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City's Birthday Bash Ends Year-Long Centennial Celebration



The City of Torrance's celebrates Birthday Bash that ended the year-long Centennial Celebration on Sunday, October 28 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Charles H. Wilson Park. Read more on page 10. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Council Honors Second Wave of Hometown Heroes with Banner

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday night, the Torrance City Council recognized 11 current and former members of the armed forces as part of the ongoing Hometown Heroes Banner program. The banners show a military portrait of the service member, as well as the person's name, which branch he or she serves in and wording that signifies whether the individual is currently in the armed forces, a veteran or deceased.

The first wave of banners has been up in the community for several months and this new group of service members will be replacing those banners. Mayor Frank Scotto was excited to recognize a new batch of Torrance armed forces members and to see continued support from the community for these heroes. "I am excited to present the second phase of the Torrance Hometown Heroes Banners," said Scotto. "It's our goal to recognize and honor Torrance residents and their family members serving the armed forces in active duty, as veterans, or as veterans of the past."

Among those honored for their past service were James Joiner, a deceased Army veteran who served in Vietnam; Jonathan Arneson, an Army veteran; and William Watson, an Air Force veteran who learned to fly at Torrance's own Zamperini Field. Currently active service members who were awarded banners included Marine Micah Blanks, the Army's Bryan Renfro and Matthew Allen, and Navy men Daniel Day and Roy Franklin.

While most of the honorees or relatives of honorees keep their comments to a brief thank you, Steve Waggoner, a veteran Army officer, shared a touching story about how important the support he received from home was while he was deployed. "I want

to thank my wife and my son--they truly touched my heart in a special way," said Waggoner. "While I was deployed, my wife wrote me every day of my deployment. I'd like to thank the Lord for bringing me back in one piece. I came back a wounded soldier and got very little thanks, so this recognition

means a lot--not just to me, but to everyone who served with me."

Waggoner also asked the audience to support the men and women of the armed forces, even if involved in a war that is unpopular. "Soldiers don't chose the wars

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Study Focuses on Effects of Maternal Smoking

By Cristian Vasquez

For almost 20 years Dr. Virender Rehan has been conducting research on the human lungs in newborn babies and children. Recently Dr. Rehan, the principal investigator at The Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, was awarded a two-year, \$377,220 grant by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Child Health & Human Development to conduct a study aimed at discovering effective treatments for the prevention of asthma.

Dr. Rehan's research in the last 10 years has focused at discovering the effects of smoking in children both directly and indirectly. "I have been heavily involved at looking at the effects of smoking on an unborn fetus and how it would affect them when they grow up," Dr. Rehan said. "There has always been some indication that these babies have more of a predisposition to asthma, but nobody knew exactly what the mechanisms of this process were. While

it is widely known that maternal smoking can pose problems for an unborn child, including asthma, this study is important in that it sheds light on the depth of the issue and raises concerns about the effects of smoke exposure during pregnancy on subsequent generations."

With the grant, Dr. Rehan's study will focus on attempting to better understand the detrimental effects of maternal smoking--not only on the exposed children, but also on the generations of children that follow such as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. More specifically, the doctor and his research will seek to find the way in which asthma can affect subsequent generations even when not exposed to cigarette smoke.

"It is a continuing process, so with this grant that we have essentially acquired from NIH we will be able to clearly establish this phenomenon within this period of two years," Dr. Rehan said. "The main focus involves understanding how this is

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
61°/50°



Saturday
Mostly
Sunny
62°/46°



Sunday
Sunny
65°/49°



Fire Academy Graduates 29 Highly-Trained Firefighters

The El Camino Fire Academy graduation ceremony featured several action-packed demonstrations highlighting student work. Students showed the full scope of their training, from rappelling from a four-story building to controlling a fully involved vehicle fire. "This has been outstanding class of recruits," said Chief William Melendez, training coordinator of the El Camino Fire Academy. "We have a total of 19 certificates to issue to each recruit. Our objective is to help students achieve the highest education and skill possible during his or her time in the Fire Academy." This year 29 recruits successfully completed the rigorous program. For more information about the El Camino Fire Academy, call 310-660-3593, Ext. 6589, or go to www.elcamino.edu/fire_academy/. Photos courtesy of El Camino College. •



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This column serves as a community forum where local leaders volunteer to respond to faith and religious questions submitted by readers.

Is church still relevant for today? Why or why not?

If there were no church, we'd invent one.

By nature, we crave fellowship. The best things in life are shared experiences. In the company of one another, we have a courage and a vision we would rarely, if ever, have on our own.

Sure, the church is a often a mess, a real mess. Serving itself more than God. Using people rather than empowering them. Deluding them with a false gospel of pie-in-the-sky rather than a living faith that enables people to live here and now and deal with the issues of life. It doesn't do a bit of good to tell people, who are victims of injustice and greed, to "not feel like they're victims." This fulfills, sadly, what Marx said of religion, "It's an opiate" that dulls the mind and numbs the soul.

Having said that, we move on. The church remains relevant for any number of reasons.

Where else does one hear a message that takes one beyond the self? Nowhere else do people hear a message about God, faith, hope, love, justice, peace and kindness.

When the church fails, as it often does, there's no greater failure on the face of the earth. When it does well, there is no greater story.

It will always be so - a strange mixture of failure and faithfulness. By vigilance and prayer, study and reflection, the church can rise above itself, to the high calling of God. Like the Psalmist says, "Take me to the rock that is higher than I am" (Psalm 61.2).

When the church looks at the rock higher than itself, it remains relevant!

— *The Rev. Dr. Tom Eggebeen, Interim Pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Hawthorne*

The church at its best is the body of Jesus - his hands and feet in the world. The church is always relevant as long as the church is people loving God and loving their neighbor.

The church at its worst - as institution, a place, a time-slot on a particular day of the week that expect people to *come and get it* ("it" being religion), rather than to *go-and-share-it* ("it" being the love of Jesus), is rarely more than self-seeking and self-preserving.

You see, the church at its best, is *people* - those who are seeking to follow Jesus. And Jesus is always about sending people into the world to reveal the kingdom of God to others through word *and* action. A kingdom of justice and mercy, of love and compassion, of truth and righteousness. The church at its best are those who make up the majority of relief organizations, on the front-lines right now, on the east coast as first responders with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, World Vision.

The church is not steeples and stone, not programs and personalities, the church is people who are willing to live like Jesus in the world. The church is made up of more than just one person - it is *people*. The Bible, in regard to believers in Jesus, teaches that *you* (plural, think southern, *y'all*) - "y'all are the body of Christ and each of you individually members of it." This means that church is a coop of people seeking to live and move and have their being in Jesus. A collective of people who love God and love neighbors so that the whole world experiences the presence and power of God. Is the church still relevant? In as much as the church (understood as the *people* of Jesus) are willing to love God and love others - the answer is a resounding "yes".

— *Jon Anderson, City On A Hill, Redondo Beach*

It is my sincere and firm conviction that

the Church is not only relevant but that it is the *most* relevant institution on the face of the earth. Why do I say that? Well, not because its buildings are new (many of them aren't). Nor is it because its ministers are hip (I know one who *definitely* isn't!). The Church's relevance is due, rather, to an abiding message that it both holds for itself and proclaims to the world.

That message is captured in that most famous of all Bible passages: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). Gripped by the astonishing fact of God's love for a wayward world - a love that motivated Him to part with His dearest treasure (Jesus) so that the penalty of sin might be fully paid - the church has proclaimed this news over the centuries and across the globe. It is a relevant message because it addresses the needs, fulfills the yearnings and satisfies the desires of people from every era and all areas. Whether it is addressed to the illiterate or the sophisticate that message down through the years never becomes obsolete - simply because our fundamental problem remains unchangeably the same. There is no expiration date stamped upon this "Bread of Life"!

Have you tasted this bread? I know a congregation that serves it up Sunday after Sunday! You are invited to the feast!

— *John Svendsen, First Baptist Church of El Segundo*

Words are powerful things. They have started wars and convinced troubled souls to step back from the ledge. So, before we answer the question at hand we must be clear on what "church" and "relevant" mean.

There are temples, mosques, cathedrals, sanctuaries, monasteries and more. All of these could be considered "churches" or places of worship, however, not all of them have the same god at the altar or the same message being proclaimed. In fact, most of them proclaim very different and even opposing declarations of truth; what they believe and proclaim to be the true meaning of life.

Is relevance determined by fashion, album sales or product placement? Like it or not, when it comes to "cultural relevance" none of us decides for ourselves. Movie directors and corporate executives advertise what they believe is relevant based on what consumers declare relevant. True relevance must be something shared by all mankind and that is immune to trends. Is there such a thing? Yes. What is it?

Of all the people to ask that question of today, it's not the presidential candidates or your talk show hosts. Those who are face to face with what is truly relevant today are the families we pray for and who have been devastated by hurricane Sandy. They know what true need is, and need is the great equalizer of relevance.

With that being said, allow me the liberty to rephrase the question, "Is Jesus Christ still relevant today?" Absolutely. All of mankind throughout history and into the future shares one need...salvation from sin. Brokenness and sinfulness is what we all share; it's relevant to everyone. We see it in ourselves, on the news and Paul says in Romans 8 that sin has even caused creation to groan as we witnessed with Sandy.

Only the Truth of Christ's death and resurrection that atoned for the sins of the world, only the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ truly satisfies our deepest need. "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom.8:38-39.

Is church relevant? As long as we continue to preach Christ, and Christ alone, yes.

— *Rev. Eric Jay, Pastor, St John's Lutheran Church, El Segundo*

Smoking

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happening, or at least to obtain some idea of what is probably linked to the genes of the male or female and how that information is transmitted from one generation to the next generation. That is the key thing now--looking at how these transfers are occurring and exactly what are the mechanisms involved in the transfer of information from an exposed mother to the offspring. That will be the key process for the next few years."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the number of people diagnosed with asthma in the United States grew by 4.3 million from 2001 to 2009. During the same timeframe, asthma rates among African-American kids also rose by almost 50 percent. In addition, approximately one in 10 children and one in 12 adults suffers from asthma. The CDC also estimates that financial costs associated with asthma grew from \$53 billion in 2002 to almost \$56 billion in 2007.

"Again asthma has been increasing exponentially decade after decade, but nobody seems to have the correct explanation of what is driving this process," Dr. Rehan said. "Incidents have increased so much in the last five decades and even more so in the last two and three decades. I think that despite the learning from all the new information coming out, people have not thought of the aspect of how this is transmitted from generation to generation. It is a strong contributor to asthma worldwide and that is why I think that the implications of these findings are huge and it will help in designing new strategies in preventing and treating asthma."

Dr. Rehan recalls a report by USC a few

years back where parents and grandparents with a history of smoking were surveyed. The study found some indication that even if the mother was not smoking but was exposed to smoke, there was a possibility that their kids might be at a greater risk for asthma. "That was just a weak association with no strong scientific evidence of this phenomenon occurring or how this might be happening, but since we already had a model we could see that asthma was happening in our model offspring. That is what drove me to investigate whether these effects could be explained in next-generation offspring."

Studies have proven that exposure to nicotine during the pregnancy phase affects lung growth. In addition, it has a negative effect in differentiation by altering specific mechanisms that are necessary for fetal lung development and often results in an offspring being predisposed to asthma. Dr. Rehan indicates that there is strong evidence that such alterations in the structure and function of the human lung caused by the exposure to nicotine during pregnancy can be passed from one generation to the next. However, with the new grant and upcoming research, Dr. Rehan believes that significant advances can be made treating and preventing asthma.

"This really changes the field because it will provide groundbreaking findings," Dr. Rehan said. "This will help us in terms of designing new strategies with regards to how to block asthma, not only from generation to generation, but it will even help the exposed generation and how they can prevent it. These will be key findings in designing new strategies to prevent asthma." •

Council

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they fight in," said Waggoner. "Please pray for our troops everywhere who need it."

On a lighter note, Stephen Nordel, a veteran Navy officer who was being recognized, noted that in civilian life he still makes the time to talk with service members. He made sure to remind the numerous veterans in the audience that the troops serving today still have optimism. "Thanks to the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who serve our nation on a daily basis," said Nordel. "I keep in contact with them and I can assure you the humor is still alive over there."

Among the last to be honored was Joseph Anzack, Jr., who was killed while serving in the Army in Iraq. His father expressed pride in his son's service and commitment to this country. He was also thankful to see the City recognize his son's sacrifice. After the elder Anzack spoke, the audience gave a standing ovation. "I can't show or tell the appreciation I have in my heart for all [my son] has done," said Anzack. "I can't say it enough...thank you to the City of Torrance for honoring him."

Torrance's Hometown Heroes Banner program began from community interest to

find more ways to honor service members. After looking at similar military recognition programs across the nation, including in the California cities of Burbank, Glendale, Lancaster and Long Beach, Torrance decided to publicly thank its armed service members with banners sponsored by honoree families or groups like the Vietnam Veterans of America or the Blue Star Mothers Association. Families and/or sponsors can pay \$220 to get a Torrance area service member a Hometown Hero banner. They are displayed on Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue near City Hall for a minimum of three months or until 10 more applications are received. Families or groups interested in having a veteran or active duty service personnel recognized as part of the program can pick up an application at City Hall or find more information online at <http://www.torranceca.gov/7491.htm>. Scotto reminded the audience that if they had someone in mind they would like to honor, there is still a chance to give them a banner. "The Hometown Heroes banner program is ongoing--there is still an opportunity to honor your hero and purchase a banner to be displayed on Torrance Boulevard," said Scotto. •

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OCTOBER 27

Theft: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from construction bin at rear of location/metal grating material.

Auto Theft-All: 2600 BLOCK 166TH ST Stolen vehicle: '94 Chevrolet Suburban.

OCTOBER 26

Robbery-Weapon: 3100 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect approaches victim, brandishes a handgun and demands victim's property/cell phone, ID.

Robbery-Weapon: 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect approaches victim, exposes handgun in his waistband and demands victim's cash, but victim flees without surrendering any property.

Robbery-Weapon: 1800 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspects exit vehicle, approach victim, brandish a handgun and demand victim's property/cash, cell phone.

Robbery-Strong Arm: EARL ST & DEL AMO BLVD Suspects walk past victim, grab him from behind and demand his property/cell phone, backpack and wallet.

Robbery-Weapon: 23600 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE Suspects approach victim and forcibly take property from her possession before taking unattended property from the basketball court and threatening to fight with and shoot victims when they attempt to retrieve their property/cell phone, backpack, purse.

Burglary-Auto: 17300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/tools.

Battery-Simple: 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspects approach victim from behind, jump him and punch him in the head repeatedly.

Burglary-Residential: 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door and takes property/laptop, hard drive, controller, headphones.

Auto Theft-All: YUKON AVE & REDONDO BEACH BLVD Stolen vehicle: '08 Ford van.

OCTOBER 25

Theft: 3500 BLOCK EMERALD ST Suspect takes property from victim's residence without permission while there with permission/laptop.

Robbery-Strong Arm: REDONDO BEACH BLVD & YUKON AVE Suspect pushes victim to the ground and takes his property/scooter.

Burglary-Residential: 2000 BLOCK 166TH ST Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door, ransacks and takes property/wallet, jewelry, cash.

Vandalism: 1300 BLOCK POST AVE Suspect(s) pries open mailboxes at location, damaging same.

Theft: 24400 BLOCK MADISON ST Suspect(s) takes property from unattended backpack/cell phone.

Burglary-Commercial: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) forces open locker, takes property, then uses it (keys) to enter victim's vehicle and take additional property/keys, cash.

Burglary-Commercial: 20000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries off hinge securing lock and takes property

from shed/PDA, uniform jacket, uniform pants, boots.

OCTOBER 24

Burglary-Auto: 900 BLOCK SARTORI AVE Suspect(s) pulls window for entry and takes property/stereo.

Burglary-Auto: 1300 BLOCK SARTORI AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/jacket.

Vandalism: 20500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window at location/no entry, no loss.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from rack/ bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 3600 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) forces door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Burglary-Residential: 1000 BLOCK ACACIA AVE Suspect(s) smashes window in door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ unknown loss at time of report.

OCTOBER 23

Vandalism: 1800 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Theft: 2600 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/wheels, tires.

Burglary-Commercial: 24400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) enters location via roof vent, ransacks and takes property/cash, electronics, beer, wine.

Theft: 24300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's unattended property from shelf/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto: 2700 BLOCK SKYPARK DR Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/CD case, CDs, Bible.

Burglary-Residential: 2300 BLOCK 238TH ST Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/laptops, iTouch, DS, cash.

OCTOBER 22

Auto Theft-All: WESTERNAVE & 235TH ST Stolen vehicle: '02 Toyota Sienna.

Theft: 4300 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Auto Theft-All: 18000 BLOCK CHANERA AVE Stolen vehicle: '97 Honda Civic.

Burglary-Auto: 19100 BLOCK INGLEWOOD AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/wallet.

Burglary-Auto: 21600 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Battery-Simple: 1800 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect lunges at victim and strikes him in the chest with his hand.

Burglary-Auto: 23500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/laptop, scanner, CD player.

Theft: 20700 BLOCK MADRONA AVE Suspect(s) takes property from victim's office/prescription pad.

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/wallet, CD case, CDs.

Vandalism: 23600 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect(s) tags front and rear exteriors of location.

OCTOBER 21

Burglary-Auto: 4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/purse.

Battery-Simple: 1400 BLOCK CRAVENS AVE Suspect shoves victim, causing injury to him after he stumbles down the stairs and hits the ground.

Burglary-Commercial: 3800 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) pries off screen, pushes open window for entry, ransacks/unknown if property loss at time of report.

Vandalism: 4100 BLOCK 183RD ST Suspect(s) throws mayonnaise, mustard and bologna at victim's vehicle.

Burglary-Commercial: 22400 BLOCK OCEAN AVE Suspect(s) enters open laundry room, pries open change machine and takes property/cash. •

Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

• South Bay Republican Women Federated Monthly Luncheon Meeting, 11 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call Gloria (310) 326-9340 or Vera (310) 320-1431.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

• "Dave Grusin & Friends" in concert with The Symphonic Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 876-8130.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

• Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Arts And Crafts Sale hosted by the Bartlett Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 320-5918.

• Elder Care Fair, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (8-9 a.m. registration), at First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. Families and people of all ages invited. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

• A Vietnam Odyssey, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

• "The Music Man", 7 p.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church's social hall, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

• Thanksgiving Story and Craft, 2 p.m., Southeast Library, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

• Holiday Boutique, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., First Christian Church, 2930 El Dorado St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

• The Sakura Chorus 30th Anniversary Concert, 2 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

• Free Holiday Light Exchange, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., South Bay Environmental Services Center, 20285 S. Western Ave., Suite 100. Limit two strings per household. For more information call (310) 371-7222.

http://southbayesc.blazonco.com/files/holiday-light-exchanges/Holiday_Light_Exchange_Nov_2012.pdf

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

• Prospective Float Decorator Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Torrance City Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd. The City of Torrance needs decorators for it's 2013 Rose Parade float. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• Fall Story and Craft, 4 p.m., Waleria Library, 3815 W. 242 St. For more information call (310) 375-8418.

• Beach Cities Republicans Meeting, 7 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information contact David Hadley at (310) 600-6937 or davidfhadley@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

• 43rd Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair (also Sun. 11/18), 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center at 3330 Civic Center Drive. Please check the website <http://torrancecraftsmensguild.org> for additional information.

MONDAY, NOV 19

• Free Community Flu Clinic, 9 a.m.-Noon, Ken Miller Auditorium, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

• 16th Annual "Light up a Life" Tree Lighting Ceremony and Fundraiser, 4-6 p.m., Torrance Memorial, Health Conference Center. Donations assist those who can't afford hospice care. For more information call (310) 784-3751, ext. 7866.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Typing out the column in the gloaming of a Halloween eve noche, sitting on the patio furniture at the mansion, listening to the faraway strains of a local cover band tap out some of the same songs that I may have heard once or twice. Or 10 times. Just heard a Beatles tune. Really?

The local Halloween frolic is taking place a few streets to the east, but decided not to venture down to Main Street this year. Middle of the week--no longer have a Kid in the Halloween game. Column due...early wake-up call to make it to the day job on time.

Or maybe I am finally succumbing to old age? Questions abound. Hopefully cogent answers shall materialize.

Anyway, it is two days after the general election and there is really no way for a columnist with an early deadline to write some learned wrap-up of what occurred on Tuesday. But if the POTUS and his tireless campaigners and strategists blew the nearly insurmountable home-ice advantage of the incumbency and wasted tons and tons of money in the process, then I will have been one shocked hombre on Tuesday night.

Still wavering, at press time, which was six days before some of you voted, which way I was going to pull the lever. Punch the ballot. Was going to pull the lever for the community organizer four years ago. Actually thought that he might be the better choice, though I respected the Elephant Party candidate John McCain. Then went into the desolate voting precinct and...wavered again and then finally cast my vote for...private affair, right?

By the way, whatever happened to Republican pit-bull VEEP candidate Paul Ryan? At this

point, he is either reveling in a new job as Romney's second banana or returning to the cheese heads in Wisconsin. To serve as one of their Congressmen. Ryan was quickly shunted aside when Romney started to surge after kicking the POTUS' backside in the first debate, which may have turned out to be the game-changer.

Unless the destruction of the super storm Sandy was the game-changer.

So, will tell you that I did vote for Prop. 30, which allegedly will give more money to education and somehow mitigate the extortionary rates that state schools are charging their own tax-paying residents to attend college. Have I mentioned that the Kid has matriculated to UCSB and they continue to not nickel and dime, but hundreds and hundreds us to death?

Yup, guess 30 will raise taxes, but if that tax money goes to defray my cost of education for the best and the brightest, so be it. And if it didn't pass, guess that the higher education folks will institute some mid-course correction, which will raise the Kid's tuition fees...Carumba!

Wonder how much the UCSB President pulls down a year? With this allowance, that allowance, this perk? How much some of the job-for-life profs are pulling down for the class a week that they allegedly instruct? Have no clue--just wondering...

Good to see that the fossil Senator Dianne Feinstein somehow garnered reelection status. And that her lovely locks seem to get darker by the year. Seems the nearly 80 Ms. Feinstein has the same incredible hair color deal as the ex-actor and Cali Governor, the hero of the right-wingers, Ronald Reagan.

Tune back next week for some riveting post-election analysis...or something similar. •

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The date is November 7, 2012. A lone figure walks in the early dawn hours in Washington, D.C., his body hunched against the cold and darkness to which he seems oblivious. He finds an empty park bench and sits, staring at his hands, when another figure appears. The second figure, the last OWS'er in the country, stares at the forlorn figure and says, "Barack, Barack, my man, how did it happen? Last night was worse than the 2010 mid-term election. If you were shellacked then, what would you

to \$6,000 so they could rely on government largesse. Wasn't that good enough?

"I left the Middle East in chaos with rebellion everywhere and our defense capability reduced. During my administration, small business start-ups hit an all-time low. Oil and gas exploration on federal lands also hit an all-time low. I denied the Canadians ability to transport their oil into the U.S. I subverted the Congress and Constitution by issuing 923 executive orders and I did it all in the name of courageous leadership.

In just one term, I created \$16 trillion in debt. I fathered 23 million unemployed, 46 million in poverty and 47 million on food stamps.

call last night? I would call it a crucifixion, but I know religion ain't your thing."

"I dunno, I dunno, man," said Barack. "I followed all my mentors' directions and got swamped. I reviewed my religious convictions with Reverend Wright. I reviewed my objectives with Columbia's Cloward and Priven. I patterned my tactics around Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*. I returned to Chicago and met with Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn of the Weather Underground. I caucused with the New Black Panthers. I did it all and still I lost. Where did I go wrong?"

"In just one term, I created \$16 trillion in debt. I fathered 23 million unemployed, 46 million in poverty and 47 million on food stamps. I seized ownership of a great American company, GM, and I nationalized one-sixth of the economy, dooming private health insurance companies. I drove the net worth of Black and Hispanic families down

"My consolation is that I stood by my principles and did it my way." As Barack slowly walks into the mist, the orchestra cues up Frank Sinatra's hit:

*And now, the end is near
And so I face that final curtain
My friends, I face the end
Of which I'm certain.....
Regrets, I've had a few, but then again too few to mention....
I did what I had to do, and saw it through without exception....
I planned each chartered course, each careful step along the byway
And more, much more than this, I did it my way
Yes there were times, I'm sure you knew when I bit off more than I could chew....
I've had my fill, my share of losing.....
Let the records show, I took the blows and did it My Way.
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Sports

Lake Show Running Dry

By Adam Serrao

No one ever said it was going to be easy. Import a bunch of stars from different cities and bring them together to play with Kobe Bryant under a Mike Brown system that is, once again, completely new this year in the Princeton offense and you're going to get a slow start. But no one ever thought it was going to be this slow. To start the season, the Lakers not only lost in their opener to the Dallas Mavericks and Mark Cuban—who later quoted, "I just hope they suck," while speaking about the Lakers' outlook this year, but they also lost to their in-house rivals, the L.A. Clippers, which dropped their record to 0-3 on the year at the time. Alas, there were still 79 games left to be played on the schedule after that loss and thus a lot of time for Kobe and company to get things turned

"All negativity aside, there is still some sort of guarded optimism around the Lakers' camp these days."

around, but could this Dwight Howard/Steve Nash experiment be nothing more than a failure in the end?

If there was anything to take away from the game in which the Lakers lost to the Clippers last Friday night at Staples Center, it was that the new-look Clippers team looks a lot better than the new-look Lakers team does. Kobe Bryant was being his normal self as he dropped 40 for the Lakers, but the stars on the other bench—such as Chris Paul, who had 18 points and 15 assists, and Jamal Crawford, who put in 21 of his own—looked to be in a lot better shape to take on this season than their counterparts whom they sent to an 0-3 start to the season for the first time in 34 years and just the fourth time in franchise history. "We're not supposed to coast and assume things are going to fix themselves," a clearly peeved Bryant related. "You've got to push at it. We've just got to keep working at what we do." We can all forget about the Lakers coasting this season and catching the Bulls' record for wins in a single season. At this point, let's just see them get into the playoffs.

It hasn't only been hard for the Lakers to find a win in the regular season, but they are also coming off of one of the worst preseasons in recent memory when the team went 0-8 under head coach Brown. Sure, it's only preseason. But a team that can't win when it doesn't count surely can't be relied on to win when it does count. "We need a win, obviously," Brown said. "I'm not trying to fool anyone here." Well, Brown may not be trying to fool anyone, but he may have just succeeded in

doing just that when Mitch Kupchack signed him to become the next Lakers' head coach. Last year was obviously a failure for a team that was expected to make it back to the Finals and this year he has implemented a Princeton offense that has never been used by this squad or Steve Nash, for whom Brown originally installed the system. If Nash had all of his success running a different offense, why would Brown think that the best idea would be to change it now? Besides, Princeton has made the NCAA tournament only one time in the history of the school. Why adopt that offense for Bryant, Nash and Howard?

All negativity aside, there is still some sort of guarded optimism around the Lakers' camp these days. Common presumption is that a team with Kobe, Howard, Nash and Gasol will indeed eventually figure things out and when

they do, they will be quite lethal. In dissecting the team's first three-game losing streak alone, it became clear that offense may not be the problem. Looking at only those three games, the Lakers have scored more than 100 points twice, they are connecting on nearly 50 percent of their shots from the field, and both Howard and Bryant are shooting 60 percent from the field and scoring more points per game than they did last year—even with Kobe's injured foot and Howard's newly restored back. Granted, that is only taking into account three games and in that same amount of time the team has averaged 20 turnovers per game as well. But while turnovers certainly lead to losses, they also dissipate once a team gains familiarity. Right now, the Lakers are getting everyone's best effort without even knowing each other well enough to get on the same page.

When it comes down to it, defense will be the Lakers worst enemy all season long. Nash, if he is not injured, is clearly the worst defensive player on the court for the Lakers at all times. So far, he has gone up against some less-than-stellar point guards and still getting torched. Imagine what happens when Russell Westbrook and Tony Parker come knocking. Howard is the Lakers' most athletic big man and even he is getting beaten by the likes of Deandre Jordan and Brandan Wright. It may just be a timing issue for Howard, who had been out a long time due to injury, but both he and Nash must exert themselves as much as they do offensively on the defensive end if the Lakers will have any chance at competing for a championship this year. •

Up and Adam

Saxons Secure Championship Season

By Adam Serrao

The North High Saxons came into their matchup with the Torrance Tartars looking pretty good. In first place in the Pioneer League this season, they had already clinched at least a share of the league title before they stepped onto the field to face off against the Tartars. The only problem was that Torrance was in second place. With two straight victories, the Tartars were coming in with momentum, looking to take a share of the league title away from North. Six touchdown passes and 54 points later, though, starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez and the North High Saxons (8-2, 5-0) blew the Tartars (5-5, 3-2) out by a final score of 54-0 at Zamperini Stadium to demonstratively secure this year's Pioneer League crown.

The Saxons came out with the desire to prove that they were the best team in the Pioneer League. While they relied on their explosive offense to prove their point, the Tartars relied on defensive tactics that never quite worked out for them all night long. While focusing on double-teaming the starting wide receiver for the Saxons, Michael Jurado, it was Devante Jenkins who wound up having a field day for North. The double team on Jurado opened Jenkins up for a quick and easy 21-yard touchdown pass to get things going in the first quarter. Jurado was able to escape his defenders for a touchdown of his own next before Jenkins and Hernandez hooked up again to give the Saxons a 21-0 lead with 7:25 left in the first half. Wanting to put the nail in the coffin early on, North head coach Todd Croce called for his kicker Joey Wolfe to go for an onside kick. He did so and recovered his own kick. Just eight plays later, T.J. Young ran in a seven-yard score to give his team a 28-0 lead. "We were pumped," Jenkins said. "That was a big play. That just killed their momentum." If Torrance even had any momentum, Jenkins was right—at that point it was all gone. The Saxons may have gained a little bit more, as Jenkins hauled in another touchdown from Hernandez to score in just over 30 seconds before the first half finally came to a close for the Tartars at 35-0.

To start the second half, the Saxons stuck to what worked and continued to pass the ball. "We had to put the pedal all the way down," said Jurado. "We weren't letting up." Jenkins came down with two more touchdowns before it was decided that a running clock would be used to speed the game up for the fourth quarter. By the time all was said and done, the Saxons had piled on 19 more points on the Tartars to finally bring the game to an end at 54-0. "We wanted to finish," said Croce. "It feels okay to play for a half, but it's better to play for an entire game. We got one goal accomplished, right? We want to keep going in the playoffs." The Saxons will have all the momentum that they need going into week one of the playoffs. The team has now won five games in a row capped off by their demolition of the Tartars.

Hernandez was 22 of 32 for 355 yards, six touchdowns and two interceptions on

the night. Jenkins had seven catches for 98 yards and five of those six touchdowns. Torrance starting quarterback Jacob Kalama was 10 of 22 for 123 yards in the loss. The Tartars will take their third place finish in the Pioneer League and hope to hold on to an at-large bid to get them into the playoffs.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans were trying to salvage all that was left of their season and of league play, but unfortunately ran in to an extra motivated El Segundo team last Friday night at South High. Prior to the game, it was announced that Centennial would forfeit a win it previously notched against El Segundo because of an ineligible player that was used in the game. The extra win not only gave the Eagles more motivation, but also would launch them into second place in the Pioneer League with a victory over the Spartans.

Both teams were held scoreless in the first quarter, but it was the Eagles who jumped out to a 10-7 lead at the half. All of the momentum was given to El Segundo (6-4, 4-1) in the second half when it recovered a fumbled punt by the Spartans. The Eagles scored on their ensuing possession to push them ahead by 10 points at 17-7. South (4-6, 1-4) was unable to get on the board for the entire second half, with its only opportunity being a missed field goal. The Eagles tacked on a defensive touchdown toward the end of the game to ultimately finish the Spartans off with a 24-7 victory.

The only score of the game for South High came on a two-yard touchdown run by starting quarterback Kyle Nesbit that capped off a three-minute drive. The Spartans finished their year with a disappointing record of 1-4 in league play and fell to fifth place in the Pioneer League. This year was the first year since 2009 that South finished its season without making it to the playoffs.

WEST HIGH

The West High Warriors ended their season in style. With Leuzinger on the schedule, they knew they needed a big day to get themselves a chance at an at-large bid to enter the playoffs. A big day is exactly what they got as they routed the Olympians by a final score of 50-7 to get their second win in a row and second league play victory of the season at Leuzinger (1-9, 0-5) last Friday night.

The Warriors had a 29-point lead in the first quarter and never looked back from there. Up 36-0 at the half, the Warriors (7-3, 2-3) finally looked like they were back to being their old selves. In the last two games, West has put up 106 points to their opponents' 13. They have finally gotten back to bullying other teams around after a rough three-game stretch against stiff Bay League opponents. Starting quarterback Joey Notch led the way for the Warriors with three touchdowns on the night and running back Barry Thomas came to life with two of his own. The Warriors will need consistent production from both of those players should they make it into next week's playoffs. •

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Sports

North Torrance wins League, Enters CIF Playoffs



North Junior Running Back Adrian Colclasure tries to get around Torrance defender after receiving a pass from Quarterback Jorge Hernandez

By Kelly Kemp

The North Torrance Saxons Football Team, 8-2 (5-0), went four short years since its last Pioneer League Championship, but this was a sweet one indeed following a 54-0 drubbing of cross-town rival Torrance Tartars and an Undefeated League Title.

The line of scrimmage was dominant, with excellent play on both sides of the ball from Anthony Ciomber, Joseph Franco, Java Maglasang, Juan Samiento and Luis Yopez. The Line stabilized both sides of the ball, especially protecting the receivers and running backs on the O-side.

Backs T.J. Young and Corey Cox and Receivers Devante Jenkins and Michael Jurado all scored touchdowns, and, as has been the story all season long, key plays were initiated by Quarterback Jorge Hernandez. I personally came to witness the Hernandez-to-Jurado connection, since that's what I've enjoyed reading about from past games in Daily Breeze journalist Tony Ciniglio's articles – but what I saw was sheer skill and team greatness all around. Every time the Tartars double or triple-teamed Jurado, the other Ends and Backs were there to rise up, receive the pass and explode for yardage.

My favorite play of the game caught me by surprise as much as it did Torrance! Midway through the second quarter, when the Saxons had just come off a touchdown march that had increased their lead from 13-0 to 21-0 (Adrian Colclasure caught the conversion from Hernandez), the Saxon kicker chipped a short on-sides attempt up the middle, and he was able to run the 10+ yards to jump on the ball! It was definitely not the routine "end-of-game on-sides kick" that we're used to seeing teams go for in desperation, but it did send a resounding message of healthy risk taking along the Saxon sideline.

North leads League #2 El Segundo, #3 Torrance and #At Large South Torrance into the Playoffs. Good luck in the Southern Section CIF to all! •



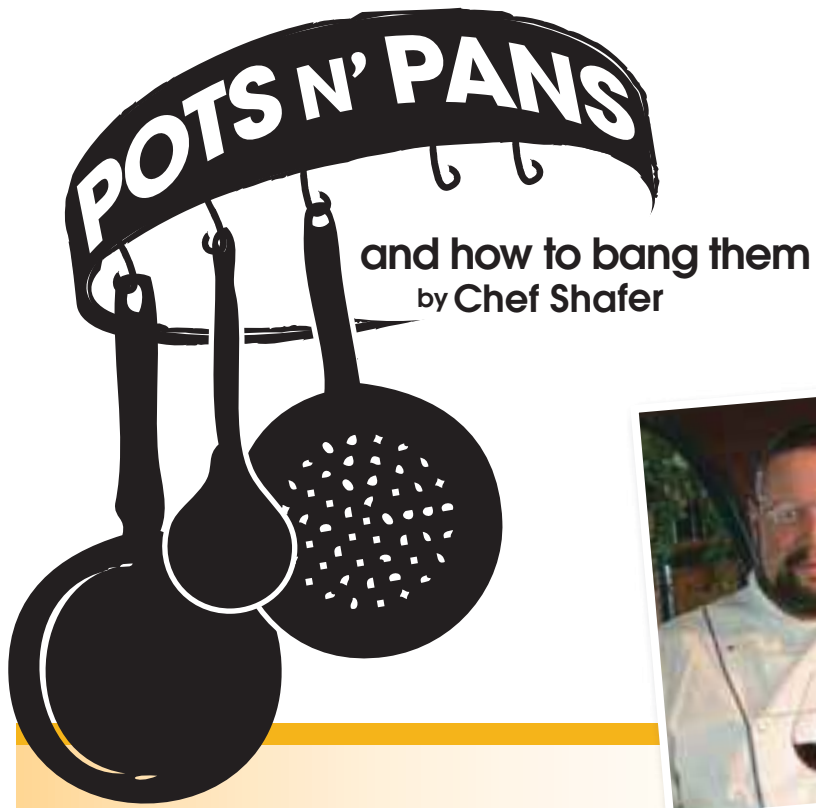
North Running Back Corey Cox accelerates down the field for a 77 yard touchdown run.



North Junior Kicker Joey Wolfe executes a perfect onside kick that stunned Torrance and was recovered by Wolfe himself.



North Senior Wide Receiver Devante Jenkins leaps to catch the ball in the End Zone to score one of five touchdowns. Photos Shelley Kemp.



The holidays are coming soon and with winter squashes at the market I thought I would show you my favorite way to cook the hard squashes. I like to oven roast them to bring out the natural sugars in them. This also is a great way to cook them and then fill them with other vegetables or a rice dish for a centerpiece on your table. Try this for you holiday party.

The Chef

Oven Roasted Acorn Squash Stuffed with Sausage and Raisin Brown Rice



1 large acorn squash
 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

RICE

2 cups brown rice
 1 pound pork breakfast style sausage raw
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 1/2 cup chopped carrots
 6 cups chicken broth more if needed
 1 cup raisins
 1 cup toasted pecans
 Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Cut the acorn squash in half from the stem to the point. Scoop out the seeds. Rub the squash with the oil. Set cut side up on a sheet pan. Season with salt and pepper. Place in a 350 degree oven and roast for 30 to 45 minutes or till tender.

Rice

In a hot 4 quart sauce pan sauté of the pork sausage, onions and carrots till meat is cooked 1min. Add rice and sauté 1min. Add broth and bring to a boil then cover and simmer till rice is tender 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Mix in the raisins and pecans. Fill squash and serve. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

The Birthday Bash

By TerriAnn Ferren

The City of Torrance's *Birthday Bash* that ends the year-long Centennial Celebration was set for Sunday, October 28 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Charles H. Wilson Park. It was October, but you couldn't tell it was fall by the hot temperatures that morning. As I left the house I made sure to slather up with sunscreen, wear long sleeves and take a hat. It was going to be a big day and I wanted to

be ready for anything. It was about 9:15 a.m. when I parked my car making sure to put up the sun visor to cover my front windshield. As I walked down the eucalyptus-lined walkway, I could see the other volunteers wearing their vibrant green t-shirts. The park was already buzzing with activity when I arrived at the main information booth. Leslie Cortez was organizing the volunteers and I was ready for duty. I was assigned to the booth and began



Marlena Shore, Keely Brooks, Tiffany Brooks.



Releasing the doves.



Lyn Levens.

familiarizing myself with the maps and the list of activities planned throughout the day. Almost immediately, things began to get busy. The parking lot filled quickly and the band on the main stage began to set up. Citizens were arriving and the excitement was building. There was a feeling of electricity in the air as families stopped by the information booth to check the list of performers and activities. There was something for everyone. A few of the activities were: The Kid's Zone with bouncers, the Live Steamers offering free train rides, talented acts ready to perform on the Community Stage, and bands that would be performing most of the day including Tim Urban (*American Idol* Finalist) on the main stage. The Centennial Lounge was located in the gym where historic photos and videos were displayed. A marketplace was set up for non-profits and arts and crafts vendors to share and sell their wares. A Cheer Exhibition was being held, softball games were scheduled and food trucks began to park in a campfire-like circle on the street near the pond. Later in the afternoon the release of 100 doves was planned right before four skydivers descended on the park to end the festivities.

The main stage held the *Birthday Bash* opening ceremonies at noon and Mayor Frank Scotto, along with our City Council members, welcomed everyone to the celebration. Brownies from troops in Torrance led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem was beautifully sung by Laura Savitz. Former Mayor Dee Hardison addressed the crowd

and I read my poem *Centennial* about the city flower, the hybrid delphinium. After the formal ceremonies, I spoke with former City Clerk Linda Barnett, who told me, "I think this is great. We've had a wonderful year with a lot of celebration for the city and it's now come to an end. In one breath I am sorry it's over, but in another way we've done a lot of work and people have been able to enjoy a lot of different events during the year and this is a great way to celebrate the end."

As the crowd headed toward the other events and the band began to set up for Tim Urban, I saw three South High School students, Alex Budding, Lena Manchester and Amanda Bozin, all 17 years old, selling water for their club *Interact*, a service organization that helps the community with beach clean-up and related activities. These young ladies were definitely enjoying working their booth.

Walking to the other end of the park, I decided to check out the food trucks. Every truck was jam-packed with lines and happy faces waiting for everything from waffles to tacos to lobster. It was a culinary campfire of cuisine! This was a great idea and people loved it. I ran into Marlene Shore enjoying her shaved ice in the hot sun with Keely and Tiffany Brooks. They told me they had sampled the grilled cheese sandwiches and the waffles from the waffle truck. I asked Marlene how was the food and she said, "Delicious." Guess that sums it up.

Right outside the Dee Hardison Sports Center, Transit Director Kim Turner was showing off



Flags that flew with the skydivers. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

TerriAnn in Torrance

the 1963 vintage Torrance bus. I walked over to the bus and met with Kim, who told me, "The guys really worked very, very hard to get it [the bus] done and last night they were polishing the floor so we got it here. They did it. We'll use this as a special event bus--and possibly we want to get it in the Armed Forces Day [parade] as well...transit has been here for 72 years and we've played a very important role in getting people to and from work and school and we wanted to make sure we shared that with the community."

Toward the end of the hot afternoon, Lyn Levens began moving his doves onto the softball field. "I'm from Hacienda Heights and have approximately 1,000 birds. We have 100 today because of the 100-year celebration," Lyn said. Five cages of 20 doves each were set on the grass and 20 children lined up behind one cage and 20 dignitaries lined up behind another one. Councilmember Susan Rhilinger told me, "After the first group [releases their doves], the second group will go and they [the birds] will gather in the heavens. When they are all gathered, then they fly home."

Mayor Scotto released the first dove into the air to a huge round of applause. Children

were jumping up and down and screaming with delight and adults were smiling and clapping as the doves were let loose one at a time. I was in the line of fire, so to speak, and when the small children let their doves free, the birds were nearly skimming the ground and I thought I would be hit--so I moved to a safer angle. It was wild. Afterwards, I asked Mayor Scotto how it felt releasing the doves and he said, "It was outstanding--a great feeling at the end and a culmination of a year of Centennial to have all these people watching. This is truly a great event. Unfortunately, it does have to come to an end sometime, but people are going to take away great memories from this event starting with the *Lights, Camera, Action* that happened right across on the other field and here we are with the community of Torrance with literally thousands--the estimates are between eight to 12 thousand people here at the park, so it's really a great event."

After the excitement of the doves, everyone was positioning themselves around the softball field (where earlier the police had handily beaten the fire department in a good-natured softball game competition) to get a good view of the skydivers who were scheduled



Skydivers Michael Sherrin, Dave Span, and Jay Stokes. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

to descend around 4:30 p.m. Excitement was building as I spoke with Gail Sims, who was keeping radio contact with the jumpers in the plane. "I have been jumping for 30 years," said Gail. "I broke my wrist mountain biking, I should've stuck with skydiving. I do this for a living, but we also train students of course. We jump into football games, special events, parties..." I asked her what was one of the most unusual jumps she has ever done and she said, "Probably a birthday party for a very wealthy gentleman in Malibu. We got to jump on the beach and land by his house and wish him a happy birthday and they came out and served champagne. It was great." Gail told the few of us who were in the center of the field we could stay if we "clumped" near her. We jumped at the chance. Gail added, "Just stay in the middle and when he runs in with the American flag, out of respect for the flag we like to try to get it right away up off the ground. Don't touch anything until he's down on the ground." Got it. Michelle Polcari, Mary Kay Hoffman, Debbie Hays, Melanie Dreike, Barbara Heughins, Dee Hardison, Janet Payne and I were the unofficial "clumpers."

Gail told us the plane had left Torrance airport and was en route. We heard it before we saw it. At that moment, with everyone looking up there was a hush over the field and I had a flash of last year when everyone was looking skyward while spelling out Torrance 1912-2012 at this same park. We had come

full circle with the Centennial celebration. Then the skydivers began to descend--the first, then the second, then the third. These three skydivers also had a flag flying as they descended--the State of California flag, the City of Torrance flag and the Centennial flag. One by one, they crisscrossed the sky until they gently landed on the field. Then all by himself, Jim Wallace jumped with the American flag flying magnificently and elegantly through the air as he slowly made his way down to the earth. As the American flag hit the ground, we "clumpers" ran to pick it up. I carefully lifted the red, white and blue billowing flag and somehow got caught in the middle. But I kept lifting and when I could see out the side, I helped put the flag into a bag with respect. I had never done anything like that before and it took my breath away. Jim Wallace has been jumping since 1970 and told me he now has made 23,400 jumps. Wow. Skydivers Michael Sherrin, Dave Span and Jay Stokes posed for a photograph for me in their gear. What an experience it was to see this finale.

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Lia Mullin, age 5 and Gabby Cristofaro age 5.

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Alex Budding, age 17, Lena Manchester age, 17 Amanda Bozin, age 17 all selling water at the South High Booth for Interact, the non profit group. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



Gail Sims.



Officer Stephen Jangaard.



Skydiver Jim Wallace, owner of 21st Century Skydiving and Skydiving School.



Mayor Frank Scotto ready to release the first dove.



Transit Director Kim Turner in front of the 1962 Torrance Transit Bus.



Michelle Polcari waiting for the skydivers.



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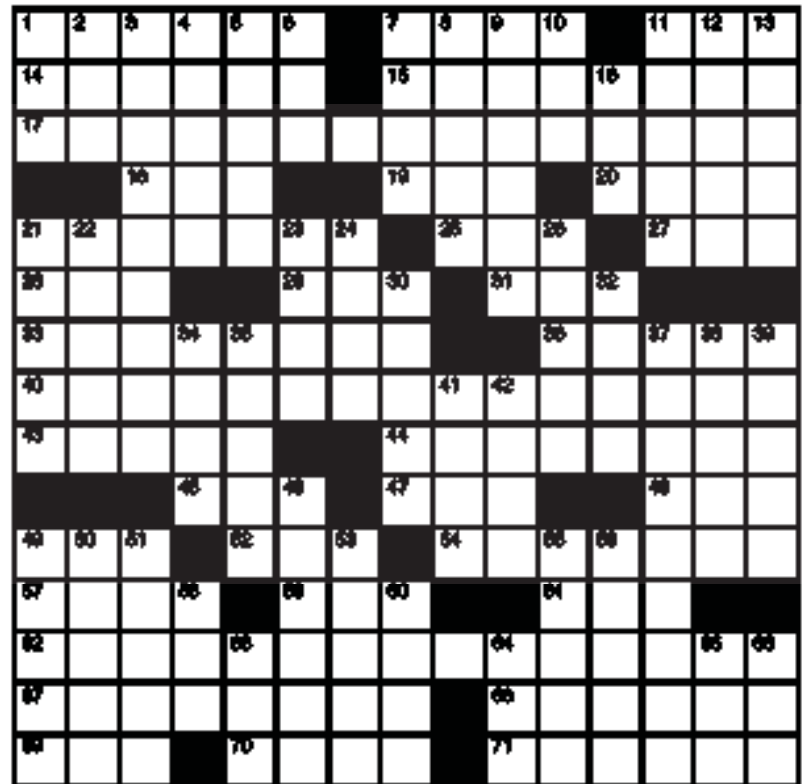
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- ACROSS**
- 1. Helpful ones
 - 7. Bruce's partner
 - 11. Aquinas
 - 14. Horror movie
 - 15. Absence
 - 17. Hollow protagonist
 - 18. Howel
 - 19. Early
 - 20. Come-on
 - 21. Less populated
 - 25. Is in the past?
 - 27. Elec. unit
 - 28. Hiked up
 - 29. 16 1/2 feet
 - 31. Celine's partner
 - 33. Volcanic rock
 - 36. Catch, in a way
 - 40. Salinger protagonist
 - 43. Piquant, as tea
 - 44. Worked a partner's vessel
 - 45. Wasmal alternative
 - 47. Retardation, for short
 - 48. Lilled specialty
 - 49. Mistrichs, e.g.
 - 51. Go on and on
 - 54. Gamy
 - 57. Tropical scentsation
 - 59. CILJ track
 - 64. Chain target
 - 65. Tropic protagonist
 - 67. Voluntary
 - 68. Opposites that create oxygen to live
 - 69. Like some planet sea
 - 70. The Who's "___ O'Heily"
 - 71. Hygienic state
- DOWN**
- 1. It often appears to the right of you
 - 2. Slip in a gut
 - 3. Simple avian strake
 - 4. Midpoint VLE
 - 5. Sustain low stress
 - 6. Visit
 - 7. Cold one
 - 8. Extinct, in a way
 - 9. Make believe?
 - 10. Remains here
 - 11. Result
 - 12. ___ appeal
 - 13. Magistrate and Hercules
 - 16. Hot-one's address
 - 21. Feminine preterites
 - 23. Burgundy grape
 - 24. One of the Walters
 - 24. Thrilling eye
 - 26. Heavy type
 - 30. End
 - 33. Dinosaur
 - 34. Ethical plot
 - 35. ___ Rebellion of 1857-59
 - 37. ___ purpose
 - 38. Acronymic
 - 39. In a strange way
 - 41. ___ suit
 - 43. Prefix for avian
 - 46. Antique screen in Britain
 - 49. Can't stomach
 - 50. Jewelers' glass
 - 51. Aggravation
 - 53. Middle Eastern dish
 - 55. Kind of milk
 - 56. Prefix with seal
 - 58. Saloon, n.g.
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Girls In Action!



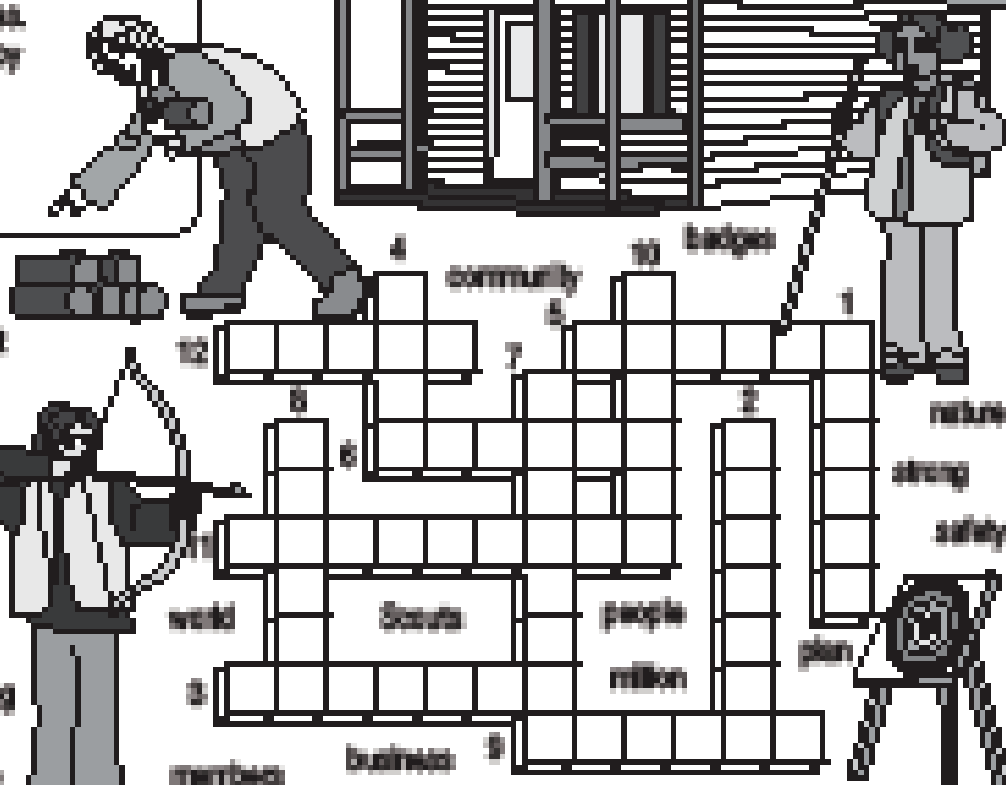
Have you ever thought about joining a Girl Scout group? Millions of girls and women across the United States gather to have meetings, plan their schedules and then spring into action! Girl Scouts can work in groups to help their communities and share in fun activities. They can choose areas of interest of their own and work by themselves to build skills and earn badges.

A silver dollar is being minted in 2012 to honor the Girl Scout! How cool is that? Ask a grownup if you can check out the Girl Scouts' website so you can decide if you like what you see!



Read the clues to learn about the Girl Scouts and to fill in the puzzle:

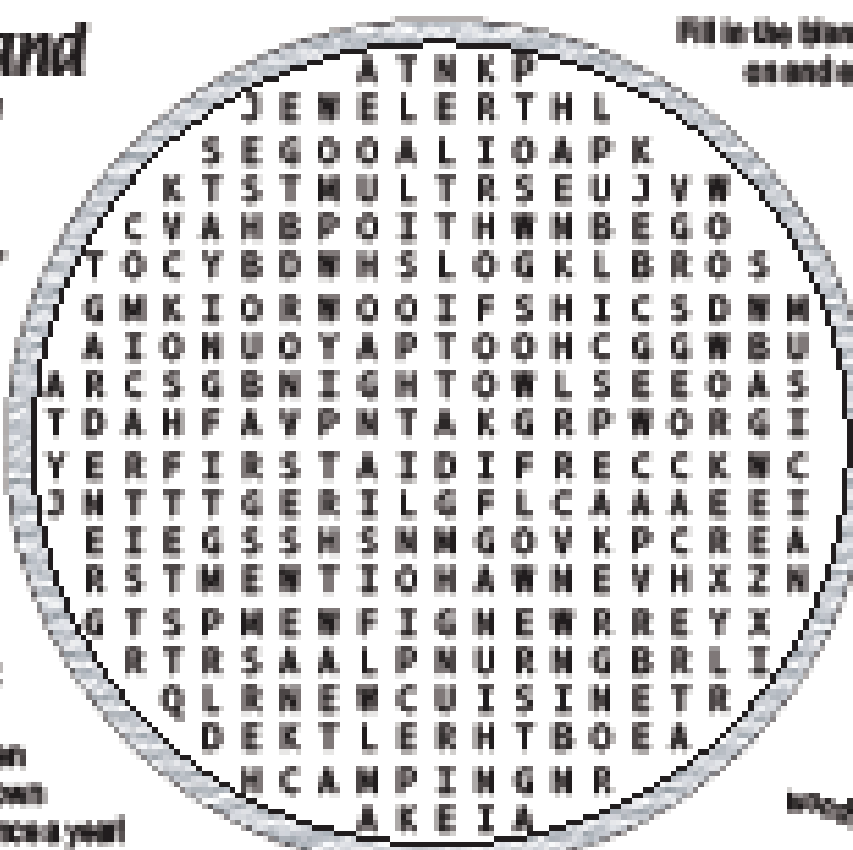
1. In Savannah, Georgia in 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low had the first meeting (18 girls) of what would become the Girl _____ of the USA.
2. In the U.S. there are over three _____ members (including adults); worldwide there are 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.
3. _____ are grouped by grade: Daisies (K-1), Brownies (2-3), Juniors (4-5), Cadettes (6-8), Seniors (9-10), Ambassadors (11-12).
4. they meet in groups at schools, churches and homes and are led by adult scout leaders who help them _____ what they want to do.
5. Girl Scouts keep learning and doing; they earn _____ of their choice.
6. they learn about _____ and wildlife while having fun - hiking, camping.
7. they learn about _____ by selling cookies and earning money.
8. they take field trips to visit places and mingle with _____ everywhere.
9. Girl Scouts try to be honest, friendly, caring, _____ and respectful.
10. they learn _____ tips, how to live well, and even learn some first aid.
11. _____ service projects, like food drives, are high on their lists.
12. Girl Scouts work to "...make the _____ a better place!"



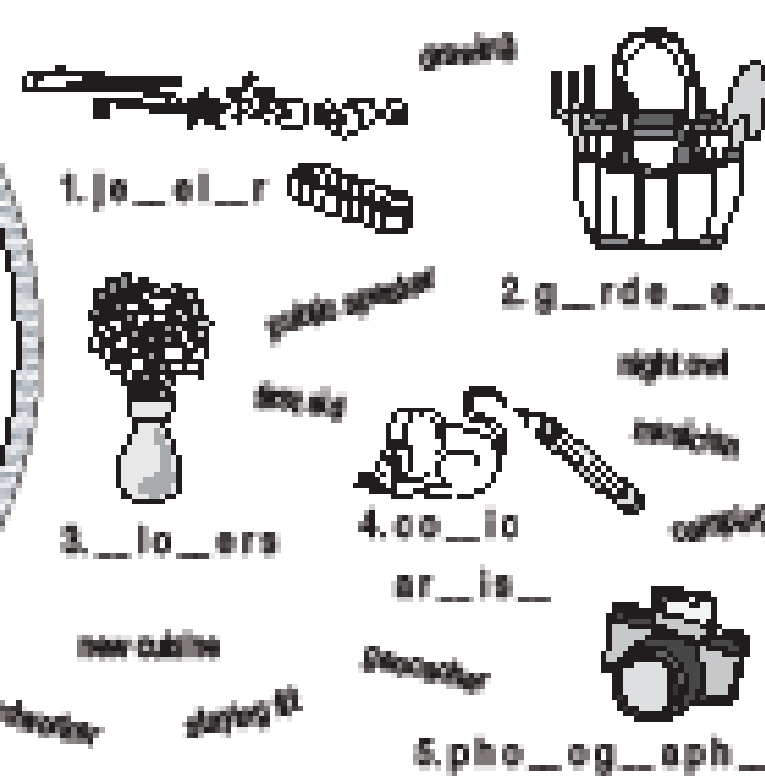
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Learning and Earning!

Girl Scouts can choose areas of interest, like photography, and work on skills that will earn badges for those areas. During the first years of the Girl Scouts, there were over 25 badges to choose from. Today there are many more badges offered, ranging from cooking to product design to entertainment technology. You can even create and design your own badge (to build a skill) once a year!



Fill in the blanks to spell the names of some of the badges girls can work on and earn. Then, instead circle all of the subjects in the "badge."



Famous For Selling

Members of the Girl Scouts run the largest business in the world that is by run by girls and women. The girls learn about business and earn money for their projects. This year for their 100th anniversary, they have a new product for their line called "Savannah Smiles." What do the Girl Scouts sell? Follow this color key to see:

G = Green T = Tan



Let's Talk: Women Opening Up About Menopause Find Community and Empowerment

(ARA) - Most women remember having "the talk" with their mother. In that crucial time just before puberty, moms provide guidance and wisdom about the changes our bodies go through. But later in life, women

they may experience."

In an effort to help women approach menopause with confidence, Poise brand is starting The 2nd Talk, a whole new way to talk about this life stage. The company is

"Talking to other women who are going through menopause is an important way to gain knowledge while also finding support and fellowship."

experience another important time of change - menopause - and many approach it without the comfort and connection that comes from talking to other women about what they are experiencing.

However, women are ready to change that - and as many as 80 percent of women believe it's time for the conversation about menopause to change, according to a recent study conducted by Harris Interactive for Poise brand.

Despite the fact that most women go through menopause, many feel anxiety about it. The study also found that more than 50 percent of women say that anxiety about menopause is caused by not knowing enough about this life stage. And when only 5 percent of women can name the top five symptoms of menopause, as the study found, it's no wonder that women are concerned about not knowing what's coming next.

"The symptoms of menopause can vary widely," says Dr. Cindy Long, an OB-GYN and former OB-GYN department chair at North Suburban Medical Center. "Some women will describe very minimal symptoms and many others may have severe, sometimes distressing symptoms. Many women are looking for non-medical options to help provide comfort from the variety of symptoms

also introducing a line of feminine wellness products designed to provide comfort during menopause from hot flashes, vaginal dryness and odor. Each product works naturally with a woman's body to address one of these needs, and includes a cooling gel, body cooling towelettes, personal lubricant, panty fresheners and a feminine wash.

At the website The2ndTalk.com, women can read others' stories about going through menopause, as well as get expert advice through a question and answer section, articles and more.

Talking to other women who are going through menopause is an important way to gain knowledge while also finding support and fellowship. Having a dedicated venue to get the conversation started can give women more confidence to bring the subject up in other situations.

"No doubt, it can be more fun to chat about vacations, movies or grandkids, but didn't we share our concerns about pregnancies and childbirth when those topics were on our minds?" asks Dr. Vivian Diller, a clinical psychologist. "By starting the conversation about menopause with openness and confidence - and even a sense of humor - we make it more comfortable for women to

express what they're feeling."

Having access to a community of supportive women can help make the stresses of menopause seem less daunting, and even offer opportunities to find humor and connection in the experience.

"Every woman can benefit from educating herself about physical and emotional symptoms," says Diller. "We need to overcome our need for this long-standing cover-up and let the big secret out."

When you make the effort to educate yourself, make sure you're also starting the conversation with other women. Whether it's a friend, a sister or someone else, you might be able to help her - or learn more yourself - simply by reaching out and speaking up. Go to The2ndTalk.com to learn more about your symptoms from experts, get your questions answered and help Poise rally 1 million women to join The 2nd Talk by World Menopause Day on October 18.



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Keeping Hardwood Floors Looking Beautiful Is Easier Than You Think

(ARA) - No matter what the setting, the good looks and durability of hardwood floors can be maintained with minimal effort. It's simply a matter of proper care and maintenance.

The American Hardwood Information Center, www.HardwoodInfo.com, in conjunction with the National Wood Flooring Association suggest the following care and maintenance guidelines to keep hardwood floors looking beautiful today, and for years to come. Here's how to begin.

General maintenance guidelines

All hardwood floors should be cleaned regularly to remove dirt and grit from between the floorboards. Avoid using a wet mop, which can dull the finish. Instead, sweep with either a dust mop or broom that features exploded tips, or vacuum the floors using a vacuum with special hardwood floor attachments or one with the beater bar turned off.

Wipe up any spills immediately, using a soft, dry or slightly damp cloth, starting at the edges of the spill and working toward the center. Allowing spills to remain on hardwood floors could damage the finish, as well as the wood.

Avoid walking on hardwood floors with sports cleats or high heel shoes in disrepair. These can scratch the finish, or even dent the floor. Placing felt pads on the bottom of furniture legs will also minimize scratches.

Further minimize scratches by placing scatter rugs at all entrances to help keep small stones and debris out. But choose wisely. Scatter rugs with rubber backs can discolor wood floors.

Special rug mats can be purchased from a wood-flooring retailer to protect the floors from discoloration.

You're not "finished" just yet

Knowing which type of finish applied to protect the hardwood floor is important. Different flooring finishes require different kinds of care, so if or when in doubt, contact the flooring manufacturer or a wood flooring professional in your area.

There are three major types of wood flooring finishes available - surface finishes, wax and acrylic impregnated - and the experts at the National Wood Flooring Association, www.woodfloors.org, stress that using the right maintenance products will protect and prolong the life of the floor.

Surface finishes, also referred to as urethanes or polyurethanes, are practical and very popular. They remain on the surface of the wood and form a protective coating that is water-resistant, durable and requires minimal maintenance.

For cleaning purposes, use products recommended by the flooring manufacturer. If the floors were finished or refinished on site, contact the installer. If neither is known, use a generic hardwood floor cleaner which can be purchased at a retail flooring store. Never use wax-based or petroleum-based products on a surface finish floor, as they will damage the finish.

Wax finishes soak into the wood, harden to form a protective penetrating seal, and when needed, are maintained with additional thin applications of wax. Only solvent-based

waxes, buffing pastes or cleaning liquids made specifically for wax-finished wood floors should be used.

Use cleaning products, available at retail flooring stores, made specifically for wax finishes. Follow the directions carefully to determine how long the cleaner should remain on the floor. Once the floor is clean, apply a new coat of wax to restore luster.

Acrylic impregnated finishes are injected into the wood to create a super-hard, extremely durable floor. These finishes most often are used in high traffic areas of malls, restaurants

and other commercial settings.

Cleaning an acrylic impregnated floor depends on the finish. If the floor has a urethane-based finish, follow the same procedures suggested for surface finished floors. If the floor has a nonurethane-based finish, use a spray and buff system, as recommended by the manufacturer.

Don't hesitate to investigate

It pays to be knowledgeable. Proper care and maintenance will protect and prolong the performance of hardwood flooring for a lifetime, and even longer. •






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