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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
73°/50°



Saturday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
64°/52°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
59°/47°



A Cold, But Sunny Winter Day at Torrance Beach



In-between all the rains, there was this sight along the local coast... Photo by Peter Thornton.

Residents Fill Council Chambers During Quarterly Refinery Workshop

By Cristian Vasquez

With the City Council chambers filled to capacity and with standing room-only in the exterior hallways, Torrance residents made their presence felt on Tuesday night during the quarterly refinery update workshop. The workshop, part of an ongoing collaborative effort by the City of Torrance, refinery representatives, Southern California Edison, the Torrance Fire Department, South Coast Air Quality Management District and local residents, was an opportunity to update all parties and the community at-large about the steps being taken to ensure the safety of local residents. Also allowed to make a presentation at the beginning of the workshop was Dr. Sally Hayati, founding member of the Torrance Refinery Action Alliance, who dedicated her time in front of the Council and residents to explain the dangers of Hydrofluoric Acid (HF). "It is important to remember what the dangers are--it's not just the corrosive burns from the acid and the fact that it can happen, but it is also a systemic poison by virtue of the fluoride," Dr. Hayati said. "Ions can get absorbed through your skin and your blood stream, damage your organs, stop your heart, suffocate you, kill you..."

Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) is a solution of hydrogen fluoride in water and is a colorless, highly corrosive mix that has the power to dissolve many materials. In the basic oil refinery process, there is an alkylation technology studied through Mobil Research and Development that later became the property of ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil then sold the technology to the new refinery owners PBF Energy and Torrance Refinery Company.

Concerned residents such as Dr. Hayati challenged the contention that modified hydrofluoric acid is less dangerous to the community. They demanded that alkylation technology become a thing of the past at the refinery. "This is why United Steel Workers Union, many of the workers, have an official position against HF alkylation," Dr. Hayati said. "They state that no industrial process risks more lives from a single accident than alkylation using HF. If the industry cannot find the will to switch voluntarily, it must be forced by government action."

Torrance Deputy Fire Chief David A.

Dumais explained that ExxonMobil maintains alkylation technology as proprietary, which makes disclosing any information without the permission of ExxonMobil difficult. Furthermore, Deputy Chief Dumais stated that the City of Torrance is prevented from revealing the alkylation technology chemistry used at the refinery in its entirety. The Deputy Chief also reminded attendees that alkylation is only one of many procedures used by refineries to convert petroleum mixes into "clean fuels that minimize" the carbon footprint and which abide by State regulations.

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Betty and Ted Lieu Named 2017 James R. Armstrong Honorees by Torrance Education Foundation

Award Presentation at
2017 Round Up for
Education Dinner on April 1

Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) recently announced it will honor U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu and his wife, attorney Betty Lieu, with the James R. Armstrong Community Leadership Award. The award, which honors a community member for extraordinary leadership in support of education and community growth, will be presented to the Lieus as a highlight of the 2017 Round Up for Education Dinner benefiting TEF, to be held on April 1 at the Depot Restaurant, which celebrates educa-

tors and educational successes in Torrance.

About the James R. Armstrong
Community Leadership Award

Torrance Education Foundation's James R. Armstrong Community Leadership Award honors a prominent community member whose personal contributions of time, energy, vision, and financial resources in support of the Foundation and the broader Torrance community distinguish them as an exemplary leader. The award remembers the life, service and contributions of the late James R. Armstrong, an iconic and beloved Torrance civic leader who served the City
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Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to marketing@heraldpublications.com. We take Visa and MasterCard.

THURSDAY, MAR. 2

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.

FRIDAY, MAR. 3

- Friday Fun, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free –donations accepted, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- CITY HALL CLOSED – (All Day).
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Cabaret Showcase, 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$48/\$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SATURDAY, MAR. 4

- Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Torrance Art Museum Presents: Pulped Fictions, 11:00AM. – 5:00 PM., free, Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-618-6388.
- Cabaret Showcase, 7:30 PM., Tickets: \$48/\$33, George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Bravo (South Bay Ballet), 2:00 PM., Tickets: \$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Contact: www.southbayballet.org.

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SUNDAY, MAR. 5

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Open 1:00 PM. – 5:00 PM, 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- Mini-Train Rides (Public Run Days), 11:00 AM. – 3:00 PM., Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Avenue.
- Bravo (South Bay Ballet), 2:00 PM., Tickets: \$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Contact: www.southbayballet.org.

MONDAY, MAR. 6

- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve – CLOSED.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Waleria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Babytime, 10:30 AM. and 1:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

TUESDAY, MAR. 7

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 8

- Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.

THURSDAY, MAR. 9

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.

Police Briefs

Auto Theft/Burglary Suspects Arrested

On February 23 at approximately 2:30 a.m., El Segundo Police Department officers responded to the 1000 block of E. Grand Avenue regarding a suspicious activity call. When officers arrived on scene, they contacted a female adult (32-year-old Judith Garcia from Inglewood) in a maroon Nissan Sentra, which was parked in the 200 block of Center Street. A record check of the vehicle revealed it was reported stolen out of the city of Los Angeles. Officers also discovered numerous burglary tools inside the vehicle. One of the males (23-year-old Alberto Melendrez of Los

Angeles) initially seen walking away from the vehicle was located in a parked vehicle in the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. It was determined it wasn’t his vehicle and he stole items from inside the car.

Garcia was arrested for suspicion of grand theft auto, possession of burglary tools, and possession of methamphetamine. Melendrez was arrested for suspicion of burglary and possession of stolen property. The third suspect, only described as a male adult, is still outstanding.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please contact Detective Chris Amorino at (310) 524-2258 or camorino@elsegundo.org.

Police Reports

Sunday, February 12

Battery-Simple 2/12 11:50 PM WESTERN AVE. & TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect fires pellet gun at victim, causing injury.

Vandalism Betw. 2/12 10:00:00 PM & 2/13 5:00:00 AM 21700 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) uses a pellet gun to smash victim’s vehicle’s window.

Vandalism Betw. 2/12 8:30:00 PM & 2/12 9:30:00 PM 4800 BLOCK LOUISE AVE. Suspect(s) scratches victim’s vehicle’s paint.

Theft Betw. 2/12 6:45:00 PM & 2/12 7:40:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Suspect(s) defeats locks on multiple lockers and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 2/12 6:00:00 PM & 2/13 8:30:00 AM 20700 BLOCK ANZA AVE. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/package.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 2/12 4:30:00 PM & 2/13 9:30:00 AM 4400 BLOCK 186TH ST. Stolen vehicle: ‘98 Ford Ranger.

Battery-Simple 2/12 3:20 PM SEPULVEDA BLVD. & ARLINGTON AVE. Suspect fires pellet gun at victim, causing injury.

Vandalism Betw. 2/12 1:00:00 PM & 2/12 2:30:00 PM 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) scratches victim’s vehicle’s paint.

Theft 2/12 11:47 AM 4200 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST. HWY. Suspects claim victim’s lost property as their own and take same/cell phone.

Theft 2/12 11:21 AM 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST. Suspect(s) takes unattended property off of desk/cell phone.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 2/12 10:45:00 AM & 2/12 7:10:00 PM 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Stolen vehicle: ‘03 GMC Denali.

Monday, February 13

Theft Betw. 2/13 10:00:00 PM & 2/13 10:10:00 PM 3600 BLOCK FASHION

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Community Briefs

SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk and Check Presentation to Ed Foundation

The 2016 SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk raised a record-breaking \$1.6 million to benefit education and The Friendship Foundation – an organization devoted to making a dramatic difference in the lives of children with special needs and their families (www.gotfriends.com). In recognition of the accomplishment, the 8th Annual SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk Evening of Celebration and Check Presentation will take place at Shade Hotel (655 N. Harbor Drive) in Redondo Beach on Thursday, March 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The SKECHERS Foundation will present checks to The Friendship Foundation and the following education foundations: El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo Beach and Torrance. In addition, the SKECHERS Foundation will announce the expansion of its Scholarship Program. Celebrity guests will include Brooke Burke-Charvet, Sugar Ray Leonard, Courtney Sixx, Denise Austin and more. For additional information, www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com.

Rams Launch “Guess Our Games” Schedule Contest for Chance to Win \$1 Million

The Los Angeles Rams are launching the Guess Our Games contest, giving fans a chance to win \$1 million for correctly guessing the Rams 2017 schedule. Fans may visit www.therams.com/guessourgames to enter the contest through Friday, March 31.

In order to be eligible to win, a participant must properly identify each of the 16 Rams 2017 regular season games by picking the correct week of the NFL season and the day of week for each of the eight home and away contests. In addition, the Bye Week must be correctly selected.

Participants must be at least 18 years old

Grammy-Nominated Tenor Rodell Aure Rosel to Perform at El Camino College

Grammy-nominated tenor Rodell Aure Rosel will take center stage 8 p.m. March 3 in El Camino College’s Marsee Auditorium. Rosel will perform a recital of arias, art songs and Broadway compositions accompanied by pianist Jeremy Frank.

In recent seasons, Rosel has appeared with Los Angeles Opera as Spoletta, Monostatos, and Bardolph, and with Houston Grand Opera as Mime in “Das Rheingold” and “Siegfried.” The current season sees him back in Chicago as Mime and Monostatos, in addition to appearances in Los Angeles in “Salome” and “Les Contes d’Hoffmann.”

Rosel was a Grand Prize winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and was nominated for a Grammy in 2010 for Best Opera Recording for his work on “Volpone.” The Manila native studied at

UCLA, where he sang the title role in Britten’s “Albert Herring” and leading roles in Mozart, Rossini and Ravel works, among others.

Jeremy Frank has worked with major U.S. opera houses on productions from Monteverdi to Wagner, as well as on world premieres of operas from composers Mark Adamo, Daniel Catan and Michael John LaChiusa. Frank is an assistant conductor and associate chorus master at Los Angeles Opera. He also performed with Joyce DiDonato at the 54th Grammy Awards, the first time the ceremony featured a performance by a classical singer.

Tickets for the recital may be purchased online at centerforthearts.org using the online ticketing system, or by phone at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. •

City Council

from front page

Adding to the discussion was PBF Energy President Western Region Jeff Dill, who also spoke during the workshop that took place in October. In his opening statements Dill reiterated that the refinery has had a number of operational issues since last standing before the community, but gave an overview of the work being carried out to ensure that similar incidents do not occur. PBF Energy has sought out experts to work with its employees on high-priority projects such as MHF and electrical reliability, among others. PBF Energy has also implemented high-level, cross-functional project reviews of all safety critical jobs; reviewed and enhanced its preventative maintenance programs; safely completed several large maintenance projects; acquired critical spare pumps; safely and successfully completed three steam boilers for inspections, repairs and re-permitting by the State; completed an overhaul and repair of its gas turbine generator; safely replaced the caustic scrubbing tower at the Alkylolation Unit Acid Evacuation System; overhauled a large crude unit compressor correcting an original manufacturing defect; and empowered its workforce to review each task so that if the personnel feel something is unsafe, they can stop the job immediately and reassess.

“Each of the operational issues experienced over the past few months were localized and contained,” Dill said. “We are committed to

providing any outside expertise or resources the refinery needs to ensure safe and reliable operations of the refinery. We have very dedicated members of the steel workers, along with our technical teams, committed to improving our performance--and we will add resources when that becomes necessary.”

Part of the effort to improve operations has included working closely with Southern California Edison (SCE) to ensure that the electrical infrastructure is updated and maintained to a level of efficiency where power outages will become a thing of the past. This year PBF Energy plans to invest \$100 million in the refinery as part of its upgrading effort, which will include shutting down four units in succession to be cleaned, inspected and repaired. That effort will include 84 vessels, drums and towers; two furnaces; 57 exchangers; 18 heaters; 279 piping-related work; 388 valves; 15 machinery jobs; 149 instrumentation-connected work; and 56 pieces of electrical equipment. Work will also include the opening, inspection and repair and/or upgrade of the process heaters, heat exchangers and drums/towers/vessels; change catalyst in four reactors, along with inspecting and repairing these reactors; several valve inspections, repairs, calibrations and replacements; and replacing baseplates, motors, seals and rotors.

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Sports

Up and Adam

Saxons One Step Closer to History

By Adam Serrao

Last week on Tuesday night in a home game, the North High Saxons boys’ basketball team made history by doing something that it hasn’t done in 52 years. A 64-59 victory over the Mission Viejo Diablos in the CIF Southern Section Division 3AA quarterfinals marked the first time the Saxons have advanced to the CIF semifinal game since 1965. North went on to win the title that year. This year’s team, led by head coach Gary Duperron, is confident in their skills and ability to make history and bring home a CIF championship trophy for the first time in what has now become a very, very long while.

Advancing deep into the playoffs is certainly no easy task, especially for a team that finished in third place in the divisional standings. Some teams may find it easy to look ahead and possibly even overlook an opponent when history is on the line. Duperron and the Saxons did nothing of the sort. Though the team remained focused on the task at hand, a win against Mission Viejo was no walk in the park. The Saxons trailed early and by as many as four points late in the second quarter. Thanks to a resilient defense that stymied the Diablos all night long, though, North was able to make plays when it mattered and take a three-point lead heading into the halftime break.

“Our defense went in spurts,” Duperron explained of his team’s effort. “We took chances and got steals. We didn’t change anything--we just did a better job.” The Saxons’ job on the defensive end got better as the game wore on. The team had nine steals on the night, as North’s speed without the ball clearly frustrated Mission Viejo all night long. “They are one of the fastest team’s I’ve ever seen,” remarked opposing senior guard, Micah Bisharah. “I give them a lot of credit. They’re hard to keep up with.”

The Diablos did their best to keep up with North down the stretch run of the fourth quarter. With just under two minutes remaining on the game clock, Mission Viejo stormed back from a large deficit to take a two-point lead. Instead of giving up when the going got tough, the Saxons buckled down. Two key turnovers with just over one minute remaining led to a six-point swing in scoring. Instead of being down by two, North was all of a sudden up by four with the help of a huge three-point shot by Gabe Nakano. In the end, North’s offense proved to be too much for the Diablos. Nakano sank two more free throws after Shea Eddington broke his opponent’s hopes with another shot from behind the arc. When the Saxons’ offensive surge was said and done, they found themselves up by six points as the final buzzer sounded, signaling a victory.

The game’s final buzzer didn’t only signify a win, but also a shot at history. “We want

to bring a championship to North,” Saxon senior small forward Alex Ezeani excitedly said. Ezeani was huge on offense all night long for North, finishing the game with 14 points, six rebounds, two steals and two blocks. The all-around player was aided by 10 points from both Eddington and Nakano as well as 14 from Stephen Nwaiwu.

The Saxons moved on to play against the Brentwood Eagles in the semifinals of the Division 3AA playoffs where they took an unfortunate 69-60 loss, bringing their prolific season to an end. Despite the loss, the boys on the North High basketball team can rest easy knowing that they brought the Saxons farther than they’ve been in the last 52 years.

West High

With hundreds of people in attendance last Friday night at Rowland High School, the West High Warriors came back from an early deficit to accomplish something that has never been done in school history. With a 64-60 victory over the Rowland Raiders, the Warriors advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA championship game for the first time ever.

Things looked a bit murky early on. West trailed for the entirety of the second quarter, though a tight defense and an offense sparked by guard Alex Mishaw helped keep things close. Down by only one point at the half, the Warriors turned to their big men to get things done. “We found out what to do to score and kept doing it,” West center Noah Carroll said. Carroll finished the night with a team-high 19 points and added 10 rebounds, but really came through in the clutch in the third quarter. His eight points in the quarter helped the Warriors go from down one at the half to up by seven to start the fourth quarter.

The Raiders rallied in the fourth quarter on the heels of an 8-0 run to cut West’s lead to just two points at 62-60. A missed three-point shot in the final seconds by Rowland’s leading scorer, Phillip Aguiniga (27 points), led to a Nick Snyder rebound. Snyder was fouled and made both free throws to put the game away for good.

“We’ve never been this far--it’s huge.” West head coach Neal Perlmutter exclaimed. Nobody else believed in us. We believed in ourselves.” The Warriors (21-8, 8-2) will have to believe for just one more game as they take on the Blair Vikings (24-6, 7-3) in this year’s CIF championship game. Blair finished in second place in the Rio Hondo league standings and most recently beat Woodcrest Christian by a final score of 76-71 in overtime to advance to the championship game. The game will be played at a neutral site this Saturday, March 4. The Warriors are now in uncharted territory and have only one goal on their minds--bringing a championship back to the city of Torrance.

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Robinson Crusoe

Run to save homeless animals – Join “Team Kitten Rescue” in the 5K of the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday, March 19 (a link to more info is available on the home page of our website...www.kittenrescue.org).

Many teenage (six months to a year) and adult cats (one year or older) have been abandoned, neglected, abused or dumped at the shelter to find themselves in a terrifying, lonely new world. They have often withstood hunger, pain, illness and fear to overcome the odds and survive. They are supremely deserving--and appreciative--of a second chance at life. More often than not, these cats have been dumped because they were no longer convenient for their owners. Very seldom are these animals discarded due to personality problems or bad behavior. Give one of these wonderful kittens and cats a second chance for love.

Robinson Crusoe (aka RC) is a gentle delicate soul. RC was a “ranch cat” when he accidentally boarded a produce truck and traveled to Burbank where he “jumped ship.” Finding the nearby pet store’s warehouse, RC thought that would be a great place to hang out until he could be rescued. RC is super sweet and loving, enjoying nothing more than to be pet and to roll over for belly rubs. A gentle boy, he gets along great with other cats and their presence helps him adjust more quickly to changes in his environment. Still a kitten, RC loves to play with string toys and crinkly ball toys, and he also loves to be held and to give hugs.

Lucky Perez is a short-hair kitten with soft, golden eyes. He’s sweet, friendly, and curious. Perez loves to be around people and makes fast friends with laps--especially if you bring him any kind of feather. As affectionate as he is, his subtle leopard pattern will attest that Perez is a fast runner and high-jumping catrobat. He loves to run and wrestle in the day, and play fetch with crumpled paper in the evening. Perez is perfecting his catnaps and cuddling skills. He loves nothing more than to stare into your eyes and fall asleep cradled wherever you happen to sit. This is a smart boy who likes to contribute where he can. Got



Violet

computer work? He’ll help catch the mouse. Unpacking groceries? He’ll get in the bag and set them out for you. Perez is the jack of all trades who is looking to be a part of your life.

Violet is one of eight kitties rescued from terrible conditions under a bridge demolition site. She is young and small, but was a great mom to her kittens. Her babies found great homes and now it’s her turn! Violet is a beautiful and soft brown/black Tabby with a lovely face and matching personality. She is estimated at just about a year old. She is still learning how to directly come to people for affection, but she loves to flirt, meow and follow you around and is so sweet and gentle when you pet her. Violet loves to be pet, but she has lingering moments of shyness...so she could do best solo, with other cats or maybe around very gentle dogs. She is very sweet with the other cats in her foster home. A home with small children may not be her first choice, as she might be wary of normal kid noise and play.

These three “nutty” kittens were brought to us from a high-kill shelter. **Pistachio**, **Hazelnut** and **Cashew** all love to play with their siblings and would do best in homes with another kitten or younger cat who also likes to play. Pistachio is very energetic and lively. He needs someone ready for a high-energy boy who loves to climb and play and gets into anything laying around. Pistachio is also very friendly and sweet with people and can be a cuddly boy in his quiet moments. Hazelnut loves to play, climb and cuddle. Friendly and ready for fun, she’s the perfect playmate. Cashew loves to play hard with her siblings. This extremely friendly girl kitten would also enjoy a home with another energetic cat.

Come home to the beautiful **Prairie**. She will be waiting at the door for you to throw a ball or run around with a feather toy or her favorite...the Go-Go Cat. She zips across the floor, she hops, she jumps, she climbs up her cat tree, catches her toy, carries it back down in her mouth and looks for a place to hide it. Prairie will happily bounce into your lap, rub you several times, try and give you a bath,



Prairie

and then take her place as your favorite warm scarf--nuzzling into your neck and purring as she falls asleep. She is a very vocal little girl who will chatter happily with you about whatever her latest needs are. This young girl would be a great buddy to a young playful kitten or cat. Or she would be quite happy to be adopted with her foster brother, Prince Harry--an adorable orange and white Tabby kitten.

Prince Harry is offering the rare opportunity to cozy up to the crown. Harry was found outside alone, huddling under a car for warmth. It became clear very quickly to his foster parent that Harry was no ordinary street cat. With his beautiful, fluffy white and orange markings and upper-class demeanor, it was clear to her that Harry was the heir to the throne. Fitness is important to the handsome Prince, so he likes to run laps around his circular scratching post and climb to the top of the tallest cat tree. When he tires of play, Harry likes to take long naps on the highest perch. At night, the Prince prefers to snuggle up to his foster mom, purring loudly, to demonstrate how satisfied he is with himself. Prince Harry loves company and would prefer to go to a home with another kitten or young cat to accompany him--particularly his foster sister Prairie.

Gunner and his two brothers (Bohdi, buff-colored, and Toby, an orange tabby) were rescued from a terrible hoarding situation. They’re safe

and thriving now, all looking for forever homes. All three are very loving and playful. Since they are so young, if you don’t have a cat at home to be a friend, they must be adopted in a pair or with another kitty. They’re just babies and need a friend for playtime. The boys are staying at the PetSmart in Canoga Park. You can see them through the glass anytime, or come by to see them and other kittens and cats Saturdays from 12-3:30 p.m.

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •



Prince Harry



Gunner



Pistachio



Hazelnut



Cashew

TerriAnn in Torrance

The Pets of Torrance and the South Bay

Story and Phtos by TerriAnn Ferren

Do you have a pet and if so, is it well-behaved? Taking care of a pet, large or small, is a huge responsibility. Most of us remember when we were children making promises to parents about walking, feeding and completely taking care of a pet. At least that is what I did, and then slowly but surely those promises somehow faded into memory. It seems we always had a cat around the house and then a cute little white toy poodle named Samantha who looked like a snowball when we brought her home. She lived a very long time and in the end was more or less dedicated to my mom--probably because she was usually the one who fed and took care of her, in spite of our promises.

I decided to find out what kinds of pets reside in Torrance and the South Bay. Early most mornings, and sometimes late at night, rain or shine I pass the same people walking their dog/dogs down the street. Frankly, I admire people getting up so early, or out so late, walking their dogs. And some of them have very interesting names. For example, one of my next-door neighbors names her Shelties after characters from *Gone With the Wind*. Another friend keeps chickens and bees, but he didn't tell me if he names them. Every day, all over Torrance, I see the same scene--people walking their dogs--before they more than likely head off to work.

Recently, I spoke with 10-year-old MJ, who told me, "My parents had two cats when I was born, but they weren't my favorite. When they got weak and nearly died, my dad found a kitten at his car dealership and it liked him and he couldn't help but take it home. When he brought it home, I was so excited because the kitten was the cutest thing ever. And it was so sweet and I begged my dad for us to keep

him. Then after a few days, he said yes and that is how I got my cat named Penny." I then asked MJ if she takes care of this pet and she told me that she takes very good care of the cat by feeding her--and most of the time cleaning out her litterbox. After getting Penny, the family adopted another kitten, named Cassie. So now the family has two kittens.



Ian Johnson with his dog, Athena.

I realize there was a time when all sorts of animals called Torrance home (see *Torrance Tribune* -- "A Glance at Rural Torrance," January 26, 2017). However, that is not quite the case anymore.

My friend Joycie has four dogs she rescued from the pound and a cockatoo named Angel that keeps her quite busy. Lisa Johnson told me when she was little she was obsessed with animals and had her first cat when she was three years old and named her Aphrodite, probably because her father was a history professor. She told me she never had a dog when she was little. Her next cat was named Fluffy, and then there was a stray she named Brif. Then she said she had a guinea pig and hamsters in sixth grade. Lisa said, "So I had a cat continuously. I had Nicky [the cat] and I would stick him in my college dorm room at school. So when I got married, I brought along Nicky." After that, I listened to Lisa list the names of multiple animals who have lived with her and her husband. She told me a terrible tale of the first day of her teaching career when she thought she saw her cat get hit by a car on the road. She insisted her husband help her collect the cat and bury him in the backyard, which of course made her late for her first day of teaching elementary school. The only thing was, a week later their cat showed up--so it wasn't their cat that got hit and she realized she had mourned and buried someone else's

cat, not to mention being late on her first day of school! Then came the two kitties, Romeo and Juliet from the pound, and her first dog, Rosie. After Rosie the Sheltie came Scuffy the mutt, Henry the English Bulldog, Mazie the Jack Russell/Shih Tzu mix, and Tino the Pug. Now she also has four miniature donkeys named Emmy Lou, Bell Star, Santino and Mario (the last two named after the Italian side of the family), 25 chickens, ducks and a rabbit. "I never want to live without animals," added Lisa. I don't think there is any danger of that. Now that is what I call a menagerie...

Lisa's husband Gary told me when he was growing up with his two younger sisters, he longed for snakes, bearded dragons, lizards and crawly animals, but his family only had a dog--a Cockapoo. Muffin was her name and then later there was an orange tabby named Carlisle (like Kitty Carlisle). He added, "I always wanted snakes and frogs. I wanted everything." From what Lisa told me, I think he has achieved his dream of living with animals. "I have always loved animals. You have a bad day and you come home and they're genuine. They're genuine."

Next, I caught up with Ian Johnson who owns Athena, a beautifully behaved Alaskan Husky. He spoke with me before taking his dog out for a "mush" alongside his skateboard. "She pulls me all the way down the street and back which is about a mile and a half," said Ian. "She is half-trained and knows who to beg food from. I grew up with dogs, cats, reptiles...but Athena is my first dog. She is my dog and I got her at a rescue in the park. I went to get a male and ended up with a female. I am glad

I was living at a college house when she was a baby because she ate four, five couches and two mattresses. She ate through a door! A toy would go under the mattress and she would dig all the way through it. But she is completely trained now." Then Ian told me Huskies take a long time to train. She was bad for a year and her entire puppy phase was bad.

After listening to so many people tell me about their pets of all different shapes and sizes, I noticed that everyone I spoke with smiled when they told me about their animals. The elected officials of the City of Torrance know how much local residents think about their pets, and since 2004 the City has had an Animal Control Center located adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Wilson Park at 2200 Jefferson Street. The center picks up stray dogs and even posts pictures of them on their website hoping to find the rightful owners. If you happen to lose your dog, you simply check on the city website: www.TorranceCA.Gov and click on the link where you may view all the dogs in the care of the shelter.

You might agree that animals have it made in our pet-friendly city. Every day I spot people walking their dogs and I believe Gary may have been right when he said that animals are wonderful--because even when you have a day that is less than perfect, you can depend upon your pet to always be genuine and happy to see you.

May I suggest you be good to your animals, license your dogs...and when your children promise to feed, walk and take care of a new pet, you consider the joy they ultimately bring to families. •



Lisa Johnson and Mazie.



Three of four donkeys.

City Council

"The previous owner and Edison were never able to agree on a solution for this problem," Refinery Manager Steve Steach said. "Since the October power failure, we have been meeting weekly with SCE engineers and have developed a very good relationship. We investigated five options to address the electrical issues. Each had their pluses and minuses, so we narrowed it down and agreed on one plan we can call a solution to provide electrical reliability."

The two-part plan will include the installation of new 220 KV cables and transformers connecting the new SCE switching station to the existing refinery electrical distribution system. Phase I is designed to improve SCE's reliability by approximately 50 percent. Phase II will ensure that refinery infrastructure upgrades are completed and that they improve SCE's reliability by an additional 40 percent, for an estimated 90 percent reliability improvement. To accomplish the task, new local substations and upgrades and modifications to the refinery electrical distribution system, which will have to be

synchronized with future unit shutdowns, will be required.

Also speaking at the workshop were members of the City Manager's office, who informed those present of Torrance Alerts Staffing and the creation of the Interactive Communications Office (ICO). A second-floor conference room in the Telecommunications Center has been converted and had equipment installed. More than 200 applicants were screened between January 2 and 13, and a performance exam and oral panel will be scheduled to fill that office. Training will be in-house and is to include social media, a website, radio station, hotline messaging standards and methodologies. Everbridge (Torrance Alerts) is scheduled to provide specialized training. Trainees will also receive internal departmental coordination and training.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Deputy Executive Officer Phillip M. Fine briefly discussed the rules being developed that will have a direct impact on the region and the refinery. Rule 1118 will address the control of emissions

from refinery flares and was described as due for an update, given it was last modified 12 years ago. Rule 1410 will address Hydrogen Fluoride Storage and Use, which will require a public process while gathering all possible information. Rule 1180 will require community and fence-line monitoring at all refineries in the region. Lastly, Reclaim Program, which deals with the Cap and Trade Program for Nitrogen Oxide, will also be modified.

"All these rules are just kicking off right now--all of our rules undergo a public process by which we form a working group which is open to the public," Fine said. "We gather information, take feedback on rule concepts and rule proposals and we invited everyone in the community who wants to be involved to contact us, get on our list and be notified of all of the working groups. From there, we take it to an official State-required public workshop. Then it goes to one of our governing board committees and then it gets considered for adoption by our governing board."

There was no action taken by the Council during the workshop, as it was designed for all

parties to share their most recent information regarding the refinery's operations and safety of the community. In the next six months all parties will return to the Council with updates on the work with SCAQMD to implement SEP Projects, if those are awarded. There will also be updates on alternative alkylolation technology and new regulation updates regarding Rule 118 and Rule 1410.

"We want to host a workshop, but not during a Council meeting--that way you have the time to make the comments that you feel that you need to make," Mayor Patrick J. Furey said. "The best part in that is that we will be moving on with a lot of the things that you heard today, so there will be a lot of updates to provide you with. We don't get this done by one or two, three, four or five people. It takes a whole community to get it done. As I said at the onset, if it was an easy fix it would have been fixed a long time ago."

Persons interested in receiving information regarding the SCAQMD's rule-developing process can email Fine at pfine@aqmd.gov. •

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Classifieds

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Education Foundation

of Torrance for six years on the City Council and eight years as Mayor, after retiring from a three-decade career teaching U.S. Government at Torrance High School.

Honoree recipients of the James R. Armstrong Community Leadership Award are selected by a committee of Foundation board members. Prior honorees include former Torrance Mayor and TEF board member Dee Hardison; founding TEF board member, the late Gene Drevno; Melissa and Garrett Wright; current TEF President Kevin O'Brien; and current City of Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey. Last year, business and community leader Chef Michael Shafer was honored. The award is presented as a highlight of the Annual Dinner celebrating Education and benefiting Torrance Education Foundation Philanthropy Programs for Torrance students and schools.

About Betty and Ted Lieu

Betty and Ted Lieu embody both the spirit of the James R. Armstrong Award and the selfless dedication to community that became the hallmark of its namesake. The Lieus, who are long-time Torrance residents, have each invested their energy, intellect, time and talent to help better the lives of citizens in Torrance, and to the greater good of our city, the South Bay, the state of California and the nation.

Betty Lieu, a trained attorney who early in her working career was a prosecutor, then Deputy District Attorney, has in more recent year become a volunteer's volunteer in service to our community. She has held myriad leadership roles in Torrance Schools and the Torrance Council of PTAs. She co-founded elementary and middle school math clubs at schools where her sons are enrolled, has regularly coached teams at the Torrance Regional Middle School Math Competition, and is volunteer coordinator of the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) clubs at both schools. A passionate advocate for a healthy environment, Betty served for 10 years as an Environmental Quality Commissioner, and today is both a Water Commissioner and a member of the Clean Air Coalition.

U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu has devoted the past two decades to public service, first as an attorney in the USAF JAG corps, then as an elected official in increasingly prominent public roles that began with his election in 2002 to the Torrance City Council. Subsequent elections have seen him progress through the California State Assembly, California Senate, and most recently to the U.S. Congress' 33rd District seat representing Torrance, the greater South Bay and the Westside, a district spanning Palos Verdes to Malibu. He continues to serve the U.S. Military as a Corporal in the USAF Reserve, and was recently appointed assistant whip of the U.S. Democratic Caucus.

In all they do, personally and professionally, Betty and Ted Lieu personify the attributes of volunteerism, service, and commitment to community. The board of directors of Torrance Education Foundation is proud to recognize Betty and Ted Lieu with the 2017 James R. Armstrong Community Leadership Award.


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15. "Chances ____"
16. Crease
17. Ancient Italian
18. Movie studio
19. Swell place
20. Sweeping story
22. Basic Halloween costume
24. From
25. Gaucho's weapon
27. Quintessential
33. Forbidden
34. Tout
35. Truth or ____ (slumber party game)
37. Above
38. True skin
39. Comportment
40. Stretched
41. Very long time
42. Lampoon
43. A point at which an impasse arises in progress toward an agreement
46. First family's home

47. Prehistoric
48. Bake in a shallow dish
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53. Hot springs
56. Is down with
57. Convex molding
60. External
62. 100%
63. Numskull
64. Composed
65. Go right
66. Large number
67. Texas space center

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2. Low-lying area
3. Out on the ocean
4. "Back to the Future" actress ____ Thompson
5. Simple computer
6. Post-apartheid org.
7. Government group monitoring food and drugs
8. Snarl
9. Interactive online game
10. Cupid, to the Greeks
11. ____ Lake, MN
13. Record player
14. Lucky fish

21. Plague
23. Old time servant
24. Boundary
25. Changing to a certain color
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38. Wedding reception centerpiece
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44. Music holders
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52. Charged atom
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Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Real Estate

The Home Design Trend You Need to Know About



(BPT) - With the new year underway, the housing world is buzzing about the next transformative trend in home design and remodeling. This year it seems certain the growing trend of mixing and layering materials, something many designers and architects noticed was growing in popularity over the past few years, will dominate the remodeling and design scene.

When it comes to mixing materials, there's no rule book; all you should do is find a combination to match your personality. This might be one of the biggest reasons why people have taken to mixing materials, as it truly allows you to create a home that is uniquely yours.

Bold and Innovative

The most immediate effect of mixing materials is that it opens new possibilities and new ways of expression. An example of this can be likened to how hard stone surfaces in a room can be complemented by soft carpet and furniture, or how the highly textured wood on a ceiling can stand in stark contrast to polished stone. Some of the hottest looks today, such as the blending of unfinished industrial materials with modern floors and cabinets, would have been considered outlandish only a few years ago. Mixing materials gives you greater freedom to create a space that represents your style.

Style on a Budget

Of all the rooms in a home, kitchens and bathrooms still get the most attention.

Unfortunately, getting that dream kitchen or perfect bathroom isn't always inexpensive. For those who have uncompromising taste, but are on a budget, mixing materials is the ideal solution. For instance, say you had your heart set on a marble island and surrounding countertops, but just can't afford marble. Instead, you can choose from a variety of Wilsonart(R) Quartz for the island. Engineered to showcase the erratic veins and patterns prized in marble, quartz also has the advantage of being non-porous, so it won't stain and requires virtually no maintenance. A timeless look that continues to win the popularity contest are nature's neutrals in white, grey and black, offering flexibility to play with bold or demure colorful accents.

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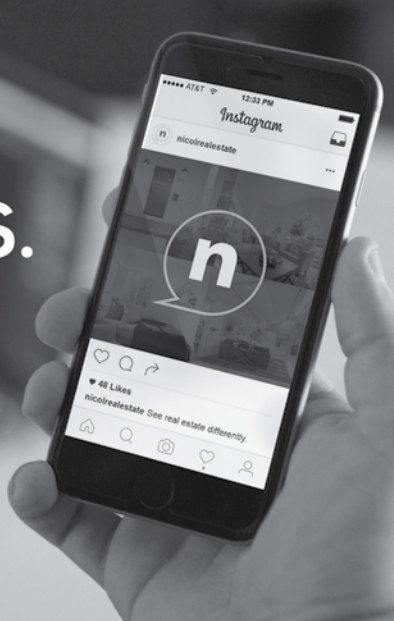
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