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Endeavour Rolls Out of South Bay, Reaches Permanent Home



Space Shuttle Endeavour reached its destination and the Unified Commanders hosted a press conference handing-off Endeavour to the California Science Center and welcoming her to her new home. Over three days, Endeavour traveled 13 miles handling multiple challenges, testing the Unified Command team. The Los Angeles Police Department reported no arrests. Seen here the Space Shuttle Endeavour leaves Inglewood toward the California Science Center. Photo by Dirk Dewachter.

Changes Scheduled for Torrance Transit

By Dylan Little

At its Tuesday meeting, the Torrance City Council approved comprehensive service changes to Torrance Transit to reduce spending on less-used routes and increase ease of use and reliability for the bus system's riders. Torrance Transit planners Bradley Tollison and Ian Daily briefed the Council and the public on some of the changes in store for Torrance Transit. All these changes will be implemented starting Sunday, November 18.

One of the biggest changes in the new schedule is that Lines 1 and 2 will no longer travel to Downtown Los Angeles, but will instead stop at the Harbor Freeway station. The Transit Department researched ridership on these lines with polls, peak-hour spot checks and fare box checks and found that these routes had 81.2 percent unused capacity. The cost of keeping these lines' services to Downtown Los Angeles is \$1,150,000 (or as Tollison put it, about six percent of Torrance Transit's operating budget) and accounted for only three percent of boardings.

"Clearly we are spending a disproportionate amount of our resources on an underutilized route," said Daily. "If we were to reinvest in local service, we could generate about 250,000 boards versus the 142,000 under the current plan."

Another factor in changing these routes is that they are duplicated by other agencies and by Torrance Transit itself. The Metro Silver Line departs from the Artesia Transit Center (located at 731 W. 182nd Street, Gardena) which would have also been a stop on Lines 1 and 2. Torrance Transit's own Rapid Bus Line 4 would make these two routes redundant for most riders, although those looking to travel at non-peak hours or against the direction of service would have to look to other agencies. Still, Tollison thinks that for the majority of riders, Rapid Line 4 will be a better choice in

one of the most crucial areas--speed. "Line 4 takes about 65 minutes to get to Downtown, compared to an hour and a half [on Line 1 or 2]," said Tollison.

Another important change is that Line 8 no longer detours to Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. Instead, it stays on Hawthorne Boulevard. The Transit Department felt the two stops on this detour could be cut, as they are less than a half-mile from the nearest new Line 8 stop. While a small

detour to the east side of the Del Amo Mall seems like a minor change, the detour has cost Torrance Transit \$260,000 a year (explained at slightly over eight percent of the route's operating budget) and only attracts 3.5 percent of the route's boardings. "Again, we are investing a large amount of resources for a small share of ridership," said Daily.

These changes have helped the department make bus routes in the city easier to understand

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
73°/64°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
71°/64°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
68°/60°



Torrance Rose Float Association Raising Funds One Day at a Time

By Cristian Vasquez

Entertainment, refreshments and a silent auction will be just some of the activities that people can expect at the Torrance Rose Float Association's fundraiser. The event will take place November 2 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Torrance Women's Club, located at 1422 Engracia Avenue.

"This is our big event of the year and we are hoping that it is one of our larger fundraisers," Torrance Rose Float Association President Misty Dawn Jones said. "We host a lot of them throughout the year. We have 'Restaurants for Roses,' we are hosting a Comedy and Magic Club Night, we sell rose vials and a lot of memorabilia. This is our big event for the year, which kind of pays homage to how many decades that Torrance has been involved with the Rose float Association. It is going to be a really fun night. We will have performers performing through the decades that our floats have been in the parade."

The City of Torrance has had a float in the historical Rose Parade for 59 years.

In recent years, the Torrance Rose Float Association and the City would pay the fee to be a part of the parade. However, the City was unable to provide money this year, leaving the TRFA on its own to raise the funds. Fortunately for the TRFA, local business ACE Clearwater Enterprises stepped in and donated \$75,000 to this year's float. The TRFA must now raise the rest of the fee.

"The only way that this is going to survive is if the businesses and residents in the city of Torrance find that they want to keep this going and that they want to help support it," Torrance Rose Float Association Secretary Lynn Robinson said. "We can't expect to receive \$75,000 every year from corporations. I mean we are definitely going to try and we would love it, but you can't depend on that. We have 150,000 people in the city of Torrance. If everyone just gave a dollar, we would have the float paid for."

Torrance is the only South Bay community with a float in the Rose Parade,

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People

Congratulations

Shaunak Intwala, a Doctor of Pharmacy student from Torrance, has been named to

the summer 2012 dean's list at University of the Sciences, in Philadelphia, PA. •

Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

• Beach Cities Republicans Special Meeting, 6-9 p.m., 21707 Hawthorne Blvd., #302. For more information contact David Hadley at (310) 600-6937 or davidfhadley@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

• Halloween Stamp Craft, 10 a.m., Waleria Library, 3815 W. 242 St. Call (310) 375-8418 to register.

• "38th Annual Bethune Recognition Luncheon", 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Double Tree Hotel Penthouse, 21333 South Hawthorne Blvd. For information call Carlin at (310) 838-7107.

• Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., Torrance Scout Center, 2365 Plaza Del Amo. For more information call (310) 375-2646 or email gscarolyn@aol.com.

• Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. Member preview sale 10/19 from 2-6 p.m. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

• Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: South Bay Allstars, 6-9 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332.

• Free Interactive Financial Workshop: Investments 101-Avoiding the Eight Most Common Mistakes, 9-11 a.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. RSVP: (310) 517-4728.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

• Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave right off of

Torrance Blvd. Free Admission and Parking.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT 24

• Free Coupon Class sponsored by the Friends of the Torrance Library, 11 a.m., Katy Geissert Library Community Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

• South Bay Ostomy Support Group meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center West Tower building on the 2nd floor in #7C".

• "Restaurants for Roses" Fundraiser for 2013 City of Torrance Rose Parade float, 11a.m.-9 p.m., Tortilla Cantina, 1225 El Prado Ave. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

• Southern California Live Steamers 25th Anniversary, 10:30 a.m. at Wilson Park, ribbon cutting for new depot, free train rides after ceremony. <http://www.SouthernCaliforniaLiveSteamers.com>.

• Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information call Julie Randall at (310) 328-6107.

• City of Torrance Birthday Bash, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard.



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Business Briefs

TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING GRAND OPENING FOR ACTIVE RX



Active Rx Managing Director Deonza Thymes, MD, celebrates the grand opening with Torrance City officials, members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and colleagues. Active Rx provides Strength Therapy specifically designed for older adults combining a comprehensive wellness assessment with a lifestyle-oriented strength-training program. It is implemented through a partnership of highly experienced Physical Therapists and specifically trained Strength Therapists. They are located at 3858 Carson Street, Suite 121 in Torrance, (310) 543-9333, ActiveRx.com.

SOUTH BAY BALLET HOSTS 2012-2013 SEASON CURTAIN RAISER

The South Bay Ballet Guild will be hosting its "Curtain Raiser" event to officially introduce the 2012-2013 season, which begins with the company's annual performance of The Nutcracker in December. The Saturday, Oct. 20 event will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Wine Styles located at 2733 Pacific Coast Highway and will provide an opportunity for supporters of the ballet to mingle with the dancers, staff and Guild members while enjoying wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. For more information interested persons may call 310-963-1247.

TORRANCE TRANSIT KICKS-OFF RAPID & EXPRESSLANES SERVICES

Torrance Transit will kick off their Rapid and ExpressLanes bus services on Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot in front of Macy's on Carson St. in Torrance. The new Line 4 created as part of Metro's ExpressLanes project on the I-110 Harbor Freeway will provide an express "North to South" service between the South Bay and downtown Los Angeles. The second new route is the new Line 3 Rapid, an "East to West" rapid bus service that will provide service between the South Bay Galleria and the Long Beach Transit Gallery. In celebration of the kick-

off, Torrance Transit will be offering free rides on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26 on Line 3 Rapid service only.

TUSD CONTINUES TO SHOW ACADEMIC GROWTH

Academic Performance Index (API) is a measurement of academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. TUSD continues to demonstrate growth with an increased 2012 API of 869 from last year's 857. In the past five years the Districts API has grown fifty points, and remains well above the state goal of 800. Eight Torrance Elementary Schools - Arnold, Anza, Hickory, Riviera, Seaside, Towers, Victor and Walteria have APIs above 900, while all secondary schools have significantly increased their API scores.

Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, is a federal benchmark that measures the proficiency of significant student subgroups in the areas of English and Math. TUSD student AYP increased across all subgroups, with students making gains in both categories. "I am proud of the high educational aptitude of all our students", comments Dr. Tim Stowe, Senior Director of Secondary Education for TUSD. "A twelve point API increase demonstrates the hard work and determination of everyone in our District to meet the needs of our students".

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOST BOOK SALE

On October 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Friends of the Library will host a popular hardback book sale at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. Books range from the classics and special interest, with many unique titles. There will be thousands of fiction and non-fiction books available on a variety of topics and genres, all at bargain prices. The "Unique Table" will feature special collections of books on food and cooking written by famous authors, chefs, and culinary writers. There will also be a selection of other great books and hundreds of DVDs, CD, videos, and record albums. The Friends of the Torrance Library is a group of citizens dedicated to working for better libraries for the community. Its principal activities are organizing used books sales to aid the library in acquiring important materials beyond the confines of their operating budget and to work with the library to sponsor cultural programs beneficial to the library and the community. The Katy Geissert Civic Library is located at 3301 Torrance Blvd in Torrance. The hardback book sale will be in the library's Community Room. For more information about the Friends of the Library hardback book sale please contact Geneva Martin at 310-378-9767. •

Community Briefs

TORRANCE WELCOMES SISTER CITY DELEGATES FROM KASHIWA, JAPAN

On Friday, October 12 the City of Torrance welcomed delegates from its Sister City, Kashiwa, Japan in celebration of 40 years of Sister City friendship. The Sister Cities Program was started by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to foster world peace through people-to-people contacts. Torrance and the City of Kashiwa, in Japan, became sister cities on February 20, 1973. The Torrance Sister City Association is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose activities center around the Japanese culture. The Association sponsors a student exchange program each summer, and the Bunka-Sai Cultural Festival each spring. Membership is open to the public.

GRAND FINALE OF CITY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY, OCT. 28

On Sunday, October 28th, we will be presenting a Birthday Bash to mark Torrance's 100th birthday. The celebration will take place at Wilson Park, 2300 Crenshaw Blvd, (just North of Sepulveda Blvd) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there will be something to entertain every member of your family. For the youngsters there will be a children's

activity area, complete with jumpers, petting zoo, pony rides, and games. Many of the activities will be free, with a few charging a nominal fee. There will also be a Community Stage in this area with local talent performing for all attendees. The Live Steamers trains will be celebrating their own birthday, with free train rides available among many other activities. As the day draws to a close, there will be a release of 100 white doves to mark Torrance's 100 years. The closing spectacular will feature the 21st Century Skydivers, a group of precision skydivers who will descend into the park. Picnicking space is available at the far East end of the Park, and there will be an assortment of food trucks at the park throughout the day for those who prefer, along with a number of fast food restaurants within easy walking distance of the park.

TUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION OPENS POSITIONS ON BOND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Torrance Unified School District Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) will have ten vacated seats to fill due to expired terms of the majority of its

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Police Brief

SEXUAL ASSAULT ARREST DR# 120060269

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at approximately 6:50 pm, Torrance Police Detectives culminated a five-day investigation and arrested a 33-year-old male on various sex-related charges. Sergio Gallardo, 33 years, of Los Angeles was taken into custody without incident after Detectives investigated allegations that he had been involved in a continuous and consensual sexual relationship with a

female juvenile he met while working as a Worship Leader at a local church in the South Bay. Gallardo was arraigned this morning and charged with multiple counts of engaging in a sexual relationship with a juvenile. This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this crime is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at 310-618-5570.

Police Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceeding are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes are listed as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, auto theft, auto burglary, commercial burglary, residential burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with a weapon, theft and vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

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Auto Theft-All: 800 BLOCK HICKORY AVE Stolen vehicle: '92 Ford van.

Burglary Residential: 4100 BLOCK 172ND ST Suspect(s) enters unsecured residence tented for fumigation, ransacks/unknown if property loss at time of report.

Theft: 400 BLOCK ALASKA AVE Suspect(s) removes property from vehicle's battery housing/battery.

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Theft: 17000 BLOCK WILKIE AVE Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/tailgate.

Burglary-Auto: 2800 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) pries door handle for entry, ransacks and takes property/sunglasses, eyeglasses, wallet.

Burglary-Residential: 5500 BLOCK MARIALINDA ST Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Burglary-Auto: 3700 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/cash, sunglasses, keys.

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Burglary-Auto: 2400 BLOCK 237TH PL Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat, diaper bag.

Theft: 4300 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspects enlist victim's help in "donating" a large sum of cash before contacting a "lawyer" who tells her she is the winner of a "good citizen" award and needs to

first present cash to then collect her monetary reward - suspects then flee with her cash.

Auto Theft-All: 18800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '10 BMW 550.

Theft: 2000 BLOCK 181ST ST Suspect(s) takes property from victim's residence without permission while there with permission/wallet.

Battery Weapon/Agg: CRENSHAW BLVD & 228TH ST Suspect(s) throws a brick at victim's vehicle as victim is driving.

OCTOBER 3

Burglary-Auto: 16800 BLOCK YUKON AVE Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/wallet.

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Burglary-Commercial: 17400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) removes door locks in an attempt to enter business/no entry, no loss.

Theft: 3700 BLOCK GARNET ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from parking garage/bicycle.

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Vandalism: 23300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) tags front of vacant building.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 23600 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspect punches victim in the face.

Vandalism: 20900 BLOCK HIGGINS CT Suspect(s) tags exterior of business, dumpster, bushes and parked truck.

Burglary-Residential: 24200 BLOCK HUBER AVE Suspect(s) pries off screen, slides open window, ransacks and takes property/cash, checks, bank card.

Burglary-Residential: 2300 BLOCK MARICOPA PL Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open window, ransacks and takes property/laptop, game console, jewelry.

Auto Theft-All: 4200 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '97 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Burglary-Auto: 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes two vehicles' windows for entry, ransacks and takes property/CDs, wallet, cell phone.

Auto Theft-All: 2600 BLOCK WOODBURY DR Stolen vehicle: '11 Mercedes Benz E350. •

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Sports

Kobe's End May Be Near

By Adam Serrao

As the preseason begins and the Lakers get ready to kick off a season that, according to their roster, may be one of their greatest years in quite some time, there is some hesitation sprinkled in with all of the cheerfulness going around camp. At the age of 34, Kobe Bryant believes that his career as one of the best basketball players in the league may be coming to an end. It's certainly no secret that he's getting up there in age and that at some point soon he will have to retire, but the fact that he was in a reflective mood about it after just the second day of training camp leads fans to believe that the 17-year veteran may just be calling it quits sooner rather than later.

Back in 1996, Kobe Bryant was like a brand new Ferrari. Rearing and ready to go. His tires had barely laid tread to the ground and everything on the inside was in perfect working condition. Fast forward 17 years later, however, and the car has been to the shop a multitude of times. A bum knee, broken fingers and now a sore shoulder. All of the aches and pains that Bryant is experiencing must lead the 14-time NBA All-Star to want to drive into the garage and just rest for a bit. The Kobe of years ago, sporting an afro and soaring well above the rim, has now been hobbled down to an older, bald edition that can't get up much off the ground anymore. So when Kobe says that three years might be it for him, we should probably believe him. "It's just that three more years seems like a really long time to continue to stay at a high, high level of training and preparation and health," an explanative Bryant related. "That's a lot of years. For a guard? That's a *lot* of years." Perhaps health is the biggest question in that variable, for without a healthy body, Bryant won't be able to prepare and train in the way that he is used to doing. That's why this season, while Bryant nurses an injured shoulder to add to the list of his ailing body parts, retirement has arisen as a topic of conversation.

Forget that Kobe even brought up the possibility of retirement. What really makes his potential departure from the game even more ominous is the state of the Lakers without him. Though it is only preseason, watching the Lakers take the floor without number 24 out there just doesn't feel right. Thinking of the purple and gold without the guy that can easily go off for 40 to 50 points on any given night and rear back and hit a game-winner just doesn't seem, well, fun. In addition to the great skill and leadership that Kobe brings to the floor, he makes the game fun to watch. Even people who hate him are still scared when their favorite team

plays the Lakers because of Kobe Bryant. Once his time is done, that awe factor may no longer be existent and all that comes with the brand of the Lakers may slowly start to diminish. His odometer now has 51,000 minutes and counting tacked onto it. Who knows how much longer it'll be before the transmission fails. The "Black Mamba" that was once unstoppable and invincible may, for the first time in this upcoming season, begin to feel vulnerable. If you haven't already started, begin to appreciate Kobe before it is simply just too late.

Kobe's still quick to remind everyone that this Laker team is his team and that nothing is going to get in the way of his chase for a sixth championship. So at least his mind is still focused on the here and now. But even when he talks about what is to come for the Lakers, he uses terminology like "when I'm gone" to express how he will expect to hand the team over to newcomers like Dwight Howard. Usually, when someone begins speaking of retirement, especially as much as Kobe has been doing in the past couple of weeks, it means you've basically already retired. So to hear a player who was once likely the most competitive and cutthroat basketball player of his time speak of retirement so much means that the desire and need to win is slowly beginning to extinguish--and if that's the case, Kobe will quickly become only a fraction of his former self.

Kobe may be in the mood to count down his playing days, but head coach Mike Brown doesn't exactly reciprocate those same feelings. Brown is just like the rest of us and when asked about his star player's possible retirement, he said that he plans to keep Kobe in the purple and gold uniform for as long as possible. "I might play Kobe three minutes a game then, because I want him here for five more years," Brown joked. "We'll play him four minutes. We'll give him a minute each quarter and hopefully it stops his retirement from happening for another four years. Then I'll be good." Certainly, every Laker fan around the world would echo those same sentiments, but in the end, it's really up to Kobe how long he stays in that jersey. Until he decides to go, nothing will distract Kobe from getting another championship. "It's just staying in the moment and appreciating each day as it comes," Bryant related. No wiser words that maybe all of us should soon start living by. While he is around, those who love the Lakers and appreciate all that Kobe Bryant has done for the team should stay in the moment and appreciate each day as it comes. Before you know it, the incredible talent that is Kobe Bryant will be gone for good. •

Up and Adam

West High Headed South

By Adam Serrao

Everything was looking great for the West High Warriors. A team full of fresh faces, a new attitude and a killer instinct that got them out to a 5-0 record to start the season. The offense was at an all-time high for the team. The offense, however, is not what the problem has been. Over the last three games, the Warriors have allowed exactly 100 points for an average of 33 points given up per opponent. Having to score more than 33 points every game has certainly put some stress on that amazing offense. So much stress that with their 34-31 league loss at Redondo last Friday, the Warriors have now dropped two straight league games and have plummeted into what is recorded as a fifth place standing in the Bay League.

The game started out great for the Warriors, as most games typically have this year. With an eight-play, 55-yard drive, West drove down the field and scored a touchdown for the first score of the game on its first drive of the game. Though West had an early 7-0 lead, Redondo fired right back with a score of its own and by halftime had taken the lead with 14 second quarter points. At the end of the third quarter, the score was 28-21 in favor of Redondo and that's when all the fun really started.

With just under 11 minutes remaining in the final quarter of play, the West High offense really began to hit a high gear. None other than star running back Barry Thomas got the team going with a 43-yard gallop for a touchdown to tie the score up at 28 apiece. With all of the momentum, the Warriors were able to hold Redondo scoreless until West and Thomas began driving again. With just over five minutes remaining in the game, Thomas was carrying the team down the field on his back to take its first lead since early on in the first half. With just 15 yards to go until he reached the end zone, Thomas took the handoff from starting quarterback Joey Notch and fumbled the ball to everyone's surprise. Redondo recovered and staged its own drive down to the West High 25 yard line, but ran it on fourth and one instead of going for the game-winning field goal. Redondo and starting running back Anthony Philyaw were stuffed, sending the game into overtime.

The Warriors scored first in overtime, connecting on a field goal from 30 yards out. All they needed was one stop. When Redondo's Philyaw gained eight yards and fumbled at the eight yard line, the Warriors recovered and thought that they had gotten the stop they needed as they celebrated their supposed win with glee. But the officials quickly ruled Philyaw down by contact, giving Redondo possession of the ball and another chance. "I couldn't see it, so I'll have to wait and watch the film," West High head coach Greg Holt said. "One official threw the bean bag, which meant he thought it was a fumble. You don't throw the bean bag unless you think it's a fumble. The other official came in and overruled him." On the next play, Philyaw scored a touchdown, defeating the Warriors both physically and mentally, once and for all.

In a game that they maybe should have won, the Warriors saw their record slip to 5-2 and worst of all, 0-2 in league play. They'll travel to take on a Palos Verdes team that is undefeated this year in league play and just destroyed a Mira Costa team (48-13) that West lost to (62-42) two weeks ago. Running back Barry Thomas finished with 122 yards and two touchdowns on the night, while Philyaw ran for 231 yards and five touchdowns.

NORTH HIGH

Were it not for a three-point loss to West

High in the game just before league play began, the North High Saxons would be looking just about flawless this year. Last Friday night at Lawndale, they put that unblemished style of play into action to attain their second league play victory in as many opportunities.

The story of the game was the play of quarterback Jorge Hernandez. Hernandez threw for 416 yards and five touchdowns on the night, making wide receiver Devante Jenkins his primary target. Jenkins torched the Lawndale secondary for 10 catches, 149 yards and three touchdowns en route to the 49-21 North High victory. It was really no contest from the start as North jumped out to a quick 28-0 lead early on in the second quarter. By halftime, it was 42-6 and the game was all but over.

North's victory moves the team to 5-2 on the season and 2-0 in league play as it sits in first place in the Pioneer League standings. It will take on the second place El Segundo Eagles in what should be a competitive game this Friday at El Segundo.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans are slumping and searching for any way to get out of the downward spiral that they have been on lately. A matchup against the team that was at the time in last place seemed to be the perfect elixir for the Spartans, but ultimately the Centennials' running game proved to be too much for South in a 33-10 loss last Friday night at Centennial.

The Spartans' woes began early in this one as the Apaches scored on their first drive of the game behind a 47-yard touchdown run by Ronald Reed. Reed would score again before the half, helping Centennial to a 13-3 lead before the break. South starting quarterback Ian Van Natta was able to score the Spartans' only touchdown of the game to start the third quarter as he scampered for a 10-yard touchdown run. Reed broke free again for Centennial in the third quarter, though, helping his team out to a 20-10 lead before the Apaches put it away for good at 33-10. The Apaches rushed for 314 yards on the night, as Reed finished with 160 yards and three touchdowns. The Spartans have now fallen to 0-2 in league play and have lost four out of their last five games after starting the season 2-0. They will look to get things back on track next week as they take on the Lawndale Cardinals at home.

TORRANCE HIGH

The Torrance Tartars came into their game against a strong El Segundo team last Friday night looking to steal a victory late. The Tartars led early on in the second half by a score of 13-10, but it wasn't until then that opposing quarterback Lars Nootbaar really came to life. Nootbaar threw an 81-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter that not only changed the momentum of the game, but put the Eagles up for good.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles were up by the score of 24-16 when Torrance starting quarterback Jacob Kalama threw a touchdown pass to Spencer Kovacs to bring the Tartars to within two points at 24-22 with just under six minutes remaining. The Tartars decided to go for a two-point conversion to tie the game up, but were denied by El Segundo, which was then able to run the clock down before Kalama was intercepted on his final play of the game.

The loss drops Torrance down to 3-4 on the season with a 1-1 record in league play to put them in third place in the Pioneer League standings. They will take on the fourth place Centennial Apaches next week at home looking to improve on their record. •

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

One debate left in this Presidential election season, and while the POTUS was still ahead in the polling in the all-important swing states (Ohio, Florida) at the time this tome was penned, wouldn't hurt Mr. Obama to look a little more prepared the next time he condescendingly speaks to us and a little less a floundering ex-community organizer in search of a teleprompter.

Any teleprompter.

Whoops, at the time of this penning, the smug POTUS, who has all but abandoned running the country in the last month, has actually dropped behind Mitt "The Glove" Romney in some of the all-too-fluid polls that seem to pop up daily, giving the pundits something to spin as they try, oh so vehemently, to make this election seem like a race between Secretariat and Seabiscuit.

And it might just end up that way. Ready for some more hanging chads? Know of a few Chads--couple that I would like to leave hanging for some of their past indiscretions, but I guess that we should let moronic bygones be bygones, right? As someone great said, forgive but don't forget.

Doesn't resonate here. Tired of forgiving. And will never forget.

Anyway, read a very prescient column penned a few weeks back from an obviously astute political scribe who guaranteed that the seemingly overwhelming Obama advantage at that time would dissipate. And his point: the media has a vested interest in pushing for a close race--for a cliffhanger on that first Tuesday in November. So they do what pundits and media-ites do. Champion the leader in the clubhouse, the leader in the polls, pushing him to a point and then working oh-so-hard to bring the insurmountable advantage back to a toss-up.

And that is exactly what happened after the first Presidential debate. Now I watched the first debate, studiously studying the preprogrammed answers that were mouthed by Mr. Obama and Mr. Romney. And I probably watched the second debate, which took place a couple of nights ago, way past my filing deadline. As I did the VP debate between the acerbic Joe Biden and the young, shoot-from-the-lip Republican candidate, Wisconsinite Paul Ryan. The youngster (Ryan, 42) and the oldster (Biden, 69) matched wits last Thursday night. With nothing to lose for Ryan, other than screwing up the perceived gains made by "The Glove" in the first debate against the seemingly disinterested Obama, Ryan presumably held his own against the elder statesman Biden.

Sure that Hillary was watching the debate. If the POTUS is successful in his reelection campaign and holds serve in the general election in a few weeks, that will set up a nice tussle for the Demo Presidential nomination in 2016. Which will actually begin on Wednesday morning, November 7.

Biden would certainly have to be a player, right? He may be old, but he will have had eight years of experience caddying for the fundraising dynamo, the Illinois-based community organizer. Dude has run for the Presidency a couple of times before. No way he could pass up this lay-up of an opportunity, right? And speaking of VPs, or failed VP candidates, saw Princess Sarah Palin interviewed after the first Presidential debate. Gonna change my wattage a little here: She is a clueless... lady. Guess I have been brainwashed, or something else the past few years. Changed her hair color, BTW.

No Palin for President campaign in 2016 will resonate on these pages. Wonder if Rosie Barr will run again? •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Throughout our history, we have learned many things from our military, foremost among which address honor and integrity. It is no wonder then that on October 7, when the *Military Times* polled 3,100 military members about their choice for President, Mitt Romney overwhelmed Barack Obama by 59-24 on the issue of sincerity and 66-24 on the issues of the economy and integrity. Interestingly, military matters were not at issue.

Is there any basis for the military's low regard for the President? Let's take a look at the last week:

First, on October 5, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the September job growth had been a measly 114,000--a number insufficient to keep up with population growth. Miraculously, however, one month before the presidential election, the unemployment rate fell from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent, thus benefiting the President. The BLS explained the falling rate was caused by two factors: The July and August job numbers were revised upwards by 91,000 jobs due to governmental hiring that no one had known about! (Really?) And in consumer phone contacts, the BLS "found" another 875,000 employed people it had not identified before. (Truly?)

These two adjustments created the largest one-month gain in employment in 29 years! Many are guessing that immediately after the election, these numbers will be revised downward again. Truth may eventually win out...but not now, not yet...not until November 7...after the election.

The second thing that happened was the directive from the Office of Management and

Budget to defense contractors, advising them to violate federal law. Legally, companies employing more than 100 employees who are planning major layoffs or plant closings are required to give employees 60 days notice of such an event. Because of the financial cliff created by the President and Congress, two million jobs may be lost on January 2, 2013. The law therefore requires that employers notify employees of potential layoffs by November 1, five days before the election. The OMB advised Lockheed Martin and other employers to not issue layoff notifications, and that the taxpayers would pay any costs resulting from such legal violation. Sen. John McCain estimates these taxpayer costs to reach into the billions of dollars--all to politically shield the President.

Third, the Obama campaign raised an astounding \$181 million in the month of September and close to a billion dollars cumulatively! The Government Accountability Institute recently released a 108-page report describing one source of the President's funds. The website www.obama.com is not owned by the President's reelection team, but by a Democratic fundraiser named Robert Roche. Roche, from Chicago (of course), is currently living in Shanghai, China, and has business ties to the Chinese government. Sixty-eight percent of the hits to his www.Obama.com are from international sources and are referred to Obama fundraising sites. Accordingly, only two percent of Obama's contributions are traceable to domestic donors.

Clearly, the military recognizes honor and integrity. The question is whether or not the rest of us do. •

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Changes

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and use. One idea implemented with ease of use in mind is using the Del Amo Fashion Center as a converging point for bus routes so riders can transfer somewhere logical and easy to identify. "We've seriously improved connections around the Del Amo Mall," said Tollison. "We wanted to create one location where people can transfer to different lines without having to really think about it."

Tollison also explained that the new schedules will help make bus service in the city more reliable. In addition to being easier on inexperienced riders, simpler routes are also easier to manage and plan for when things go wrong on individual buses. "By creating better schedules, we can create better methodologies allowing [us] to better deal with service interruptions," said Tollison. "We dramatically simplified our route system, allowing it to be easier to use, faster and faster to recover from interruptions to service."

While these current changes are significant, they are by no means the last word on Torrance's bus routes. After implementing the changes, the Transit Department plans to continue closely monitoring ridership and making adjustments where it could save residents money or make the system easier to use. "It's certainly our goal to innovate as time goes on," said Tollison.

The Council agreed with the benefits of the new schedule. Councilmember Susan Rhilinger said the plan was well-thought out. "I'm impressed by the work and the thought that has gone into it," she said.

Lastly, Council members Gene Barnett, Tom Brewer and Rhilinger invited the community to the City's Birthday Bash, hosted at Wilson Park (2300 Crenshaw Boulevard) on Sunday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is the "grand finale" of the City's Centennial Celebration and will feature activities for the whole family. For kids there will be a petting zoo, jumpers and a rubber ducky race. For the grown-ups, there will be a stage with live performances from Tres Hombres, LA City All Stars and *American Idol* performer Tim Urban. In addition to music, the event will feature 16 food trucks, including The Grilled Cheese Truck, Ragin Cajun, Rancho A Go Go and Gravy Train Pouterie. Closing out the evening will be the release of 100 white doves (representing the 100 years Torrance has been a city).

"Remember the excitement and camaraderie of Lights, Camera, Action, which marked the opening of the centennial year?" said Rhilinger. "Don't be one of those who read about the event on October 29 and wish they had been there." •

Rose

from front page

so the small but very vocal committee is diligently reaching out to the community and sharing the significance and importance of having a float represent the city. Parts of the committee's efforts include educating the public about the huge team effort it takes to put the float together. Furthermore, losing one's place in the parade makes it complicated to get back into the route in years to come given the waiting list of cities seeking to be part of the event.

"We don't want to lose our momentum,"

Jones said. "Everyone switched gears this year and agreed that we were going to raise money and we are excited about the float. If Ace Clearwater had not generously stepped up out of the blue, as they did, the float would not happen. It did light a fire under everyone to say, 'Hey, let's all work together and try to get this float out there so we can keep the tradition alive.'"

This year's float is titled "Follow Your Dreams" and falls in line with the parade's

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TerriAnn in Torrance

An Afternoon with the Arts

By TerriAnn Ferren

The parking lot was jammed Sunday afternoon at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The 35th Excellence in Arts Awards was being held in the Toyota Meeting Hall. It had been a great many years since I had attended this particular event. The last Excellence in Arts Awards I attended was long ago and held at the Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room where my friend and drama coach Marie Denn accepted the Drama and Theatre Arts Award. The event was very special and meant a lot to Marie. This year, six arts awards will be handed out, plus the very special Katy Geissert Award. This was an event I couldn't wait to attend!

Randy Maddox, Recreation Coordinator, welcomed me as I entered the Toyota Meeting Hall foyer and assured me this was going to be a very special afternoon. Right away I noticed lots of women dressed in black and yellow vertical-striped jackets and straw hats milling around the entrance. I found out that

told me they love drama and have been acting since they were small. The girls told me the next production at North High School is *The Election*, October 25, 26 and November 1, 2



L.A. South Towns Show Chorus members Phyllis Pelezzare and Leota Wehrman.

at the Black Box Theatre on campus.

Eve Rappoport, Manager of the Cultural Services Division, welcomed recipients, citizens, elected officials and guests to this very special evening. City Councilmember Susan Rhilinger congratulated the recipients on behalf of Mayor Frank Scotto and the rest of the Council and went on to say, "The City of Torrance is committed to support the arts and provide an essential art experience for everyone in the community...I congratulate our 2012 Excellence in Arts Awards Honorees Jordana Benone, Bill Wassenberg, Mark Esposito, Dr. Wing Mar, L.A. South Towns Show Chorus, Ron Libbrecht...and receiving the Katy Geissert Award, Bob and Laurie Brandt, Red Car Brewery."

Cultural Arts Commissioner Benito Miranda presented Jordana Benone with the Drama and Theatre Arts Award for all the magnificent work she has done since 1998 when she began teaching at North High School. "Theatre is a great way to teach empathy," said Jordana.

Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission Lynda Bunting introduced Bill Wassenberg as the recipient of the Visual Arts and Design Award. The multi-talented Wassenberg has served in leadership positions in the South Bay Watercolor Society, is currently Program Chair for the Artist's Guild, Treasurer of the Arts Council, and volunteers at the Art Museum and the Madrona Marsh. Wassenberg has achieved great heights and gives of himself in many areas of the community.



Katy Geissert Award winner Bob and Laurie Brandt, Red Car Brewery with Ed Candioty.

Commissioner Lynn Frangos next introduced Jim Hormel, who has directed many shows for the Torrance Theatre Company and accepted the Dance Award for Mark Esposito who was in New York working. At this point, a clip of Esposito's choreography (reproduced from the original Broadway production, in which Esposito was a cast member) from the hit show at the James Armstrong Theatre, *Fiddler on the Roof*, was shown. The Bottle Dance where men danced with real bottles on their heads was a smash hit.

Dr. Wing Mar, recipient of the Literary Arts Award, was introduced by Arts Commissioner Kathryn Endo-Roberts. A resident of Torrance since 1956, Dr. Mar has been very involved with the community. Asked by the YMCA to do camp physicals, he was honored in 1968 with the Golden Book of Distinguished Service. Dr. Mar was instrumental in helping secure the land where the YMCA now stands and

is a founding board member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. His book *Portraits of Pride* published in 2004 and his second book published in 2011 tell the

Torrance Arts Council from proceeds from a book he put together of two young students.

This year, the Katy Geissert Award, which "recognizes outstanding support for all the arts in Torrance," was given to Bob and Laurie Brandt of the Red Car Brewery. The Brandts moved to Torrance in 1995. Laurie was working in the garment industry as a national sales manager when a friend gave Bob a home brewing kit. The dream of owning a restaurant became a reality 12 years later in 2000 when the Red Car Brewery opened. After moving to Torrance, the Brandt family became involved with South High School and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. For two seasons, the Brandts were the sole supplier of meals for the Foundation's Jazz Cabaret Series at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The generosity of the Brandts is such that they bought two guest spots for a lunch with famed WWII hero Louis Zamperini when the lunch was in their own restaurant! Laurie said, "Janet Payne



North High School Drama Students Sarah Guidinger and Elaine Rodriguez, both age 16.

came to me and said, 'Hey, you've got to get involved in the arts--this is what we do,' and she asked me to donate something, so I said yes. I'm from the Midwest and the arts are really important to us." At this point, Bob took to the microphone, glanced lovingly at his wife and with a lump in his throat said, "I would like to take exception to what my wife said. I think I am an artist. I don't have a canvas and I don't have paint. I am not able to use my voice as some here, but my canvas is barley, hops, yeast and water. I feel so fortunate that I am able to brew beer for a living and have this wonderful woman. To the young people in the audience here today, you never know where your life is going to take you and you never know when that turn is going to happen. I had a friend as mentioned--a classmate who gave me a home brewing kit, and for all the world I thought I was just going to make one batch of beer. Well, that one batch of beer has now turned into almost 770 brews at the Red Car Brewery and Restaurant. Everywhere you go, you're going to pick something up and you never know when that knock is going to come. You have to follow your heart and go with it and we are truly blessed to live in a city that very, early, early on was so supportive."

I wasn't the only one tearing up at the end of the ceremonies. Truly, this group of gracious recipients was most deserving. As Eve Rappoport said, "There is so much generosity to these honorees. No one's getting rich here. People follow their passions and they give to the community and it really makes it a better place to live. I'm touched." Me too...•



Manager of the Cultural Services Division, Eve Rappoport.

the entire room want to join in! They were absolutely marvelous. They will be performing Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. in the James Armstrong Theatre. Can't wait for the show!

Then Master of ceremonies Ed Candioty presented Ron Libbrecht with the Arts Education Award. Ron Libbrecht's father started Automatic Printing in 1955 in downtown Torrance, so Ron has been a resident a long time. Ron began teaching art at the tender age of 15 when he helped his mom by teaching an art project to his younger sister's Brownie troop. The rest is history, as they say, and Ron has been teaching ever since. He even met his wife, a former student, while teaching. Ron was asked by Barbara Johnson to show his work at the Joslyn Center in 1989 and that connection introduced him to the Cultural Arts Center. He continues to paint, teach and encourage everyone who wants to learn what he loves to do--paint. Ron presented a \$500 check to the



2004 Music Excellence in Arts Award recipient, Frank Fetta and Howard Korman.

these colorfully dressed women were part of L.A. South Towns Show Chorus being honored for Music. Phyllis Pelezzare and Leota Wehrman, both of whom have been singing in the group for 15 years, were all smiles. "It's a wonderful group and very compatible. We help each other. There are 55 of us, I would



Arts Education recipient Ron Libbrecht with Master of Ceremonies Ed Candioty.

say," said Phyllis. Leota added, "It's a grand group of women."

Sitting toward the front of the room I spotted Howard Korman and Maestro Frank Fetta--Conductor of the Torrance Symphony Association and recipient of the 2004 Music Award. They both seemed ready for the event and when asked what they thought about the awards, Fetta said, "I think very highly of them being one of the recipients, but I think it's great that you recognize the artists that have really helped out and excelled in the South Bay. They always appreciate additional recognition other than applause."

Sixteen students from the North High School Advanced Theatre Class were sitting toward the back of the room ready to perform. Two bubbly 16-year-olds, Sarah Guidinger and Elaine

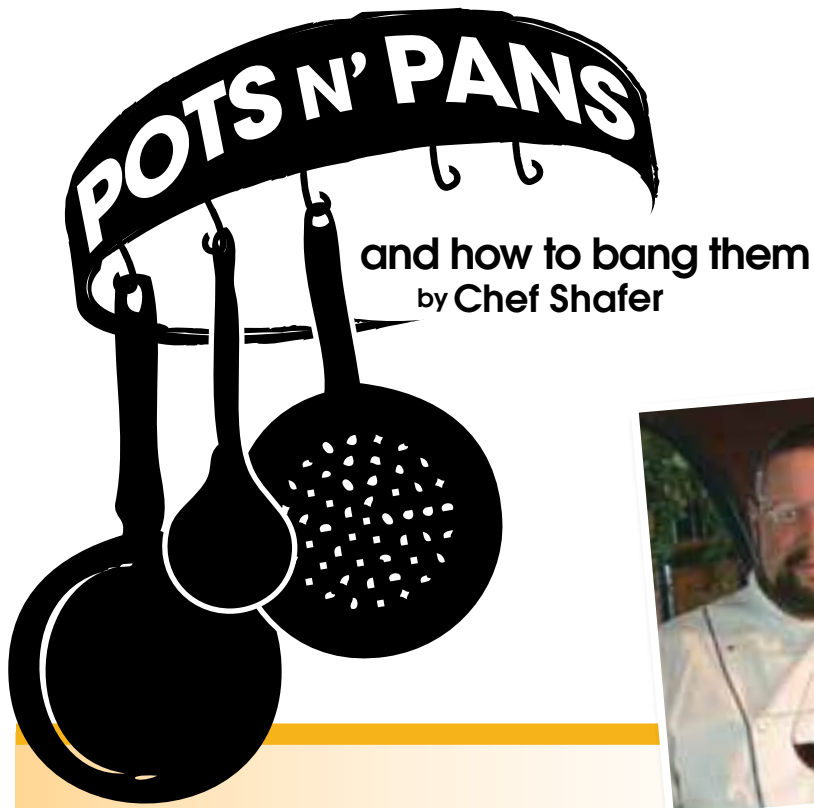


Kathryn Endo-Roberts and Literary Arts Award recipient Dr. Wing Mar.

Rodriguez, couldn't wait for the program to begin because they were going to perform a quick history of Torrance as part of honoring their teacher Jordana Benone, the recipient of the Drama and Theatre Arts Award. Both girls



The 2012 Excellence in Arts Awards winners in front row; Caroline Mc Lean, Ron Libbrecht, Laurie and Bob Brandt, Dr. Wing Mar, Bill Wassenberg, and Jordana Benone. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



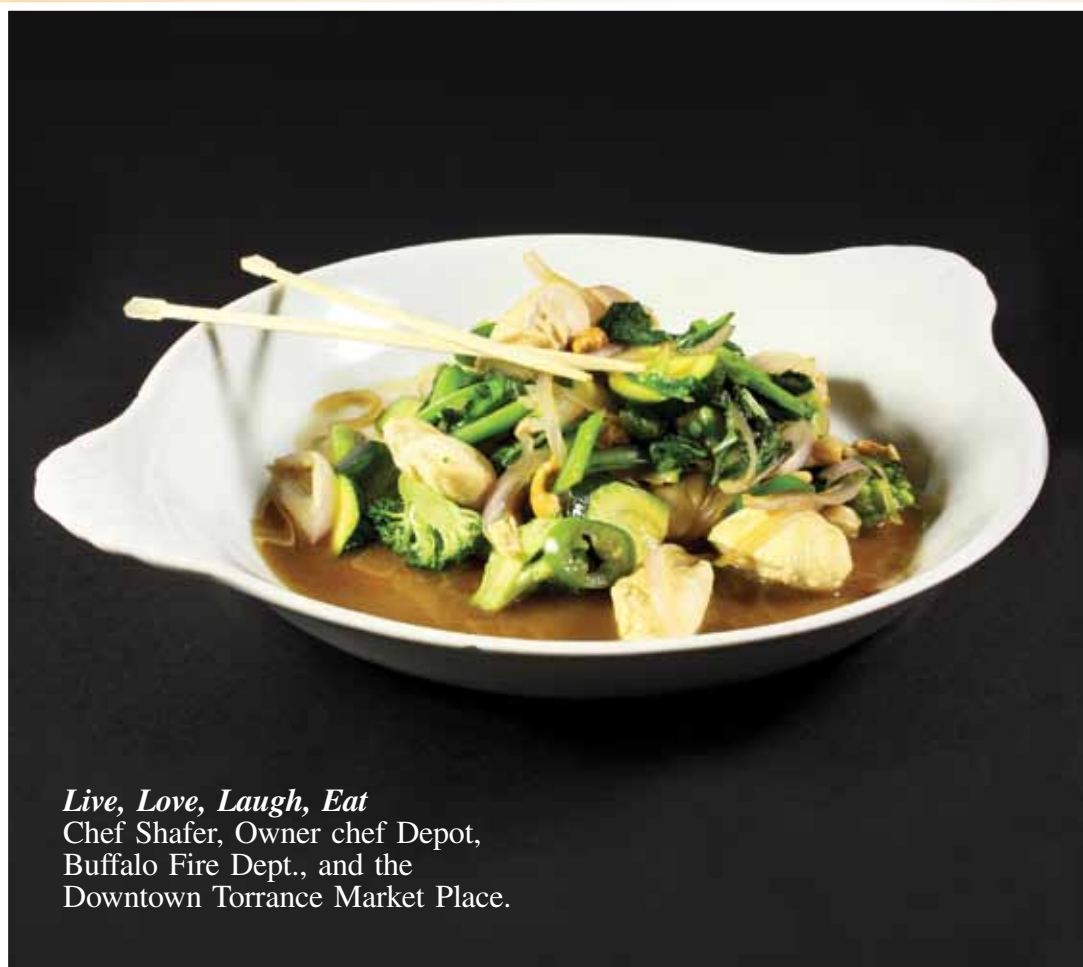
Back at The Market... Today we found fresh kale, broccoli, sweet onions, and tender zucchinis! Boy what are we going to make? How about a spicy stir fry that uses very little oil and lots of fresh produce.

In the 70s when I was an apprentice I would go to a three-hour theoretical lecture in downtown L.A. every Monday afternoon. Instead of getting on the freeway I would walk around Chinatown and little Tokyo trying to be a culinary spy. I would check out all the little markets and shops looking for herbs, spices and interesting things that I had no idea what to do with. Then I would go back to my apartment and experiment on my roommates. They were not always appreciative of my offering as to the funk factor of my creations. But eventually I got more consistent and developed my style of fusion cuisine.

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The Chef

Spicy Chicken Stir Fry



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1 lb. chopped chicken,
I like thigh meat because it's moisture but you can use breast meat or any protein.

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 lbs. of vegetables,
We're using onions, broccoli, kale, and zucchinis.

1/4 cup oyster sauce

1/2 cup chicken broth

1 to 3 chopped Serrano chilies,
It depends on how hot you like it.

1/2 cup of toasted cashews or nuts,
NOT SALTED.

Get a large sauté pan very hot. Add oil and chicken be careful the oil is hot and may splash. Let it cook for about 1 minute tossing the chicken to make sure it cooks evenly. Then add veggies and toss together with the remaining ingredients, check to see if the chicken is cooked then heat and serve. •



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Rose

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theme of "Oh, the Places You'll Go," based on Dr. Seuss. For many years, the City of Torrance has won awards for its floats in the Rose Parade. These awards are showcased during the parade, after the parade and throughout the community and are a sense of pride, which the TRFA hopes can continue.

"One of the reasons we would like to continue this...obviously the tradition, but also because Torrance as you know is the birthplace of AYSO and AYSO is celebrating their 50th anniversary next year," Jones said. "They would very much love to help fundraise and be part of our float. Having the birthplace of AYSO being Torrance and to have a Torrance float, the membership of AYSO is so huge that the amount of people

looking to the float and watching for that float will be bigger than ever."

Typically, there are about 100 volunteers a day helping to decorate the float beginning the morning after Christmas Day all the way up on to New Year's Eve. Being a volunteer also allows people to meet other volunteers from different parts of the state and country working on their own floats. For those who have been part of the decorating effort in the past, having the float represents more than just an opportunity to seek Torrance represented in the parade. It is also a tradition that they look forward to each year.

"It is such a great feeling in there with everybody--not just our float. There are hundreds and hundreds of volunteers with

glue in their hair, with scissors in their pockets and everybody's happy everyone is doing something," Jones said. "It is just a great experience. It is also so fun for those people to sit there on New Year's Day and say that they were involved with the float."

To help with fundraising efforts, every Thursday a local restaurant will donate 10 to 20 percent of sales. This also helps inform residents about places that they can attend to help fundraise. There will be a decorator sign-up table at Torrance City Hall on October 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for persons interested in volunteering with the float.

"Part of the message that we have to get out to the community is that 'this is

your float. This is your city that is being represented for millions of people. If you want to hang on to this tradition, then you need to step up and help us do it," Robinson said. "The Torrance Rose Float Association cannot do it alone. The big question right now is how many people want to do that. We already lost the fireworks and a lot of other things. We understand the economic times and we understand the City's position, so now it is up to the citizens to save this and keep this tradition."

For more information about the November 2 event, persons interested can contact Pam Barrett at (310) 548-3926. Additional information is also available by calling Lynn Robinson at (310) 793-6909. •

Community

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committee members. The application process will open on October 29 and end on November 29 at 5 p.m. The TUSD Board of Education will select new members to the ICOC at its regular meeting on December 10. The purpose of this committee, which meets quarterly, is to review the financial activities related to 2008 General Obligation Bond Issue Measures Y and Z, passed by the residents of Torrance. The ten openings are for the following representatives on the Oversight Committee – Local Business Community, Parent/Guardian

of a TUSD Student, Parent/Guardian & PTA, Taxpayers' Association, and six representatives in the At-Large category. Three positions are continuing – Senior Citizen's Organization, Home Owners' Association, and one At Large representative. Those individuals who are representative of one of the openings and are interested in serving on this committee may access the application from the District website at www.tusd.org. The application process will open on Monday, October 29 and end on Thursday, November 29 at 5

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Eagles Sweep Tartars In Volleyball

In a Pioneer League match up between the Torrance Tartars and the El Segundo Eagles, El Segundo came out on top winning three straight games against Torrance, 25-18, 25-18, 25-16.



Chiaki Ebihara makes a valiant effort trying to keep the ball inbounds.



Stephanie Berger sets the ball for Madison Noble. Photos by Shelley Kemp.



Jackie Fernan digs low as she passes to the setter after an El Segundo serve.



Haley Noble goes up to spike the ball over the net into El Segundo territory.

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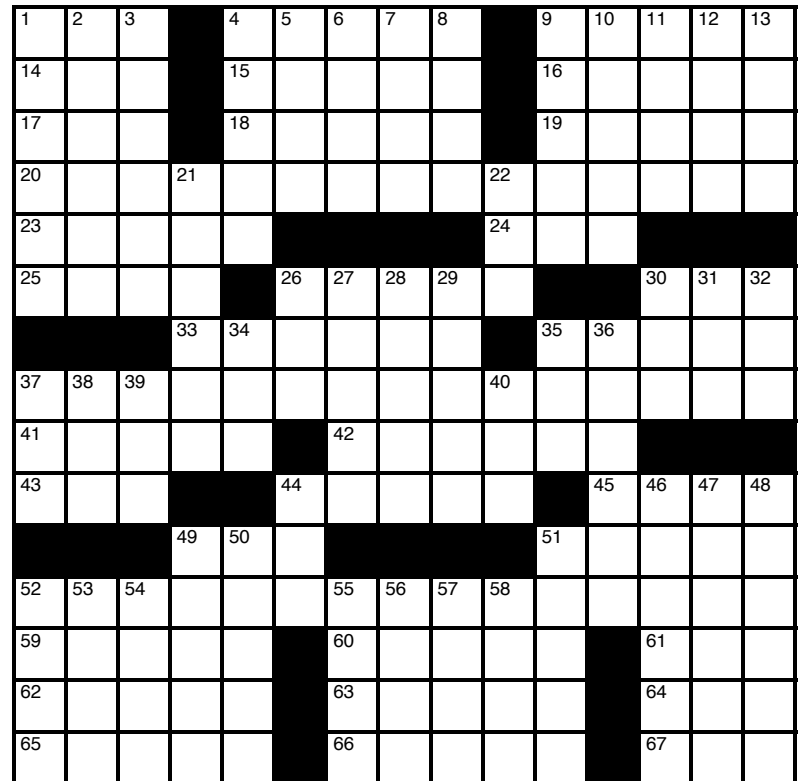
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- Old NOW cause
- Come from behind
- Certain student
- Deck (out)
- Succeed
- Bad loan
- "Audition" et al.
- Jack
- Thumbs down
- "The _____ of Night" (old soap)
- Ever, old style
- Start of a giggle
- Echo
- Thirst
- Gardner tomes
- Monastic officer
- Apprehensive
- Econ. figure
- Scratch
- Some auction bids
- Enzyme ending
- Acquiesce
- "Angela's Ashes" et al.

DOWN

- Move
- Roughly
- Disheveled
- Cousin of a loon
- Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
- Not to mention
- Ballyhoo
- Ogler
- Tope
- Like some mothers-in-law
- Needle holder
- Wrap up
- Florida has them
- Wear oneself out
- Whichever
- Visa statement abbr.

- Long-tailed primate
- Detroit's county
- Befuddled
- Skater Babilonia
- "____ Time transfigured me": Yeats
- Dash widths
- Suffix with pamphlet
- Survey choice
- Decorative plant
- Car ad abbr.
- Samovar
- Van Winkle
- Little 'un
- Vereen
- Prayer
- Mock
- Sonnet section
- Son of Jacob
- Takes off
- Lifeless, old-style
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- Utter
- Eastern music
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- Break in the action
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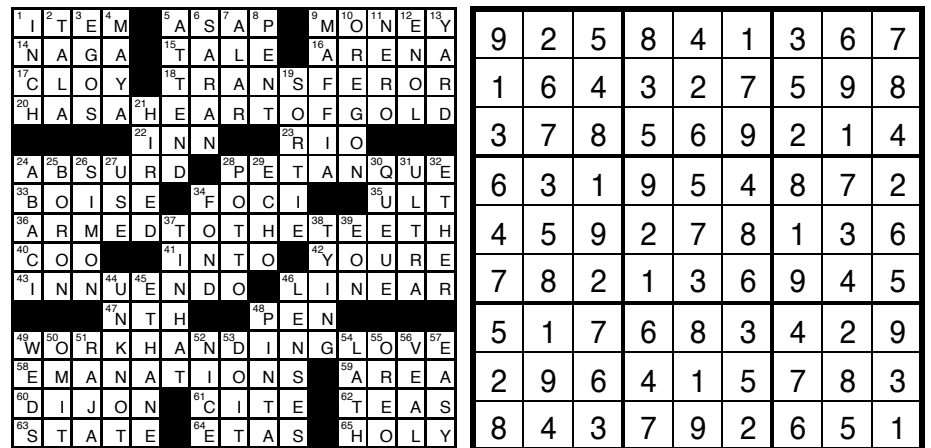
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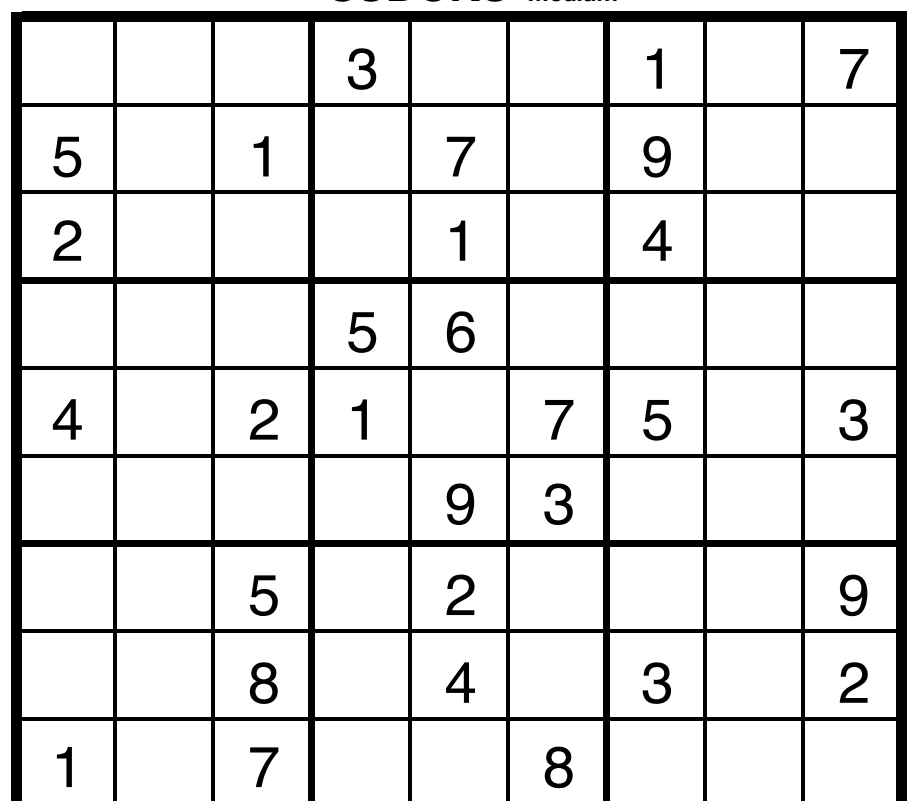
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is a gem of a dog who is never without that permanent smile on his face. This little dog's tail literally never stops wagging. Benson loves everyone he meets and he is wonderful with all other dogs. His age is around four years old with a birthday of September 2008. Benson plays well with all other dogs, is gentle and kind to kids, and we believe him to be housebroken. Benson is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs and good with kids.

And then there were two... These precious pups are all ready for their new homes. They were born on June 23, 2012 and growing like weeds. Mom was a Poodle mix and Dad was a Schnauzer/Shih Tzu mix. Each one



Benson

of these boys is unique. **Tug** has beautiful white eyelashes, a heart-shaped nose and a spotted belly. **Cash** is the smallest of his litter with light-golden, spotted ears and a spotted belly. (Tango has been adopted.) These guys have stubby legs, so we don't think they will be that tall when fully grown. They are all about

fun and games right now. They love to play, play, play the day away. Tug and Cash will be neutered when of age, are current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, good with kids and cat-safe.

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It's a Cat's World

By Dr. Greg Perrault

Some of my clients have pointed out that most of my articles seem to focus on dogs so I promised to write this one about cats. However, before we get started, with Halloween around the corner, I'd like to remind everyone not to let your pets get into the candy. Most people know that chocolate is toxic to dogs, but an even more deadly toxin is the sugar substitute

Cats do, however, have their own set of problems.

Xylitol. Xylitol is commonly found in sugar-free candy and gum. Even one or two pieces of sugar-free candy can cause liver failure and death in a dog.

Now onto cats: In many ways, cats require less maintenance than dogs. Cats do, however, have their own set of problems. I'll focus on the two which most of my clients have asked me to write about: Upper respiratory infections and urinary issues. I picked these two diseases because they often have a common trigger, which is stress.

Many cats will get the sniffles and nasal discharge now and then. Many of these cats don't have contact with other cats to contract an infection. So how did my cat get this problem? Often, stress leads to a viral outbreak and resulting symptoms. There are several infectious agents that cause similar signs of sneezing and a stuffy nose in the cat. A large percent of the upper respiratory cases we see are caused by or affected by a herpes virus called Rhinotracheitis. As you might guess from the name of the virus, most of the symptoms will

cause problems in the upper airway, namely the nose and throat. Cats often become infected at birth from their infected mother. Like the herpes virus in people, once the individual contracts herpes, the infection is there for life. But fortunately the virus can go into remission and the symptoms may never return. For others, the symptoms can be frequent or continuous. Some cats exhibit symptoms of squinting eyes and conjunctivitis because the virus is replicating on the cornea. Some cats will also have dermatitis around their nose and eyes. The most common treatment is supportive care. Antibiotics are used to treat any secondary bacterial infection that may be present and oral L-lysine supplements like Enisyl-f can decrease symptoms. Routine vaccination for upper respiratory infections has been shown to decrease the frequency and severity in cats with herpes infections. In severe cases we will use antiviral agents that are used in people. However, the drug's metabolism in the cat is complex and non-linear which leads to a lot of variability between individual cats. In other words, some cats will respond to the drug and some won't.

Another common problem brought on by stress is inappropriate urinating. The most common problem is inflammation of the bladder and urethra called FIC (Feline Idiopathic Cystitis). It was discovered that cats, even under mild stress, such as their owners leaving for a weekend or construction in the neighborhood, was enough for cats to develop the symptoms of FIC. The symptoms often start with the cat visiting the litter box more frequently and straining with only a little urine voided. Cats may also begin to urinate outside of the box and around the house. Very often the urine is

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Monique is a busy bee, always darting from one thing to another. She craves activity and loves to bounce around with other cats. However, once things calm down and she starts getting tired, her cuddly side starts to show. Monique adores being stroked and will push her head into your hand for more pets. She is more independent than her sisters--always first to venture off to discover new things in the home. Her eyes are a unique shade of turquoise, shifting from green to blue throughout the day. Her silken coat is a gorgeous patchwork of orange, Tabby and white. Monique has the makings of an alpha kitty in her. She does make friends quickly, but needs to vocalize to assert herself as being in charge. Because she is so young, Monique must be adopted with another kitty or into a home with a young cat. She would love to be adopted with either of her sisters or with her mother.

JellyBean is one very lucky kitten. He was discovered within the engine of a car in Long Beach! With his fluffy black coat, Jellybean is going out of his way to prove



Monique

that black cats are lucky! And as if his handsome licorice coloring wasn't enough, he has developed hints of a white undercoat giving him an alluring, smoky appearance. To be sure, JellyBean is far from your average black cat! JellyBean absolutely loves other cats and even dogs. He is more secure and



Jellybean

confident in the company of a trusted animal companion as he learns from their behavior. Because he can be shy, JellyBean should go to a quiet household where he can feel secure and safe. His foster mom would prefer that he be adopted with either Charleze, a gorgeous black female kitty who has adopted JellyBean as her baby, or with his fluffy grey kitten friend Constantine, who became his companion when he was rescued.

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 current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at 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.

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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. •



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Dr. Greg Perrault owns and operates *Cats & Dogs Animal Hospital* in Long Beach. •



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Real Estate

Easy and Affordable Ways to Spruce Up Your Space

(ARA) - When seasons change, it's also a good time to change out and update your home decor. Time and budget don't always allow for a complete overhaul, so here are some easy and affordable ways to rejuvenate your home.

Reuse, repaint, reupholster

When you think creatively, it's easy to give old belongings new life. Paint wooden frames or potted plant holders with new, bold colors to quickly add a hint of color to any area. Reupholster pillows with patterned fabric to

is by switching their location in the home. Once it has been relocated to another room, you'll find a new appreciation for something that's been overlooked for years.

Create focal points

Affordable accessories are a simple way to update your space and help create focal points and pops of color throughout each room. Consider hanging different-sized picture frames together in clusters above a large piece of furniture, like a table, sofa or bed.

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liven up any room. Many craft stores sell scrap fabric for a fraction of the price. Or, spend even less when you repurpose gently used clothes by turning them into custom pillowcases.

Simple swaps and switches

Try a new take on a traditional favorite. Candles are an easy way to add instant ambiance to any room. New Energizer Flameless Wax Candles are a long-lasting alternative that gives the same beautiful look and feel of traditional candles. Made with real wax, these candles create the same warm glow and realistic flicker of a flame with LEDs that never need replacing. The convenient four-, six- or eight-hour timer means you never have to worry about blowing them out.

One of the reasons decor can feel worn and dated is simply because it's familiar to you. And, wall decor is one area that can be particularly pricey to update. An easy way to renew interest in existing mirrors and art

Grouping frames creates one piece of eye-catching artwork to spark conversation. For a more vibrant look, paint frames in various bright colors. For a sophisticated look, stick with a uniform color of all white or black.

Display groups of colored vases or candles on tables, bookshelves or windowsills to draw eyes to one or two focal points. Flameless wax candles come in different colors, sizes, heights, scents and textures to fit any decor. Don't be afraid to mix it up: pair candles in glass jars with pillars, use different heights and colors, awaken the senses with scented candles and create beautiful candlescapes anywhere for the perfect atmosphere. Because these candles have no open flame, they are safe to use around children and pets, in small spaces and near curtains or furniture.

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