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## Local Police Serve for Charity



Members of the Torrance Police Department, who donated their time to raise money for Special Olympics, included Steve D'Anjou, Hector Bermudez, Cody Weldin, Kelli McCarthy, Ryan D'Anjou (Steve's son), Christina Szezykowski and Stuart Scott. For more photos, see page 8.

## Council Approves Ethics and Voter Information Program

By Dylan Little

During its Dec. 12 meeting, the Torrance City Council approved a \$75,000 ethics and voter outreach program in anticipation of the 2014 municipal election. The City hopes the effort will increase voter turnout as well as educate the public on resources they can use to research candidates in the election.

According to a City staff report, the primary goal of the ethics program is to engage voters in Torrance by showing them the extent that they can research a candidate's position, fundraising and campaign materials as well as clearing up any questions citizens might have concerning the municipal election. Viet Hoang, Management Associate in the City Manager's Office, wanted to make it clear that the focus of the program is giving citizens the tool to make up their minds and not to influence their decisions. "The program does not direct voters for whom they should cast their vote," said Hoang. "Rather, the program focuses on how the public can become more informed about the candidates as well as the local election process."

The funding for the program will come from a \$65,000 reserve for program contingency and \$10,000 from the City Clerk's operating budget. While the costs attached to this project aren't trivial, City Clerk Sue Herbers said the work of arming voters with the information they need to make educated decisions is vital to the City. "The cost of democracy is not inexpensive," said Herbers. "However, an educated electorate is very vital to that same democracy we enjoy."

Making sure citizens are informed about

voting in Torrance is one of the chief concerns of the City Clerk. Herbers said she and her office have been advocating for more voter education and information for decades and this program will be a powerful way to do that. It incorporates direct mail, information inserted in utility bills, ads in the local papers (including this one), CitiCABLE briefs, materials at candidate forums as well as information on the City Clerk's webpage and City social media. "[We] respect the right of each voter to use his or her own knowledge

to chose a candidate as educated voters by having information provided to them," said Herbers. "We can reach out and educate them, which has been one of my missions for the past 20 years."

The content of this information blitz is to let voters know how to do things like access unbiased websites with candidate information, look up campaign disclosures at the City and County, and learn the difference between campaign materials from a candidate, a

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## Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny

58°/47°



Saturday

Showers

57°/41°



Sunday

Sunny

57°/40°



## TerriAnn in Torrance

### Cleaning Happy

By TerriAnn Ferren

I knew it was going to be tough and I knew it would take time, so I started a week ahead of schedule. Not unlike many others around Torrance, I looked at my house and knew it was time for a thorough cleaning and sprucing up before the holidays. Friends and relatives would be visiting soon and that's all the incentive I needed to begin my fall housecleaning. Most people begin thinking about cleaning up in the spring, but for me winter is the time to break out the deep cleaning supplies. Putting off this daunting task only makes the job seem more insurmountable and beginning is the toughest part, I think. Today was the day! This was the day I

decided to begin with deep vacuuming. I call it deep vacuuming because I also clean the very edges of the carpet and the baseboards. Funny thing, after I get going it doesn't seem half as much work as I envisioned. My old vacuum continues sucking up everything in sight--and some things I wish it didn't. Do you have an upright or a canister vacuum? Honestly, I debated about them both long ago at length, but in the end decided upon the canister. Mine is very old now, but still works well.

About halfway through my vacuuming, I remembered that I should have dusted beforehand. Or is it better to dust after?

See TerriAnn in Torrane, page 9

# 5th Annual 'Taste of Old Torrance'

The local eateries in Downtown Torrance provided a delicious sampling of their menus at the 5th Annual Taste of Old Torrance event on Nov. 20, hosted by the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association. The participating family-owned restaurants included Torrance Bakery, Buffalo Fire Department, The Depot, Tortilla Cantina, Eat At Rudy's, Buffy's, La

Capilla, Red Car Brewery, Keegan's Pub & Grill, Just Luigi's, Old Torrance Coffee & Tea, Antigua Café, Sprinkles 'N' Stuff and Fox Drugs. It was a sold-out crowd at the Bartlett Center. All cash and canned-good proceeds were donated to the local food bank Food For Kids. Please go to [www.OldTorranceNeighbors.org](http://www.OldTorranceNeighbors.org) for additional information.



Tadeo Davila Luna and Chef Michael Shafer from The Depot Restaurant and Buffalo Fire Department. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.



De De Hicks, CEO of the Volunteer Center program's Food For Kids, was part of the crowd standing in line to enjoy the Taste of Old Torrance.



Bob and Laurie Brandt of the Red Car Brewery



Torrance Bakery's Kirk Rossberg



Alex Lee, Bert Sierra and Rick Gomez from Tortilla Cantina.



Darlene Vasquez and Angel Willett from Keegans Sports Lounge & Grill.



Lynn Vines and Joey Vines representing Fox Drug of Torrance



Cynthia Blackledge from Sprinkles 'N' Stuff with her mom Virginia Velazquez

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# Calendar

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

• Bach's Luncheon Recital Featuring AlmaNova, 12:15 p.m. Dec 6, First Lutheran Church of Torrance, 2900 W. Carson Street.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

• Nativity Catholic School Presents - A Christmas Boutique. 9AM to 2PM. 2371 W Carson St, Torrance Ca 90501.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

• 'Twas the Night Before Christmas reading, 4 p.m., Torrance Historical Society Museum,

1345 Post Avenue. For more information call the Museum at (310) 328-5392.

**ONGOING**

• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.

• Torrance Memorial 30th Annual Holiday Festival, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 3-5, 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For information call the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation at (310)-517-4703. For recorded general event information call (310) 517-4606. •

## City Council

*from front page*

"slate card" and independent materials. It also includes information on deadlines to register to vote, when the election is being held and what rights citizens have to time off for voting.

"It's meant to empower the voter and to encourage those not currently registered to become involved in more than one way and in a way they chose," said Herbers. "The

However, local resident Mark Stevenson expressed concerns that the tools the City would like to provide voters with were potentially biased. Scotto addressed these concerns by explaining that the program would link to credible organizations like the League of Women Voters and reaffirmed the goal to stay objective. "I want to make it very clear that the City is interested in making

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tools and links can be used by all voters . . . they can make their own decisions based on their own unique political, ethical and moral ideology, and everyone is different."

Currently the City has almost 80,000 registered voters, but Mayor Frank Scotto believes there could be potentially far more. However, he said the total number of voters is less important than the amount actually interested in making their voices heard in deciding what lies in Torrance's future. "The fact that we have more voters doesn't mean anything if they don't go vote," said Scotto. "The idea is to get them to understand. We want them to be an informed community so they know who to vote for, but we give them only the tools to figure that out."

the populace informed on candidates," said Scotto. "It has nothing to do with directing them on how to vote, who to vote for or those kinds of things."

Scotto believes that a better informed citizenry will allow for smarter ideas to gain traction, instead of merely the best-funded ideas. "There may be a candidate that may not spend a lot of money, but may have a very good message," said Scotto. "But if the populace doesn't get that message, they'll never know that. That's what this is all about."

Councilmember Bill Sutherland expressed his opinion that objections to the project were misguided. "If people don't think it's proper for the City to try to get the citizens to vote, then I think we're in huge trouble," he said. •



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# Business Briefs

## Torrance Business Ranked 73rd in Nation



Torrance-based business Van Lingen Body Shop Inc. was recently named one of the "Most Experienced Towmen in America" by American Towman magazine. Ranked 73rd in the nation, Van Lingen Body Shop was honored at the American Towman Exposition luncheon, which took place in Baltimore, Maryland on Nov. 16. Van Lingen Body Shop, owned by father, Robert Van Lingen, and sons, (left to right) Rob and Sean Van Lingen, is also tied for 1st Place as the oldest continually operating tow company in California.

### Lighting of the Menorah

Preparing to help children light a bowling pin-inspired menorah on the first night of Chanukah were Rabbi Sholom Pinson (right,



holding child) and Charlotte Melsh from Palos Verdes Bowl (left) in Torrance, where the Chabad of South Bay's Chanukah Family Party was held. This year, Chanukah started Nov. 27, the night before Thanksgiving, and will end in the evening of Dec. 5.

## InMotion Art Exhibit



"Bodies in Motion" by Val Simone. The opening gala for "InMotion, 2013," will be held Dec. 14, 6 - 9 p.m. at 24777 Crenshaw Blvd. Max Presneill, director of TAM, was juror and curator of this art exhibition. Ninety-Seven artists were selected and their art arranged for maximum impact in the spacious South Bay Lexus Service Center.

The art sale benefits Switzer Learning Center. Reception entertainment includes Avalon Gardens Choir, live music by JazzWest and a performance by Precision Dance Company of Lomita. Many artists will be in attendance. Free and open to the public. Valet parking.

"InMotion, 2013" art exhibit and sale continues through Feb 15. The showroom gallery is open for viewing Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Precision Dance Company is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 by Felicia Vann, then only 15 years old. She continues to provide training and performance experience in Hip Hop, jazz, contemporary, lyrical and ballet for youth and young adults, dance teams, spirit squads and recording artists. For more information contact: Jody Wiggins: (310) 650-0006 jodywigginsusana@yahoo.com

### Torrance Signs as 2013 'Small Business Saturday' Partner

The City of Torrance has signed on as a "2013 Small Business Saturday" Partner. On Nov. 30, Torrance is proud to recognize the Saturday after Thanksgiving as a "buy local" support date. Endorsed by advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the nation, as "Small Business Saturday," Mayor Frank Scotto encourages the community to support small businesses.

The City of Torrance prides itself in being business-friendly. They appreciate, support and celebrate the local small businesses, and the contribution they make to the local economy and community. •

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Somewhere in The Cloud, they held the annual Dead Dictators' Reunion (DDR). The gang was all there...Hitler, Mao, Tojo, Khrushchev, Kim, Mussolini...all the boys. Cognac and Cuban cigars were the lubricating

*"What if FDR had said the U.S. was sick of war and gave us a date for withdrawal of his troops from Europe."*

medium, reviving and revising stories of past victories and lamenting past defeats. "If only..." seemed to be the wistful theme of the night.

"If only we hadn't faced the America of prior years, but had faced Obama's America instead, the world would be a different place. Ahhh, that disappointment just breaks our hearts."

"What if FDR had said the U.S. was sick of war and gave us a date for withdrawal of his troops from Europe," dreamily envisioned Hitler and Mussolini in tandem. "We would have sat on our hands like the Taliban are doing, waiting for the American armistice. What a gift Obama would have been to us."

"Huh," said Tojo, "Japan sucker-punched America at Pearl Harbor and got our heads handed to us on an atomic platter, but when Libya sucker-punched America at Benghazi, Obama made up lies and left his people to die."

"Speaking of Syria," said Kim, "when Korea engaged in its civil war, America reacted and saved the South from North Korea and China. But in Syria, the Americans hid behind the Russian skirt and skulked away. What would the map of Asia look like today without American strength?"

Mao spoke and said, "Our country had

been starving the way Iran is now, but no one rescued us the way Obama is rescuing the Ayatollah's regime in Iran. He's giving the dictator's economy a six-month reprieve from the impact of severe economic sanctions. The Ayatollah got \$8 billion in assets returned

to them and an additional \$7 billion in trade agreements, rescuing their economy and squelching demands for democratic reform. In exchange, Iranians did not have to stop enriching uranium, nor did it have to dismantle centrifuges. They only promised to work toward a longer-range agreement within six months. Fifteen billion dollars in real money was given in exchange for a six month's efforts at negotiating a better agreement? 'If only' we had Obama to negotiate with."

Khrushchev said, "With us, America built up its military forces in a non-shooting Cold War, but in a hot-shooting series of wars in the Middle East, it built its defenses down. This year alone, Obama has fired nine commanding generals and admirals in every branch of the service."

"If we had been in power in the Age of Obama, we would have brought him to this reunion as a guest of honor. We would have given him a Nobel Prize. We would have built a Parthenon with faux Greek columns in his honor. We would have...oh...if only..."

As the reunion wound down, all the celebrants stood and raised a glass, bowing to a giant mural of Obama--and in a cynical burst of admiration sang, "Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus." •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Agreement with Iran is First Step in Right Direction

By Cristian Vasquez

The issue of Iran's nuclear program has been a lingering concern for Washington for years. Nuclear-related sanctions were the primary response when dealing with the Middle Eastern country's reluctance to cease the development of its nuclear capabilities. However, the new deal reached is a huge step in what hopefully will be a turning point in the relationship between Iran and America.

While there are concerns about the agreement, the United States, the UK, Russia, China, France and Germany all reached this consensus in the short term with hopes of establishing a more long-term deal. Despite Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "it's a historic mistake" comments, the deal is a benefit to all involved. There are three significant areas in the agreement that reinforce the argument that this is a good deal.

For one, Iran has agreed to stop enriching uranium beyond five percent, while neutralizing its stockpile of uranium enriched from this point forward. This alone makes the deal something to celebrate. For years Iran has refused to even consider reducing its nuclear capabilities, let alone ceasing the program and neutralizing its current stockpile. Arguing that Iran's leadership can easily ignore the agreement is a legitimate concern, but every other nation involved has the ability to do the same. Deals only work when all parties act in good faith and rather than bashing this agreement from the start, people should give all sides involved a

chance to fulfill their promises.

The second reason to be hopeful about this agreement is the fact that Iran has also agreed to provide greater access to inspectors. This will include daily access at the Natanz and Fordo nuclear sites. Again, this is a huge sign that Iran is willing to play by the terms of this new deal. It is easy to assume that the historically reclusive and secretive nation will back out on this part of the deal, but the truth is it has six months to agree to these terms while a more permanent and long-term agreement is reached. The fear from world powers that Iran was developing its nuclear program to secretly develop a nuclear bomb has always been denied by the nation's leaders. Allowing inspections is an encouraging sign that there is nothing to hide.

Lastly, the elimination of new nuclear-related sanctions for six months if Iran sticks by the accord is a token of good will from the superpowers. The truth is that the United States and all the other superpowers involved with this agreement are giving up very little in exchange for a whole lot. Iran is agreeing to reduce production and neutralize stockpiles in exchange for no sanctions. If these leaders were able to convince Iran's leadership to these terms in the short run, then there is a very good chance that the long-term agreement reached in six months can be just as favorable. It is early in the process and there is still much that can go wrong, but for once in a long time things seem to be going in the right direction. •

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# Get Crafty with Edible Holiday Appetizers

(BPT) - Don't worry, Mom. In this case, it's OK to play with your food. The latest online social media craze features awe-inspiring galleries of edible art, showcasing everyday ingredients transformed into munchable holiday masterpieces.

This season, whether you're looking to revamp the relish tray or simply keep the kids occupied with a fun project, a few holiday-friendly staples are all you need to let your creativity take flight.

Take, for instance, California black ripe olives. Known for their versatility and mild

flavor, black olives are a party favorite for a reason. And with 95 percent of the nation's ripe olives grown on family farms in California, they're truly an all-American ingredient. They're also the perfect building block for edible holiday treats.

Get in on the fun with an easy and adorable-to-look-at recipe that uses black olives, cream cheese, pretzels and a few other common ingredients to create an unforgettable herd of holiday cheer. In fact, this is one reindeer game anyone can play.

## California Olive Reindeer

Makes 8 reindeer



### Supplies

- 2- 4 Won ton wrappers
- Cooking spray
- 2 Sandwich-sized re-sealable plastic bags
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- Scissors
- 8 colossal California Black Ripe Olives
- 8 large California Black Ripe Olives
- 1 bamboo skewer
- 16 pretzel sticks
- Paring knife
- Tiny pieces of carrot and raisins
- Powdered sugar (optional)
- Kale (optional)
- Mushrooms (optional)

### Directions

With a small, sharp knife, cut wonton wrappers into "antlers." Place on a baking sheet and coat with cooking spray. Bake for 3 to 5 minutes at 350 F, or until lightly browned. Place cream cheese into two sandwich-sized resealable bags. Snip 1/8-inch off the corner of one and 1/16-inch off the second. With the bag and the 1/8-inch hole, squeeze cream cheese into colossal olives. Using a bamboo skewer, make a hole in the large olives. Break a pretzel stick in half and press into hole and into colossal olive. Press together to form the head. Make four holes in the colossal olive with a bamboo skewer and push four broken pretzel sticks in to form legs. Squeeze cream cheese with the small-hole to form eyes. Make tiny slits with a paring knife in the top of the head and insert wonton antlers. Make a hole in the large olive (head) and insert a small sliver of carrot for the nose. Use a small piece of raisin to create pupils.

To create a winter setting, dust kale leaves with powdered sugar and snip the tops off mushrooms to simulate large boulders. •



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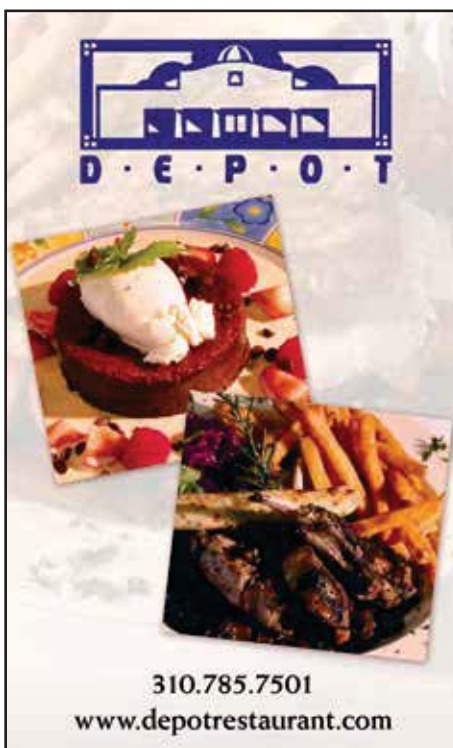
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# Sports

## The Battle For Los Angeles

By Adam Serrao

For the second year in a row, the battle for Los Angeles runs blue. Perhaps no one person deserves more credit for the second consecutive win by the college from Westwood than head coach Jim Mora. Since he has taken over the regime, the UCLA Bruins have been a completely different team than in years past. For USC, the days of Pete Carroll, Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush and the great recruits that have come and gone has seemingly come to an at least brief halt. As athletic director Pat Haden and the rest of the staff begin to figure out if Ed Orgeron, or some other highly-touted name with coaching experience, should lead their team into the future, the UCLA Bruins take solace in the fact that they have found a leader of their own. Jim Mora is the new face of the Bruins and his "Bruin Revolution" is giving recruits all around Southern California and beyond something to stop and think about before they commit to play the game of college football.

The Bruin Revolution that Mora speaks of became more than real last Saturday night at USC's Coliseum as the Bruins basically dominated the entire way through and ultimately defeated the Trojans by a final score of 35-14. The win over SC was Mora's (and the Bruins') second consecutive victory over their cross-town rivals and marked a changing of the tides of sorts. "When you win two in a row in this town, things start to change," Mora explained. "That's going to help us in recruiting. If I'm a high school player, I want to play at UCLA right now. I don't know if that's legal. Is that legal to say?" Whether it is or it isn't, Mora has said it both literally with words and figuratively with actions as he has certainly begun to catch potential recruits' attentions. Two wins in a row may not be enough to capture complete dominance and overtake a decade of USC supremacy, but it certainly is a start and it has the high school players that Mora speaks of at least scratching their heads before they make any decisions.

Mora's exuberance is certainly understandable considering that the Bruins have not won a game at the Coliseum since the 1997 season. Nowadays 1997 seems just like yesterday, but in actuality that was a long 16 years ago.

Likewise, it has also been since 1998 that the Bruins have won consecutive games against their rivals from the same city. To put things in perspective, the Bruins had beaten the Trojans only once since 1999 before Mora's tenure. Since Mora has taken over, however, the team has not lost in the series. "It's nice to have it now for two years in a row," Mora stated. Those two years haven't just been your run-of-the-mill victories--they have both been victories by double-digit margins. "It tells you what's going on at UCLA," Mora continued. "It's an exciting time at UCLA. It's an exciting time to be a UCLA Bruin. You want to play for a fun, tough, hard-nosed football team that can go and win games everywhere? Come to UCLA because it's brewing over here."

Some might say that Mora could be getting ahead of himself with that quotation. After all, the Bruins have lost three times this year already to powerhouses in the BCS standings. If UCLA wants to be a team that can go anywhere and win, they will have to first turn the losses against Stanford, Oregon and Arizona State into Ws. But Mora is certainly right that he has a winning formula brewing and in the works.

More than anything, the second consecutive win over USC validated a turnaround of fortunes for the UCLA Bruins. One victory over their rivals last year meant a lot in the moment, but didn't mean much in the grand scheme of things. Two wins in a row, however, proves that this revolution, as Mora puts it, is not a fluke. "Last year after the win over SC, nobody gave us credit for it," Bruin starting quarterback Brett Hundley explained. "This win really validated what we did last year and what we're doing this year. The one thing that's funny to me is that I've never thought of this as a battle. I thought of this more as a takeover. UCLA runs L.A., and let's have some fun saying it because we have another year to say it."

Perhaps Hundley is right, but for his sake and for his school's sake, he had better hope that the winning ways continue with such lofty comments. Before Mora arrived in Westwood, however, nobody on the team could even fathom making comments like that. Since he has arrived, all of a sudden such confidence doesn't necessarily seem so far-fetched. •

## Up and Adam

### Warriors Fight Past Round One

By Adam Serrao

The West High Warriors are at it again and this year they are looking surprisingly similar to the way that they looked last year. In the 2012 season, the Warriors started off strongly, winning their first five games. Similarly this season, the Warriors also won five games in a row before falling victim to a rough patch directly in the middle of the year. Losses to Mira Costa and Palos Verdes bumped West slightly off track, while last year it was Mira Costa, Palos Verdes and Redondo serving up the only losses of the season for the Warriors. Both seasons being almost exactly analogous is not such a bad thing for head coach Greg Holt and his team, though. After making it through their rough stretch last year, the Warriors went on to win their last three games of the season and eventually made it to the championship game of the playoffs where they were unfortunately defeated. This year, West has won three out of its last four games of the season and by beating the Canyon Cowboys in the first round of the playoffs last Friday night by a final score of 35-27, Holt and company hope to maintain the parallels to last year until they are finally able to avenge their loss in the CIF championship game.

The Warriors got off to a fast start in the first half of last Friday night's first round game, putting up seven points in the fourth quarter and another 14 in the second to take a 21-13 lead going into the break. West's rushing defense held Canyon at bay all night, allowing only six total yards. That means that the Cowboys did all of their damage through

of the stick without even knowing it when they finished the year off in second place in the Pioneer League standings and drew the Bishop Diego Cardinals in the first round of the playoffs. Bishop Diego is a perennially strong school when it comes to football, making it to the CIF playoffs almost every year and shocking fans when they don't make it as far as the championship game or at least the semifinals. This year, Bishop Diego was especially motivated in the first round of the playoffs. In last year's CIF playoff semifinal game, it was North High that knocked the Cardinals out of competition with a 28-14 loss. After almost a year of letting that loss sink in, the Saxons had their hands full, to say the least.

With seven points in the first quarter and seven points in the second quarter, it was tough to say whether the Cardinals' offense or defense was playing a better game. A 14-0 lead at halftime looked like child's play after the third quarter was done with, though. Twenty points in the third quarter blew the game wide open and it stayed that way as Todd Croce and his team could not get anything at all going on the night. Saxon's starting quarterback Chris Kauaea threw four interceptions (three in the first half, three returned for touchdowns) and his offense was tackled nine times for a loss as it became clear that Bishop Diego was simply having its way on the night. "They outplayed us and they were definitely the better team," Croce said. "We're going to be hurting for a while and that's not the way you want to go out."

Not only did their defense hold strong, but



Junior Quarterback Zach Heeger was pressured all night by the Hart defense. Photos by Shelley Kemp. For more photos, visit [www.shelleykempphotography.com](http://www.shelleykempphotography.com)

the air, including three touchdowns from Cade Aspay, the last of which brought the game to its closest margin since the start of the game at 35-27. Warriors' starting quarterback Zach Heeger enjoyed having his favorite receiver back from an ankle injury and hit him as Craig Knaus hauled in a 60-yard touchdown off of a flea-flicker to bring the score to 35-20 in West's favor. After Aspay brought the game to within one score, the Cowboys had the ball in the waning seconds of the game looking to score again. Curtis Guelff was the hero on defense, however, and recovered a fumble (in addition to having an interception on the night) to halt Canyon's final drive of the game and secure the eight-point victory for the Warriors.

After their first round playoff victory, the Warriors will now host fourth-seeded Palmdale this Friday night. Coach Holt and his team will need two more victories if they wish to get back to that championship game and take a shot at avenging last year's heartbreaking loss.

#### North High

The North High Saxons got the short end

the Cardinals were able to run all over the Saxons at any point and time that they so chose. Anthony Carter carried the ball eight times for 112 yards and two touchdowns against North, while Abel Gonzalez tallied 138 yards on 10 carries with two touchdowns. In all, 10 players were able to gain positive yardage on the ground against North, totaling 384 yards and five touchdowns. Some might say that the Saxons never had a chance from the start.

All in all it was a successful season for the Saxons, who followed a winning season of a year ago with yet another this year. Croce and his team were able to overcome many departures from a year ago to shoot right back up to the top of the Pioneer League standings where the team finished in second place at 6-5 and 4-1 in league play. Certainly, Croce and company will be looking for a first place finish and a string of playoff victories next year to avenge the team's early departure from the playoffs this season.

#### Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars have seemingly come  
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Sports

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out of nowhere to be one of the Pioneer League's best teams this season. A third place finish in league standings meant nothing to Rock Hollis and his team when they took the field last Friday night against the Azusa Aztecs in the first round of the playoffs. For

all the Aztecs knew, they were taking on the first place team in the Pioneer League. Hollis' Tartars certainly played as if they were a top-ranked team. With 21 points in the first quarter alone, it was clear that Hollis had his squad mentally prepared to face Azusa. A

35-13 lead at the half had the Tartars feeling confident that this night belonged to them. Holding the team to just 42 yards rushing all night, the Tartars basically forced Azusa to challenge their defense through the air. Three interceptions later, the Aztecs were only

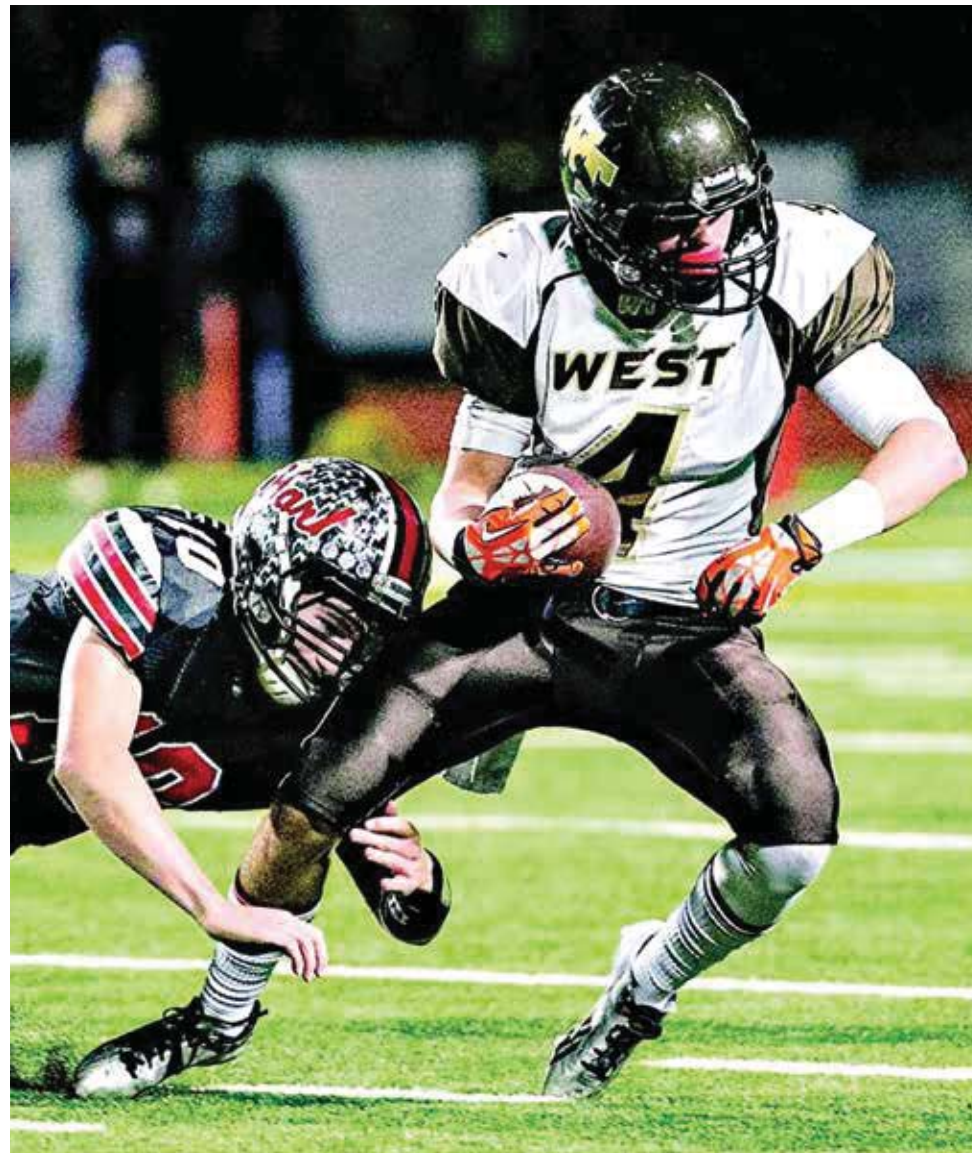
able to muster two offensive touchdowns on the night as they were beaten badly by the Tartars by the final score of 42-20. Torrance will have a much bigger challenge ahead as it faces second-seeded Nordhoff in Friday's second round. •



In what was West's best drive of the first half, Hart's Trenton Irwin picked off a deflection and zigzagged 67 yards for a touchdown.



Senior Running Back Nate Kutaka converted two fourth downs in the game. Photos by Shelley Kemp.



Junior Wide Receiver Dale Rouse tries to avoid being tackled. For more photos, visit [www.shelleykempphotography.com](http://www.shelleykempphotography.com).

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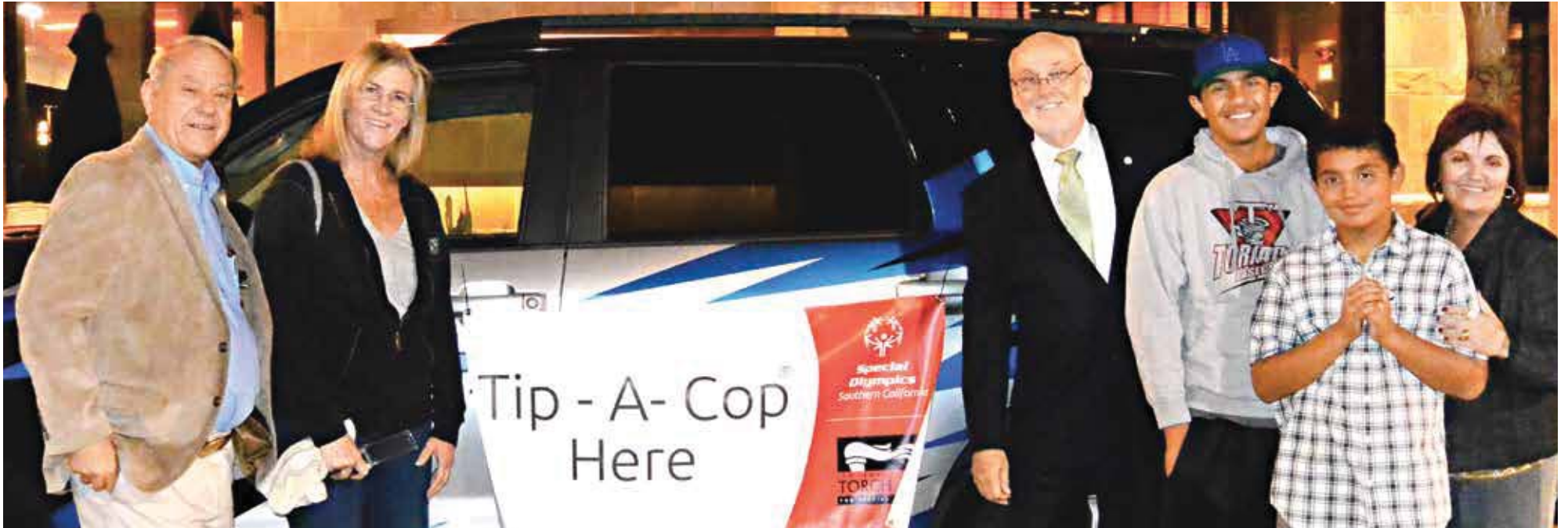
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# Tip-A-Cop

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and waiters for the evening with all tips from dinner patrons going to the Special Olympics South Bay athletes. •



Torrance Councilman Bill Sutherland and Diana Sutherland along with Councilman Pat Furey, Shae Cardenas, Dylan Cardenas and Terry Furey were part of this great fundraising event. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.



Helping to serve a full-house Tip-A-Cop dinner crowd were Dan Ashcraft and Erika Havrilchak from the Torrance Police Department.



Torrance PD's Stuart Scott and Chris Roosen handled the bar detail for Tip-A-Cop.



Enjoying the evening's festivities were Jeff Buentgen, Fred Guibor, Michael Guibor, Janet Guibor and Max Schroeder.



Special Olympics Athlete Krystal Sylvia (second from right) is surrounded by Torrance Police Department's Kelli McCarthy, Christina Szezykowski and Hector Bermudez who participated in the evening's Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at BJ's.





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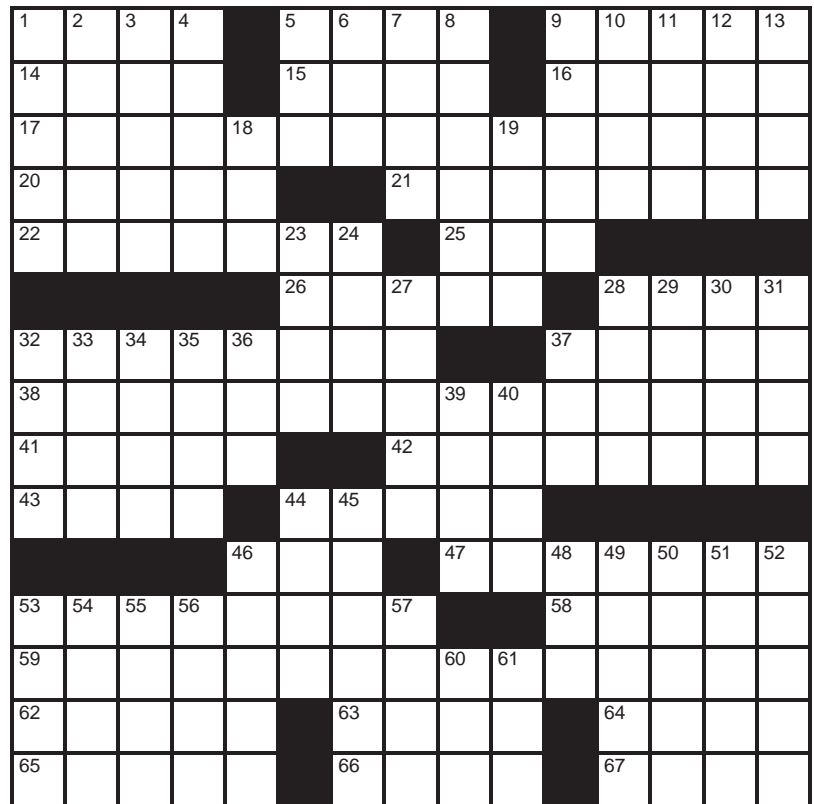


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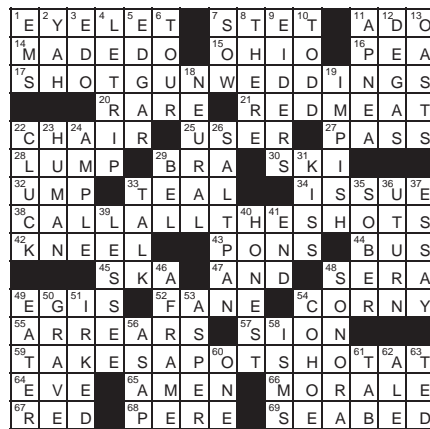
- 1. Passage
- 5. Tropical starchy root
- 9. Jerk
- 14. Prefix for scoliosis
- 15. Kind of number
- 16. Like some fiction?
- 17. Accepts with aplomb
- 20. Watch word?
- 21. Waterproof fabric
- 22. Trattoria order
- 25. Not only that but also
- 26. Synthetic fiber
- 28. City on the Yamuna River
- 32. Support beam
- 37. Composer Albéniz
- 38. Wins out in the end
- 41. Table-top design
- 42. Murder, e.g.
- 43. Christian name
- 44. Manufactured fiber
- 46. Criticize harshly
- 47. 1976 satirical film
- 53. Brunch order
- 58. Atlas, e.g.
- 59. Tune from "Bye, Bye Birdie"
- 62. About-face

#### Down

- 1. Star in Perseus
- 2. Skin layer
- 3. Penn and others
- 4. South Seas kingdom
- 5. Chapter in history
- 6. Kind of mother
- 7. Carpenter's groove
- 8. White rat, e.g.
- 9. Stupefied
- 10. Ripple, as water
- 11. Therewithal
- 12. Kind of curl
- 13. Ragnarok, e.g.
- 18. Wilt
- 19. Valley in Wales
- 23. Bill
- 24. Husk
- 27. Like spinach salad
- 28. Chop-chop
- 29. French person

- 30. Indian music
- 31. In need of a massage
- 32. Scolded
- 33. Punjabi princess
- 34. Home of Vigeland Park
- 35. Principal
- 36. Lacking
- 37. Down
- 39. Directly
- 40. Adjust a violin
- 44. Figure in Maori mythology
- 45. Hymn of praise
- 46. Tubular pasta
- 48. Your, once
- 49. Fabric threads
- 50. Siouan language
- 51. Snake genus
- 52. Injured, in a way
- 53. Work
- 54. Speechless
- 55. Needle holder
- 56. Desolate
- 57. Mollify
- 60. Dance bit
- 61. Hindu month

### Last Week's Answers



8	5	7	2	9	1	3	6	4
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Iris

precious pet at the seventh annual Home for the Holidays pet adoption fair at the Irvine Animal Care Center on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 am to 3 p.m. Admission is \$1 and parking is free. Adopt a "pet without a partner" and receive unconditional love when you give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

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Zoey

the rescue and loves the other little dog in his foster home. He's a professional lover and snuggler who loves to sit with you. With his tenderhearted personality, Shilo is sure to make a great connection with all the females in the family. For his comfort, it would be best that children in the household be over the age of 10. Shilo is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and fine with other dogs.

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Shilo

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Tanner

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**Alice** is a petite girl with chocolate eyeliner. As she warms up to you, she is an all-around good girl with excellent house habits! Alice prefers cats and humans to other rabbits.

All these orphaned bunnies are available for adoption through Los Angeles Rabbit Foundation. To see more of their rabbits, please visit [www.larabbits.org](http://www.larabbits.org). The group holds weekly adoption events on Saturdays from 12:30-3:30 at 3860 S. Centinela Avenue, Los Angeles 90066 (two blocks south of Venice Boulevard). All the rabbits are neutered and box-trained prior to adoption. Adopters receive a care packet, a bag of oat blend hay and advice for the life of the rabbit. If you can't adopt, the organization always needs



Powder Puff

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Tristan

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**Tristan** is a handsome two-year-old boy who is harness and leash trained. He is very easygoing, loves belly rubs and can't get enough petting. With his loud purr and adorable soft green eyes, Tristan would be perfectly happy as a single cat or in a home with another kitty. He is good with dogs once he gets to know them, other cats and gentle children.

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Arwen

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Lucy

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Alice

## Lost Dog

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# Real Estate

## Tips to Spruce Up Your Home for the Holidays

(BPT) - Holidays are when most people open their homes for friends and family. Sharing the season's greetings is always the priority but these gatherings are also an opportunity to show off improvements made during the year.

This is one of the reasons that autumn is a popular time for home improvements. Fifty-two percent of homeowners plan to make home improvements this fall, according to the leading real estate website Zillow. It is also a great time of year for deals as retailers unload inventory to make room for new styles.

Creating a warm and inviting atmosphere includes much more than just poinsettias and Santa Claus centerpieces. There are a number of affordable steps homeowners can take to add a real "wow factor" to their holiday entertaining.

### Kitchen Updates

The kitchen is commonly one of the busiest rooms during the holidays. Since guests often gather there, it makes sense to make the space the focus for a few improvements before the holidays. Simple and inexpensive updates, such as adding new knobs and handles to cabinets or installing a new backsplash, will make a big difference. Stylish new light fixtures can also give your kitchen a quick facelift that will impress your guests.

### Install Hardwood Floors

The warmth and beauty of hardwood floors can transform the look and feel of your home to create a space that will stun your guests. And unlike carpet, hardwood floors do not



stain or wear as easily from inevitable spills and foot traffic that the holidays bring. - Moreover, carpet traps dust, pollen and other particles that can cause allergies and respiratory issues. Visually unique flooring options bring together both the aesthetic and practical advantages of hardwood flooring.

### De-clutter

It's important to create inviting open space

for guests to enjoy. De-cluttering bookshelves and removing miscellaneous furniture can help make a room feel larger and more open, and will allow room for festive seasonal decor. Spending time to organize the refrigerator will make space for any holiday dishes a guest brings.

### Improve the Entry

The front entry provides the first impression

of a home, so it's important to create a stylish, cared-for and welcoming look. Homeowners can complete small projects outside, such as updating house numbers, painting the front door and creating holiday-themed arrangements. Simple decor updates just inside the door - such as adding family photos and new rugs - will add a warm and personal feel. •

*"The California Museum of Fine Art was looking to promote its grand opening in Downtown Torrance earlier this year and to publicize its special event accommodations. The Torrance Tribune did a superb job covering our grand opening and while we just started running the special event ad, we are already very pleased with the feedback from the local community and businesses."*

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Roger Hart (left) with sons: Kevin; Jeremy and his wife Stephanie; and Bradley with his wife Alannah. The Hart family has used its successful business to promote and preserve pride in the Torrance community through responsible real estate transactions and home ownership.

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