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## Turkey Trot Continues to Grow While Helping Families in Need



Walking, trotting, running were 4,000 participants for the 2012 annual Turkey Trot that took place Thanksgiving Day throughout the city. The three-mile run and walk also collects canned food that is then distributed to less fortunate families. Inset: This year's race winner, North High graduate David Cardona, finished with a time of 14:20. Photos by Cristian Vasquez.

## Lobbyist Projects What November's Election Means for Torrance

By Dylan Little

Lobbyists from Joe A. Gonsalves and Son spoke to the Torrance City Council about what the recently State elections might mean for the City, as well as what they can do about the two biggest legislative setbacks--the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in the state and prisoner realignment.

Anthony and Jason Gonsalves started their presentation by commenting on how under California's new primary rules, more entrenched politicians face challenges even within their own parties. Two Democrats and one Republican failed in their reelection bids, with all of them losing to anti-establishment-minded Democratic challengers. The lobbyists see this as a change that will hopefully focus more efforts on how to improve cities and communities in the state as opposed to concentrating power in Sacramento.

"It's been a long time since we've had three incumbents lose their seats to challengers," said Anthony Gonsalves. "You have candidates now getting elected based on going against the establishment. I think it's going to be better for public policy about what happens at home."

The lobbyists also addressed the newly minted Democratic supermajority in the State Legislature, which is bolstered by incumbent Governor Jerry Brown. While the Democratic Party has a reputation of "runaway taxation" from its critics on the political right, Anthony Gonsalves said that the Governor and the leaders of the new Democrat-controlled Legislature have pledged that any new tax increases would need to meet the approval of voters.

"The day after the election, the Governor... reiterated his pledge by saying there would be no new taxes without a vote of the people," said Anthony Gonsalves. "He was very strong about that. The Speaker held a press

conference after the Governor...and said, 'I think the Governor was very clear that we are going to have no new taxes without a vote of the people.' And the President Pro Tem followed up with that also, although he left an opening for what he called restructuring."

However, Anthony Gonsalves did note that there is a chance that California's new government would be interested in "restructuring" the State's budget, which could entail some painful changes for

city governments. "The supermajority is about two things," he said. "The thing they need it for is to raise taxes or to make a constitutional amendment. When they talk about restructuring, we get a little nervous because...we are asked to go to a poker game where the cities are the ones putting up all the chips."

Another development clouding the lobbyists' prognostication on the State's political future

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## City's 2012 Turkey Trot Draws Record Crowd

By Cristian Vasquez

More than 4,000 people gathered for the 2012 Turkey Trot/Harry Sutter Memorial Fun Run outside the Torrance Crossroads Center. The three-mile run, hosted on Thanksgiving morning, was an opportunity for Torrance and South Bay residents to get some exercise before the day's traditional dinner festivities, while being a part of an entertainment-filled event that also allowed participants to donate food.

"After the race, we will be taking the food out to local churches that donate food. We will distribute throughout the Torrance area so that we can help Torrance residents," City of Torrance Senior Recreation Supervisor Debbie Reed said.

Participants in the morning event included dedicated runners and people looking to make donations to help the less fortunate, as well as many families simply looking for a fun outing to begin their Thanksgiving holiday. For Torrance resident Russ Trice and his daughter Mae Trice, who were first-time participants, the

Turkey Trot brings many positive elements to the community.

"It is great because it shows that people want to be healthy even on a day when we are filling our tummies. It is great for the City to support this event," Trice said. "It is also important during the holiday season, when we think about our loved ones and everything that we have been blessed with, to give something back to others. A lot of people are here to do that--they will serve in food pantries this weekend and during the Christmas holiday. It's a great thing."

Organizing the event is almost a year-long process that has been spearheaded by Turkey Trot/Harry Sutter Memorial Race Director Forrest Hunt for the past 33 years. Hunt has witnessed the race go from 300 runners in its first year to more than 4,000 this year.

"Harry Sutter was recreation supervisor for the City of Torrance who had the idea of having a family fun run on Thanksgiving

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
62°/54°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
61°/54°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
63°/49°



# TerriAnn in Torrance

## Visions of Sugarplums

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week during Thanksgiving dinner, I decided to ask my family what food they especially looked forward to during the holidays. Taking into account that most of us shy away from eating high-calorie, sugary, high-fat food as a way of life, I thought it would be fun to ask people what they can't wait to taste as Christmas approaches. As I began to question everyone at the Thanksgiving table what they were looking forward to I heard about deviled eggs, sugarless apple pie, Christmas cookies, dressing, Christmas sausage brunch casserole, mince pie and pecan pie. I personally used to look forward to my



Jeffrey told me he likes the dressing that goes with the turkey. Aunt May's plum pudding or suet pudding that she would make almost every Christmas. The suet wasn't really suet, but a very rich, dark, fragrant cake that I remember eating with hot lemon sauce. It was unbelievably dense and dark and we only ate it at Christmas. Each year I start off with good intentions to take the time to make that special treat, but time gets short and in the end I don't get around to it. Maybe this year I will take the time.

Once a long time ago during drama class, our teacher Marie Denn asked us to think about what smells or aromas reminded us of special events. It was then that I realized smell and taste are very powerful triggers of memory. A house filled with the smell of a turkey or spiced pumpkin pies, bread or

cookies can't help but remind a lot of us of Thanksgiving. And Christmas has a different memory and smell. Pungent pine from a tree or wreath and maybe different delicious scents wafting from the kitchen oven might bring back memories of childhood. Butter cookies, jam, cakes, roast beef, turkey and even tamales come to mind.

When I was growing up, our family would make tamales. Lots of tamales. Christmas Eve morning we would gather at my Grammie and Bumpas's house where my mom and daddy along with my aunts and uncles would spend the day mixing, blending, making meat filling and then wrapping and tying the husks around the masa and varied fillings of the tamales. Actually when I was young, my cousins and I would mostly play outside during the ritual, but when we were older we relished helping the grownups. Nothing can express the joy I felt when I finally graduated to tying the tamales. We would sing Christmas carols and laugh and have a lot of fun. Then later, after the day of making the tamales, we would all go home and return in our Sunday bests the next day on Christmas evening as the adults steamed the tamales in huge pots on the stove and then we would eat tamales for Christmas dinner! (Of course this was after my family had already eaten either roast beef or turkey at my Aunt May and Uncle Millard's house.) Those were the days when we traveled a lot on holidays.

The smells for me are undeniable as I am sure they are for everyone when they remember their special holidays.

As I was picking up my turkey the day before Thanksgiving, I was thinking about sugarplums. Wandering around the grocery store, I happened upon a taste display of dried fruit balls about the size of large peas. Intrigued, I took one and tried it. It was dried apricot with a sort of crunch to it. It was delicious and I nonchalantly turned my cart around to take a second pass by the display for another taste. Very good. But they were expensive and I decided to think about the purchase. After Thanksgiving, I began to think more about sugarplums. Just what are they? I can't remember thinking of dancing sugarplums when I was small, so I decided



Filip Jerzycke works at the grocery store but has his EMT certification and wants to be a paramedic.

to investigate. It turns out that sugarplums are not really sugared plums at all. Webster's Dictionary noted, "A round or oval piece of sugary candy." Sugar is the main ingredient and long ago sugarplums were similar to jaw breakers. Think hard candy.

Well, my curiosity got the best of me and I

get to meet a lot of people, work with a lot of great people and interact with the public. It keeps me busy and moving all day long. Not stuck behind a desk. I have my EMT certification and would like to be a paramedic one day. People come in and ask for fruitcake." No, I am not going to go on with all the fruitcake jokes...



David said his favorite thing for Christmas morning is the Sausage Brunch Casserole.

headed back to the grocery store on Saturday to ask about the dried fruit balls. As I walked back to the same aisle, I saw the fruit not in small balls as before, but in small logs sold by the cheese display. No more samples were offered, but I did ask the cheese expert Eric Duarte about the item. He told me it was a new item they had displayed for tasting before Thanksgiving. The product is made in Spain and comprised of either apricot with almonds or plum with walnuts. Who knew the product that I thought would be the iconic sugarplum wasn't at all?

After that, I headed to another grocery store to see what items they might carry especially for this time of the year. "Right now at the bakery [department] we have seasonal items," explained Filip Jerzycke. "Specialty cookies and Bundt cakes...pumpkin pie is always a big seller. We have specialty cakes decorated seasonally with designs that change throughout the year. We will have Christmas and Hanukkah stuff. This is a pretty diverse neighborhood, so we cater to our customers--especially Jewish customers looking for Hanukkah items. We do a whole aisle just for them. We have the Rabbi who comes in and we do the whole kosher tour. Maybe about 100 people come in here looking for specialty items that aren't carried anywhere."

Filip has worked at the grocery store since 2006 and this is his seventh holiday season. He went on to tell me, "It is a fun job--you

and we make a couple of different tamale filling recipes and then we fill them and wrap them up and have them on Christmas." Wow, someone else who has made tamales and a traditional Christmas! She did tell me her dad makes posole and the rest of the family makes the tamales. Frankly, I would like to try her dad's homemade posole. "One year we did a traditional English Christmas and we had goose and plum pudding," Carol added. Driving home I got to thinking about sugarplums, fruit cake and all the items we look forward to during Christmas. The Sugar Plum Fairy rules the day in Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet*, and Clement C. Moore in his poem *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* has the children dreaming with "visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads." Could they be dreams of candy and sugar for sweet dreams? At any rate, the sweetness of the season is all around us.

As relatives and friends gather to make or buy that special item associated with the holidays and special times, I often ask myself, "Is it a 'worth it'?" That means, "Are the calories worth the splurge?" Most of the time, the answer is yes. However, that also means a longer walk around the block, extra time on the treadmill, or exercising more during the week. But the magic of the season is all around us. Eat up not only the fine treats, but the smells, the sounds and the love of this special time. •



Linda made tasty yams and cool cranberry jello salad. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

# Calendar

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

• Clothing Donation Drive, also 12/9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., West High School parking lot, 20401 Victor St. For more information call (562) 218-2355 ext.12 or email aidee.castro@usw.salvationarmy.org.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

• City Council Community Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m., Wilson Park, Dee Hardison Sports Center, 2400 Jefferson Street. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

• Torrance Rose Float Association "Restaurants for Roses" fundraiser, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., at King's Hawaiian Bakery and Restaurant, 2808 W. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• California Retired Teachers Association, Division 46 Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Hometown Buffet, 3520 Carson St. Membership open to active or retired public school educators (and spouse), school administrators, counselors, librarians, and psychologists.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

• South High School Band Winter Concert,

7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

• South Bay Ballet presents "The Nutcracker", 7 p.m., El Camino's Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd. Also at 2 p.m. on Dec. 15 and 16. For more information call (310) 329-5345.

**ONGOING**

• Giving Tree to support Walk With Sally's Presents for Parents program displayed at the South Bay Galleria, Dec. 1-Dec. 16. Shoppers can purchase a wooden ornament designated with a specific gift a child would like to give to their parent.

• The Salvation Army Torrance Corps needs volunteers for Angel Tree Program, bell-ringers, Adopt-A-Family Program and Can Food Drive. For more information contact Angela Ohl at (310) 370-4515.

• Donation event to benefit Los Angeles County Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Eddie's Barbershop - Men & Women, 2455 Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 533-9474. •

# People

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Krista Ross, of Torrance, has been named

to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for the fall quarter 2012. •

# Business Briefs

**SPRINKLES N STUFF HOSTS WINTER WONDERLAND**

Winter Wonderland for Children Ages 5 and up, hosted at Sprinkles N Stuff Decorating Supplies, 1272 Sartori Avenue in Downtown Torrance on Friday, December 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Activities will include playing games, decorating cupcakes, crafts and drinking hot cocoa while watching a movie. The cost is \$25 per person which includes all supplies. Interested persons are asked to RSVP by Friday, Dec. 7 to Cynthia, 424-558-8042, and may also register in store.

**LOCAL BARBERSHOP PARTNERS WITH SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE**

Eddie's Barbershop - Men & Women is partnering with the Los Angeles County Susan G. Komen for the Cure to help end breast cancer in our community. Eddie's is donating \$5 for every adult haircut when the client mentions Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Over 15 years, the Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County Affiliate has raised \$8.9 million to provide community-based grants to local organizations providing breast cancer screening, education, and treatment services and to help fund national breast cancer research programs. A major focus of the Komen Los Angeles County Affiliate is to help uninsured and underinsured women and men who have symptoms of breast cancer and are facing barriers to accessing health care, particularly women and men under 40. This donation event will continue through

March 23, 2013. Eddie's Barbershop - Men & Women is a full service barbershop located at 2455 Sepulveda Blvd in Torrance, just east of Crenshaw Blvd. You can find us online at eddiesbs.com, or by phone 310-533-9474.

**TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED AN "A" FOR PATIENT SAFETY**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center was honored with an "A" Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits. The A score was awarded in the latest update to the Hospital Safety Score SM, the A, B, C, D or F scores assigned to U.S. hospitals based on preventable medical errors, injuries accidents, and infections. The Hospital Safety Score was compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is designed to give the public information they can use to protect themselves and their families. "Hospitals like this that earn an A have demonstrated their commitment to their patients and their community," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I congratulate Torrance Memorial Medical Center for its safety excellence, and look forward to the day when all hospitals will match this standard." To see Torrance Memorial's scores as they compare nationally and locally, visit the Hospital Safety Score website at www.hospitalsafetyscore.org, which also provides information on how the

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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.

What is one of your favorite holiday traditions?

I love relaxing and watching a completely lit Chanuka Chanukiah (the correct name for

the special nine candle Menorah candleabrum used on the holiday). Its warm glow and colorful candles really brighten up these dark and cold winter nights. Best wishes to all for a joyous, meaningful and good Chanuka, Christmas and Kwaanza.

- Rabbi Gary M. Spero  
Torrance, Cogregation Beth Torah

# Police Reports

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

**NOVEMBER 24**

**Homicide:** CRENSHAW BLVD & 182ND ST Suspect strikes pedestrian victim with her vehicle.

**Theft:** 23700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) pries open vending machine and takes property/bottles of soda.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) defeats lock and takes property from locker/cell phone, bank cards, driver's license.

**Theft:** 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) enters office inside open business and takes property from employee's purse/wallet, e-reader.

**Auto Theft-All:** 18000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '12 Chevrolet Silverado.

**Auto Theft-All:** 236TH ST & ARLINGTON

AVE Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford van.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) smashes door for entry, smashes multiple display cases, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

**NOVEMBER 23**

**Burglary-Commercial:** 2500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) removes vent to enter office and takes property from the unlocked safe/cash.

**Theft:** 6100 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) cuts lock and takes property from carport/bicycle.

**Theft:** 18400 BLOCK FAYSMITH AVE Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

**Theft:** 3300 BLOCK 188TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

**Theft:** 22000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's property from her basket as she shops/newly purchased jewelry.

**Theft:** 20500 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect convinces victim to transfer money for a vacation rental listed on Craigslist, but fails to meet and provide keys to location.

**Burglary-Auto:** 2100 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle, ransacks and takes property/cash.

**Burglary-Commercial:** 21200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/cubic zirconia jewels.

**NOVEMBER 22**

**Vandalism:** 1000 BLOCK SIERRA PL Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint. •

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# Politically Speaking

## Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Just returned home to the mansion after toiling away at the day job, which some of you in the inner circle know about. Suffice to say, working every angle to finance the UCSB education that the Kid deserves. Guess that I really should have put a few more dollars into the college fund that was started about 19 years ago? Still playing catch-up on that. Word to the wise...start that college account ASAP.

Turned on CNN, the alleged political network of record, and saw the Larry King fill-in host, Piers Morgan, interviewing some fat dude by the name of Tavis Smiley, who used to host a liberal-slanted gabfest on the great talk radio station KABC 790, and who was blaming the corporate greed-mongers for the fact that a boatload of Americans are...thrifty enough, gullible enough, or...stupid enough to get sucked into the Black Friday money-grab.

Now, mentioned in prior columns that I have no interest in camping out days or hours in advance to secure some electronic gizmo that I already own, no matter what rating that gizmo may have. But to each his own. If you want to camp out on some dark pavement for three days so that you can save a couple of dimes on a blender, or whatever, good for you. And of course, you can brag to all of your friends who have jobs that you were first in line. Sure that they were impressed.

Awesome. But hypocritical clowns like Smiley, who blame the marketers for the fact that some sheep like-people are plain ignorant, galls me.

So there may be a little lull in the political news out and about as the POTUS prepares for his January coronation, and, apparently, according to the screaming meanies on the tube, the nation heads towards some type of financial cliff. Though none of that was all that apparent as I sat down to pen the column and flipped on the local newscasts to see if I had missed anything while I was steadfastly toiling away at the all-encompassing day job.

And lo and behold, apparently hadn't missed a whole lot, cuz the local jokes of a station were battering down the hatches for some kind of upcoming rainstorm that was threatening to drop about a tenth of an inch of precipitation on our parched freeways and brown dirt patches in the next couple of days. Some used-to-be-fat kid actor, who reportedly makes \$300k a week for doing nothing, had suddenly found religion and told people not to watch the smut show that he is a non-entity on--and the Lakers were playing some has-been team, which necessitated three segments on what is supposed to be a newscast that actually lasts about 22 minutes. Lakers lost to that bottom-feeding team from Indiana, BTW.

So much for the upcoming fiscal cliff. Ever get the feeling that the people that report the news, at least on the local stations, couldn't spell cliff without help from their teleprompters? And then I flipped on the ABC network national news and the lovely Diane Sawyer looked as stunning and professional as always. And steadfastly sober as she "reported" on the latest tabloid gossip. The great Walter Cronkite has to be so happy that he is six-feet under. And not a part of this garbage that passes for broadcast "news." •

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

A couple years ago...oh, about 2009, as I recall, there was a lull in activity both in Heaven and Hell. God and Be-El (God always called him by his nickname) were sitting around a card table comparing notes. God said, "You know, Be-El, listening to harp music all day is pleasant, but can get boring after a spell."

"I know what you mean. Listening to all that constant screaming gets on my nerves too," replied Be-El. After a moment, Be-El's face brightened and he smiled, "I've got an idea for a little fun. Let's get the two giants on earth, Russia and the U.S., to switch presidents and see who notices." "Brilliant!" said God.

*"We are reducing taxes on production, investing money in the economy. We are optimizing state expenses."*

"What a joke this will be!" And so it came to pass in 2009, President Putin became a Conservative Republican and Barack Obama became a Communist.

Xavier Lerma from Russia's official newspaper *Pravda* reported on November 26, 2012 that Conservative President Putin gave a speech in 2009 in which the Russian leader admitted that Communism had failed in the USSR and that he would avoid the mistake of militarization. Said Putin, "We are reducing taxes on production, investing money in the economy. We are optimizing state expenses. A second mistake would be excessive interference into the economic life of the country and the absolute faith in the all-mightiness of the state."

Putin continued, "There are no grounds to suggest that by putting the responsibility over

to the state, one can achieve better results. The New World Order must be kept out of Russia. Unreasonable expansion of the budget deficit, accumulation of the national debt are as destructive as an adventurous stock market game. During the time of the Soviet Union, the role of the state in the economy was made absolute, which eventually led to the total non-competitiveness of the economy. That lesson cost us very dearly. I am sure no one would want history to repeat itself."

With that, *Pravda* turned to the U.S. election of 2012. "Recently, Obama has been reelected to a second term by an illiterate society...He is a Communist, without question, promoting

the *Communist Manifesto* without calling it so. His cult of personality mesmerizes those who cannot go beyond their ignorance. Obama's fools and Stalin's fools share the same drink of illusion. Americans are hostages to the Communists in power. How long will their government reign tyranny upon them? Russia lost its civil war with the Reds, and millions suffered torture and death for almost 75 years under the tyranny of the USSR. Russians survived with a new and stronger faith in God and ever-growing Christian Church. The question is how long will the once 'Land of the Free' remain the United Socialist States of America? Their suffering has only begun."

So God and Be-El played their little joke. Is anyone laughing? Ask the people who have experienced Communism first-hand. Ask *Pravda*. •

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# Sports

## Bruins Pricked by the Rose

By Adam Serrao

Rick Neuheisel or Jim Mora? A 50-0 shellacking at the hands of USC or a 38-28 victory? The fact remains that the differences between this year's UCLA football team and last year's are numerous. Perhaps no sign of this team's turnaround is more telling, however, than its appearance in last week's Pac-12 championship game. Although they fell to Stanford in what was UCLA's second loss in as many weeks between the two clubs, the Bruins can be proud that they won their division this year based on superiority and an outright division win. That same superiority has the UCLA Bruins believing that the top of the division is where they belong and that with Jim Mora as their head coach, they can now begin to construct a winning legacy in Los Angeles and within the Pac-12.

The season wouldn't have ended any better for the Bruins than if they were able to play in a BCS bowl game right here in their very own backyard at the Rose Bowl. Unfortunately, the Stanford Cardinal had to ruin that dream for the other boys in blue of Los Angeles, but alas, all has not been

handed his walking papers before the season had officially concluded. This season felt different, though. "This year, all 12 teams in the Pac-12 were able to get in and we did it," said safety Tevin McDonald. "We were not the ones expected to get in, but we did it through the front door, so that feels good." The front door that McDonald speaks of is in stark contrast to last year's second place finish in their conference. Not only was USC ineligible, but the Bruins needed a miracle as Colorado upset Utah on the final game of the season in order for UCLA to get to a championship game against Oregon. This year, they deserved it. The Bruins expect to keep their streak alive and become perennial contenders in the Pac-12 championship game for years to come.

These UCLA Bruins may not only be the comeback team of the year in their conference, but also in the nation. After a 6-8 season last year in which they lost their head coach, the team came within three points of a BCS bowl game. Surely, that is the next accolade that both Mora and the Bruins hope to achieve. After what may have

*"There's a lot of tears and a lot of disappointment, but I think they should be proud of what we accomplished."*

lost. The Bruins battled Stanford (one of the nation's top teams this year) and lost by only three points in the championship game at Stanford Stadium. In the process they not only put themselves on the national radar, but also gained credibility as a program. "There's a lot of tears and a lot of disappointment, but I think they should be proud of what we accomplished," said first-year UCLA head coach Jim Mora. Without any disappointment, however, there would be no added motivation. This was UCLA's first year of relevance in a long time and it will go far to inspire the club onward to future successes.

In a preseason in which their cross-town rivals, the USC Trojans, were projected to be the number one team in the nation and UCLA was picked to finish third in their division, the Bruins came out with an attitude and sense of determination that was previously nonexistent on the club. "Last year, we were hoping for other teams to lose, hoping for other teams to win, hoping for the sun to rise and set at a certain time," said UCLA's tight end Joseph Fauria. "This year, there is no doubt." Part of the reason why there was no doubt was because coach Mora brought a new attitude and resolve to the club that was otherwise out of it last year. Even former coach Neuheisel was

been the worst season in school history, the Bruins responded under Mora with a nine-win season for only the second time since 1998, defeated USC for only the second time since '98 and in the process gained respect around the nation. With Mora and standouts like senior running back Johnathan Franklin and a stellar performance all year long from quarterback Brett Hundley, it won't be long before other top recruits from around the nation begin to strongly consider UCLA as a destination to play football--maybe even over the customary powerhouse, USC.

In what was easily UCLA's best season in more than 10 years, despite their loss to Stanford in the championship game, it has become extremely apparent that the culture of mediocrity that has previously surrounded the team from Westwood has now been completely dissipated. Now, a new sense of discipline and accountability has been created around the football field for the Bruins--and with it the possibilities for the team have become endless. The traditional attitudes that had previously held this team back are gone now and although the Rose Bowl and BCS championship game still loom ahead of them, this season may have just begun a culture that will one day have the Bruins standing atop all of college football. •

## Up and Adam

### Double Trouble

By Adam Serrao

It was the kind of night that every player on the West High sideline had always dreamed of--the bright lights of Veterans Memorial Stadium in Long Beach, the crowd roaring and a CIF Southern Section Northern Division final to play. Unfortunately for the Warriors, the conclusion to the game was one that could only be present in their nightmares as they tossed and turned to try to get some sleep that very same night. With a 35-14 loss last Saturday night against division rival Palos Verdes, West lost in a rematch against the team that had previously beaten it in league play earlier in the year. It was the first CIF title since 1965 for Palos Verdes. It was the end to a season full of ups and downs for the Warriors, who can only be proud of the way that they competed this year.

The game began just as everyone had expected, with two hard-nosed teams throwing punches in a rough-and-tumble contest that would ultimately decide the winner of the Bay League division and the CIF Southern Section Northern Division crown. It was Palos Verdes that struck first and took control of the game near the end of the first quarter. It was Matt Lopes who would score the touchdown to put his team ahead 7-0, but his first touchdown run certainly would not stand to be his only one. As they have been so accustomed to doing, the Warriors responded back with about seven minutes to go in the second quarter behind starting quarterback Joey Notch. Notch has been the key contributor to the team all season long and didn't stop last Saturday night as he threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Craig Knaus to tie the game at seven apiece. That's when Palos Verdes and Lopes seemed to take offense to West's 12-play, 61-yard drive and really got rolling. Lopes took one in from four yards out to make the score 13-7 after a missed PAT and then took one from 13 yards out to make it 19-7 after a missed two-point conversion attempt. West failed to score again in the first half and went into the break down by 12.

Palos Verdes kept the momentum rolling

in the second half and didn't hesitate to keep feeding its best player on the night. On one drive alone, Lopes carried the ball nine times for 71 yards, leading to a touchdown by starting quarterback Bryan Scott. The Warriors finally got on the board again, but not until the fourth quarter when Barry Thomas took a 29-yard run out of the Wildcat formation to score a touchdown. Fourteen points is all the team would manage on the night--a stark parallel to the first meeting between the two teams when the Sea Kings beat the Warriors 47-14. "They were able to run the ball and offensively we didn't generate too much," explained West head coach Greg Holt. One of the main reasons Palos Verdes was able to be so successful at the run was star offensive lineman Andrew Bucklin. "It's such a good feeling to be part of this championship team," Bucklin said. "After all the hard work and dedication, this is unbelievable." All of Bucklin's hard work on the offensive line led to huge holes in the Warriors' defense and allowed Lopes to rush for 188 yards and three touchdowns in the championship game.

The Warriors began the year with five straight wins before dropping three Bay League games in a row, including the aforementioned 47-14 loss to Palos Verdes. West won its last two league games and went on a tear throughout the playoffs after entering with an at-large bid. Palos Verdes, on the other hand, lost its first three games of the season before going on an 11-game winning streak. Unfortunately for the Warriors, they were win number 11 with the 21-point loss last Saturday night.

#### NORTH HIGH

North High has been used to being the featured high-power offense in just about every game that it has played this season. Last Saturday night at North Torrance, however, it ran into a Nordhoff team that ran a more effective offense on the night in capturing a 31-14 victory in the CIF Southern Section Northwest Division final to break the spirits of the Saxons.

Nordhoff jumped out to an early lead  
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# Sports

## Two Torrance Teams Finish as CIF Divisional Runner-up

By Kelly Kemp

Although both North and West Torrance had memorable football seasons, each was overwhelmed last weekend by opponents more hungry to win CIF. Don't get me wrong – each team was trying hard to succeed, but it was just not to be.

The North Torrance Saxons finished their season 11-3, losing to Nordhoff 31-14, and the West Torrance Warriors finished at 10-4, losing to Palos Verdes 35-14.

Rainy weather was a factor – with countless passes missing their mark, and games marred by fumbles and interceptions. Disappointment, I'm sorry to say, for the Torrance hopefuls, but excitement and an early Christmas present for their opponents. Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2013! **Photos by Shelley Kemp.**



Defensive Back Adrian Colclasure make a last ditch dive for Nordhoff receiver Eric Lara who scored a 24 yard touchdown extending Nordhoff's lead to 21-7.



Junior Running Back Corey Cox breaks away for an 80 yard touchdown closing the gap to 21-14.



Nordhoff Defensive Back Levi Wenzel attempts to knock down a pass by Quarterback Jorge Hernandez.



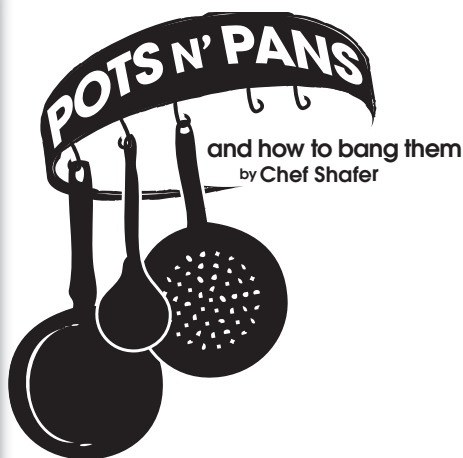
Nordhoff Quarterback Tanner Workman fumbles the ball which was recovered by Linebacker Jacob Bugayong at the one yard line to end the Nordhoff's threat.



North ball boy and player kneel in dejection as a coach tries to comfort their loss.

**G**rowing up in an Italian neighborhood in New York, you learned to love pasta. It was a part of the meal as well as the culture, and without pasta at a Sunday meal, life would not exist. Pasta came in hundreds of different forms. From the simple but all important red sauce, or succo, to the most delicate raviolis that only a mother or grandmother could make. But my favorite, even to this day, is Pasta Aglio, or pasta with olive oil and garlic. This simple pasta can be so comforting to me or so revolting depending upon the method of preparation. You must roast the garlic perfectly. It can turn out to be over powering if it's under cooked or bitter if over cooked. You will need to be ready with all your ingredients before you even get the pan hot! Follow this one... *maggia la faccia* {feed your face}

*The Chef*



### Pasta Art

- 1 pound thin spaghetti or linguini
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon crushed dried chilies
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 to 2 cups fresh parmesan

Blanche the pasta then cool it down. In a large hot sauté pan add the oil, then the garlic and quickly stir the garlic until golden brown. Add the chilies and pasta and stir together. Then add the stock and heat the mixture. Lastly, add the butter, salt, and pepper then serve with the parmesan cheese.



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# Community Celebrates 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival Winter Wonderland

The Torrance Memorial Medical Center celebrated its 29th Annual Holiday Festival Winter Wonderland from November 27th through December 2nd under a giant white tent in the center's Skypark Parking Lot. This year's festivities included a food court and entertainment by more than 30 musical groups amidst a magical winter wonderland of volunteer-decorated evergreen trees and Santa and his sleigh, holiday treats by Torrance Bakery and music and dancing by local groups. This year's event raised funds for the medical center's 390,000-SF, seven-story Patient Tower now under construction and scheduled to open in 2015. The Holiday Festival opened with Festival Fashions, a boutique, luncheon and fashion show featuring original designs by French and Peruvian designer Jessica Barkley, American Designer Kevan Hall and Edwards-Lowell Furs Beverly Hills and continued into the weekend with Festival Night Gala, a dinner and auction. Photos by David Bever. *See Annual Holiday Festival for more photos, page 11*



Holiday Festival Fashion Co-Chairs Mae Sinkowitz, Nadine Bobit, Linda Perry and Kelli Piken.



Lady Mason Baked Goods Owner Eneida Mason and Barbara Angel displayed their mouth-watering cupcakes.



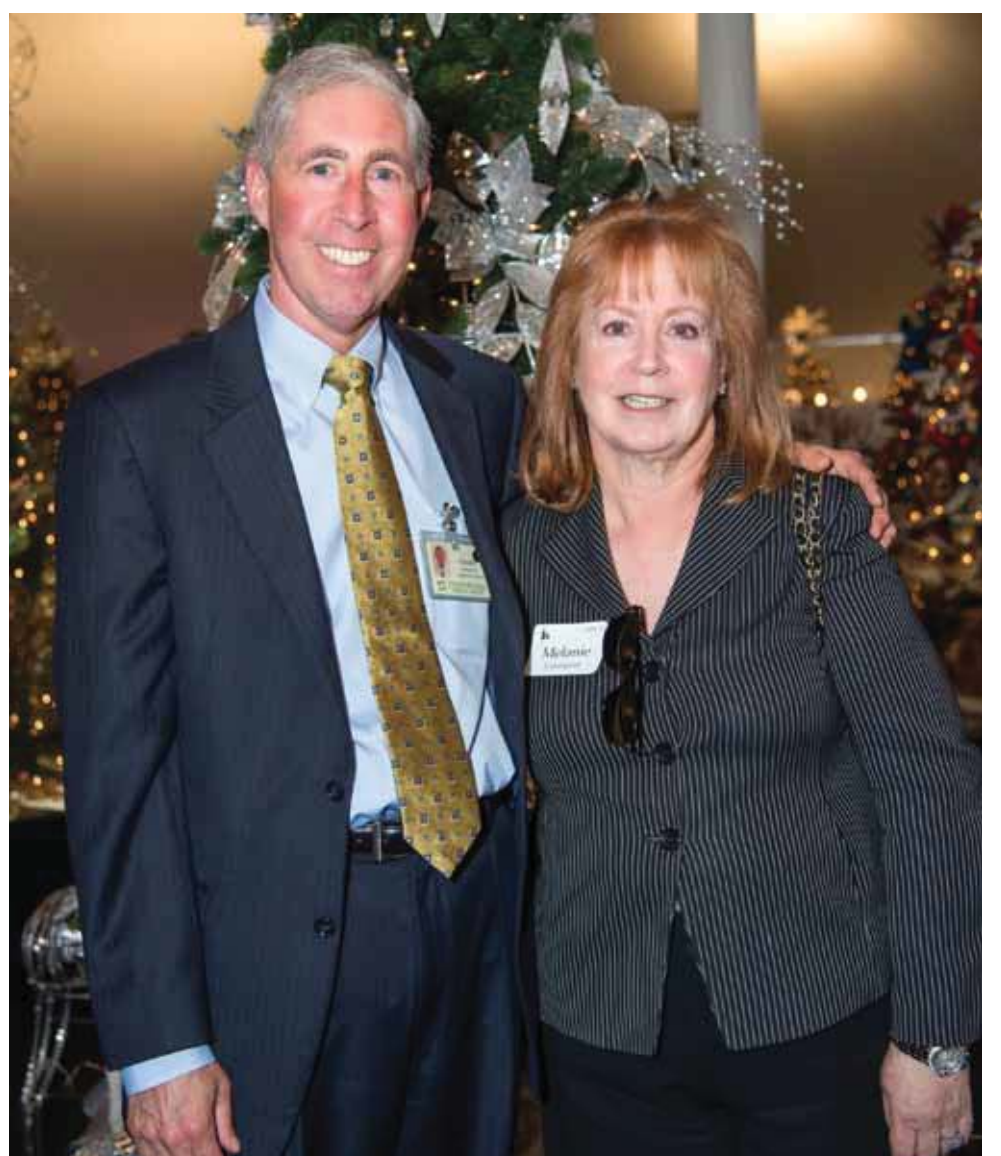
Holiday Festival Boutique preview.



Rolling Hills Flower Mart Owner Christine Gaudenti poses in front of her beautiful arrangement with Carolyn Snyder and Ray O'Dell.



Therapy Dogs Annie and Beau are cuddled by Hilary Zachry and Pat Baraz, volunteers with Torrance Memorial's Pet Visitation Program.



Craig Leach, President/CEO of Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Melanie Lundquist.



## Turkey Trot

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morning. That way, people got some exercise before they went to eat," Hunt said. "I begin my efforts July 1 and my first job when I begin working on the Turkey Trot is to send out sponsorship letters to the businesses--basically in Torrance--to try to solicit sponsorship for the year's run. Then I designed the artwork for a nice t-shirt, and we always give long sleeve t-shirts or long sleeve sweatshirts. We always try to make it a quality one--not just a short-sleeved white t-shirt. Our prices are lower than anyone else around because we try to make it affordable for families, so we can have lots of people come to the family run and just have a fun day."

Through the strong sponsorship behind the event, organizers were able to host a raffle drawing after the run where 10 mountain bikes, approximately 70 dinner-for-two certificates, designer sunglasses, auto details, Body Glove products and a long list of prizes were given away immediately. This year's race winner, North High graduate David Cardona, finished with a time of 14:20.

"Throughout high school and college you

tend to run in the morning, so I'm used to running in cold weather," Cardona said. "It was a fun run and it is definitely special to be out here. We have all of our sponsors, I work at the Village Runner, and it is very grateful to see so many people out here supporting others and giving canned food. They are just creating a good atmosphere for Thanksgiving."

Harry Sutter passed away from a brain aneurysm in the early 1980s, but his vision of having a run on Thanksgiving morning has been kept alive by the efforts from City staff, leaders and race director Hunt. "He [Sutter] had the idea, but the run did not get started when he was alive so we, recreation people, went to race director school to learn how to put on a run," Hunt said. "It is a tribute to the City of Torrance. They really support the run. We have the food drive where participants bring the canned food. Those foods are delivered at the end of this race and will be distributed to the needy in the general South Bay area. It is a great service--very busy, but a lot of fun." •

## Up and Adam

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as it scored first in the game to put the Saxons on their toes with a 7-0 lead. As it has been accustomed to doing all season long, however, North battled right back when starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez converted on a 13-yard touchdown pass to Devante Jenkins to tie the game at seven going into halftime. It was obvious which team came out of the half to play, as on the opening kickoff Erica Lara returned the ball 89 yards for a touchdown to put Nordhoff up by a touchdown. On North's very next possession, Hernandez was intercepted and Lara scored again just two plays later to put his team up by 14 points. On their next possession, the Saxons would respond with an 80-yard run by Corey Cox to cut the lead to 21-14 in the third quarter, but that was all she wrote for North High as it struggled the rest of the way. "We weren't ourselves tonight," said Hernandez. "The outcome that we had just doesn't go together."

The Saxons were hoping for their first CIF championship football trophy in school history, but ultimately Nordhoff was just too powerful on the night. It was the school's fourth try at such an accomplishment after previously having fallen short in 1983, 2001 and 2004. "We battled all year and played good teams and held them to less points than that," said starting receiver Michael Jurado. "It hurts. The last game, senior year, the championship. It just doesn't get any worse right now." The Saxons won eight games in a row before falling to Nordhoff after being held to only 14 points in the final. Previously, the Saxons averaged about 40 points per game. Ironic that the offense which carried North High all season long let it down in the biggest game of the season, but head coach Todd Croce and the rest of the team should certainly learn from their experience and do all that is necessary to make a return appearance next season. •

## Council

from front page

is the changes in term limits. Previously, term limits prevented legislators from staying in one role for long. Anthony Gonsalves believes this resulted in inexperienced lawmakers and a lack of leadership. He feels that the changes to the term limits approved this past June will create more mentorship in the State Senate and Assembly and ultimately lead to better decision-making. "I hope that in the future, with term limits changing to

Another major challenge for lawmakers is addressing the concerns created by AB 109, the prisoner realignment bill. Torrance Police Chief John Neu, along with law enforcement agencies and citizens throughout California, have sought changes to the law that would make it easier to track prisoners after their release from County Jail and take into account a criminal's entire history--not just their latest crime--in determining whether

*"I think the Governor was very clear that we are going to have no new taxes without a vote of the people."*

12 years, we're going to have a cycle of in the next two elections you're going to have [Legislature] members training new members," said Anthony Gonsalves. "You're going to have better public policy."

One mistake Anthony Gonsalves believes could be pinned on term limits is the dissolution of redevelopment organizations. While one of the chief reasons behind dismantling redevelopment agencies was to address corruption like in the City of Bell, he thinks another factor was that the State was oversold on how much money could be saved. The inexperience of State lawmakers, Anthony Gonsalves contends, misled them into ending the program. "The repeal of redevelopment I think happened because you have so many new members that never had the opportunity to establish themselves and know how to be legislators that were given information that wasn't what I'd say is complete," he said. "They were told that elimination would bring in about \$1.7 billion to the State and they're somewhere around \$200 million [in actuality]."

Most of California's cities, Torrance included, are unhappy with their redevelopment funds being turned over to the State. Jason Gonsalves said that fixing or replacing redevelopment funding is a major project for the new class of lawmakers. "How we proceed with economic development in the state will be a major project for the next two-year session and beyond," he said.

they would be sentenced to State Prison or County Jail. Jason Gonsalves said his firm is looking to make coordination easier between all the parties involved in handling California's inmates. "We are looking to clear up realignment," he said. "[We want to make it clear] that this is not just a County issue. And then we have been working with the Police Chief and other stakeholders and I suspect we will be making an effort to clean up realignment, to ensure the coordination between County probation and your police department and your chief. That coordination is key to your ability to protect your city and your citizens."

One area Neu hopes to see resolved through new legislation is the number of prisoners released without any follow-up rehabilitation, parole or probation. Neu said that only about five percent of convicted offenders receive any kind of post-release supervision or rehabilitation. Instead they serve "straight time" and once released don't have any kind of oversight. "Those folks that are sentenced to straight time, which is the vast majority--95 percent--when they are released, they have no supervision, there are no rehabilitation efforts in place," said Neu. "There is no tail on them, so to speak. That's a huge problem and that's where the legislation needs to be changed. I know our efforts through the County and through State organizations, I'm confident we'll get something done here real soon." •

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# Annual Holiday Festival

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Clockwise: Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation Executive Vice President Laura Schenasi thanked the many volunteers who worked all year to make the Holiday Festival a success. Fashions modeled from Festival Fashion Show. Photos by David Bever.



# “South Bay Focus 2012” Now On Display at Torrance Art Museum

The Torrance Art Museum at the Joslyn Center hosted an Opening Reception on Saturday, Dec. 1. The well-attended reception was held for the current show entitled, “South Bay Focus 2012,” or “SBF 2012.” This Art Show, curated by Grace Kook Anderson, Curator at the Laguna Art Museum, showcased a diverse group of artists from local cities such as Carson, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, Rolling Hills, and Torrance. A varied collection of artwork is on display at the museum until Saturday, Dec. 15. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is always free. Interested persons may visit [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com) for more information. Photos by Leslie Chavez.



Marian Seiders, “Patron Saint of Found Objects.”



Lindsey Schulz with cousin, Chuck, “Keep Out of Reach” (in background).



Norlyne Coar, “Meditation on Space.”



Michael Chonick, “Dog House” (detail).



Marlena Sanaye Yamada, “Drift” (detail).

## Real Estate

### Easy and Affordable Ways to Spruce Up Your Space

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

#### REUSE, REPAINT, REUPHOLSTER

When you think creatively, it's easy to give old belongings new life. Paint wooden frames or potted plant holders with new, bold colors to quickly add a hint of color to any area. Reupholster pillows with patterned fabric to liven up any room. Many craft stores sell scrap fabric for a fraction of the price. Or, spend even less when you repurpose gently used clothes by turning them into custom pillowcases.

#### SIMPLE SWAPS AND SWITCHES

Try a new take on a traditional favorite.

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

One of the reasons decor can feel worn and dated is simply because it's familiar to you. And, wall decor is one area that can be particularly pricey to update. An easy way to renew interest in existing mirrors and art is by switching their location in the home. Once it has been relocated to another room, you'll find a new appreciation for something that's been overlooked for years. •



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