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Kids Come in to Pump It Up



With the help of some young friends, Pump It Up's Brianna Rathman (L) and Gebrela Aguirre get ready to test the brand new facilities. See related articles and photos on page 2. •

Student Enrollment Center Coming to Torrance Unified School District

By Dylan Little

The Torrance School Board on Tuesday approved the creation of a Student Services and Family Welcome Enrollment Center to make enrollment easier, especially for families with special circumstances like foster parents. The facility will replace the Student Welfare Center that was shuttered in the wake of severe budget cuts to Torrance Unified School District.

The new enrollment center will not only address issues with families coming to the district, but also improve work flow for District and school site staff and better organize enrollment data according to Chief Academic Officer Tim Stowe. "We are bringing to you a re-envisioned version of a student services department—one that will not only serve to support schools, but better serve and support families from the moment they walk through our doors," said Stowe.

The services offered by the new center are numerous. It would handle operations as routine as enrolling new students, processing permits and scheduling counselor appointments for high school students to more specialized services like registration for free and reduced lunches, initial language assessment tests (CELDT), and caregiver and residency affidavits. To provide these services, the facility would be staffed by seven full-time employees at a cost of

\$520,000 a year. Stowe said a focus of the project is to provide more services to the families of disadvantaged students. Not only do these families need the services, but they help the District secure additional "second tier" funding under the new Local Control Funding Formula.

"One of the key elements we really need to look at, particularly with our second tier of funding for our low-income, limited English and foster youth, is the kinds of services we provide to families," said Stowe. "[We should] really [be] looking at increasing and improving services to these families and encouraging parental engagement throughout the education process."

Another goal of the project is to allow staff at the individual school sites to shift from handling registration paperwork to addressing student needs and supporting them upon enrollment. Director of Elementary Schools E. Don Kim said staff should be working with their current students and welcoming new ones—not merely processing the paperwork. "This will free up school site staff to concentrate on their current students and their new families as they come in after they've already enrolled," explained Kim.

This isn't the first enrollment center the District has attempted. Prior to 2009, many of these services were handled by the Child Welfare and Attendance Office. That

facility employed five-and-a-half full-time employees and handled some (but not all) of the responsibilities the new facility will. The Child Welfare and Attendance Office was closed due to budget cuts, but Kim reminded the Board that the responsibilities it addressed needed to be made up elsewhere. "All of these duties had to be then given to either school sites or other District offices in order to take care of them," said Kim. "None of them disappeared because there was no more Child Welfare and Attendance Office."

In order to determine what services would be required of the new enrollment center, District staff spoke with administrators and clerical representation from all of the school sites and from its own office. Special Education Director Jacqueline Williams also said the she and District staff visited enrollment facilities in Hemet Unified School District, Moreno Valley Unified School District, Redlands Unified School District and Sacramento City Unified School District. "The goals of our visit were to find out . . . what worked really well, where did you find hiccups and could you give us some advice on how you handled some of those situations so we can plan accordingly," said Williams.

The visits revealed that the districts shared many features. The ideas Torrance seeks to include in its design are a greeter to provide

See School Board, page 2

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
73°/54°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/55°



Sunday

Mostly
Sunny
68°/53°



Business Briefs

Pump It Up Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Alicia Twyman (L) and Jasmine Roby of Pump It Up of Torrance welcome guests to the ribbon cutting celebration.



Pump It Up Owner Christine Dennis-Abilla cuts the grand opening ribbon with help from Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto, colleagues and other city and Chamber of Commerce officials on January 29. Located at 1780 Oak Street in Torrance, Pump It Up features an indoor party environment for children including giant inflatables and kid-friendly party food and packages. For more info, go to pumpitupparty.com/torrance-ca or call (310) 533-9377.



Congratulations Pump It Up! Photos by Charlene Nishimura.

PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics celebrated its one-year anniversary on February 4, 2014. The dental care team at PCH Smiles and Orthodontics is pleased to provide dental care services to the valued members of their community.

"This year has been so exciting and we feel honored to be able to serve members of the Torrance community," said Dr. Walter Jefferson of PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics. "We look forward to meeting more community members, and providing them with personalized dental care that fits their individual needs."

PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics, a Smile Generation-trusted office, is equipped with advanced technologies including online registration capabilities, Digital X-rays and CEREC® CAD/CAM dentistry. The use of

this technology affords patients high-quality dental care and convenience.

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PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics is located at 2740 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505. The dental office is conveniently located on PCH, West of Crenshaw, next to Radio Shack.

For more information on PCH Smiles Dentistry and Orthodontics or to schedule an appointment, please visit www.PCHSmilesDentistry.com or call 310-534-3002. •

School Board


from front page

information and check forms, a computer kiosk so families can pre-enroll and print required documents, privacy at registration windows, a confidential conference space, a family restroom and a kid-friendly area in the waiting room.


Board member Don Lee spoke highly of the plan. "This is about the coolest thing we've added as long as I've been around," said Lee. "Hats off to everyone who worked on this."

However, not everyone was so pleased. While supportive of the goals of the project, Torrance Teacher Association President Julie Shankle thought the \$520,000 annual expense would be better spent in the classroom, where they could be used to reduce class sizes. "We can agree that this need exists

... but we'd like to question the Board's views on restoration," said Shankle. "Is this restoration as essential as restorations in the classroom? I do like that we are trying to reinvent and look at maybe more efficient ways of doing things that we've done in the past. To put this cost into perspective, and I'm just looking at the full-time equivalency costs--not the construction pieces... for class sizes in grades six to 12, that amount of money would lower class sizes from 32 to 1 to 31.5 to 1, which would be the equivalent of lowering the average class sizes from 40 to 38 students for a high school teacher and a middle school teacher. When you look at it that way, is this now the right time to do this?" •



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<p>The Basics of Starting a Business (FREE)</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 26 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>
<p>Marketing 101 (FREE)</p>	<p>Thursday, March 6 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>
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This Week in 1864

FEBRUARY 20
Confederate repulsed Union attack at Battle of Olustee in Florida.

FEBRUARY 21
Union cavalry under General William S. Smith retreated toward Memphis, TN.

FEBRUARY 22
General Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry bested Union cavalry at Battle of Okolona, MS.

FEBRUARY 23
Lincoln promised to write about Pomeroy Circular that advocated Chase as presidential nominee.

FEBRUARY 24
Senate amended and passed bill to revive

the rank of lieutenant general.

FEBRUARY 25
General John C. Breckinridge was assigned command of Confederate Western Department of Virginia.

FEBRUARY 26
Senate agreed to conference report and passed bill reviving rank of lieutenant general. *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

FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 6

Theft 2/6/2014 3:20:00 PM NEWTON ST & HARRLEE LANE
Suspect forcibly takes victim's property from his possession/cell phone

Burglary-Auto 2/6/2014 3:30PM 3500 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD
Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/purse

Burglary-Auto 2/6/2014 2:15PM 20900 BLOCK EARL ST
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/laptop

Burglary-Residential 2/6/2014 6:30PM 18900 BLOCK CORDARY AVE
Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window for entry and takes property/ cash

Burglary-Residential 2/6/2014 6:00PM 16900 BLOCK PURCHE AVE
Suspect(s) removes screen and smashes window for entry/ no loss at time of report

Burglary-Commercial 2/6/2014 6:45AM 21000 BLOCK WESTERN AVE
Suspect(s) pries open door with unknown tool and takes property/ computer towers, computer monitors

Battery 2/5/2014 5:07PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect places victim in headlock causing injury

Burglary-Auto 2/5/2014 2:30PM 3300 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD
Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle and takes property/ book

Burglary-Residential 2/5/2014 1:40PM 16800 BLOCK GLENBURN AVE
Suspect removes window screen in attempt to enter residence, but flees when interrupted by witness/ no entry, no loss

Theft 2/5/2014 11:19 AM 18000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect takes unattended property/ cash

Burglary-Residential 2/5/2014 5:00PM 21400 BLOCK MARJORIE AVE
Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window and takes property/ cash, jewelry

Burglary-Commercial 2/5/2014 3:15AM 4500 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD
Suspect(s) pries open security gate and door for entry/ no loss at time of report

Auto Theft 2/5/2014 7:30AM 5000 BLOCK EMERALD ST
Stolen vehicle: '02 Ford E250

Burglary-Auto 2/4/2014 9:30PM 20100 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ wallet, laptop

Auto Theft 2/5/2014 7:00AM 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE
Stolen vehicle: '88 Toyota P/U

Burglary-Residential 2/7/2014 3:12PM 17200 BLOCK EASTWOOD AVE
Suspect(s) removes screen and pries open window for entry/ unknown loss at time of report

Battery 2/4/2014 8:00AM 4000 BLOCK 226TH ST
Suspect repeatedly punches victim

Vandalism 2/3/2014 9:00PM 3800 BLOCK NEWTON ST
Suspect(s) slashes victim's vehicle's tires

Burglary-Auto 2/3/2014 7:23 PM 3500 BLOCK WHITE CT
Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown

means and takes property/ laptop, iPod, medical prescriptions

Auto Theft 2/3/2014 3:15PM 18100 BLOCK WESTERN AVE
Stolen vehicle: '02 Ford Econolin

Burglary-Auto 2/3/2014 12:36 PM 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/backpack, cell phone, keys, wallet, medical prescription

Theft 2/3/2014 12:25 PM 22000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD
Suspect(s) takes unattended property from counter/ wallet •

Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
• Beach Cities Republicans Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m. (6 p.m. no host dinner), Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information contact Patti at (310) 753-4159 or plagrelus@aol.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
• Torrance American Association of University Women meeting, 2 p.m., Zamperini Field Community Room, 3301 Airport Drive.
• The South Bay Quilters Guild 2014 Quilt Show: Wish Upon A Star, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center 3330 Civic Center Drive.
• "Sweat For A Cause" Workout in support of recently retired Torrance Police Chief John Neu's wife, Michelle, who is battling Leukemia. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Torrance Batting Cages, 2300 Jefferson St. 50% of donation proceeds will go to "Michelle's Warriors: Fight Like a Girl" organization and the other 50% will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For more information call (310) 373-2745.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
• South Bay Catholic Co-ed Softball League Practice Game at Wilson Park in Torrance. For more information contact Fred at (310) 504-0271.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
• Torrance Unified School District-15th Annual Dance Collaboration Effort, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
• South Bay Ostomy Support Group meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block at Earl, 2nd Floor #C. For more information call Carol (310) 378-5331 or Anne Marie (310) 548-8558.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
• The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce 17th Black History Celebration, noon (registration begins at 11 a.m., Torrance Marriott, 3635 Fashion Way. Event is open to everyone. For more information for visit torrancechamber.com.


UPCOMING
• Low Cost Vet Clinic, March 10, 6-7:30 p.m., Torrance-South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 325-5885.

ONGOING
• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD *See Answers Next Week*

Might Makes Right

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62					63				64				
65					66				67				

Across

- 1. Children's book type
- 6. Balls
- 11. Bill encl.
- 14. Humiliate
- 15. Beth's predecessor
- 16. Circle segment
- 17. Dependable one
- 20. Egg protector
- 21. Amateur video subject, maybe
- 22. Actress Rene
- 23. Kiss
- 25. Deposited
- 27. Bidding
- 30. Singing exercise
- 34. Desktop pictures
- 35. Comics canine
- 36. Discontinued
- 37. Legal authority
- 41. Annex
- 42. ___-American
- 43. Corrupt
- 44. Fiasco
- 47. Tributes
- 48. Physicist Niels
- 49. Ill-gotten gains
- 50. Inscribed pillar
- 53. Duffer's goal
- 54. Capture

- 57. Local law enforcers
- 62. South African org.
- 63. Wipe clean
- 64. Anticipate
- 65. Math degree
- 66. Shut out
- 67. Exigencies

Down

- 1. Trodden track
- 2. Double-reed woodwind
- 3. Stooge
- 4. Consumption
- 5. According to
- 6. Iron hooks, in fishing
- 7. "The Sun ___ Rises"
- 8. Umpire's cry
- 9. When D.S.T. begins
- 10. Descendant of Muhammad
- 11. Droops
- 12. Graphic ___
- 13. Lingering effect
- 18. Boot
- 19. Classic art subject
- 23. Nota ___
- 24. The Beatles' "Back in the ___"
- 25. Numbers game
- 26. Buckets

- 27. Two-footed
- 28. Gastroenteritis cause
- 29. Laughs loudly
- 30. Thomas the Tank Engine narrator
- 31. Fixin' to
- 32. Gather
- 33. Pastorals
- 35. Proposal
- 38. Pledge
- 39. Track shape
- 40. Wreck site
- 45. Well
- 46. Lathered
- 47. Title for some priests
- 49. Harness racer
- 50. Diagnostic test
- 51. Salon job
- 52. Make an impression
- 53. Tower site
- 54. Scottish hillside
- 55. Biting
- 56. Catches on
- 58. Mine find
- 59. Family dog, for short
- 60. Cooler
- 61. See red?

Last Week's Answers

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41	A	T	T	H	E	D	R	O	P	O	F	A	H	A	T					
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48	S	H	A	W	L				53	O		54	E	C	H					
56	W	A	R	H	E	A	D			58	P	E	S	T	L	E				
63	O	N	C	E	I	N	A		64	B	L	U	E	M	O	O	N			
66	R	O	U	T					67	G	L	E			68	D	U	M	B	O
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SUDOKU *Medium*

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6	4	2			5				

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Sports

Up and Adam

Regular Season Comes to a Close

By Adam Serrao

The 2013-2014 regular season has finally come to a close for high schools around Torrance and for some the year has dragged on seemingly much longer than it has for others. One of those teams that has run into a bit of a bump in the road is the Torrance Tartars. Since league play started for the Tartars, they have managed to attain only three wins, with two of those coming against the last place South High Spartans. You won't hear Torrance complaining, though. After this last week of competition, head coach Paul Nitake and his team needed every win they could get and every ounce of luck that they could possibly muster. Despite losing their last two games of the season, Torrance received that luck and made it into this year's CIF playoffs with a fourth place finish in the Pioneer League standings.

Nobody really saw it coming. But a win against El Segundo two weeks ago may have sealed Torrance's fate as a playoff team. That's hard to imagine considering the fact that the Tartars lost to North High just two days previous to their match with El Segundo and given that they went 0-2 in their last week of regular season competition. One of the teams that the Tartars lost to was their division rivals, Centennial, which just so happened to be directly in front of them in the standings. Despite an extremely close game that came down to the final seconds in what was a 42-41 Torrance loss, the Tartars (3-7, 13-13) wouldn't have had what it took to overtake Centennial (7-3, 15-11) in the standings anyway. Things didn't look any better for Torrance when it took on the Pioneer League-leading and defending league champion Lawndale Cardinals in the final game of the season. Torrance fell behind early and predictably enough, never quite getting back into the game on the way to eventually taking the 81-59 loss.

Despite ending the year on a sour note, however, the Tartars received good news last Sunday when they learned that they did indeed make it into the CIF Division II-A playoffs. The Tartars will take on the Orange League's Savanna Rebels, who finished the season with a record of 16-8 while going 9-1 within their own league. It will be a steep hill to climb for the Tartars, but crazier things have happened once Pioneer League teams have squeaked into the playoffs. Nitake and Torrance hope that they are the next in line to make a deep run into the playoffs, but only time will tell. Root your Tartars on to a first round playoff victory this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. as they take on the Rebels in Anaheim.

North High

The North High Saxons ended their year in quite the opposite fashion from the Torrance Tartars. Having only an outside shot to catch

Lawndale for the top seed in the Pioneer League standings, the Saxons came out strong against both El Segundo and South High in their final two games of the season. After beating El Segundo by 30 points and South High by 12, there was a hint of optimism that the Saxons may have ended their season on the right note. It turned out to be their loss to Lawndale two weeks ago that ultimately did them in, however, as the Cardinals won out and secured their spot atop the Pioneer League Standings.

All is not lost for the Saxons. The team from North Torrance (21-5, 8-2) still finished in second place in the Pioneer League this season and has made it to the CIF Division II-A playoffs where they will take on Grand Terrace at North High. Grand Terrace, out of the Sunkist League, finished the year at 13-10 and 6-3 in league play--good enough for a third place finish. The Saxons may have their hands full with a tough challenge, but fully expect to play their best basketball of the season in the playoffs.

South High

The South High Spartans finished what turned out to be a rather tumultuous season last Thursday night when they took on the North High Saxons. South fell behind early, trailing by 11 at the half. It cut the deficit to just eight after three, but ultimately could not keep up with the league's second place team as the Spartans fell by a final score of 75-63. South (6-20, 1-9) salvaged some pride with its first league victory of the season two weeks ago when it defeated El Segundo, but went on to lose its final three games of the season to ultimately miss this year's playoffs. Head coach Leo Klemm will look to get things turned around for next season and reestablish the Spartans as one of the Pioneer League's most competitive teams, as they have been in recent years.

West High

The West High Warriors have unfortunately forgotten what it is like to win. In a season that began with much optimism and a 2-2 record for the Warriors, things quickly spiraled downward, especially once league play began. After a three-game winning streak that ended with a victory over their cross-town rivals South High, the Warriors could not regain their bearings and went on to lose 12 games in a row, including their last game of the season against Palos Verdes Peninsula. With only five points in the second quarter and only four in the fourth quarter, the Warriors (6-20, 0-10) went on to take one of their worst losses of the season, losing to the Bay League's second place team by a final score of 68-27 to go winless in this season's league play. Things can only get better for the Warriors from here as head coach Andrew Furuto will look to retool and improve for next season. •

Lakers Playing Ping Pong

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Lakers are not good. Think about that statement. It is not often that it is able to be said. Normally, the Lakers are the class of the NBA and are usually competing for prime playoff positioning, if not championships. This year, however, it is a different story. Unable to even get through practice without having another front-line player suffer an injury every

a D-League game.

If there is any year that the Lakers must be disastrously horrible, it is this year, as 2014 is the only year in the next few that they actually have their own first round draft pick. The Steve Nash trade that should have never happened gave the Suns the Lakers' 2013 and 2015 first round picks. L.A. also owes Orlando a first rounder for Dwight Howard, no earlier than

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week, the Lakers find themselves competing for ping pong balls rather than championship trophies this year. With not much else to lose this season and positioned in last place in the Western Conference standings, the Lakers should begin looking ahead to next year, if they haven't already. This year is a particularly hard one to experience for anyone who is a fan of the Lakers, but it is almost necessary to get this historically great franchise back on track once again.

The worse the Lakers get this season, the better off they are. An odd thought, indeed, but it is clear that this season is already lost. If the team were to say, get healthy all of a sudden, and go on a second half run after the All-Star break, they would ruin everything that they now have going for them. What could the Lakers possibly have going for them with only 18 wins so far this season? Well, for one, they've pretty much cemented the fact that they will have a new head coach next year who might, say, want the team to play defense every once in a while. Is Phil Jackson going to walk back through that door? Well, probably not. But almost anything is better than Mike D'Antoni at this point and Laker fans have known that for years. A new coach isn't the only thing that the Lakers should be not competing for, though. The more dash marks that pile up in that loss column, the more ping pong balls show up for the purple and gold come draft time. The more ping pong balls, the better chance of attaining a top-notch rookie for next year out of the draft. Who knows, maybe the next Kobe Bryant?

If the Lakers could get the next Kobe to play alongside the real Bryant for the next two years under a new head coach, the buzz in Staples Center might actually return. You know that things are not going well when you sign on to buy Laker tickets and find that you may actually be able to afford them. Even though that is, in fact, the case this year, you may be better served going to watch an L.A. Defenders game of the D-League. That is where the Lakers have gotten some of the players who are currently starting on the team and who knows, you may even get in free to

2017. So now is the time to be embarrassingly bad, and they are surely doing that. Since the turn of the new year up until the All-Star break, the Lakers have only managed to win five games. Four of those wins were against Utah, Boston, Cleveland and Philadelphia--all teams that are among the absolute worst in the league, along with the Lakers. After coming out against the Oklahoma City Thunder and making fans believe that they were going to win a game, the Lakers lost at home in the final minutes of their seventh straight home defeat of the season. That is the worst home stretch in franchise history. Currently, the Lakers have lost 10 of their last 12 games and 16 out of their last 20. There is no reason to try to get good now.

As of press time, the Golden State Warriors held the eighth seed in the Western Conference standings, which would give them the final playoff spot. The Lakers were 13 games behind Golden State. The Milwaukee Bucks, on the other hand, are the league's worst team and have the highest chance of getting the number one pick in the draft. The Lakers are only nine games in front of Milwaukee. Tank! The Lakers claim to be above that notion. "Winning is never a bad thing," Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak said. Simply the fact that he had to express that thought means that he may actually believe the opposite. "If you try to manipulate the draft, my experience—I'm not a karma guy—but if you try to manipulate this thing, it never works out the way you think it's going to work out. You're better off doing what you know is the right thing to do and whatever happens, happens for the right reason."

The right thing to do would be to lose every game left in the season and give Laker fans everywhere hope for a talented team next season. Though Kupchak is not a karma guy, that botched Chris Paul trade still hangs over L.A.'s head now more than ever. David Stern may now be retired, but should the Lakers appear in this year's draft lottery, the ex-NBA commissioner may just have one last trick up his sleeve to repay an organization that he has singlehandedly brought to its lowest point, perhaps ever. •

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TerriAnn of Torrance

Art on the Wall

By TerriAnn Ferren

Torrance boasts of several exquisite murals done by a variety of famous artists including Kent Twitchell, Alex “Man One” Poli and Jesus “Chuy” Vasquez. Murals created by these artists are located in historic downtown Torrance and are treasure for those who hunt for them (see *Torrance Tribune* “The Murals of Downtown” from June 11, 2011).

One afternoon, I was headed to one of the five branch libraries in Torrance. This particular library is one of my favorites probably because it is nestled among fragrant eucalyptus trees and a small park. My destination? El Retiro Library, which sits adjacent to El Retiro Park located just south of Pacific Coast Highway on Vista del Parque. I parked my car and when I got out, the first thing I heard was the rustling of the trees blowing in the wind. As I walked toward the library, I noticed on the left side of the entrance a man busily painting trees on the wall. A lovely mural was being added to the plain wall of the building. The painting, an open book (still blank), flanked on either side by trees, covered the entire wall. It was one of those very trees that the artist was concentrating on as I approached him. His brush was filled with acrylic green paint as he stippled and filled in a section of the tree. I asked the artist at work how



El Retiro Park. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

he came to paint this particular mural. Dean Bardos, a local artist, smiled and happily told me, “I was approached by a local organization, *The Riviera Garden Club*. They wanted to do a project at El Retiro Library and they had a quote that they wanted to use. ‘If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need,’” said Dean. “It was penned by Cicero approximately 2,000 years ago or so and still has relevance today. I came up with a concept of a mural and

the basic design and it was presented to the Garden Club. They have a lot of committees, so I presented to them. I had to meet approval with them. They liked it and they had done some fundraising for lots of different projects. This project was presented and they liked it and approved it. Then the design had to go through the Cultural Arts Commission and be approved. I think it was finally approved in December right before holidays. And the weather was nice, so

to Torrance two years ago. I asked Dean how long this mural will take to complete and he told me about a couple of weeks, but it will depend upon the weather. Painting outside does have its challenges and rain is a huge component. The very last part to be painted will be the script on the book. “Right now I am working on the trees and filling those in—and then I hopefully will fill in the sky, I will put in some birds and butterflies, and tidy up the book. So I have got a lot of work ahead of me,” said Dean. He explained to me he paints, does mixed media work, and of course knows all about the Torrance Art Museum and the current show *REVERB!*, which combines sound in art.

A week later, I stopped in again at the library to check up on the progress Dean had made. On this particular visit, I found him sketching an owl in the tree on the left side of the mural. He was finishing up with the sketch as I approached him. I asked him what kind of owl he was sketching and he smiled and said, “A local Redondo Beach/Torrance owl. It’s on the border here. I wasn’t down here this morning because it was pretty foggy. I decided to sketch it out.” He told me that because of the rain and dampness he had been unable to work for a few days and that slowed down the project.



Dean Bardos, painting the tree.



Artist Dean Bardos' mural in progress.

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here I am painting the mural.” Working diligently and painting away nearly every day, Dean is on his way to finishing the newest mural in the city of Torrance.

Dean proceeded to tell me that he was contacted in July 2013 to do the mural on the library wall but didn’t begin painting on the outside of the library until about two weeks ago. Although murals are not something Dean does often, he told me he has created a few. “I went to school at CSU [California State University] Monterey Bay, located on the old Fort Ord property and graduated from their visual and public art programs,” said Dean. “While I was attending university, I worked on a lot of different community art projects and collaborative projects. Murals was one of the things I have worked on up there.” He explained to me that art was always a big part of his life and something he has always worked on, but it wasn’t until he started taking classes at El Camino College that he knew fine art was something he wanted to pursue in life.

Dean Bardos grew up in Torrance and attended South High School. After living away at college up north, he moved back

Frankly, I can’t wait to see how Dean paints Cicero’s quote. What color paint and which font will he decide to use for the quote? We shall see. “I do a lot of blending in my work. You can get some cool effects with the texture [of the wall]. There might be the possibility of doing another mural on another local library,” added Dean.

An interesting bit of information I learned from Dean was that the last thing he will do is put a final protective coating over the mural when it is finished. “The varnish is like a clear, protective layer that you are putting between the painting and anything that would come into contact with it,” explained Dean. Good idea.

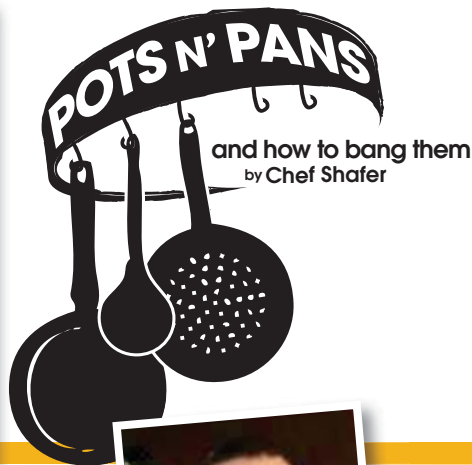
Unfortunately, the mural isn’t finished as I write this but I can’t wait to see the beautiful final piece in a couple of weeks, weather permitting. In the meantime, take a trip to El Retiro Park and check out the new mural being painted on the wall and say hi to Dean. You also can view Dean’s work on his website, www.bardosfinearts.com. Congratulations, Dean for being the latest artist to create “art on the wall” in the city of Torrance. •

So last week we had those great crab cakes and I promised you a melon salsa recipe to go with it.

Salsas are just sauces or relishes to accompany or adorn something else. Every nationality has some sort of cold or hot salsas. Such as chutneys for Indian food, Tartar sauce for fried foods in New England or even ketchup or secret sauce for your hamburgers.

A basic salsa has chopped vegetables, some acid from vinegar or citrus and seasoning to enhance the flavors. Chiles can be added to make it spicy and roasting the vegetables can bring out the flavor of not only the veggies but the added flavor of the grill. Here is my...

The Chef



Melon Salsa



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Aahhh, I can see the entire scene in my mind's eye as clearly as if it actually happened. There was wild jubilation in Washington as the Tea Party gathered by the hundreds of thousands on the White House lawn, cheering for their favorite President, Barack Obama. "O-BA-MA, O-BA-MA!" they screamed!

Surely no one has done more to protect us against Big Government (BG for short) than

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this greatest President in history.

Why during the 2008 primary campaign against Hillary, it was his lonely voice that warned it is unconstitutional for government to force Americans to buy insurance policies from private companies. And that was just his first effort to protect us.

Later, after passage of Obamacare, he exempted hundreds of entities, primarily labor unions, from the ravages of this onerous law. That left some groups with rules different from everyone else, but at least some were rescued.

To sabotage the implementation of the law, he hired the most inept company to design and implement Obamacare, proving that BG could not manage BG programs. Yes, he did! Last week Obama announced the shutting down of the enrollment website from February 15 to 18 for installation of significant upgrades. Since the 15th is the last day to enroll for coverage in March, Obama is doing all he can to forestall new applications. Hooray for our man!

To further protect us, Obama made sure the IRS program required to fund subsidies to everyone making over \$94,000 has not been

written...still another layer of insulation against the implementation of the law.

As BG made claims of three million enrollees in Obamacare, the people's President cancelled 4.7 million existing individual policies to ensure Obamacare actually suffered a net loss of 1.7 million people. Then, in a show of compassion, he allowed a reinstatement of the policies he had cancelled, as long as subscribers paid a 25 percent premium increase for the privilege of

restoring something they had already bought. Obama is doing yeoman's work to make the BG law as nonsensical as possible.

More recently, he delayed for two years, until after the next presidential election, the enforcement of the provision requiring firms with 50-99 employees to provide insurance. Originally scheduled for a 2014 implementation date, it was delayed to 2015 and again to 2016 because the Justice Department estimated that the implementation of the employer mandate would cause cancellation of 60-75 percent of all existing plans, threatening the foundation of the entire healthcare system. Moreover, the mandate would require that any private company choosing to reduce its workforce should cross its fingers behind its back and make a "cross my heart and hope to die" pledge that the reduction is not caused by Obamacare. By deferring the law, our compassionate President "feels our pain" and has given us an aspirin for temporary relief.

So Tea Partiers and civil libertarians alike, raise a glass and toast the President who has done more to prove the follies of Big Government than anyone since Mao. •

Another Man's Opinion

Breath of Fresh Air for Arts Community

By Cristian Vasquez

It has been decades of budget cuts for several areas of education and job development. Every time a cut was made, it was justified and people were left with the hope that funds would come back. Of the most affected areas, if not the most,

"Of the most affected areas, if not the most, the arts have taken a huge hit."

the arts have taken a huge hit. Even worse is that it is the one area that people, not everyone of course, will just take the cuts without putting up much of a fight. Sen. Ted Lieu announced plans to restore State funding for the California Arts Council to "levels not seen in more than a decade" in order to support the role that the creative economy plays in the state.

It is left to be seen how much funding the Senators plan can and will bring to the Arts Council. However, it is refreshing, exciting, encouraging and just great that someone on Capitol Hill is standing up for the arts. This isn't implying that nobody has. There are many advocates of the arts who work hard and fight day-in, day-out, so to have an elected official come out and propose additional funds for that area is great. It is easy to dismiss the importance of the arts in everyday life, but the truth is that the arts provide more than sensory pleasures.

The contributions that arts make to the economy are priceless. Think back to last October when Take-Two released Grand Theft Auto V. The popular franchise released its most recent game to the tune of \$800 million

the day it released just in North America and Europe. A video game almost made \$1 billion in one day. A product that is based on art, animation and the creative minds that can take a vision and make it a tangible item generated an unprecedented amount of money.

There is no denying that the expertise and work required to create a video game require tons of knowledge and knowhow with computers and software. Yet, the impact and influence that art had on the success of the popular video game is immeasurable.

So the next time anybody suggests that funding the arts is a waste, or that cutting funds from the arts is fine because they aren't important, remind them how much money a creative mind can generate. There are very few, if any, children who don't enjoy cartoons, video games, amusement parks and music. At some point in our lives, we all develop a sense of fashion and while some of you have more distinguished tastes than others, we base our purchases on what appeals to us. Behind all of these products and experiences are artists. There is an artist behind every song, every game, each pair of jeans and sneakers that we buy. Every picture that we admire and every ad that convinces us to purchase a product has an artist behind it. So having an elected official advocate for the funds that will create the minds that give us such experiences is a breath of fresh air. •

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Seniors

Boomers: Are You Asking Your Doctor These Critical Heart Health Questions?

(BPT) - America's baby boomers are a vibrant group of people who embrace the idea of aging well. A healthy heart is key to ensuring you can live life to the fullest no matter what your age. Even if you're committed to taking care of your heart health, the amount of information available can be overwhelming, and you may not be aware of the most important topics to discuss with your doctor.

Perhaps no one understands this better than Dr. Lee Friedman, a radiologist from St. Petersburg, Fla. When his doctor told him he needed a pacemaker, his heart health wasn't the only thing affected; it could have affected his career too. Because historically pacemakers had not been approved in the U.S. for use with MRIs, Friedman worried he would no longer be able to work in radiology where he is around MRIs all day. He was also concerned he would not be able to get an MRI himself - a common medical diagnostic procedure - if he needed one in the future.

Friedman asked his doctor many questions and learned that a Medtronic pacemaker with SureScan Technology was recently FDA-approved for use in an MRI environment. He was able to keep his job and today works closely with his physician to ensure ongoing heart health.

"I was in the medical field and I didn't even know there was a pacemaker available that would allow for MRI use. I'm glad I asked my doctor about it," says Friedman. "It's important that patients nowadays know their options and

have a role in the decision-making process. You can be your best patient advocate."

Your doctor is your No. 1 resource for understanding important heart health concerns during your golden years. Make an appointment to talk to your physician and be sure to ask these five critical heart health questions:

1. What is my risk for cardiovascular disease?

By 2030, the American Heart Association projects that more than 40 percent of Americans will have some form of cardiovascular disease. This spike in numbers is largely due to the aging baby boomer population. Your doctor can give professional insight into risk factors, some of which include family heredity, obesity, diet and diabetes.

2. Are my numbers normal for cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose and body mass index?

Similar to how a roadmap guides you from point A to point B, the results of preventive screenings give your doctor insight on your heart health today and where it might be in the future. Important screenings and numbers to know include cholesterol, blood pressure, blood glucose and body mass index. Ask your doctor if you're in the normal range or if you should make lifestyle changes.

3. What foods and supplements can I take to support heart health?

Diet plays an important role in the health of the heart, and boomers who eat nutritious meals can help keep their heart beating strong for years to come. Foods known to support

heart health include anything containing whole grain, fresh fruits such as berries and oranges, and fresh vegetables like kale, carrots and tomatoes. Also ask your doctor about heart-healthy supplements that might be a good addition to your diet, such as an omega-3 or vitamin D supplement.

4. What are some exercises and physical activities I should consider?

Just like your biceps or your calves, your heart is a muscle, and therefore it needs to be exercised to stay strong. Talk with your doctor about your current level of physical activity and what exercises you should add to your routine. Even small changes can have a big impact on maintaining appropriate body weight and heart health. Try taking the stairs instead of the elevator or parking in the back

of the lot rather than the front - you'll instantly boost your physical activity.

5. Will I ever need a pacemaker?

You may not think you'll ever need a pacemaker, but statistics show that the number of people getting them is on the rise. If you are diagnosed with a slow heart beat - also known as bradycardia - you may need a pacemaker. Remember, an estimated 50 to 75 percent of people with a pacemaker may need to undergo an MRI scan at some point of their lives, so a pacemaker that is MRI compatible may be a wise choice.

Boomers can make a difference when it comes to heart health by taking a proactive role in working closely with their doctor and asking the right questions. To learn more visit www.JoinThePaceMakers.com.



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Finance

Why Americans are Cutting the Cord and Saving Money

(BPT) - Frugal Americans know how to save money, not only by keeping it in their pocket but by making wise purchasing decisions. As many have found, a frugal lifestyle does not mean going without.

One way many people have saved money is by cutting the cord and eliminating cable

antennas because of the increasing frequency of blackouts caused by retransmission conflicts between network broadcast content providers and the cable and satellite carriers.

With growing interest in antenna TV, manufacturers like Winegard have invested heavily in creating the next generation of

"One way many people have saved money is by cutting the cord and eliminating cable or satellite TV from the household budget. By taking that step, frugal consumers can save up to \$1,200 per year."

or satellite TV from the household budget. By taking that step, frugal consumers can save up to \$1,200 per year.

In fact, Nielsen reports that the number of consumers who only watch broadcast TV has risen this year to more than 53 million, up some 5 percent in just a year. However, the overwhelming majority of TV homes in America subscribe to cable, satellite or telephone company TV delivery services.

The primary low-cost alternatives to pay TV include inexpensive high-tech antennas for live TV and online streaming.

But what is the impact of cutting the cord? And how can you save money and still receive plenty of free or low cost TV to watch? Today consumers are using technology in new ways by deploying a cord-cutting arsenal: a list of pay TV alternatives.

Those who take that step but still want to watch their favorite network shows are making one-time purchases of digital TV antennas and using free or low cost online streaming. Studies show that these are highly complementary services and not as competitive as one thought.

Many consumers also are moving toward

over-the-air antennas that pluck free HDTV right out of the air. That's especially important today because high def broadcast signals are not compressed like those from cable, satellite and telephone companies, so the picture quality is closer to true HDTV.

The company recently introduced a high tech UHF/VHF amplified indoor antenna, the FlatWave Amped, that fits into virtually any decor and weighs just a few ounces. It's razor thin and can be installed in just a few minutes without technical assistance. It looks more like a picture on the wall than an antenna. And, it pulls in TV signals from up to 50 miles away.

In a review of the antenna, Mommy blogger Bridgette Duplantis says that she's "definitely seen a difference compared to our old antenna. We can clearly get more local stations and they stay in tune ... hubby loves that it is an HDTV antenna, so it gives a clearer picture."

The Amped retails for \$89 and is a one-time purchase.

However you watch TV today, there are more choices and more technology tools available than ever. So you don't have to settle for just one type of TV when you can enjoy it live for a lower cost. •

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014015706

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIRST FLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS. 137 ARENA STREET SUITE D, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Philip Bonney, 7587 McConnell Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90045. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Philip Bonney. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 21, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014018505

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EXOTIC AUTO BODY. 11010 S. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90304. Registered Owner(s): Tashken Auto Service, Inc., 118 Nevada Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Tashken Auto Service, Inc, President, Aleksandr Naymon. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 23, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014010916

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. RANCHO POOL SUPPLY 2. PRIDE POOL SUPPLY. 2338 COTNER AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064. Registered Owner(s): Gretchen Qualls, 2338 Cotner Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: August 11, 2003. Signed: Gretchen Qualls, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 14, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014022461

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CTL-E. 1602-D ARTESIA SQUARE, GARDENA, CA 90248. Registered Owner(s): 1. Jeffrey Allen Landreth, 1602-D Artesia Square, Gardena, CA 90248. 2. Monica Jean Landreth, 1602-D Artesia Square, Gardena, CA 90248. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: February 06, 2013. Signed: Jeffrey Landreth & Monica Landreth, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 28, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014022727

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YCE'COLL BRAND CLOTHING. 3135 W. 59TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. Registered Owner(s): Yory S. Coll, 3135 W. 59TH Place, Los Angeles, CA 90043. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: . Signed: Yory S. Coll, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 28, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014030020

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. GAMEDAR 2. GAMEDAR LLC. 904 SILVER SPUR ROAD SUITE #193, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274. Registered Owner(s): GAMEDAR, LLC, 904 Silver Spur Rd Ste #193, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: June 12, 2009. Signed: GAMEDAR, LLC, Manager Celeste McWhorter. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 4, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014012446

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HAMLAIN LTD. 433 MARYLAND ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Michael S. Hammond, 433 Maryland St, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: September 13, 2007. Signed: Michael S. Hammond, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 15, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014012902

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WEAREALL1. 1629 E. MAPLE AVE # 4, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Griselda M. Lougado, 1629 E. Maple Ave Apt 4, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Griselda M. Lougado, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 16, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014034186

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUTH BAY DENTAL CARE. 17023 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWDALE, CA 90260. 711 11TH ST, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): Dr. Abad, Inc. A Dental Corporation, 17023 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Dr. Abad Inc. A Dental Corporation, President, Erwin Gavilan Abad. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 7, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014037403

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PERKINS ENTERPRISES. 1424 W 113TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. Registered Owner(s): Lottie Dell Perkins, 1424 W 113th St, Los Angeles, CA 90047. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: January 01, 1981. Signed: Lottie Dell Perkins, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 11, 2014.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014025114

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NAJEN SNACK SHOP. 10816 HAWTHORNE BLV, LENNOX, CA 90304. Registered Owner(s): 1. Angelica Perez, 317 E. 98TH St., Inglewood, CA 90301 2. Jose Raul Perez Chavez, 317 E. 98TH St., Inglewood, CA 90301. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: October 10, 2013. Signed: Angelica Perez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 30, 2014.

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Sargent

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Alexandra and Anne

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Trapper

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him. Harry has now memorized the layout in his new home, knows the daily routine and goes to the door when he needs to go outside. He goes on an hour walk a day and loves to sleep on his big, comfy dog bed. Life is good these days with Jean and Arden who have graciously adopted him and made Harry a member of the family. Harry is living the dream!

When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

Real Estate

Spring-Prep Steps for Your Sun-Friendly Skylights

(BPT) - When spring finally arrives, windows and skylights across the country will open, as happy homeowners revel in all that sunshine and warm, fresh air. But before you can savor spring, you still have weeks of winter to get through. You can use that time wisely to ensure all your home's windows, skylights and doors are in good working order - and ready for action when spring arrives.

With some simple maintenance of existing windows and skylights - and replacing older models - it's possible to improve your home's energy efficiency and appearance, and prep for spring at the same time. While you may be versed in window maintenance, many homeowners are less sure of how to properly care for skylights. VELUX, manufacturer of solar powered fresh air skylights, offers some guidance:

Modern skylights are as durable and efficient as today's top-quality windows, so maintenance requirements are relatively minimal on newer models. Start by cleaning glass thoroughly. Soak the skylight glass with clean water and mild soap to loosen dirt and debris. Use a mild, non-abrasive glass cleaner and a soft brush or pad to clean the glass, and immediately remove the cleaning solution with a squeegee or lint-free cloth. Never use metal scrapers, blades or knives as they can scratch or damage glass. Use

appropriate caution when climbing ladders to reach your skylight.

If your skylights have pre-finished wood frames, inspect them every year before spring and look for signs of peeling, cracking or fading that will need to be re-finished. Re-finish or re-paint as needed following the manufacturer's guidelines. Check to ensure all exterior fasteners are secure, and that cladding and flashing are free of excessive wear or scratches. Immediately replace damaged claddings and flashings.

For fresh air (venting) skylights, check the mechanism that opens the sash. Open skylights (and then turn off the power if your skylight is electric) and use a clean, dry towel to wipe off the chain. Don't use cleaner or solvent.

If your skylight has blinds (which improve its overall energy-efficiency), inspect those as well to ensure they're working properly. If you haven't yet installed blinds, now is a good time to do so. Remote-controlled, solar-powered blinds allow you to easily open and close a VELUX solar powered fresh air skylight and shade it when the sun touches that part of the roof - improving the skylight's energy performance rating by as much as 45 percent. And a 30 percent Federal tax credit is available on not only solar powered skylights and blinds but on the installation cost as well.

While maintaining a skylight can extend its useful life, even the best-made product will eventually need replacement. If your home has an older model skylight, replacing it before spring with an ENERGY STAR-qualified model can help improve your home's overall energy efficiency, prevent leaks and enhance how the skylight looks and functions in your home. And if it happens that you're

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