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Torrance Salutes Independence Day Sans Fireworks Show



The fourth of July, the most American of holidays, was again marked without parades or city-sponsored fireworks due to budget cuts but it did not stop residents from celebrating. Seen here is a skydiver with the American flag at the Torrance Centennial Celebration. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

City Council Previews Del Amo Fashion Center Renovations

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday, the Torrance City Council heard a presentation from Simon Property Group on planned upgrades to the Del Amo Fashion Center. Chuck Davis with Simon Property Group made a PowerPoint presentation that showed a nearly unrecognizable mall. One of the major changes was to divide the mall into the "Fashion Center" (focusing on clothes and high-end retail) and "Market Square" (focusing on home goods and furniture). The two concepts would be linked but contain "subtle differentiation" to mark which area is which. The plan also contained sweeping changes to the landscaping and facade of the mall to improve its look. The "bridge" section over Carson Street was singled out as needing work to change it from a "kind of scary" place to drive to a welcoming entrance to the mall. "We've got a lot of changes," said Davis.

The sweeping changes will take time. Work will not be completed until late 2015. However the mall will be open, including some newly refurbished areas. Davis mentioned that the food court near Macy's will be open for business with new dining options next to the walkthrough Macy's... and a full facelift of the inside," said Davis. "Right after the holidays, we will be tearing down much of the old one level mall. It will take us a good 21 months to tear it all down and build back a new two-level mall and a new Nordstrom's. By the holiday season of 2015, you will not recognize the Del Amo Fashion Center."

Mayor Frank Scotto believes the renovations will impress visitors to the mall as well as divert patrons from other high-end shopping centers. "There will be a huge transformation of the

mall. The mall will not look anywhere near how it looks today," said Scotto. "When 2015 comes around, I think people will be extremely pleased with the results we're going to have with this mall. Instead of driving by our mall

and going to other places in Southern California to shop, they're going to stop in Torrance at our Del Amo Mall. Come Thanksgiving this year, we'll get the first taste of that with the

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TerriAnn: A Lennon Reunion Celebration

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week I took a peek into one famous American family reunion get-together as they assembled from all over to not only come together and sing, but to help

Monica. This historic building reminded me of our own Torrance Women's Club building in downtown Torrance on El Prado--the same wood floors, the same stage and the same sort of history stored



All Eleven Lennon Brothers and Sisters.

raise money for a multitude of charities. America's Sweethearts *The Lennon Sisters*, who debuted on *The Lawrence Welk Show* in the 1950s, are still singing. *The 3rd Annual Lennon Family Benefit Concert* was held at the Women's Club in Santa

in the memories of each wall if they could talk. The music from the show was wide and it seemed as if Lennons were being reproduced backstage as I watched the show. There are hundreds of them! The

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
71°/65°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
71°/64°



Sunday

Sunny
70°/63°



Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 5

• Free music concert for kids, 7- 8 p.m., 2340 Sepulveda blvd. #D. For more information call (310) 387-5772.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

• Bridge USA Japanese Summer Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

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

• Torrance Artists Guild Meeting, 7 p.m., in the Ken Miller Center, 3341 Torrance Boulevard.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

• Summer Reading Program: Dance is Delectable, 1 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

• Margaret McWilliams' Adventures and Food, 7 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Community Meeting Room - 3301

Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

• Escape To Paradise (Island Dance performance), 7:30 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

MONDAY, JULY 15

• Play With Your Food (Teen Program), 1 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

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, grades 8 and under, Teen - grades 9 through 12, and Adult - age 18 and over. Submissions are due by July 31. <http://www.torranceca.gov/Library/videocontest/>

Business Briefs

Vanity Styles Ribbon-Cutting

Vanity Styles Hair & Make Up Salon Owner



Michele Izumoto

Michele Izumoto celebrated the grand opening of her establishment on 2218 Torrance Blvd. in Torrance with members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Torrance dignitaries. Vanity Styles offers hair styling and coloring for both women and men and also specializes in Brazilian Blowouts, Yuko Straightening and Anti-Frizz treatments and special occasion hair and makeup. Appointments can be made by calling (310) 977-3474.

Antigua Café Ribbon Cutting

The Antigua Café International Deli & Catering, located at 1231 Cabrillo Avenue, #103, in historic Downtown Torrance, celebrated a formal ribbon-cutting grand opening with guests, City of Torrance dignitaries and members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce on May 30th. The

owners are Yaneth and Gregory Korzon. The Antigua Café specialties include Guatemalan



Yaneth and Gregory Korzon

tamales, gourmet coffee, breakfast/lunch/dinner special menus and they are also available for business and personal event catering. www.AntiguaCafe.com, (310) 320-2400.

El Camino College to Sponsor Free Summer Math Academy

El Camino College will sponsor a free, three-week math academy for new, incoming students this summer.

The 2013 El Camino College Summer Math Academy provides an opportunity to study math for three weeks in a friendly, stress-free environment. Students will learn how to study efficiently and become well-prepared for college placement testing. Math courses cover basic skills, algebra and precalculus. Students must be enrolled in a math course for fall 2013.

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People

Congratulations

Lisa Tran, of Torrance, was awarded a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in Pharmacy at The University of Toledo Spring 2013 commencement ceremonies.

Ahrianna Choi and **Tahani Ostrega**, both from Torrance, graduated Cum

Laude from California State University, Fullerton's Mihaylo College of Business and Economics with a degree in Business Administration.

Krista Ross, of Torrance, was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for the Spring quarter 2013. •

City Council

from front page

new food court. ”

The Council also outlined the process for selecting Councilmember Susan Rhilinger's replacement. Ultimately the Council decided to appoint her successor from among applicants. Anyone interested in the appointment will have to fill out an application (available from the

election in 2014 and the high cost of holding a special election, the Council agreed to make an appointment for the vacant seat. "I've heard the argument that liberty is not free, freedom is not free, democracy is not free and so maybe we should have the election and let the public decide this," said Sutherland. "In some sense I

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City Clerk's office) and submit by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. On July 23, the Council is expected to make its decision. Councilmember Pat Furey said that while appointment is the best path to find a replacement, it won't be an easy decision. "I think it's most appropriate for us to do the [appointment] process," said Furey. "I think we have our work cut out for us. This is going to make commission appointments look easy."

The primary factor driving the decision to appoint a new member rather than hold a special election is the cost involved. "The minimum amount [that election would cost] would be \$250,000," said City Clerk Sue Herbers. "That is from an informal quote given to me based on quotes made to other cities. It would take a great deal of time to get an actual quote from the County of Los Angeles. This election would only seat a Council member from December 1, 2013 to June 2014."

Because of the short length of time between the hypothetical special election and the regular

agree with that, but on the other hand liberty does not mean you spend money foolishly. We got elected...the citizens put their trust in us to do what's best for the City."

Scotto concurred with Sutherland. He said that the City doesn't have the extra money to pay for a special election just as it doesn't have extra money to spend on its traditional Fourth of July fireworks display. "[The appointment] would strictly be for seven months. It really doesn't seem like a good way to spend City money--money that we can't even spend this week to have fireworks," said Scotto. "We don't want to spend the money on fireworks and we don't want to spend the money on elections if we don't have to."

This isn't the first time the City has chosen to appoint Council members in lieu of a special election. "In the recent past, the City has had four opportunities to fill vacancies," said Herbers. "The City has chosen each time to appoint from applications solicited from the Torrance electorate." •

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June 21

Burglary-Auto: 20100 BLOCK BURIN AVE Suspect(s) pries door handle for entry and takes property/third row seat, long board, cash.

Auto Theft-All: 3600 BLOCK 225TH ST Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford van.

Vandalism: 22000 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) cuts victim's vehicle's tires.

Battery-Simple: 20900 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect punches and bites victim.

Burglary-Auto: 20800 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/GPS, sunglasses, iPod, pilot headset, bag of baby clothes.

Burglary-Auto: 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) enters open/unlocked vehicle and takes property/box of new and used video games.

Battery-Simple: 18000 BLOCK GLENBURN AVE Suspect chases victim, grabs her from behind causing both of them to fall to the ground and sustain injuries, then slaps her on the head.

June 20

Auto Theft-All: 2400 BLOCK 230TH ST Stolen vehicle: '91 Plymouth Voyager.

Theft: 17400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspects enter open business and take property belonging to patrons off of tables/cell phones.

Auto Theft-All: 1700 BLOCK CALAMAR ST Stolen vehicle: '96 Acura Integra.

Burglary-Auto: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Auto: 2500 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and take.

Burglary-Residential: 1300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window, forces open lock on safe and takes property/medication, backpack, camping knife, mace, chargers.

Theft: 21600 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) enters open business and takes property off of counter/cell phone.

Theft: 20700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE Suspect(s) takes property locked to pole/bicycle.

Battery-Simple: 4800 BLOCK CALLE MAYOR Suspect pushes one victim backward and pins him against a desk before throwing a bottled beverage and almost striking a second victim in the face.

Auto Theft-All: 17800 BLOCK OSAGE AVE Stolen vehicle: '99 Acura Integra.

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK 176TH ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/third row seat, GPS, briefcase, cell phone, ID, checkbook, bank card, cash, charger, tablet, watch.

June 19

Theft: 2000 BLOCK 220TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Theft: 20300 BLOCK MADISON ST Suspect(s) takes locked property from carport/bicycle.

Theft: 23500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) removes gas pump meter, allowing gasoline to dispense without charging for same.

Burglary-Commercial: 2000 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) torches padlock for entry to shed and takes property.

June 18

Auto Theft-All: 20900 BLOCK AMIE AVE Stolen vehicle: '98 Honda Civic.

Theft: 2700 BLOCK BORDER AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Theft: 21400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) enters open business and takes unattended property off of chair/jacket, wallet.

June 17

Burglary-Auto: 4100 BLOCK 183RD ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Burglary-Residential: 1300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes keys from unsecured residence and uses them to enter secured garage, pries open safe and takes property/cash, game console, games.

Burglary-Residential: 23700 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect(s) enters garage possibly left open and takes property/toolbox, tools.

Vandalism: 2800 BLOCK 227TH ST Suspect(s) smashes window/no entry, no loss.

Burglary-Residential: 22500 BLOCK IRIS AVE Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/tablet.

Burglary-Residential: 2800 BLOCK WINDMILL ROAD Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Residential: 3000 BLOCK LAZY MEADOW DR Suspect(s) smashes sliding glass door for entry, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 2100 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect approaches victim in parking lot and attempts to stab her with a knife.

June 16

Burglary-Auto: 3800 BLOCK 226TH ST Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/sunglasses, remote, cash. •

Councilman, Foster Care Professionals Host Info Session at Katy Geissert Library

By Cristian Vasquez

Members of the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, Councilman Pat Furey and Cindy Shields with Torrance Council of PTAs were just some of the people present during an informal information session about foster care hosted at the Katy Geissert Library. The joint effort to organize this information stemmed from the need for foster families in the City of Torrance. Rosa Tang, Assistant Regional Administrator at DCFS in Torrance, found that last year there were more than 1,500 referrals in Torrance. In addition, out of that she found that 145 children were

of ensuring these homes are safe and that the people can make the commitment to care for a child. However, foster care entails more than being a foster parent or providing a home.

"We have such a need for volunteers to be babysitters, back-up babysitters for our foster parents to give them the opportunity to go out for the evening, or maybe they need a weekend away," Assistant Regional Administrator DCFS Susan Tucker said. "There are always opportunities to help and we also have a great need for mentors for our children and youth. We have a great need for anyone who would like to be a tutor and help with academics."

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removed from their homes but discovered that there were no foster care parents in Torrance.

"That was kind of eye-opening to the people in the community," Furey said. "You just have to understand the devastation that happens to a child when they are removed from the custody of the parents, either for investigative purposes or whether there is abuse or neglect. They are also removed from their school, from their playmates and from their neighborhood and actual city."

Furey, whose day job is advisory to the Department of Children and Family Services, has been working to link the DCFS with the Torrance PTAs. Last Christmas the Torrance Council of PTAs donated some 100-plus gift cards for foster youth, which motivated some of the people at the information sessions to push forward with the effort.

"Slowly, the ball is rolling and we are just looking at all the different ways that PTA can get involved and get the word out," Shields said. "We created a new position, Foster Care Outreach, and that person will address all 30 of the PTA presidents in the city. They will provide guidelines and discuss the needs so that those 30 PTA presidents can go back to their units and tell them what we told them. So where you had zero people know about this information, now we have 400 parents know about it. I am just thrilled."

DCFS estimates that in June alone, there were 3,500 cases in the department. Of those, 1,200 to 1,500 are in the Torrance area and involve children who need homes. While DCFS provides temporary homes, they also take on the task

Through different programs, DCFS tries to connect children in the foster system with people that they can rely on as they grow up and into adulthood. The information session, which took place June 17, drew in a sizeable number of residents interested in the topic of foster care. For the organizers, it is about getting out as much information as possible through all available avenues in hopes that someone is moved to help.

"The thing that grabbed me and broke my heart is the different stories you hear about these kids," Shields said. "Confidentiality is respected, but you hear about kids being brought in on their birthdays--you see these wonderful social workers trying to find them clothes. The need is so drastic and huge, but you can do little things to make a difference."

Present at the session were other DCFS members providing information about their different programs, ChildNet Youth and Family Services, and Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services which works with DCFS to help connect kids with foster families.

"People perhaps do not have this information and if we get it to them, I think there will be a fantastic response," Tucker said. "Torrance really cares about each other and its citizens really band together to help out. The thing is that they just aren't aware of the need and that there are families in their own community who need this kind of temporary support or perhaps permanent support."

Persons interested in learning more about foster care can contact DCFS at 888-811-1121 or on the web at www.shareyourheartla.org. •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

And lo it came to pass that in the Year of the Idiot, the Motley Fool took his show on the road. First, he declared his "oneness" with the rebels in Syria at the same time as the rebels declared their "oneness" with Al-Qaeda. Then in keeping with the War on Terrorism strategy known as the "Tsarnaev Plan," the Motley Fool explored

"Next month he is planning a visit to Africa at a taxpayer cost of \$60-\$100 million!"

the possibility of bringing the rebels/Al-Qaeda allies to the United States as war refugees. That worked so well in Boston that we should expand the strategy across the country.

From there, the Fool's itinerary took him to Palm Springs where he had intended to berate the Chinese President for launching cyber-warfare, but Edward Snowden changed the agenda, allowing the Motley Fool to brag about how much more skilled free men are than Commies in accomplishing that most difficult task.

Not to be deterred, the Motley Fool continued on to meet with the steely-eyed President of Russia. There he had a divine inspiration: "You know, Vladie," he might have said, "we can't seem to get Iran and North Korea to abandon their nuclear ambitions, so let's try something else. Let's you and I plan on disarming to their level so we can all be equals! Kinda the way my idea of "spreadin' the wealth" has worked in the U.S. economy. I mean, if we all have the same number of nukes, we can bring back détente, and the world will be a safer place--and I can win another Nobel Peace prize! Wadda

ya think, bro?"

That had to be the content of their June 17 press conference which ended when the stoney-faced judo expert Putin extended his hand, but the Motley Fool tried to do a hand slap instead. Unsmiling, Putin ignored the cool hand gesture. Guess the Ruskie ain't a "bro."

Yet, the Motley Fool still isn't ready to get

off the world stage. Next month he is planning a visit to Africa at a taxpayer cost of \$60-\$100 million! And that will not include the safari he and Mrs. Fool had to cancel because of the appearance of financial excess. Why is the trip so expensive? He requires fighter jets overhead at all times, and snipers in place to repel attacking lions, and tigers, and, oh my...

He would not want to give the impression of having neglected his duties during his foray to the outside world, however. Because of the Fool's recent faux pas with its president, China ignored his request to extradite Edward Snowden. Of course it did not help that the State Department had screwed up (again), neglecting to revoke Snowden's travel passport until he had left China for Russia.

When Snowden arrived, Putin must have hand-slapped with his Ministers in his best "bro" imitation, laughing at poking his finger in the Motley Fool's eye by claiming Snowden is not in Russia--he's at the airport.

So the Motley Fool stomps his feet and shakes his tambourine as the world mocks its greatest clown. •

Another Man's Opinion

First Steps to Fixing a System that has Been Failing

By Cristian Vasquez

Among the contentious political issues one can ever bring up, immigration seems to always be a concern for Americans. The presence of immigrants in America has always caused a political rift between those in power--and chances are it always will. A few weeks ago, the Senate approved a "border surge" bill with the intention of increasing border security. The bill, which also includes a pathway to citizenship filled with requirements established by the Department of Homeland Security, also approves the presence of an additional

federal agents and local resources to needed to accomplish such a task would be monumental. Furthermore, the reason there are 12 million undocumented workers in America is because there are enough businesses willing to break the law themselves to save a few dollars on labor and make a bigger profit.

This is an unfair situation for the American citizen, the legal resident and the undocumented workers because the American citizen and legal resident have one less job. Meanwhile, the undocumented worker will get deported and separated from their family while the business

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20,000 border agents, stricter worker eligibility verification and 700 miles of fence along the United States-Mexico border.

Like most things in life not everybody is happy with this proposal, but it is the first time in a long time that the issue of immigration is addressed based on substance and not rhetoric. For supporters of immigrants' rights, the fact is that our border needs to be better protected. This is not just to keep people from coming into the country via illegal means, but because there are drug cartels using this unguarded land as entry points to smuggle drugs--and people--into our country. People can call this militarizing the border all they want, but having an unprotected border is an open invitation for anyone or anything to enter the country. This isn't an accusation of failure against border patrol or any of the agents responsible for protecting the border. However, there are not nearly enough agents to properly guard the border that stretches from California to Texas.

On the other hand, there are those who oppose a path to citizenship. Such people consider the pathway to citizenship a reward to people who broke the law in the first place. While that it a very valid argument, it is also not practical to remove the estimated 12 million undocumented workers living in America. The amount of

stays in business. In many cases, these same businesses will go out and recruit more undocumented workers. Unfortunately, the issue has been ignored for so long that we now have 12 million people and their American-born children and grandchildren trying to figure out how not to lose a loved one to a different country that many of these American-born people have never visited. The pathway to citizenship should be filled with strict requirements and come with fines or penalties. In the end, these people, right or wrong, have been allowed to become a part of the workforce and to simply remove them can cause a huge detrimental effect.

A path to citizenship and enforced border security is the right balance in dealing with our immigration issue. It is pointless to deport inmates when the border is so vulnerable that they can easily make their way back into the country. Also, it is pointless to deport a person who has become a productive member of society by holding a job and purchasing a home because someone was willing to hire them despite the wording of the law. Employment verification will hopefully help prevent that. When President Ronald Reagan granted amnesty in the 1980s, lawmakers "forgot" to include border security as part of the agreement. This time it seems the lawmakers are doing it much better. •



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Sports

Chasing an All-Star

By Adam Serrao

One of the best times of the NBA postseason has now come upon us. July 1 marked the official beginning of the NBA free agency period where teams begin their search for what may or may not be another key piece to a championship run. According to the Los Angeles Lakers and their front office, Dwight Howard is that key piece to the team. From the way that it looked last year, fans around the city may beg to differ. Mitch Kupchak, however, has made his stance on the subject known. He wants Howard back and believes that "he belongs to have his name on the wall and a statue in front of Staples at some point in time." If Howard is ever going to get his name up there with all of the other greats or start having his bust chiseled to go alongside Magic, Chick Hearn and Kareem, he must first decide to remain with the Lakers. But with recent reports circling that say it is highly unlikely that Howard will remain with the Lakers, it has become increasingly clear that the team remains in limbo while the ball remains in Howard's court.

What is it that Howard is going to do with that ball? From a distance, it seems as if he is going to run for the hills and take one of the many opportunities that await him with a different team. Dwight has never really been good on the court from a distance, so Laker purists are hoping that his search for a team that is not the Lakers will wind up much like one of his many free throws--a miss. According to Chris Broussard, however, there is very little chance that the All-Star center remains in Los Angeles. Howard is apparently willing to forego the extra \$30 million that he would receive by re-signing with the team in order to play for a coach who can better utilize his skill set in a different system on the court. Clearly, Howard wants Lakers' head coach Mike D'Antoni out. In addition to that, there are reports that Howard also did not enjoy his time playing alongside Kobe Bryant, but may be willing to do so in a different system. To make a long story short, unless the Lakers fire D'Antoni before other teams come knocking, Howard will most likely be a goner.

Kupchak remains optimistic that Howard will return to wear the purple and gold once again. "I understand that there's a possibility that [Howard] won't [re-sign] and I probably don't have any more information than anybody in this room does," he said. "I'm aware of a lot of the stuff that's flying back and forth, a lot of the rumors--so there's a realistic possibility that he won't be back. But I'm optimistic that he will."

Kupchak doesn't give much of a reason for his optimism except when comparing the situation to that of Kobe Bryant's flirtation with other teams in the summer of 2004. Bryant came close to signing with both the

Clippers and the Chicago Bulls, but ultimately decided to remain with the Lakers where he eventually won another two championships. Kupchak is hopeful that Howard will make the same decision and enjoy much of the same success. He and the Lakers have even unveiled a billboard on the side of Staples Center with a photo of Howard and the message "Stay." It's a campaign that looks a bit desperate, but Kupchak and the Lakers hope it will help woo Howard back to his Staples Center locker room. With D'Antoni and Kobe remaining on the team, however, these attempts plus any others might alas prove to be futile.

When it comes down to it, should Dwight Howard choose to leave the Los Angeles Lakers, it may leave a bigger scar than just one year of quite certain mediocrity. Dwight's departure will expose the Lakers for what they look as if they are becoming--an old and fading franchise. Should Howard leave, he will become one of the only big name superstars to ever actually defect from Los Angeles with the hopes of winning a championship elsewhere. Most players come to L.A. in order to build their careers and become superstars. If Dwight leaves, L.A. might still be a destination, but the Clippers may be the prized logo. Without Dwight, the Lakers will have no upside as long as they have a bad coach and an aging superstar in Kobe Bryant (despite all he has done for the franchise) who is virtually impossible to play alongside.

To look at the situation realistically, almost any other team that Howard is interested in would be a great fit and would not hesitate to get the ball into the low post and play towards his strong suits. The Lakers, by stubbornly sticking by D'Antoni with his run-and-gun style of play and love for perimeter offense, may just scare off one of the biggest names in basketball today. In an era where the Lakers no longer have a great basketball mind like Jerry Buss, no longer have Phil Jackson at the helm, and are working with a debilitated Kobe Bryant, the team looks to be headed towards a period of unrest. What they need now is a new face of the franchise. In addition to being one of the best defensive players in the game, the 17 points and 12 rebounds per game in an injury-plagued season for Howard make him precisely what the Lakers need. The Lakers should do whatever it takes to keep him, but if it takes firing D'Antoni, it looks as if it just won't happen. No matter where Howard winds up next season, there is one plus for basketball fans everywhere. The center plans on making his decision on or very shortly after July 10. Then Howard will at last be out of the spotlight and NBA fans everywhere can stop the guessing game for at least another five years. •

Up and Adam

Baseball and Softball Honor the Best

By Adam Serrao

This year's baseball season was an up and down one for most of the teams throughout the city of Torrance. The West High Warriors had winning streaks at the beginning and end of the season, but a losing streak right smack in the middle. The North High Saxons were dominating in the Pioneer league standings the entire year until the Torrance Tartars came out of nowhere to sneak into a tie for first place with the South High Spartans. Though the season may have resembled the framework of a rollercoaster track at Magic Mountain for most teams, there were certain players who displayed magic of their own on their field to lead their respective teams to victory. Those players are now under the spotlight as they receive kudos for a game well-played and a season filled with excellence.

The West High Warriors were the team that perhaps most closely resembled the prototypical rollercoaster season previously discussed. After losing the opening day game, the Warriors rallied off nine straight wins. Shortly after, the team dropped nine of 11. To end the season, however, West won six in a row and seven out of eight to make the playoffs and receive a first round matchup against the Diamond Bar Brahams. One of the main reasons for the Warriors' success down the stretch was senior catcher Joey Notch. Notch batted a dazzling .411 on the year with two home runs and 24 RBIs to lead his team to a second place finish in the Bay League standings. He anchored a strong defense and was the leader of the team from behind the plate as he earned All-Area first team honors. Another integral part of the team and of the Warriors' success this season was senior first baseman Tommy Oslund, who gained All-Area first team honors by batting .429 with three home runs and 24 RBIs on the year. Also a captain on the team, Oslund anchored the middle of the batting order with his powerful offensive play. Senior outfielder Kevin Clausen gained All-Area second team honors, batting .406 with three home runs, 18 RBIs and 30 runs scored.

The South High Spartans earned their share of victories this season as well. Junior pitcher Matt Mogollon was key to the team's success as the ace pitcher of the staff. Mogollon went 10-2 this season with a 1.41 ERA, gaining a reputation as one of the Pioneer League's most feared pitchers. With 71 strikeouts in just 84 1/3 innings, Mogollon led his team to a share of the Pioneer League crown. He and the Spartans eventually made it past the first round of the playoffs, beating Estancia 7-2 but ultimately falling in the second round in a close 5-4 game to Northview. Nick Cohan

earned All-Area second team honors for the Spartans, batting .409 with 24 RBIs and 25 runs scored.

The North High Saxons spent much of the baseball season atop the Pioneer League standings. With a great mid-season winning streak of nine straight games, the Saxons were scoring at will and it seemed as if the team would never lose again. One of the reasons for that efficiency at the offensive end was Roman Luna. Luna hit .436 with 13 doubles, 25 RBIs and 23 runs scored as North's starting shortstop this season. He was also a terror on the base paths, racking up 10 steals this season to help the Saxons to a third place finish in the Pioneer Standings and a playoff berth. The Saxons would eventually be eliminated in the first round of play, but were it not for Luna, the team may not have been as successful as they ultimately were.

Switching gears to softball, several players were responsible for making this year's inner city rivalries as good as they were. Senior outfielder for the North High Saxons Vanessa Gonzalez attained All-Area first team honors and helped North to a first place finish in the Pioneer League standings by batting .406 with five home runs, 25 RBIs and 31 runs scored. Throughout the course of the season, Gonzalez tallied nine doubles, one triple and six stolen bases, helping her team advance into the playoffs. Gonzalez's teammate Sydney Overly was also critical to her team's success this season. Overly was named the Pioneer League's Most Valuable Player en route to All-Area first team honors when the junior pitcher accrued a 10-6 record and posted a 1.43 ERA. Only a junior, she tallied 74 strikeouts in just 93 innings while only walking 29 batters. She was also a threat at the plate, batting .358 with 11 RBIs. Bryanna Ybarra also gained honors for the Saxons, batting .358 with five doubles on the year.

The Torrance Tartars had a multitude of players take home All-Area first team honors this year. Freshman outfielder Cece Da Costa hit .383 in her first year with the club, tallying five home runs and 30 RBIs to lead her team to a second place finish in the Pioneer League standings just behind North. Da Costa was joined by Kamryn Watts, Nicole Ayala and Mo Ramirez on the All-Area team list. Watts was named Pioneer League's Most Outstanding Player, batting .442 with 11 RBIs, 12 doubles and 12 stolen bases as she used her speed and quickness both on the defensive end of the field and offensively. Ayala went 11-7 for the Tartars this season, posting a 2.53 ERA with 83 strikeouts and 41 walks in almost 111 innings. Ramirez batted .393 as a centerfielder for the

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Summer Plans

By TerriAnn Ferren

When songwriters Charles Tobias and Hans Carste wrote *Roll Out Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer* in 1932, I am sure they never thought their hit would be added to a long list of standard summertime songs. For me, I am alerted to the nearness of summer when the seasonal fresh fruit like fragrant peaches, crisp cherries, plums and apricots begin showing up in the supermarket. And families begin to plan for vacations, picnics, reunions and get-togethers.

Besides reunions, vacations are a big part of summer. They don't have to be extravagant, expensive or far away, but the idea of taking time away from our usual schedule to take a moment and do something different is on most people's minds. At least mine.

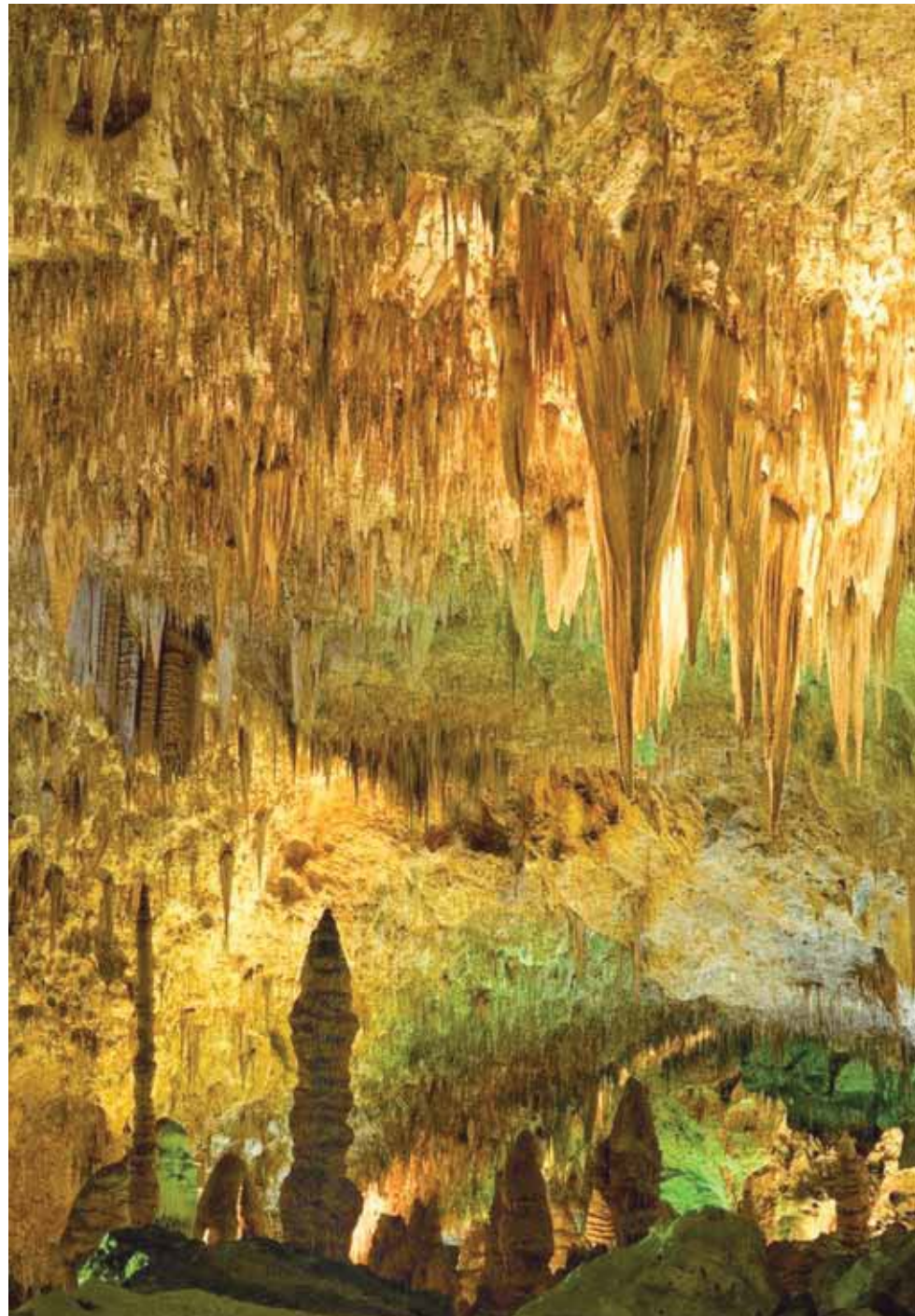
Growing up, I remember trips to *Carlsbad Caverns National Park* where bats came flying out of the caves and how afraid I was one would get caught in my hair; *Yosemite*, where at night at Glacier Point Falls I remember clearly the "firefall" where a flaming bonfire of red fir bark was thrown down the huge waterfall (that sight was awesome and looked like a flaming waterfall)—but not done anymore; and *Clear Lake*, where we spent many a summer with the entire family skiing, swimming and

seat to make an even area so my sister and I could sleep on the way up to Clear Lake. As I think about it now, Daddy was making a bed in the back for us. Now I shake my head and remember that we didn't even have seatbelts at the time.

Times change and vacation spots and rituals change. Some families have specific places they head toward every year no matter what—and sometimes, special vacations or reunions are planned far in advance.

The top summer holiday is the Fourth of July with fireworks, picnics, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and family and friends. I suppose there are more people picnicking and gathering with family and friends on the Fourth than on any other holiday. Fireworks are illegal in Torrance, but there are plenty of major firework shows around Southern California. Disneyland has a great one, as does the Rose Bowl. And off the coast of Torrance Beach, the Briles Family has privately funded a fireworks show in the past on a barge.

Before fireworks were illegal in so many cities, I remember huge family Fourth of July picnics with all my cousins and entire extended family at my Uncle Henry and Aunt Ginny and Uncle Frank and Aunt JoAnn's property. They lived on a large lot with several houses on it



Carlsbad Caverns Stalactites and Stalagmites

having fun. Nearly every cabin at *Vallejo Landing* (where we stayed) in Clear Lake was filled with cousins, aunts and uncles. We also would frequent Crestline, near Lake Gregory, where I spent a chunk of summer teenage years bowling, going to dances at the Club San Moritz and swimming...and Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead, where I can still smell the pine trees. These places were not very far away from Torrance and easily accessible by car. When I was little, I remember we had a blue and white Oldsmobile Super 88 and one year, my daddy built a sort of extension between the backseat and the back of the front

and would turn the open space into a wonderful picnic area and we would have barbecued hot dogs, corn, lemonade and homemade ice cream. We would play volleyball and badminton and have fun all afternoon and then wait until dark for the uncles to get together and set off fireworks on the driveway while we kids sat on benches or on the grass in awe as each firework set off was more spectacular than the last. The smell of the fireworks and the cool of the night was the end to a perfect day. It was a time we all took a breath and enjoyed each other and celebrated together.

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Lennon Reunion

from front page

original four Lennon Sisters Kathy, Janet, Peggy and Diane sounded like angels and when I closed my eyes I was transformed to a more gentle time. The entire family, all 11 of them, were in attendance and when you

add spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, there are lots of them! As the concert moved along I was thinking of every family and their roots and connections. Summertime is time for family. •



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- Get your grill on: Now is the time to tune up the grill. Creative grilling starts before your meat and veggies hit the heat, and a splash of citrus flavor is just what they need to stand out among the crowd. Find ways to add an extra kick of flavor to any barbecue dish at dailysqueeze.com. Add the tang of freshly squeezed lemon juice to chicken marinades and the kick of lime zest to spicy dry rubs for steak and chops.

- Shake up some cocktails: Grab a variety of spirits with a few favorite mixers. Place them in a designated area of the room along with lemons and limes for garnishes. This will take the burden off you to feel required to replenish your guests' drinks and let you enjoy your party. If you're looking for that perfect summer refreshment and a signature drink for your party, try making this simple yet delicious lime cooler from Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger of Los Angeles' acclaimed Border Grill.

Minty Lime Cooler

Makes 2 servings

- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice from a Paramount Citrus lime
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed mint leaves
- 1 (12 ounce) bottle cold sparkling water
- lime slices and mint sprigs for garnish



Combine the lime juice, sugar and mint in a blender. Puree until smooth. Fill two tall glasses half-full with ice cubes. Pour half of the lime juice concentrate in each. Top with sparkling water, garnish with lime and mint and serve.

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Looking Up

Three Planets in Habitable Zone of Nearby Star

By Bob Eklund

A team of astronomers has combined new observations of the star Gliese 667C with existing data from the European Southern Observatory's 3.6-meter telescope in Chile to reveal a system with at least six planets. A record-breaking three of these planets are "super-Earths" lying in the zone around the star where liquid water could exist, making them possible candidates for the presence of life.

Gliese 667C is a very well-studied star. With just over one third of the mass of the Sun, it is part of a triple-star system known as Gliese 667 (also referred to as GJ 667), 22 light-years away in the constellation of Scorpius (The Scorpion). This is quite close to us—much closer than the star systems investigated using telescopes such as the planet-hunting Kepler space telescope.

Viewed from one of these newly found planets, the two other stars would look like a pair of very bright stars visible in the daytime, and at night they would provide as much illumination as the full Moon. The new planets completely fill up the habitable zone of Gliese 667C, as there are no more stable orbits in which a planet could exist at the right distance to it.

The astronomers knew that the star had three planets from previous studies and they wanted to see whether there were any more. By adding some new observations and revisiting existing data, they were able to confirm those three and confidently reveal several more.

Three of these planets are confirmed to be super-Earths—planets more massive than Earth, but less massive than planets like Uranus or Neptune—that are within their star's habitable zone (an area around a star

in which water may be present in liquid form if conditions are right). In our own solar system, Venus orbits close to the inner edge of the habitable zone and Mars close to the outer edge.

Compact systems around Sun-like stars have been found to be abundant in the Milky Way. Around such stars, planets orbiting close to the parent star are very hot and are unlikely to be habitable. But this is not true for cooler and dimmer stars such as Gliese 667C. In this case, the habitable zone lies entirely within an orbit the size of Mercury's—much closer than for our Sun. The Gliese 667C system is the first example of a system where such a low-mass star is seen to host several potentially rocky planets in the habitable zone.

The team used data from the UVES spectrograph on ESO's Very Large Telescope in Chile (to determine the properties of the star accurately); the Carnegie Planet Finder Spectrograph (PFS) at the 6.5-meter Magellan II Telescope at the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile; the HIRES spectrograph mounted on the Keck 10-meter telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii; and extensive previous data from HARPS (the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher) at ESO's 3.6-meter telescope in Chile.

The ESO scientist responsible for HARPS, Gaspard Lo Curto, remarked, "This exciting result was largely made possible by the power of HARPS and its associated software, and it also underlines the value of the ESO archive. It is very good to also see several independent research groups exploiting this unique instrument and achieving the ultimate precision."

Text, images, and video:

<http://www.eso.org/public/news/eso1328/> •

Business Briefs

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The Summer Math Academy runs Mondays through Thursdays, July 22 through August 8. An orientation meeting is scheduled from 5-6:30 p.m. July 10 in the Math Business Allied Health Building, room 319.

Through this academy, students will gain the information and tools needed for success in the mathematical sequences of college classes required to graduate or transfer. The academy also provides students with another opportunity to avoid taking non-degree applicable or non-transfer level pre-requisite math classes by scoring higher on the Mathematics Placement Test.

Participants will be able to take the math placement test at the end of the academy. By scoring higher on the Mathematics Placement Test, students have the opportunity to finish required math courses in a timely manner and be on track to graduate.

To register for this free math academy, go to <http://www.elcamino.edu/faculty/mroeun>.

Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix Celebrates 52 Years of Racing Sunday, July 7

Celebrating over five decades of elite cycling competition, bike racers are gearing up for the Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix on Sunday, July 7. This marks Chevron's 23rd consecutive year as the title sponsor of this event, which was founded in 1962 by local racing legend Ted Ernst. With Chevron's support and that of the South Bay Wheelmen Foundation, the Grand Prix has grown to attract nearly 1,000 contestants, including the world's top cyclists, from six continents, and over 7,500 spectators. The first race begins at 7 a.m. at Live Oak Park in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

The Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix features nine races catering to all levels of USA Cycling (USAC) racers, as well as a wide range of community racers. Fan

favorites include the kid's races for children between the ages of two and 14, which begin at 2:40 p.m.; the Women's Pro 1-2 National Criterium Calendar (NCC) race at 11:10 a.m.; Men's Category 2 Race at 12:10 p.m. and the Men's Pro NCC race at 1:10 p.m. Riding either a bicycle or a tricycle, kids compete for various medals and each participant receives an official race number, t-shirt, medal, goodie bag and Chevron toy car. Adult cyclists take on the challenging course in an effort to win a portion of the \$26,500 in prize money being awarded that day and one of the coveted Grand Prix winners' jerseys.

"For over 50 years, the historic Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix has been providing world-class racing in a hometown atmosphere," said Rod Spackman, Chevron's Manager of Policy, Government and Public Affairs. "The event continues to cultivate a new generation of cycling enthusiasts in Southern California and we are honored that Chevron and the South Bay serves as its base of support."

The Chevron El Segundo Refinery, which celebrated its 100 year anniversary in the South Bay in 2011, is located just blocks away from the course. It is one of the more "technical" courses on the USA Cycling National Criterium Calendar (NCC). Shaped like a slightly bent "paperclip" the course challenges racers with two long straight-aways, two sweeping 180-degree turns and 50 feet of climbing per lap. Given the close proximity to the ocean, riders face a headwind on the downward slope hindering breakaways. Team tactics are crucial and setting up for the final turn is essential to being victorious in the event.

For more information on the 52nd Annual Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix, visit www.MBGP.com. •

TerriAnn

Now, the property has been sold and the families have moved to different homes, but the memories of special Fourth of July celebrations in the backyard are still vivid. Summertime is here and it is time to get

out and enjoy our beach and our downtown historic area, and get involved with all the programs available through the City of Torrance. We don't have to go far to take a moment and enjoy our Southern California

summer. Fill a picnic basket and check out all the parks in Torrance just waiting for you to make special memories of your own. I am looking forward to discovering again the many almost hidden parks right here in our

own city, packing my favorite picnic treats and taking a blanket and maybe flying a kite, or just relaxing. This is the "lazy" part of the summertime song I like the most. Happy Fourth of July and happy summer! •



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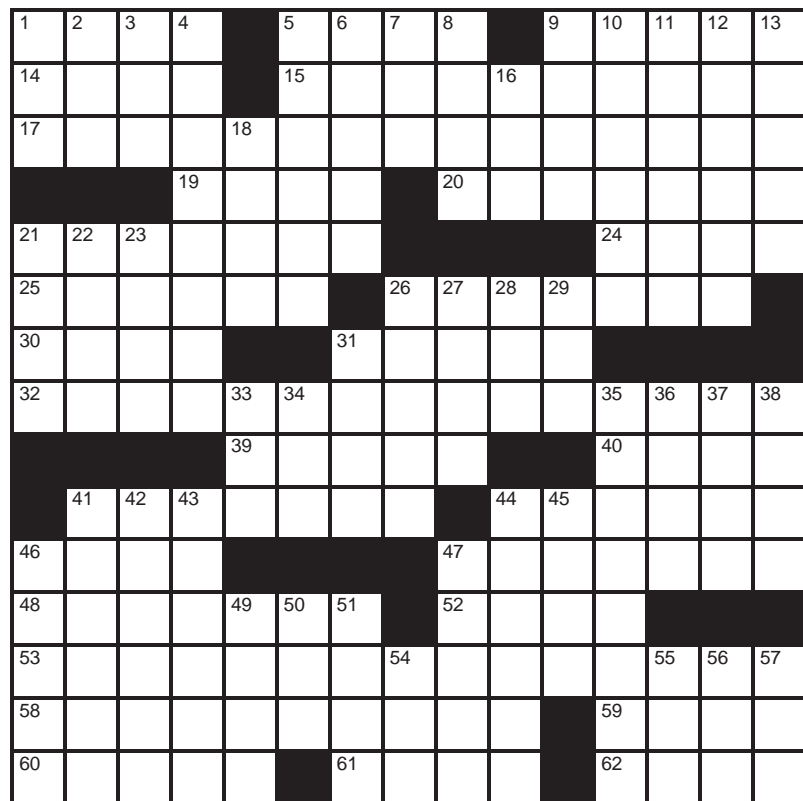


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(California Government Code §§ 6000, 6020)
Case No. BS143646
Superior Court of the State of California,
County of Los Angeles

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF HERALD PUBLICATIONS, INC. TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE TORRANCE TRIBUNE AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **September 12, 2013** at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 51 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, Petitioner intends to apply for an order, pursuant to California Government Code §§ 6000 and 6020 declaring the *Torrance Tribune* to be a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles, California.

The Petition sets forth the following:

Petitioner Herald Publications, Inc. ("Petitioner") respectfully alleges:
1. Petitioner is the Publisher of the newspaper known as the *Torrance Tribune*. See Concurrently-Filed Declaration of Heidi Maerker ("Maerker Decl."), ¶ 2.
2. The *Torrance Tribune* is published for the dissemination of local and telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 5.
3. The *Torrance Tribune* has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 6.
4. For more than one year preceding the filing of this Petition, the *Torrance Tribune* has been established under the name of "Torrance Tribune," and has been printed and published regularly every Thursday in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 4.
5. For at least one year preceding the filing of this Petition, the mechanical work of producing the

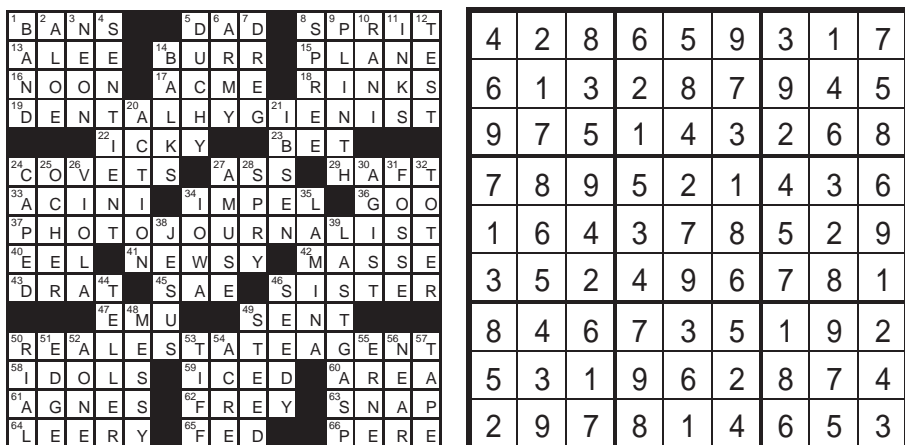
Torrance Tribune, that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper has been performed at 15005 S. Vermont Avenue, Gardena California 90247, and the *Torrance Tribune* has been issued from this same location for the entirety of that one-year period. See *id.* The *Torrance Tribune*, therefore, has been issued from the same County where it is printed and circulated; has been both printed and published in the same County; and has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing the *Torrance Tribune* as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in California Government Code § 6000, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
Dated: June 26, 2013
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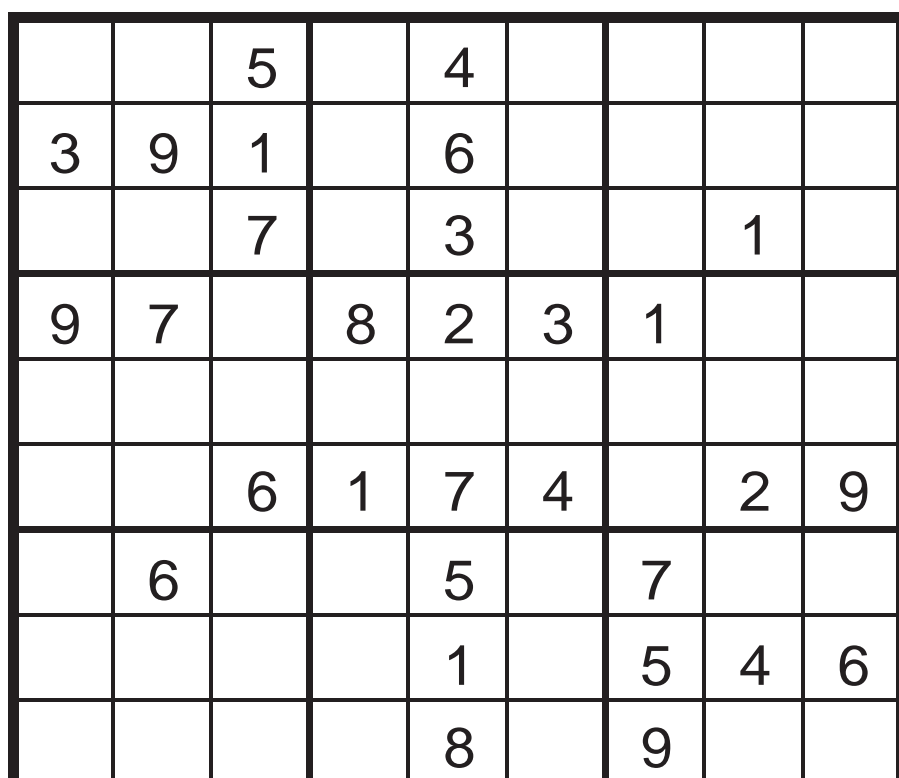
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Up and Adam

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Tartars and had three home runs on the season.

The South High Spartans may not have experienced much success this season, finishing in fourth place in the Pioneer League standings and just missing a playoff berth, but Sami Meyer served to be a bright spot for her team

in its quest for Pioneer League supremacy. The senior shortstop hit a stunning .468 for the Spartans while demonstrating poise and power with four home runs as well. Meyer had 15 RBIs and scored 30 runs on the season while also tallying nine doubles and two triples. •



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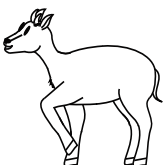
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How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing?

At Home! and At the Fireworks!

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- _____ to speeches of freedom
- _____ to cool off
- _____ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- _____ the Declaration of Independence
- _____ a pie eating contest
- _____ decorated bicycles
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- _____ fireworks light up the sky
- _____ patriotic songs
- _____ our country's flag
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Pets Without Partners

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Winston

microchip your pets (dogs, cats, birds and rabbits). It’s inexpensive (about \$35 for the microchip and lifetime registration). In the event of an unforeseen separation, it is one of the best ways for you and your beloved pet to be reunited. Most animal shelters, animal control departments and veterinarians have scanners to help in reuniting you.

Winston is a beautiful little Shih Tzu that was found as a stray. He was not microchipped and had no tags, so his owners were never located. He is an absolute doll with personality plus! Winston is about two to three years old, is great with other dogs and is cat-safe! This

“no-issue” pup is just a love of a dog who will fit easily into any home situation. Winston will be neutered, is current on vaccinations, is de-wormed and microchipped.

Harley was found as a stray and again was not microchipped--his owners were never located. This is a very sweet little guy. He has the coolest mohawk ever... and look at that gremlin face! Harley is a bit shy when you first meet him, but give him a little time and he will climb up on your lap for some love and to kiss your face. With beautiful golden-wired hair, a super-soft white mohawk and extra-long white eyelashes, Harley has a unique and endearing look. He is friendly with other dogs and is adjusting well to our rescue. Harley is about two years old and weighs 12 pounds. He desperately needs/wants a foster home. Anyone interested? Contact us for additional information--food, medical needs supplied... you add the love. Harley will be neutered soon, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and fine with other dogs.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it’s available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won’t change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



Harley

Happy Tails

Being the darling little puppy that she is, little Soleil (now Lucy) was destined to have the perfect home she deserved. With a little patience waiting for just the right match, Soleil

me smile and laugh every day! What a great personality! She’s doing well. Potty trained wonderfully! She’s eating and sleeping well too. Thank you for all the beautiful pics! She’s

“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.”

now has that perfect home that is sure to give her a lifetime of love...

“Hi! I am so happy to have Lucy in my life (I changed Soleil’s name to Lucy)! She is the most loving and adorable puppy! She makes

grown already--looking longer in the neck and body. I just love her! I’m looking into training classes near my home. I’m sure she’ll do great, as she is very smart! Thanks for checking in. And thank you for such a perfect dog!” --Joy. •

Purrrfect Companions

Add a little love with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

Kukla, Fran and **Ollie** were found in a box in an alley. They have raised with a kitten-loving Dalmatian, so they are not phased by dogs and will rub their faces on them and pounce on their heads. These playful munchkins need to have an energetic feline companion in their home. They would enjoy being adopted with one of their siblings or their foster friend Milo.

Fran has gorgeous green eyes set against silver fur with an intricate pattern of black stripes. This tiny bundle of energy is constantly racing around with her brothers and fellow foster kitten Milo. However, there is one thing Fran simply can’t resist--your shoulder. If it



Fran

were possible, Fran would like to be glued against your neck 24/7. This dainty girl is absolutely smitten with people and loves to be on your lap. She is also a little tomboy who pretends to be a helpless baby when she comes for cuddling.

Ollie is a tiny bundle of unstoppable energy. He is constantly racing around with his brother, sister and fellow foster kitten Milo. They wrestle all day long, bounding from one room to the other with uncontrollable exuberance. Once he has worn himself out, Ollie will glue himself either to the nearest kitty or to your legs. He will purr like crazy when petted and loves to snuggle on your shoulders.

Kukla is a fun-loving bundle of kitten energy. But, being a kitten, once he does get worn out there is only one place Kukla would like to be--on your chest and shoulders, please! This little boy is a mega-snuggler, purring and rubbing his face and yours. Kukla will remain perched on his foster mom’s shoulders for hours at a time. He is a goofy little monkey who would fit in perfectly to any home.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption

through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and



Kukla

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Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •



Ollie



Soleil (Now Lucy)

Real Estate

Smart Home Improvements For Growing Multi-Generational Households

(BPT) - The American family continues to evolve, with multiple generations living under the same roof in more households than any time since the Great Depression. Of America's 76 million households, 5.6 percent (4.3 million) were multi-generational as of 2011, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Homeowners are finding it's more important than ever to ensure every home improvement project delivers benefits for every member of the family - children, parents and grandparents.

Whether your family grows with the birth of a

child or because a grandparent has moved in with you, here are some home improvement projects that are multi-generational family-friendly:

Adding/Updating a Bathroom

Few household situations are as stressful as too many people sharing just one or two bathrooms. If your home population is growing, but you're still making do with too few bathrooms, adding a bath or upgrading an existing one can make life more pleasant for everyone. What's more, it's a smart investment of your renovation dollars. If you decide to sell your home down

the road, you can expect to recoup about 53 percent of the construction cost for a modest bathroom addition, according to Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value report. And a modest bathroom remodel recoups about 64 percent of your investment.

Finishing a Basement or an Attic Bonus Room

If you're looking for more usable living space, finishing a basement or attic bonus room is almost always easier than adding square footage to your home. A finished existing area can be a versatile investment, affording you the space to add a bedroom, bathroom, recreational room, home office or even a second kitchen a la in-law suite style. Upstairs, finishing an attic bonus room can provide a well-lit and airy retreat with the inclusion of fresh air skylights. Downstairs, advances in basement finishing technology have compressed the time-frame of this once pricey and drawn-out home improvement. Remodeling Magazine says a basement renovation pays back more than 70 percent of its cost at the time of resale.

Healthful Upgrades

The quality of light and ventilation in our home speaks directly to the safety and health of its occupants. Aging eyesight often needs better lighting, and poor indoor air quality can affect everyone's health, but especially that of young children with respiratory ailments such as asthma. One improvement that addresses both concerns, is a skylight. When opened, an Energy Star-qualified fresh-air skylight can help exhaust stale unhealthy indoor air and bring fresh air into your home. Skylights especially make sense if you'll be creating more inexpensive living space by finishing an attic. Add remote controlled solar powered blinds to solar powered fresh air skylights in your home and the products, as well as installation costs, are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit.

Upgrading Key Appliances

Whether the hot water heater shudders when your teenager takes a shower or the furnace just can't work hard enough to keep

Grandma's bones warm in winter, upgrading key appliances in your home can significantly improve the comfort of its occupants. What's more, replacing older appliances with new ones can help you save money on your utility bills over the life of the product. Replacing an old water heater, furnace or air conditioner with an Energy Star-certified product can trim utility bills significantly.

For example, according to EnergyStar.gov, replacing a central air conditioning unit that is 12 years old (or older) with an Energy



Star-qualified one could reduce cooling costs by 30 percent, and switching to a solar water heater could cut your water heating bill in half. What's more, between now and the end of 2016, certain energy-efficient home improvements may qualify you for a federal tax credit. If you install a residential solar water heating system, you could qualify for federal as well as state tax credits and other incentives. You can find a calculator to help tally the potential payback on a solar water heating system and a federal tax credit estimator to calculate your savings on new or replacement solar powered skylights at www.veluxusa.com.

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