College.

Council Approves Creation of Transit Training Coordinator Position

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council approved the creation of a dedicated transit training coordinator position during its July 16 meeting. Previously the duties involved in this position would be handled by existing Transit Supervisors. However, recent retirements in the department have made finding an employee to monitor and train for compliance with local state and federal rules and regulations a necessity. The new position will have an hourly rate of \$32.79 and \$44.12 and work a 40-hour week. Human Resources Manager Melody Lawrence said that while she tried to set salary and skill requirements to be in line with similar positions in other agencies, there weren't enough similar roles to create a fair comparison. So, it is instead based on similar positions in the city of Torrance. "When researching this position...there were very limited positions similar to ours," said Lawrence. "In setting salaries, we looked for internal comparable positions."

Councilmember Bill Sutherland voiced concerns that the requirements set up for the new position were overly lax and created the possibility that the City could be stuck with an unqualified transit training coordinator. "Here's my problem—we're paying a very professional salary and...the person after getting hired has to get a certain license and has to take some classes," said Sutherland. "My concern is that for this type of salary, these criteria should've already been achieved and if for some reason this person does not pass these classes or get this license, we'd have to full-year dismiss them--which means it'd cost us a full year. Could you explain?" Transit Director Kim Turner explained

that staff wanted to maintain some flexibility in the recruitment process. "The majority of our candidates are required to have a Transportation Safety Institute [TSI] certificate," Turner said. "However, there is another certificate out there—the School Pupil Activity Bus [SPAB] certificate which

some other transit agencies require for their supervisors and bus operators. We wanted to allow them to come in and get the TSI certificate within a year's time. It gives us the opportunity to not only hire those with the TSI, but also those candidates who have

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
74°/65°



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
74°/67°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
76°/68°



Senator Lieu Optimistic About State's Prospects

By Brian Simon

California has turned its financial fortunes around in dramatic fashion, according to Senator Ted Lieu (D-28th District). In an upbeat State of the State address last Friday at El Segundo's Hacienda Hotel in front of business and civic leaders, Lieu reported that California has a projected budget surplus of over \$2 billion, continues to reduce its debt, has shored up education funding and is poised to become the eighth largest economy in the world once again. This just five years after struggling mightily with a \$60 billion budget deficit, double digit unemployment and a negative credit rating. The state of our state is once again solid and we are gaining momentum," said Lieu. "Our unemployment rate has now dropped to the lowest in nearly five years, our credit rating went from negative to stable to positive, and last year we created more jobs in California than any other state—at a higher rate."

To maintain that momentum, Lieu said that California must emphasize its competitive advantages in the industries in which it does well. The list includes hi-tech, aerospace, entertainment, tourism, ports, energy production, agriculture, and biotech, among others.

On that note, Lieu views Governor Jerry Brown's Enterprise Zone reform as a major step in the right direction since the program now incentivizes industry on a statewide basis rather than just in a specific geographical area. "Part of the reform allows companies who manufacture, or biotech companies who purchase equipment for research and development, to be exempt from sales tax on the equipment," said Lieu, adding that numerous firms in his district (including several that sponsored tables for the State of the State event) can qualify for the credits.

In an update on legislation designed to grow the economy, Lieu noted that

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Toastmasters Provide Opportunities to Improve Public Speaking

By Cristian Vasquez

They meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Little Conference Room in the John Deere Building in Torrance from noon to 1 p.m. Their goal is simple: to help each member improve their public speaking skills by providing a supportive and positive learning environment.

"It is just all about friendly encouragement and giving them constructive criticism in a way that does not scare them but builds them up and challenges them to become better and greater," Sergeant-At-Arms Phillip Morris said. "For every person, it is different. You do not want to push anyone away. You just want to open them up to understand their capabilities a little bit better and everybody reacts a little different. You have to use judgment in your mentoring."

The Emerald Toastmasters Club 1497182 is one of many similar clubs under the Toastmasters family that is dedicated to assisting in the development of oral communication and leadership skills. It is expected that as a result of improving a person's ability in those two areas, self-confidence and personal growth can be developed as well.

"I have always been comfortable speaking to groups of up to about 100, but after this I was able to raise that to a much greater audience because it does give you a place to go to and discuss uncomfortable topics," Morris said. "It gives you a place to practice and to really push yourself. This is a smaller audience, but it allows you to exercise the

areas where you need development."

During their biweekly meetings there will be two speakers, if possible, with each evaluated and given feedback about what the strong points of the speech were as well as where there are areas for improvement. One area looked at is the use of words during a speech such as "so," "uh," or "um," which are considered distracting and of little value in a speech. Toastmasters, a non-profit group dedicated to helping millions since its establishment in 1924, follow a learn-by-doing workshop format. Participants are given an opportunity to hone their speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere. It is the practice of public speaking in a no-pressure atmosphere that allows members to directly address what challenges them the most when having to speak directly in public.

"For me, I use it to get over uncomfortable topics that I normally would not speak about in large crowds," Morris said. "I use it to push myself a little bit and to gain comfort in certain areas and it really does help. You get to refine it for a larger audience and different stage."

Toastmasters began in a basement at a YMCA in Santa Ana when Ralph C. Smedley hosted the first meeting. Smedley, who began working as director of education for a Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), noticed that many of the young patrons were in need of training in public speaking. His desire to help led him to establish a training format similar to a social club. When Smedley

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Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 18

• Beach Cities Republicans, 6 p.m. dinner (no host), 7 p.m. meeting, Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information contact Patti at (310) 753-4159 or plagreliaus@aol.com.

• 9th Annual 1950s-style Family Summer Event, 5- 8 p.m., Torrance Historical Society & Museum, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

• Summer Parent Workshop Session; Interventions & Accommodations for Your Student, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Del E. Webb Education Center, Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Blvd. For more information contact chair@adhd-southbay.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

• Torrance Certified Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot of Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• Friends of the Torrance Library's sale of paperback books, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

• Kids Love Aviation Science: P-51 Mustang Magic, 1-3 p.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

• "Evening Under the Stars with Kenny G 27th Annual Gourmet Food & Wine Festival" benefiting Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 6-9:30 p.m., Honda Headquarters, 700 Van Ness Ave. For more information call (310) 540-5858 or (310) 517-4703.

• Sushi Demonstration, 10 a.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

• Linda Pollack's "My Daily Constitution" Series: Constitution Who? A dialogue for young people, 2-4 p.m., Torrance Art Museum (patio) at the Joslyn Center, 3320

Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-3846.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

THURSDAY, JULY 25

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center off Lomita Blvd. West Tower 2nd floor in #7B".

• First-Ever LEGO Architecture Studio Event for teens and adults, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble Del Amo. Free and open to the public. Space is limited for each event. For further details, contact any Barnes & Noble store, or visit <http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/store/2111>

FRIDAY, JULY 26

• Shakespeare by the Sea's 16th season of admission-free Shakespeare- King John, 8-10 p.m., Wilson Park Gazebo. For more information call (310) 217-7596.

MONDAY, JULY 29

• Free Fun Summer Singing Concert, Monday evening, 7:30 p.m., Toyota Automotive Museum Auditorium, 19600 Van Ness Avenue, For more information call David Burks at (310) 372.1380.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

• Artful Days: Goya-From Joy to Sorrow, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 818-2326.

ONGOING

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

• Library Centennial Film Contest: Why the Torrance Library is important for educational, recreational, business, and cultural needs. Prizes awarded for Youth, Teen, and Adult. Submissions are due by July 31. <http://www.torranceca.gov/Library/videocontest/>

People

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Susan Yonamine, of Torrance, earned a Bachelor of Science with a focus in Business

Administration, from Union Institute & University. •

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Police Reports

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July 6

Vandalism: 3500 BLOCK 229TH ST Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's window with a rock/no loss at time of report.

Battery-Simple: 22300 BLOCK LADEENE AVE Suspect pushes victim to the ground causing injuries.

Auto Theft-All: 1600 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Stolen vehicle: '07 Carson trailer.

Burglary-Commercial: 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/cell phone.

July 5

Vandalism: 300 BLOCK CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS Suspect(s) uses maker to deface the rain gutter on victim's property.

Burglary-Auto: 24700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/tablet, vehicle registration, insurance card.

Theft: 3700 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/tailgate.

Battery-Simple: 23000 BLOCK MADISON ST Suspects strike victim in the face multiple times causing injury.

Burglary-Residential: 2400 BLOCK SONOMA ST Suspect(s) pries off screen, enters window, ransacks and takes property/cash.

Vandalism: 3900 BLOCK 186TH ST Suspect(s) shatters victim's vehicle's window.

July 4

Theft: 4700 BLOCK NARROT ST Suspect(s) takes victim's flag posted in front of residence.

Vandalism: 3800 BLOCK 186TH ST Suspect(s) shatters victim's vehicle's window.

Burglary-Residential: 100 BLOCK VIA MONTE D'ORO Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/tablet, jewelry.

Burglary-Residential: 2100 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) pries off screen, enters window and takes property/tablet.

Burglary-Residential: 2300 BLOCK 236TH ST Suspect(s) pry off screen, enter window, ransacks and takes property/rifle, ammunition.

Vandalism: 1900 BLOCK 222ND ST

Suspect(s) uses unknown substance to damage victim's vehicle's paint.

Vandalism: 300 BLOCK CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS Suspect(s) uses a marker pen to tag victim's trash can.

July 3

Vandalism: 16800 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) shatters victim's vehicle's window with a possible BB gun.

Battery-Simple: 1600 BLOCK BEECH AVE Suspect pushes screen door into victim.

Burglary-Auto: 21400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/briefcase.

Theft: 2300 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) enters open business and takes unattended property from victim's work area/purse.

Burglary-Residential: 1800 BLOCK MIDDLEBROOK ROAD Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Auto Theft-All: 500 BLOCK HAWAII AVE Stolen vehicle: '07 Freightline.

Robbery-Strong-Arm: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect forcibly removes property from victim's hand and strikes victim in the face/cell phone.

Theft: 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) takes property out of victim's shopping cart as she loads her vehicle/purse.

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Sanctuary

Skywriting

By Rev. Eric Jay
St. John's El Segundo

We have all experienced the sensation of the distinct feeling a room communicates. Maybe it's the silence, the looks and mannerisms of people in the room, the things we see or just a vibe that we feel. Maybe that feeling is warm and homely, or maybe it is a feeling of fear and trepidation in the shadows and sounds of an alleyway. Real estate agents know how important "staging" a room is. Prospective buyers must feel the room and what it's like to live there; the furniture, smells, colors, pictures, etc. We all communicate with more than words - posture, mannerisms, gestures, eyes, tone and voice inflection. Psalm 19 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard."

Science is the new religion of the masses. I heard it said on the Discovery channel this week, "Any questions we can't answer now about life and the universe science will answer soon enough." Seems faith is needed in science as well; faith in something you can't see now or prove with a ruler. Even atheism's lead-



ing evangelist, Richard Dawkins, admits science cannot actually disprove the existence of God and for that reason he considers himself an agnostic. For all the good that science has afforded us (medicine, disaster warnings, etc.), science will never be able to prove or disprove the existence of God. So, using science as the reason why you do

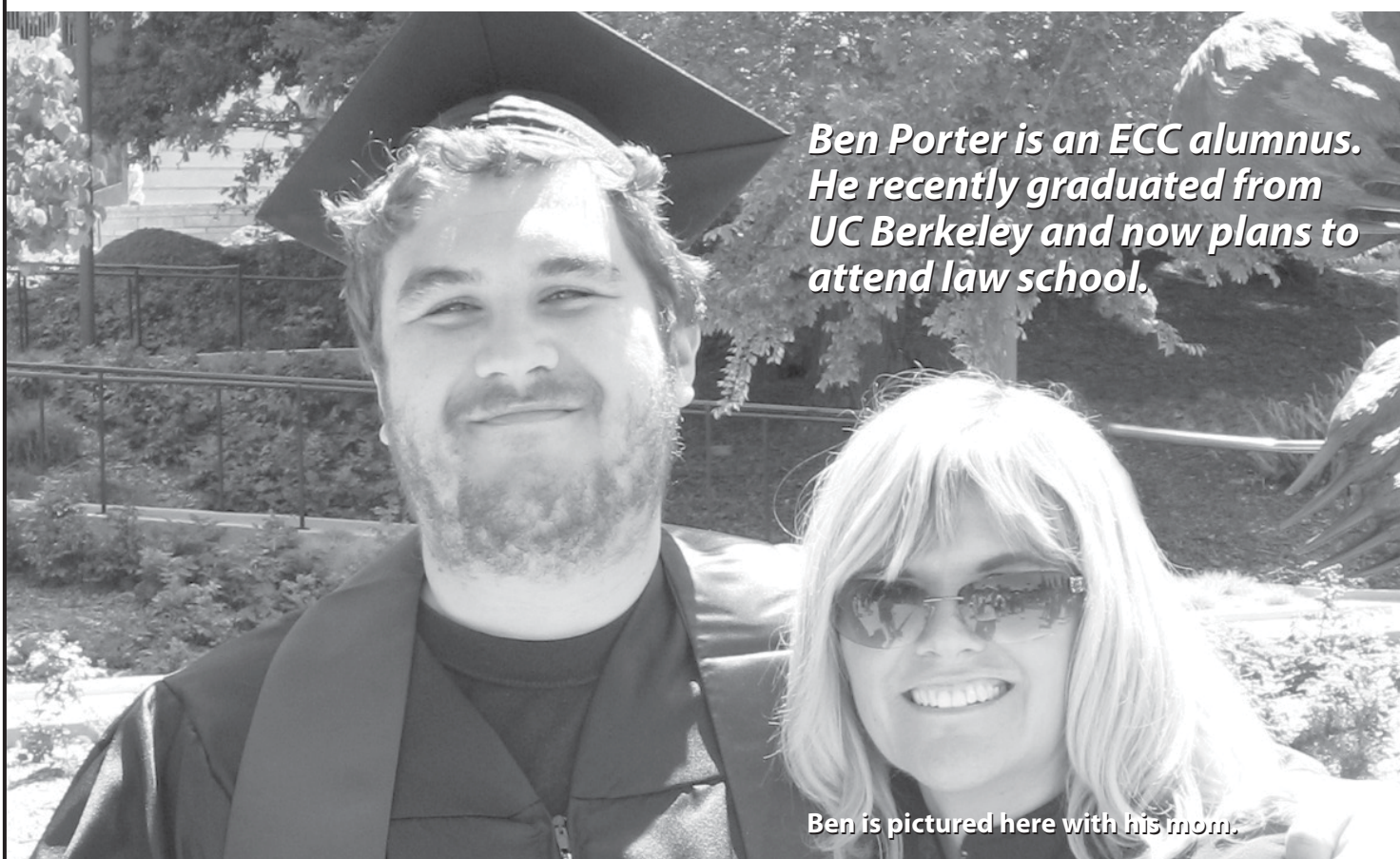
or do not believe is empty and risky. When it comes to the questions that matter most to us, science falls painfully silent to answer. Why is there any of this? What purpose am I here for? What is right and wrong? Science and the human mind that drives it are a gift from God. We should use all of His gifts. Science and faith are not incompatible.

By definition, a Creator is necessarily outside and above and beyond His creation. This is why science will never prove nor disprove God. The Creator is always bigger than the creation. Though God's creation has His fingerprints all over it creation only testifies to God. To know God, He must reveal Himself to you personally. If you have a genuine longing to know God or have Him reveal Himself to you, it will be done according to His will and ways. That is why we seek

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Ben Porter is an ECC alumnus. He recently graduated from UC Berkeley and now plans to attend law school.

Ben is pictured here with his mom.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

By now, even the casual observer knows that the Obama economy and Obamacare are as inextricably tied together as the front and rear wheels on a car--and right now, all the wheels are falling off. The June 24 Gallup Poll showed 60 percent of small businesses were either reducing staff or freezing hiring because of Obamacare. In the first quarter of the year, investment in office space and factories fell by 8.3 percent while projected economic growth for the year is expected to fall to 1.7 percent--a pace lower than the rate of inflation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since June 2009, payrolls have increased by four percent while food stamps grew by 130 percent. Predictably, of the 175,000 jobs created in May, 96,300 were in retail, temporary, leisure and hospitality--the lowest-paying segments of the economy. For rational businesses, it is unlikely they will pay high insurance premiums for low wage earners. Low wage earners must therefore face the prospect of buying insurance at the highest individual rates or pay government penalties.

Other results of the Gallup Poll showed 48 percent of businesses felt Obamacare would be bad for their businesses; 55 percent believed it would lead to higher healthcare costs; 52 percent believed it would reduce the quality of healthcare; and 24 percent believed they would drop employee healthcare coverage entirely. This is devastating news for an economy in which only 47 percent of adults have a full-time job (Labor Department).

Undoubtedly, these statistics impacted

the Administration's decision to push back the mandate that employers provide employee health insurance by one year to 2015. But such a decision carries several costs. First, the Administration had projected receiving \$10 billion in penalties from businesses for failure to provide insurance in 2014. That money is now gone, so the cost of Obamacare just rose by another \$10 billion.

Second, since individuals will still be required to buy insurance in 2014, they will be required to buy insurance without knowing whether or not their employers will cover them later.

Third, as the cost of healthcare rises, the government will have to raise the subsidies it must provide to the 20 million eligible buyers. These increased subsidies in turn raise the cost of Obamacare in a vicious, escalating cycle.

And what should healthcare providers do? In Indiana, St. Vincent Health, the operator of 22 hospitals, will eliminate 865 jobs because the government has pledged to cut Medicare hospital reimbursements by \$155 billion over 10 years. The Fiscal Cliff agreement and sequester cut another \$25 billion, so hospitals must cut employee costs by five percent to stay alive. The nexus between the economy and Obamacare damns us all.

So around and around the track the smoking jalopy goes--nuts and bolts flying off at weird angles, tires wobbling, brakes gone... With each turn, costs rise, personal income falls, tax rates rise, the economy lags and the quality of care diminishes. Such is the legacy of expanded government providing for each and every man's needs. •

Another Man's Opinion

By Cristian Vasquez

There has been much national attention given to the issue of bullying in our public schools. Sadly it takes stories like that of Phoebe Prince to draw attention to an issue that has been in our schools for years. Bullying is nothing new to our society, let alone our schools. However, the methods of harassment have changed to such a degree that old solutions to the problem are no longer efficient. Recently Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia authored a bill that would allow schools to discipline students for cyber bullying even if it occurs from outside campus or on a smart phone. I'll be the first to admit that punishing a child is the best and only way to change a behavior. However, it is a big part of the solution and as long as kids have a legal loophole to bully others, these mean-spirited acts will never go away.

Growing up for me, 32, was different. If I was bullied, I had a few options: I could get in a fight and hope that my willingness to throw a punch would convince my bully to leave me alone. Or, I could have lunch at a different table or spend recess in a part of the playground and avoid trouble. Unfortunately, smart phones and social media don't give victims of bullying that option today. A victim of bullying can be filmed, with a smart phone, eating alone and have that video put out on Facebook and Twitter to ridicule the victim. Social media gives the victim no privacy and the aggressor an infinite amount of tools for torture. Having a bill introduced that would hold these bullies accountable is a great step toward curbing such cruel and aggressive behavior.

In many instances these bullies are not evil or bad kids. Even the most mild-mannered child will test the limits of their power and they can caught up flexing their leverage over someone else. With the way cyber bullying laws are written there aren't any consequences associated with such behavior hence, there is no incentive for the aggressor to change their behavior. Fortunately there are programs available to schools and children that help change the culture that leads to and allows bullying to thrive, such as Challenge Day; however, in the interest of teaching accountability for one's actions we do need laws like that proposed by Assemblywoman Garcia.

If a child bullying a classmate in school uses his smart phone to record and then post the video on social media, there needs to be consequences. Also, if the bully records his actions off campus and proceeds to make them public on social media, there needs to be a consequence. The reason: while the actions are occurring off campus or being documented on a child's private property, the act of putting it out on social media is for the sole purpose of torturing the victim in school. It is a form of public shaming that allows the bully to ridicule the victim in front of the entire school and anyone associated with students in that school.

Bullying has always been a problem. However, in today's high-tech society there are too many tools to be a bully. As a result there should be rules and laws that will hold bullies accountable for their behaviors. Maybe then we will no longer have to report on tragic incidents like that of Phoebe Prince. •

City Council

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the SPAB certificate."

Turner elaborated that finding a public means to obtain the TSI certificate could prove difficult and the Transit Department typically provides this kind of safety training to anyone it would promote internally to the position. "Were looking to give them the training, which is what the Transit Department does to any supervisor we promote," said Turner.

To address Sutherland's last concern, Turner mentioned that the job would be subject to a probationary period so the City won't be stuck with an unqualified hire for a full year. "We will be monitoring them throughout their probationary period," said Turner.

One positive Sutherland made clear was that this position would fall under the City's policy of having new hires be responsible for contributing to their own pension expenses. "Everybody keeps talking about pensions--this person will be paying seven percent of

their own pension," said Sutherland. The position was approved as suggested by the Human Resources Department with all present Council members agreeing.

Councilmember Pat Furey again warned residents about the potential danger posed by mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus. The virus, while typically asymptomatic, can be debilitating or fatal in certain cases--particularly with the elderly. Furey mentioned that West Nile virus has been found in birds in all of Torrance's ZIP codes, although that doesn't mean the mosquitoes in the city are necessarily infected. Still, he encouraged anyone planning on being outdoors between dusk and dawn to take precautions such as wearing long-sleeve shirts and long pants and using an insect repellent with DEET. While some residents might look for natural or chemical-free repellants such as large doses

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Sports

Puig is the Reason

By Adam Serrao

Injuries have been plaguing the Los Angeles Dodgers all season long. What was supposed to be a dynamic lineup has been whittled down to a shell of itself, leaving the "Boys in Blue" looking more black and blue than anything. Then along came Yasiel Puig. The 22-year-old Cuban defector who completed a treacherous trek across the ocean on a life raft to eventually wind up in Mexico has now wound up as a household name in virtually every home in Los Angeles. A mere six weeks into his professional baseball career, the breakout Dodgers' star has not only set hitting records, showed off speed, displayed an amazing arm and created hysteria amongst a desperate fan market in L.A., but he has helped turn around an organization. Down in the basement of the National League West to now within just games of first place, Yasiel Puig is the reason that the Dodgers are off and running.

He may have not been voted into the All-Star game, but Puig's numbers in just a short amount of time in the big leagues certainly resemble those of any All-Star who will be playing in the game this year. In just 37 games dating back to last Sunday, Puig is batting .392 with eight home runs and 19 RBIs. Perhaps more than that, though, his energy is what has turned the club around. "He kind of reminds me of myself," said Dodgers centerfielder, Matt Kemp. "Sometimes he plays too hard and sometimes you have to tell him, 'Man, calm down. You can't make every play.' But he's done an amazing job in his first month in the big leagues. He's gotten big hits and made big plays on defense. He's doing a lot and I think we're just feeding off the kid." Feeding off of him is right. Since that dreary day when the Dodgers trailed every other National League West opponent by at least three games in the standings, the Dodgers have turned things around and won 17 of their last 22 games heading into the All-Star break to emerge as not only the class of the National League West, but perhaps of the entire National League. When asked what the difference in the Dodgers' early and late season standings has been, even Kemp himself

answered concisely, "Puig." His ability to hit the ball, run the bases and play defense with an intense energy has turned empty seats at Dodger Stadium into ones with warm bodies, waiting for their last chance to see the right-fielder step to the plate.

All of the praise doesn't come without at least some criticism, though. Recently, Arizona Diamondbacks' catcher Miguel Montero criticized Puig's on-field demeanor, saying that he does "stupid things." Monteiro noted, "If he's my teammate, I'm probably trying to help him not be hated in the major leagues. That's where he's going right now--creating a bad reputation throughout the league."

Montero's criticism came on the heels of a night when Puig blew off a sign from third base coach Tim Wallach and came barreling into the Arizona catcher without a slide, knocking his face mask off and sending him stumbling towards the field. Nicknamed the "Wild Horse" by Dodgers' broadcaster Vin Scully, that's just how Puig plays. Other teams may not like it, but it's what works for him and the Dodgers. "That's my game," Puig said in response to Montero. "I'm going to play my baseball the way I play. We don't like the way [Gerardo] Parra plays or the way Montero plays, but we don't go to the press or anybody and talk about how we don't like it because we're more reserved."

The Dodgers' rivalry with the Diamondbacks was enlivened five weeks ago when Puig was drilled in the face by a pitch from Arizona pitcher Ian Kennedy. Perhaps the on-field demeanor was to blame then and may get the young rookie into more trouble in the future. No matter what side of the fence you sit on, however, it's clear that Puig's attitude is certainly bringing the game of baseball much more attention.

For Puig, as long as he remains healthy, the accolades will continue to roll in. In addition to his outstanding hitting, Puig has already been honored with the Rookie of the Month and Player of the Month awards for June. When asked how he feels about re-energizing

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Up and Adam

Under-the-Radar Sports Recognize All-Stars

By Adam Serrao

Though most major high school sports have taken a break for the summer, certain athletes from around the city have left their legacy behind to give us all the chance to look back on the year in sports that was and appreciate a job well-done. Not much noise is made on a yearly basis in sports such as tennis, track and field, and golf, yet there are still athletes who excel at their games and do their part to make a name for themselves. Whether it's leading their team to the playoffs, earning a new personal record, or breaking a previously existing record, these athletes have excelled at their craft enough to earn All-Star accreditation. This week, we'll take a look at some of those sports and the athletes who have broken barriers to make names for themselves.

This year like many that have passed, boys' track and field was dominated by the guys from Serra High School. Not only was the top athlete in track and field from Serra, but the Coach of the Year came from the school too. In addition to the accolades that those two collected, six other Serra boys' athletes garnered acknowledgment as All-Area first or second team members this year while South, North, West and Torrance high schools were all held mysteriously off of the list.

One athlete on the girls' side of the track did her part to get on the list and gain All-Area second-team acknowledgement. Sophomore Kimberly Coscia from South High is a young, yet growing star who has the potential to be one of the state's best someday. This year, Coscia placed in seventh at the CIF State Finals in the 3,200 meters with a time of 10:28.95. That wasn't her only rewarding experience as a runner, though. She also took over at the CIF Southern Section Division II Finals and won the title in the 3,200 meters with a time of 10:39.36. Still improving as a runner, Coscia also takes part in the mile and 1,600 meters. With another year of experience under her belt, she should find herself right back on the list once again next year.

Tennis is yet another sport that doesn't get much attention in Torrance, but Anthony Lee of Torrance High has been putting on quite a show as of late and deserves a little bit of credit for it. Lee, only a sophomore at Torrance High, repeated as the Pioneer League's singles champion for the second year in a row to make the All-Area first team list this year. With a record of 36-2, he reached the CIF Southern Section Individuals Round

of 16 as a singles player for the Tartars--a lofty achievement for one year of play, let alone two. Lee, whose overall record now stands at 48-30, will certainly be back again to compete next season on his way to making a clean sweep as Pioneer League singles champion in all four years at Torrance.

Jake Ly, a senior from South High, also played extraordinarily well this past season to earn himself All-Area second team honors. Ly was a Pioneer League singles finalist and went on to compete in singles play at the CIF Southern Section Individuals. In his second year with the tennis club at South, Jake was a major reason why the Spartans won the Pioneer League title this year in tennis. With Lee and Ly both being sophomores, it looks like Torrance is set up to see a good rivalry between the two young, budding stars for many years to come.

Lastly, the sport of golf is becoming more and more popular in Torrance, evidenced by the number of players from the city's schools who are standing out as top performers. One of those players is William Chae of West High. Chae took home the Bay League Finals title at Griffith Park by accumulating a score of four-under-par 140 in his two-day tournament play. Chae was then able to advance to the CIF Southern Section Individual Finals. Sophomore Josh Molchan from Torrance High also had a strong season by recording a 37.9 league scoring average en route to second place in the league standings. Molchan qualified for the CIF Northern Individual Final on his way to being named a first-team All-Ocean league pick.

The South High Spartans were the real winners of this year's golf season, placing three different golfers on the All-Area list. Gordon Hundley, Robin Kang and Tai Kuida all helped the Spartans earn a share of the Bay League title for the third time in just four seasons. Hundley advanced to the CIF Individual Regionals and posted a scoring average of 37.311. Kang's scoring average was a bit lower with a 35.956 to gain first-team all-league honors and he nearly qualified for the CIF State Finals, missing the cut by only two strokes. Kuida advanced to the CIF Southern Section Individual Finals, posting a scoring average of 37.978 to round out the group of players from South who made their year successful. Unless you're Tiger Woods, golf doesn't get very much recognition--but these players have all done their part to deserve a nod as some of the city's finest. •

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Finance

Credit Access for Stay-at-Home Spouses and Partners Expanded

By Jason Alderman

One of the pitfalls of Congress passing complicated, sweeping legislation is that sometimes provisions designed to protect one group unexpectedly create hardships for others. That's what happened with 2009's Credit Card Accountability Responsibility Disclosure (CARD)

Act, which was hailed as legislation that would protect consumers from misleading credit practices.

Among other things, the CARD Act requires that people under 21 must have an adult cosigner in order to open a credit account unless they can prove their ability to repay their account balance. This provision was designed to prevent young adults from assuming more debt than they can afford and then being unable to pay it off, thereby ruining their credit standing.

So far, so good.

Then, in 2011 the Federal Reserve finalized rules around the CARD Act's "ability to pay" provision. It stated that credit card issuers generally could only consider an applicant's independent income or assets before issuing a new card or increasing a credit limit, not his or her access to the household's overall income.

An unintended consequence soon emerged: As a result of the ability-to-pay rule, many spouses or partners over age 21 who don't work outside the home suddenly found they were unable to open separate credit accounts in their own name, regardless of whether or not they had access to their working spouse/partner's income.

Establishing one's own credit history is crucial to gaining favorable interest rates and access to credit, especially when non-working spouses get divorced or their spouse dies unexpectedly. Thus many consumers (and their Congressional representatives) were upset. Their displeasure reached the ears of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).



Fast forward to October 2012, when the CFPB released a proposal that was expected to ease credit rules for stay-at-home spouses or partners. After six months of public review, the CFPB issued a formal amendment to the ability-to-pay rule that essentially says credit card applicants who are at least 21 can factor in a third party's

income or assets when applying for credit card accounts if there's a reasonable expectation they'll be able to access those funds to make payments. (This includes income of a spouse or partner, although the rule applies to all applicants, regardless of marital status.)

Speaking of unintended consequences, however, remember that even though having at least one credit card or loan in your own name can help you build a strong credit history, it's important to carefully manage all credit accounts on which you're named – whether as an individual, cosigner or authorized user – to prevent damage to your credit score.

Having a poor credit score can cost a small fortune over a lifetime. You'll pay higher rates and have a harder time qualifying for mortgages, car loans and credit cards. To maintain – or improve – your credit score:

Always pay all bills on time.

Never exceed credit limits.

Try to keep your credit utilization ratio (the percentage of available credit you're using) below 30 percent.

Don't automatically close older, unused accounts; 15 percent of your score is based on credit history.

Each time you open a new account there's a slight impact on your score, so avoid doing so in the months before a major purchase like a home or car.

Bottom line: Make sure you have credit in your own name, in case you ever need to open a new account based on your own credit history. Just make sure you don't overextend yourself or mismanage credit you currently have. •

Ted Lieu

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his pending bill SB 118 would require the California Workforce Investment Board to dedicate resources towards in-demand occupations that have an economic impact on the State, train those workers accordingly, and provide annual reports to identify industries facing shortages of skilled workers or those with growth potential. Passed last year, the Senator's SB 1402 was one of 20 bills listed as a "job creator" by the California Chamber of Commerce. The bill preserved and made various improvements to the Economic and Workforce Development Program in the community college system.

Another bill, SB 209, aims to stop the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) from retroactively penalizing people who legally claimed a certain tax incentive provided to entrepreneurs/investors in California start-up small businesses. A 2012 appellate court ruling found elements of the incentive to be unconstitutional, prompting the FTB to seek back taxes on capital gains from thousands of individuals who had sold qualified small business stock—with the amounts assessed in some cases as high as \$500,000 plus penalties and interest. Lieu said that some people may no longer have the ability to pay these taxes anymore and that the bill will ensure that agencies "won't go after you for doing what was right at the time you did it."

Lieu additionally hopes to reform Proposition 65—the initiative passed in 1986 that requires businesses to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly exposing anyone to any chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Despite the inherent merits of the proposition, Lieu pointed out that "warnings something can kill you" have become virtually meaningless because they are everywhere. He hopes his reform can reduce lawsuit abuse, while making warning signs more sensible and administration more efficient.

Lieu also discussed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that gave school districts more flexibility to spend money by removing categorical funding and replacing it with block grants. But when first proposed, the LCFF took monies away from some school districts—including many in the South Bay—in order to provide additional funding for disadvantaged districts. After months of negotiations, Governor Brown increased base grants for all school districts by \$537 per pupil and implemented an economic recovery payment to help districts that still fall short in receiving adequate funding. "Every school district will get more money next year than they did this year," said Lieu. The Senator also announced that he helped secure a two-year delay in implementing an inadvertent provision of the LCFF that wiped out funding for two Regional Occupational Centers, including one in Torrance. Lieu hopes the delay will buy enough time to resolve the issue and preserve those facilities.

Asked if some of the State's surplus could be earmarked towards economic development to invite businesses back to California, Lieu pointed out that another bill (SB 500) would increase the tax credit on research and development expenses from 15 to 20 percent. "Nissan left, but came back and opened an R & D facility in Northern California," said Lieu. "Samsung opened a huge campus in San Jose in R & D. It's one area we can compete in and we should incentivize."

At the same time, Lieu emphasized that in looking how to spend its surplus, the State "went all in on education and some on health" while also making sure to stabilize its financial situation. "We made a lot of deep and painful cuts," he said of the sacrifices that helped balance the State's coffers. On that note, a number of programs won't be restored. "[We will] pay down more debt and bring back education to levels before the recession." •

Police

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July 2

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Toastmasters

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started the Toastmasters group, members practiced speaking skills in a supportive, informal atmosphere and the popularity of the club soon spread into other communities and even other states. By 1930, the club had established a federation that would assist in coordinating activities and provide a standard program. When speaking clubs in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada expressed interest in joining the organization, it became Toastmasters International.

"For me, it is comfort in topics and comfort in the size of the audience," Morris said. "It has taken me the whole time in the club to develop to where I am. You don't just get better all of a sudden. You must continue at it."

The impact of the Toastmasters has evolved because of its educational programs

and resources, which are a big part of the organization's success and growth. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, today there are 13,500 clubs and more than 280,000 members in 116 countries around the world. Despite its global reach and impact, the influence of Toastmasters is felt first in the communities where each club meets, such as in Torrance.

"To me it was pretty easy—it was about being able to channel nervous energy and to be able to continue to talk past the points where you would have seized up," Morris said. "Nobody wants to see you speak into a pie chart."

Persons interested can learn more about the Toastmasters at: <http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/MembersFunctionalCategories/AboutTI/History.aspx> •

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Him and not the other way around. The Good News friends is that God has promised to reveal Himself and has revealed Himself personally in Jesus Christ, and Christ has promised to reveal Himself to you personally if in fact you are truly seeking Him. His Word is where He has promised to meet with us and reveal Himself to us. To deny God without giving serious consideration to the whole counsel of the Word, where He said He would meet with us, is insufficient.

I think the words of author Cecilia Ahern

in her book *The Gift* lend some words worth investing thoughtfulness. "What is it with science these days? Everyone is so quick to believe in it, in all these new scientific discoveries, new pills for this, new pills for that. Get thinner, grow hair, yada, yada, yada, but when it requires a little faith in something you all go crazy. He shook his head, 'If miracles had chemical equations then everyone would believe.'" As Jesus said time and again, he who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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Sports

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his team, Puig only related his gratification. "This month has been unforgettable," he said. "I'm grateful that this has happened in my life. I'm happy for myself, my teammates and all the fans of Los Angeles. They've all supported me in this month. I'm really happy with all of the fans out there."

As long as Puig continues to make

headlines for the right reasons, the support and awards will undoubtedly continue for the youngster. While it is only in its infancy at the moment, the polarizing character of Yasiel Puig has rejuvenated Los Angeles' ballclub and enlivened what many believe to be a "boring" sport. Yasiel Puig has become the reason to watch baseball. •

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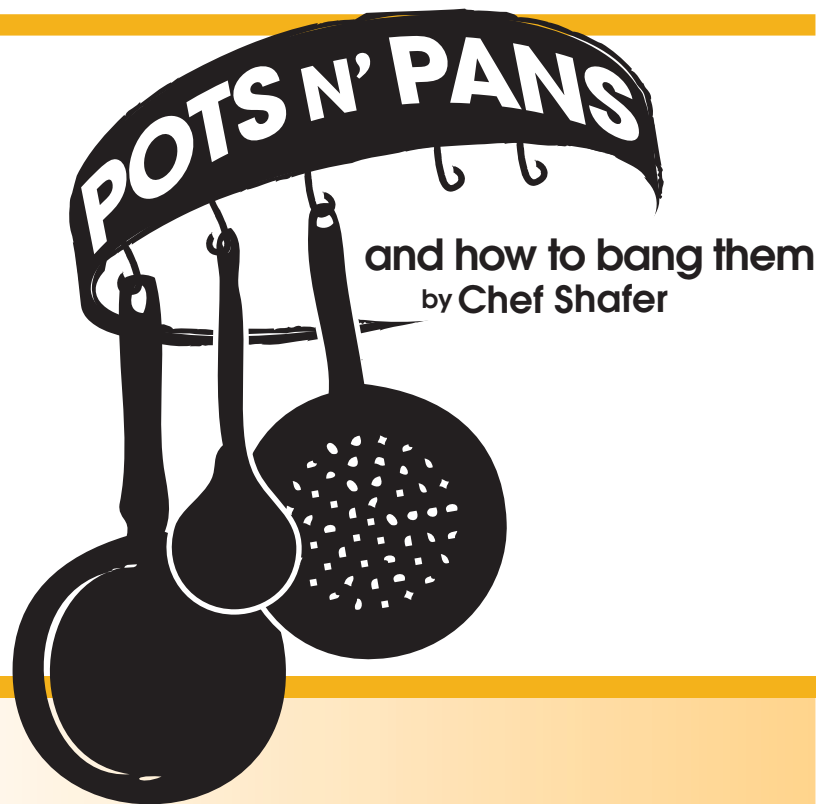
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- 1 pound tomatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon red miso paste
- 1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- chopped Serrano or Jalapeño peppers (optional)

Cook the beets in boiling water till you can stick them with a tooth pick and it comes out easy. When they are done, strain off the water. Let them cool for 5 minutes then run them under a little cold water and the skin will peel off easily. Let them chill.

In a hot sauté pan, place the olive oil and brown off the onions and corn 2 minutes. Then chill.

When the beets are chilled dice them in 1/4 inch cubes.

Mix the miso with the vinegar.

Add the chopped cilantro.

Add the chilies if you want to spice it up.

Mix together the beets, corn, tomatoes and the vinegar miso mix and serve over greens. Or you can use as a salsa or relish for grilled chicken, seafood or a nice piece of seared Ahi tuna like in the photo.

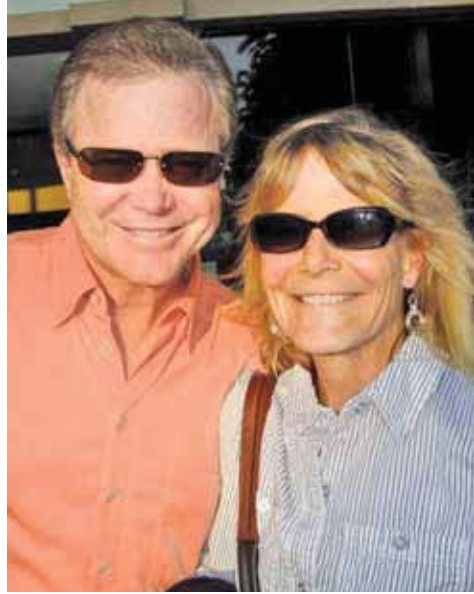
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TerriAnn in Torrance

Saturday Night at the Movies

By TerriAnn Ferren

It was the Drifters who put those words, "Saturday night at the movies, who cares what



Jim and Robin Mellert.

picture you see--when you're hugging with your baby in the last row of the balcony," to music. And I found out those lyrics still hold true even though today most modern theaters don't have balconies. Saturday night is movie night, especially here in Torrance. Last weekend, the local theater was showing several movies on multiple screens. I saw people standing in line waiting to buy tickets, people going into the theater, and others leaving the theater who had already seen the movie of their choice as I pulled into my prime parking place. As I stepped out of the car, the scent from the nearby flower beds reminded me it was summer and the warmth of the evening was wonderful. The glow from the theater neon sign buzzed as the golden twilight descended upon the scene. There was a group of young teenage girls walking in the parking lot away from the theater giggling, laughing and talking about the movie they had just seen which turned out to be *Despicable Me 2*. I asked Brenna Mitchell, age 15 who is home-schooled, what she thought about the movie and she told me, "I thought it was really funny." Ami Okamoto, age 14 who attends Mira Costa High School, added, "I liked it. I think it was funnier than the first one." The rest of the group of young ladies continued to laugh, smile and giggle as they walked in a tight group to their cars where they obviously were waiting for parents to drive them home.

On the entry plaza of the theater up a few steps, I saw sitting around a splashing fountain three teenage boys talking amongst themselves as they looked at the Batmobile parked at

the curb nearby drumming up attention for a new pizza place opening up down the street. These three teenage boys seemed mature and I asked them what movie they saw and they told me *World War Z*. Having only seen the trailers of that particular film, I first asked Xavier Garcia, age 16, what he thought of the movie. "It was very good, I liked it," he said. "You should check it out. There is a lot of violence in it, so I don't think it makes you think that much." Michael Saucedo, age

night and they said it was. How sweet! They typically go out to dinner before or after the movie, but tonight Robin said, "We usually do, but we didn't tonight--we just kind of rushed tonight and ate at home and rushed over here. It depends upon how the movies go, but mine [favorite movies] are romance and comedies. His is action." Well, considering they are going to see *Man of Steel*, I guess Jim chose the movie for this particular evening, but since I happen

film. Some say less people are going to the movies, but from the look of the crowds at the local theater, I am not so sure. The Saturday



Ami Okamoto.

night movie ritual is alive and well in the city of Torrance. And from the look of the line-up of film titles, there seems to be something for everyone this particular weekend.

Then I spotted a smiling couple and decided to speak with them. Marianne Brooks and Mike Staal were going to see *The Heat*. When I asked Marianne why she chose this film, she laughed and said, "Because it's funny and we wanted to laugh." Mike said he comes to this movie theater frequently and laughed along with Marianne. This couple truly appeared to be having a great time already.

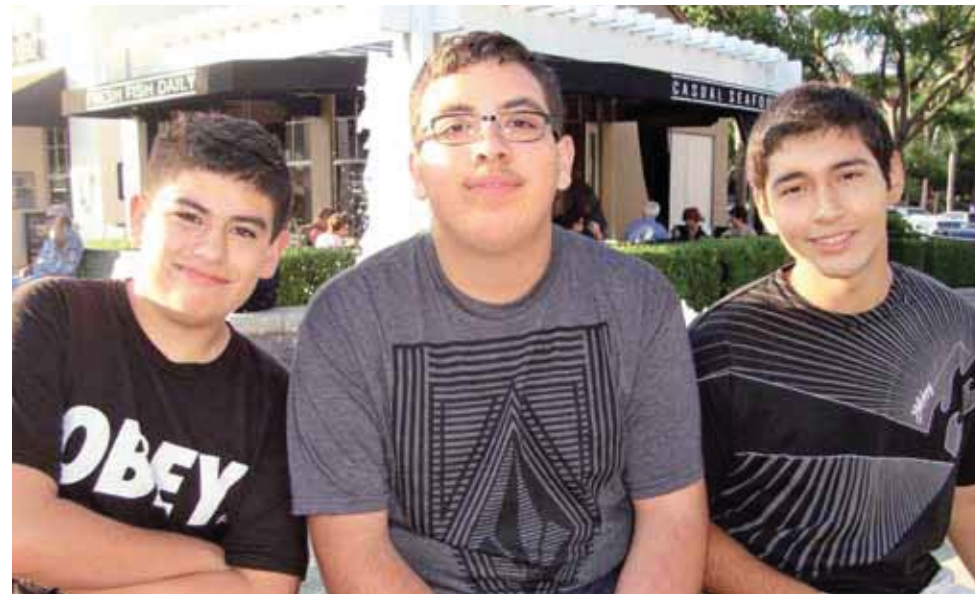
There was a cool breeze coming up and I knew it was time to make my way into the theater. The young man just inside the door took my ticket, tore it along the perforated line and told me in which theater my movie would be shown. Great. The anticipation and activity inside the lobby of a theater is always magical to me. The smell of popcorn, people checking their tickets to make sure they find their correct theater, and the rush into the dimly-lit rooms to be entertained and taken on a journey... I have always thought of filmmaking as a way of telling stories--stories about everything imaginable that unfold on a screen in living color (or black and white, for that matter) that transform us to another time, place or experience. There are movies to entertain everyone and each shared story is an opportunity for social interaction where people can share what they thought about a particular film with others. Yes, Saturday night at the movies is fun. So check out what is playing, take a friend--or friends--and enjoy a summer movie soon. •

"There are movies to entertain everyone and each shared story is an opportunity for social interaction where people can share what they thought about a particular film with others."

16, said, "It was good, really good. It is a really good movie. It showed how you should help people out." And Jon Contreras, age 16, said, "It was a great movie. It gets you entertained throughout the whole movie and you weren't bored watching it. It just kept your attention. Right when I saw the trailers, I wanted to go see it. I go to Port of Los Angeles High School." As it turned out, all three boys attend Port of Los Angeles High School. These three young men apparently

to have seen that film, I think both of them will be happy with their choice.

The line moved quickly and soon I was speaking through the slotted speaker in the glass of the ticket window telling the teenager what movie I wanted to see. Only problem was, I was still deciding. After finally purchasing my ticket, I took the receipt and walked away from the window happy with my decision. Since my movie wasn't going to start for about an hour, I sat on a nearby green iron bench. Behind



Xavier Garcia age 16, Michael Saucedo age 16, and Jon Contreras age 16. Photos by TerriAnn Ferrren.

liked the film they saw just as much as the young teenage girls liked *Despicable Me 2*.

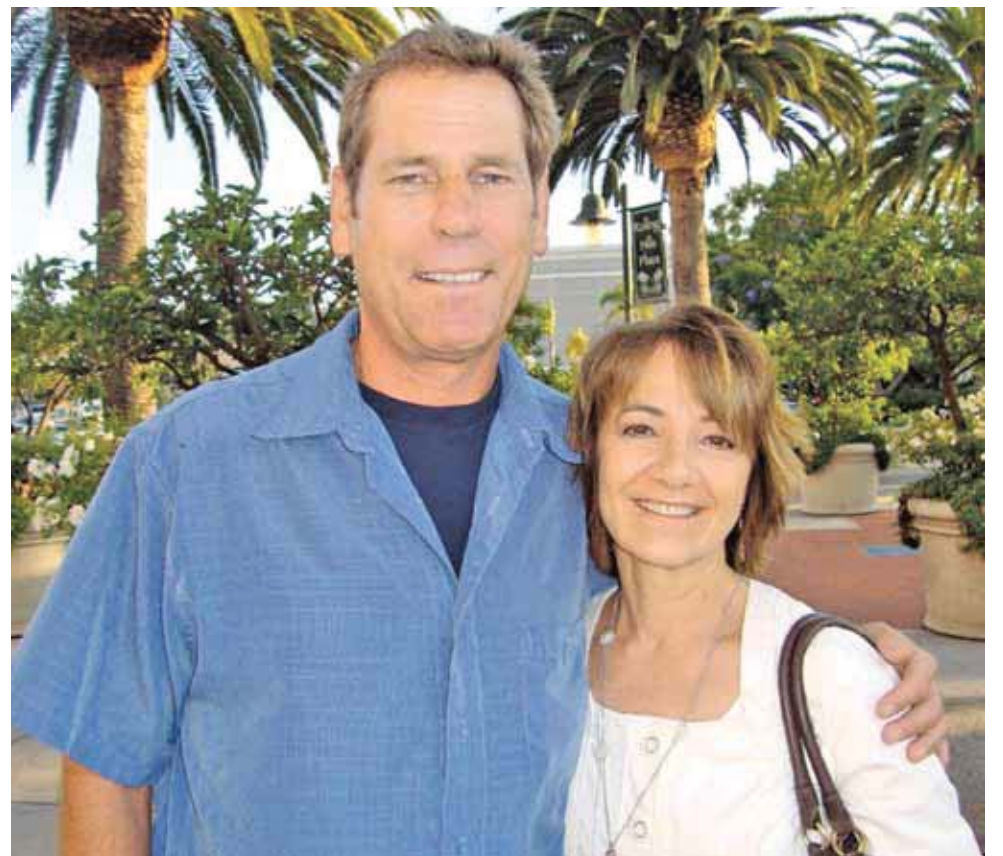
Since time was flying by, I decided to get in line to purchase my ticket to the movie I planned to see and noticed a woman in front of me waiting for her husband (who was probably parking the car). Robin Mellert told me she was going to see *Man of Steel*. Then her husband Jim arrived and joined her in line, so I asked them if this was date

me sat a quiet, sweet couple and I decided to find out what they were going to see. Maria Calvillo smiled and surprisingly told me she was going to see *World War Z*. Her date that night was Antonio Alvarez. I asked who picked this movie and quickly Maria spoke up and said, "I did 'cuz it is new. I like to go [to the movies]."

Groups of people and couples seemed to be chatting amongst themselves and the topic was

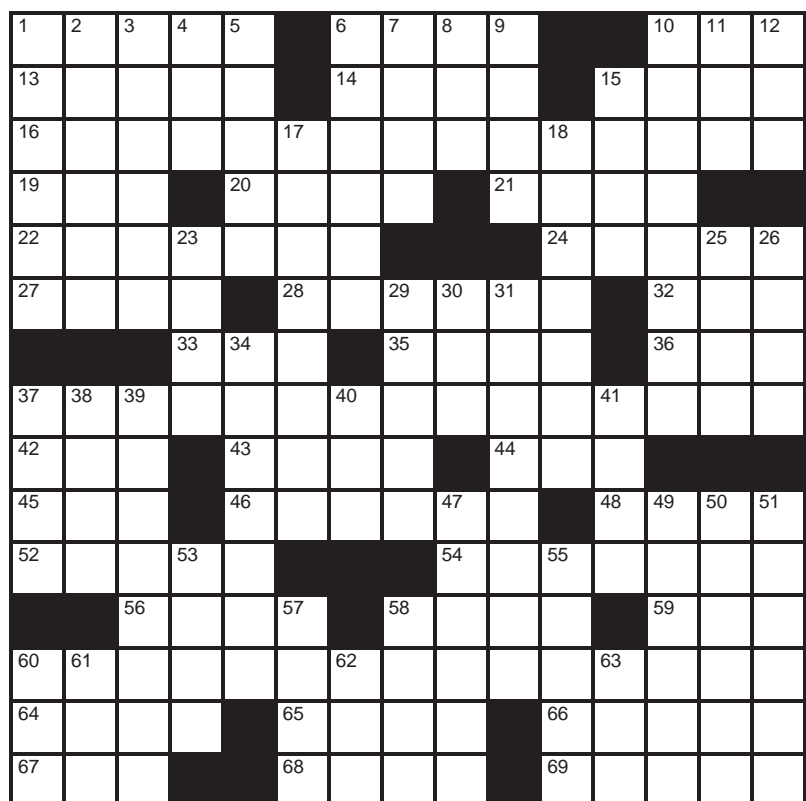


Maria Calvillo and Antonio Alvarez.



Mike Staal and Marianne Brooks.

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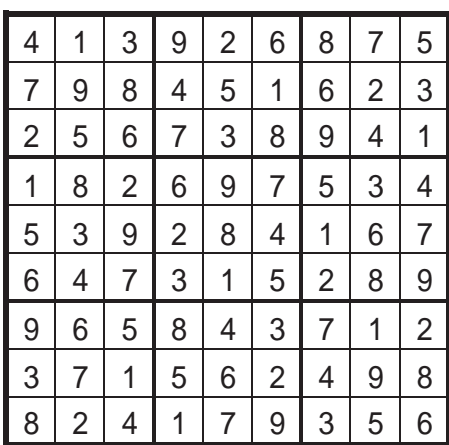
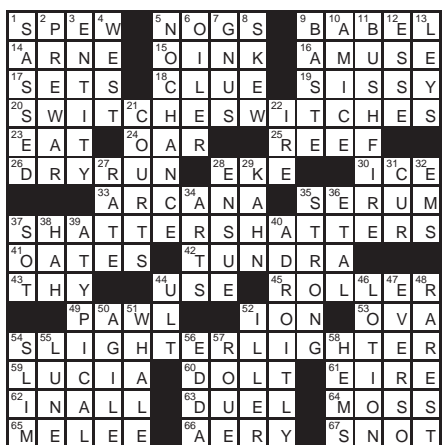
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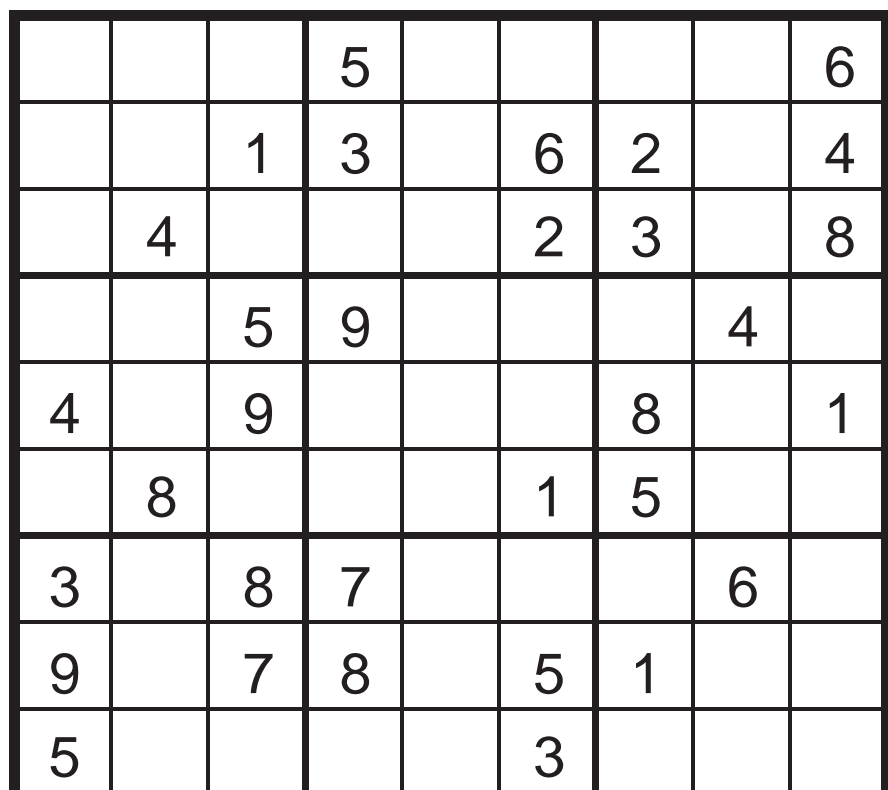
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- 65. 10 C-notes
- 66. Sharp spur
- 67. Commerce, slangily
- 68. Some progenies
- 69. Fresh
- 1. Ancient official
- 2. Pithy sayings
- 3. Embraces
- 4. 1980's White House nickname
- 5. Jenny Lind, e.g.
- 6. Saturn satellite
- 7. Detail
- 8. Blazer, e.g.
- 9. Seven up, e.g.
- 10. Like some tumors
- 11. Fraternity letters
- 12. Body shop fig.
- 15. "O" in old radio lingo
- 17. Village in southwestern Wales
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- 23. Blood pigment
- 25. Those opposed
- 26. The Beatles' "___ Leaving Home"
- 29. First Super Bowl M.V.P.
- 30. Kind of story
- 31. Critical analysis
- 34. Spanish mayor
- 37. Casualty
- 38. Polish writing?
- 39. Mexican state
- 40. "Maid of Athens, ___ we part": Byron
- 41. Branch headquarters?
- 47. Cloud type
- 49. These may be lone
- 50. Surprise outcomes
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- 53. Excises
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- 58. Big time?
- 60. Cygnet's father
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Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU *Medium*



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of Vitamin B or ultrasonic devices, Furey dismissed those as "old wives' tales" and said they aren't an adequate safeguard against mosquito bites. He also asked homeowners to check that their homes have tight-fitting screens on all doors and windows and to remove all standing water sources like old tires or garden pots.

More information about West Nile virus

and how to prevent it can be found at the Los Angeles County Vector Control District website: <http://www.lawestvector.org/> and Furey asked anyone who finds a recently deceased bird (especially corvids like crows or jays) to call 1-877-WNV BIRD to have it tested for the virus to refine the County's and City's understand of where the danger of contracting West Nile virus is greatest. •



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El Camino College Graduate Finds Success in Sports Media Field

Courtesy of El Camino College

As a lifelong fan of Los Angeles' "Boys in Blue," attending opening day at the newly renovated Dodger Stadium was an incredible



experience for El Camino College alumnus Raul Campos. The added bonus was that he had the opportunity to write about the experience and his favorite team in his first-ever article for FoxDeportes.com.

"Opening Day at Dodger Stadium was awesome!" said Campos, senior coordinator of interactive media for FoxSoccer.com/FoxDeportes.com. "It was a full day of reporting – I started on the field taking photos for our website and Instagram page. When I got to the press box, it was an amazing experience; I sat down with my laptop and began writing the article on Dodgers/Giants Opening Day at Dodger Stadium." Since he moved into the FoxSoccer.com/FoxDeportes.com position a year ago, Campos has been in charge of pulling together traffic reports for both sites, analyzing trends/writers/videos, creating promotional banners for the sites, budgeting, managing several projects, and helping with the re-launch of FoxDeportes.com.

With his bilingual skills, he writes content in English and Spanish to meet the needs of each project. His work was honored last year with an "X Award" in the Project Management category for the FoxDeportes.com re-launch.

"Working in the digital realm is great; it is fast paced and there is always something new and

interesting that comes my way," he said. "My boss is always challenging me and keeps me on my toes. I've been here for 16 months and I love it."

Campos' newly developed writing career has a background in business. After graduating from El Camino College in 2005, he transferred to the USC Marshall School of Business and graduated with a marketing degree in 2008. While attending USC, he enrolled in the class "Business of Sports," taught by Professor David Carter, who became his mentor.

"In this class, I looked at sports from the inside and not from the fan perspective," Campos said. "Since I wanted a career in sports, this was the way to go."

When the class ended, Professor Carter asked Campos to join him and six graduate students in prepping the outline for one his books, "Money Games: Profiting from the Convergence of Sports and Entertainment." Campos was a part of the project until he graduated in 2008. The book published in 2010 and his name was listed on the acknowledgment page.

After graduation, Carter guided Campos toward a job at Fox Sports in the regional TV sales department. In this position, Campos completed a variety of tasks, including inputting sales orders, creating sales plans, and creating delivery presentations to client/buyers. After three years, Campos was looking for a new challenge when he realized that he is a "numbers person" and wanted to go into research.

He soon found his way to his current position – his move to interactive media was definitely the right choice.

"I am learning many new skills and working in different project areas," he said. "The best part is attending sporting events where I write stories and send pictures for use on our websites, blogs, Facebook pages, and Instagram. I'm happy to be able to learn new things and to help my project teams."

While attending El Camino College, Campos was a member of the First Year Experience (FYE), a program that helps first-time college students navigate the higher education system. Counseling, small-group learning communities, field trips and other support services are part of the program. He was awarded a business scholarship from ECC, which helped cover

education expenses. And in 2011 he was inducted into the SSTARs Hall of Fame, an honor that recognizes his academic and career success.

Camino College was so beneficial because I am the type of person that likes to plan out itineraries so I do not get off track. Also, the

"The added bonus was that he had the opportunity to write about the experience and his favorite team in his first-ever article for FoxDeportes.com."

"My time at El Camino College set me on course," Campos said. "It all began with the FYE program. I found the help to make a fluid transition fluid from high school to college. The ability to plan out my coursework at El

professors at El Camino College were great! They took the time meet with me whenever I needed the help with a task. Having goals, working hard, and never giving up are what make us successful." •

Store Manager Lives Walmart Story

Courtesy of Walmart

The addition of the Torrance Walmart Neighborhood Market, between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard, creates up to 65 new local jobs. And store manager Steve Matthews takes the responsibility of hiring, training and mentoring every one of them very seriously, because he's experienced first hand the opportunity they are stepping into.

"Eighteen years ago, I applied for a part-time overnight stocking position with Walmart, just to make a little money before I started school," said Matthews, a married father of two. "I had no idea I was stepping into a career, but that's the way it worked out and I couldn't be happier. The door to opportunity has been open to me since day one."

Matthews isn't alone. Over 75 percent of store operations management teams across Walmart U.S. started as hourly associates. In 2012 alone, Walmart promoted approximately 170,000 Walmart U.S. and Sam's Club associates into jobs with more responsibility and higher pay.

For Matthews, opportunity has taken him from overnight stocker to pets department associate, hourly supervisor, overnight support manager, assistant manager, shift manager and, finally, store manager. His Walmart career has taken him to a variety of communities across California and Arizona, and he's enthusiastic

about introducing Torrance to the Walmart Neighborhood Market concept.

Walmart Neighborhood Markets offer quick and convenient shopping for groceries, pharmacy items and general merchandise. The store Matthews will manage in Torrance will feature a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, fresh bread and a selection of meats, cheeses and prepared foods.

"Walmart has always been there for me," said Matthews. "Through the birth of my children, the loss of my parents, Walmart understood and was there to support me and keep my dreams alive. This company is just like that with the communities it serves, it gets involved and is always looking to make a positive difference."

Walmart, its store managers and associates develop relationships with local organizations, make charitable giving a priority, lead on important social issues and volunteer their time. Matthews said he has already been engaged in conversation with local government and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"We've already identified some areas, like cleaning up along the beaches and volunteering at local organizations, where we're going to be very active," Matthews said. "This Walmart Neighborhood Market is here to help save people money and live better, in our store and in the community." •

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Pogo Joe

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P'Diddy

when he walks and his little docked tail never stops wagging. This is a *lovely* dog you will not want to miss. Pogo Joe will be neutered after his mange goes away, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with other dogs.

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Happy Tails

Lexi Finds Furever Family

Lexi, through a sad set of circumstances, found herself looking for a new home. She kept her head held high and found a family to call her own...

“Greetings! Thank you for your e-mail and the pictures of Lexi! I think we have been settling in with each other very well. With the exception of her being a chow hound and a ‘dumpster diver,’ we’ve had no issues. She’s probably frustrated that she’s not getting the food she wants when she demands it (knocking her dish around, which is hilarious!)...she’s learning to enjoy treats of cherry tomatoes and frozen peach pieces and blueberries for those times. We’ve relocated wastebaskets and close bathroom doors routinely to prevent her explorations. We also try distracting her by

playing tug of war or throwing a ball. She responds beautifully. Since we live on a hill, she comes back from her walks pretty tucked out, which is good for all of us!

She has no problems riding in cars or being in crowds. We’ve taken her on a couple of quick errands to test her ability to ride without getting sick or anxious and recently we took her to a music concert in the park, meeting friends who also have a dog. There were at least 1,000 attendees and probably 200 dogs and Lexi was completely unfazed! Our friends took both dogs for a walk and to visit the vendor booths and reported back that Lexi was very well-behaved and good on the leash (we’ve been working with her, but we’re not being obsessive about it—just consistent). She has only had one accident in the house, which

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Jaspurr

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Sweet Pea



was on her first day. Since then, she has been using the puppy door with no problem.

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Real Estate

Five Home Improvements For The Love Of Sunshine And Fresh Air

(BPT) - Improved value, curb appeal and livability are the benchmarks for any smart home improvement. But some upgrades you do for the sheer joy of it. The best home improvements deliver all those smart qualities and speak to your heart at the same time.

With home improvement season in full swing here are five home improvements that you can do for the love of sunshine and fresh air - and the love of your biggest investment:

Add/replace a skylight

Abundant natural light and fresh air are among the joys of warm weather, and replacing an old, energy-inefficient skylight, or adding one where none existed before, is a great way to welcome sunlight and fresh breezes into your home. Sunlight's positive effect on mood is well-documented, and adding a fresh-air skylight, which comes with a screen, offers other health benefits as well. Opt for an energy saving solar powered fresh-air skylight and you can enjoy the benefits of passive ventilation to reduce humidity and stale air in your home along with more natural light.

From a practical standpoint, installing an Energy Star-qualified skylight can help you control heating, cooling and lighting costs in your home. Replacing an older, less efficient skylight with a new solar-powered, fresh-air skylight, with a rain sensor, can also ensure your home stays protected from spring showers. You can also choose solar powered blinds for even more energy efficiency, and both are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit.

Add/improve a deck

The trend toward outdoor living spaces continues, with decks being one of the most

sought-after amenities among home buyers. In fact, adding a wooden deck can recoup more than 77 percent of the deck's cost when you sell your home, according to Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value Report.

If you don't already have a deck, adding one - whether wood or composite - not only enhances your home value, it will be a great place to celebrate the arrival of spring. If you already have a deck, consider value-enhancing upgrades like new balusters, lighted post caps, built-in seating and even planters.

Install a kitchen backsplash

Warm weather brings a bright, colorful feel to the world and you can easily incorporate that sentiment into your kitchen by adding a backsplash. A project easily within the capabilities of most do-it-yourselfers, backsplashes are both functional and decorative. Granite, ceramic or glass tile protects the wall behind the range or cook top from splatters of food or grease while brightening valuable workspace and serving as a visual focal point for the room.

Great kitchens sell homes, and the room is one of the most-used in any home. Upgrading your kitchen is almost always a good investment, one that improves resale value and your enjoyment of your home.

Upgrade bathroom floors

Bathroom renovations are also popular and a minor bathroom remodel can return more than 65 percent of the cost at the time of resale, according to the Cost vs. Value Report. While replacing countertops and fixtures are common remodeling tasks in a bathroom, don't overlook the biggest surface in the room - the floor.

Many modern builders install vinyl floors in bathrooms because they are durable and cheap. Switching out this common material for stone or ceramic tile is a great way to brighten the room and give your bath a whole new look.

Improve your entryway

Your front door and entryway are the first impression visitors have of your home's decor. A welcoming entry invites guests in and gives you a mood boost every time you walk through it.

This year, celebrate warm weather by replacing an old worn wooden door with a sturdy, decorative steel door - an improvement that recoups nearly 85 percent of its cost when you sell, according to Remodeling Magazine. To really celebrate the season, add a screen door. You'll be able to let in fresh air and breezes while keeping insects out. Plus, a screen door is essential Americana, creating a welcoming openness that epitomizes the joy of summer. •



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