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2013 Student Automotive Design Challenge Hosted at Honeywell



Forty-nine students from Torrance's Madrona Middle School participated in the 2013 Student Automotive Design Challenge (SADC) and a special celebration to thank the volunteers and announce the local champion of the challenge was held on Dec. 4 at Honeywell research and design facility in Torrance. Sponsored by Honeywell and SAE International, SADC is a global contest created to inspire young students in the fields of math and science. Madrona Middle School students were guided by teacher and SADC Coordinator Allison Snider and Asst. Principal Lisa Jones. The Honeywell volunteers included HTT Director of Engineering William Smith, HTT Engineer and SADC Coordinator Shawn Merritt along with Michael Chin, David Eguchi, Adrienne Francis, Andrew Gardner, Christopher Meade, Tabetha Rodriguez and Gil Yu. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Council Approves Airport Security Upgrades

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council agreed to over \$900,000 in security upgrades to Zamperini Field during its Dec. 10 meeting. The work would complete security upgrades started in 2009 and replace outdated safe infrastructure with modern surveillance and access systems.

The proposed improvements include replacing the 25-year-old swipe card access system with a proximity card system similar to the one currently installed in the Torrance Police Department and the City Yard, adding LED lighting to the hangars and replacing the six-foot-tall fencing along Madison Avenue and the former farmers market location with eight-foot-tall fencing to match the improved fencing installed in 2009 in other parts of the airport. Mayor Frank Scotto said that in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, securing Zamperini Field has been a major priority for the City. "We had this discussion a long time ago – after 9/11 of course," said Scotto. "We wanted to make our airport more secure."

The plan also calls for 13 new security cameras to be installed in the airport. These cameras would have pan, tilt and zoom capabilities that a staff report claims will allow "wider coverage" of illegal activities. Scotto wanted to make sure the cameras would be modern, with his primary concerns being the clarity of the images, ease of archiving and search of footage. Engineering Manager Beth Overstreet said the new cameras would address both these concerns while saving money on storage for the footage. "The cameras will have a much sharper image," said Overstreet. "There's also a cost savings associated with storage. At one point . . . it was around \$410 per terabyte. That was back in 2007 and that price has dropped by 85 percent."

Another public safety-minded addition is

for automated license plate readers that can use character recognition to cross-reference vehicles entering the airport with a Department of Justice database of vehicles linked with criminal activities. Police Chief John Neu said any matches would immediately be routed to his department. Neu explained that the license plate readers help in both apprehending criminals who make their way into the airport before they can cause damage as well as documenting who entered the airport at what time in order to investigate in the wake of an incident at Zamperini Field.

"As an investigative tool . . . the automated license plate readers have proven to be extremely beneficial to use in protecting the public," said Neu. "You have information that

is already booked into the system where it detects vehicles or plates that we are looking for any specific reason that relates to domestic terrorism or incidents at small airports. The other side is after the fact – God forbid – we have a catastrophe at the airport or a major incident, it allows us to go back and review and investigate who was there at the particular time."

The new security features worried two residents, who spoke during the meeting to express concerns over the security of the data being collected and the increasing amount of surveillance on citizens. Neu attempted to reduce these fears by explaining that these readers will not be patrolling the city

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Mostly Sunny
62°/48°



Saturday

Sunny
72°/51°



Sunday

Sunny
71°/53°



ExxonMobil Awards Grants to STEM Teachers

By Dylan Little

Teachers in the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) received \$100,000 in grants from ExxonMobil to fund innovative new science, technology, engineering and math programs (collectively known as STEM). The teachers behind these innovative methods were recognized during the ExxonMobil STEM Awards ceremony held on Dec. 5, 2013. The goal of the STEM Awards is to provide teachers with the opportunity to pioneer new programs, enhance classroom curriculum and create enthusiasm to energize their students' learning experiences in STEM. In 1997 the Torrance Refinery and the ExxonMobil Foundation began the awards program and in 2010, the program was restructured to emphasize a stronger

focus on STEM projects and curriculum. To date, ExxonMobil has awarded over \$1.3 million in classroom grants through this program. Torrance Refinery Manager Pablo Borginino said the refinery's goal of improving education is a special calling for him.

"Helping teachers is very personal for me," said Borginino. "Both my parents were teachers--my mother was a tough math teacher--they clearly influenced my natural tendencies towards STEM. Something clearly I learned from them is how much passion and hard work it takes to be a teacher."

The grant-winning lessons were all aligned to the new Common Core State

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Torrance Welcomes Floral Shop

The grand opening of Inspirations. Floral. Artistry. was held on Nov. 26 at its 1313 Sartori Avenue location in historic Downtown Torrance. Guests were given a tour,

as well as treated to a ribbon-cutting, refreshments, raffle and floral demonstration. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.



Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman of the Board Sherry Kramer (left) makes the first official purchase from Inspirations. Floral. Artistry.



Co-owner Megan Fink (left) and Owner/Head Designer Roxana Rodriguez stand next to one of their floral designs where the venue is also an art gallery.



Roxana Rodriguez, owner and head designer of Inspirations. Floral. Artistry, cuts the grand opening ribbon along with Mayor Frank Scotto and other city and chamber dignitaries and guests.

Business Briefs

Art Gallery Opening Gala

The opening gala for "InMotion, 2013," will be held Dec. 14, 6-9 p.m. at South Bay Lexus Service Center, 24777 Crenshaw Blvd.

The art sale benefits Switzer Learning Center. Reception entertainment includes Avalon Gardens Choir, live music by JazzWest and performance by Precision Dance Company.

Artists will be in attendance. Free and open to the public. Refreshments and valet parking.

"InMotion, 2013" art exhibit and sale continues through Feb. 15. The showroom gallery is open for viewing Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or contact: Jody Wiggins: (310) 650-0006 jodywigginsusana@yahoo.com.

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Community Briefs

State of the Region



The 2013 State of the Region address was given by Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Congressman Henry Waxman at the Doubletree by Hilton in Torrance on November 25. Waters expressed her appreciation to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, which presented the event and reviewed areas showing improvement including housing, unemployment, healthcare, transportation, high-tech industry and education. Congressman Waxman expressed his displeasure regarding the recent government shutdown and

noted the issues facing Congress including the pending budget deadline and need to reach compromise. Pictured (left to right) are Congressman Henry Waxman, Torrance Mayor Frank Scotto and Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

'Ride of Your Life' Winner



(L to R) Torrance soccer player Joseph Good and Georgan Griswold, vice president of the Torrance Rose Float Association.

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THE SOUTH BAY'S HOME FOR OLD SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT



(L to R) President Misty Dawn Jones, historian Camen Talbot, Pam Barrett-Hill of Ways & Means; volunteer Connie Boswell and Carol Gilles, publicity.

Janet Payne of the Torrance Historical Society won a seat on the 2014 Torrance Rose Float "Everybody Plays." The Torrance Float Association decided to have an Opportunity Drawing. "Ride of Your Life," as a fundraiser for the 2014 Rose Float, with tickets selling at \$10 each. They sold 201 tickets. In the past, float riders could "buy a seat" for \$1,000.

The event took place at the LA Galaxy Soccer Center in Torrance. The winning ticket was pulled by Joseph Good, a Torrance soccer player, while the TRFA Board of Directors looked on. Congratulations to Janet Payne and all of our float riders. •

TerriAnn in Torrance

Chim Chim Cher-ee!

By TerriAnn Ferren

It was the day after Thanksgiving, which always reminds me of taking a deep exhale, and my family and I were gathered in the living room relaxing and enjoying conversation. The fireplace was going and I was burning the large pinecones I had bought at the store and they gave off a beautiful glow and warmth from the middle of the room. It was a perfect picture. Then my daughter Michele said, "Hey, look--a spark just fell on the ground outside." I said, "Really?" Then she told me she saw another one, and another. My eyes got bigger and I jumped up and headed out the front door to take a look and check my chimney. What I saw shocked me. There in the sky was a billowing of smoke trailing off to the east with the wind and the sparks from the top of the chimney looked like sparklers from the Fourth of July. Scared doesn't begin to explain how I felt looking at the sparks as they leaped from the top of my chimney and floated down to the roof, the grass below, and off into the air. Immediately I headed back into the house, doused the pinecone fire I had made and ran back outside to monitor the sparks. Michele came outside with me so she could see why I was concerned. Although the sparks had calmed down significantly by the time Michele saw them, she was shocked too. Not long after that, the fire show stopped and we went back inside the house. I was more than thankful for the heavy rain the night before that had dampened the roof, the trees and the grass.

The next day, after all my family had gone home, I immediately called a chimney sweep. I would be lying if I didn't admit that the first thing I thought about was *Mary Poppins*. All of a sudden I couldn't get the song *Chim Chim Cher-ee* out of my mind and the visual of Dick Van Dyke dancing on rooftops out of

my head. *The Super Sweep Chimney Service* at 310-371-7198 answered my phone call right away and owner Greg Meyer said he could be at my house that very day to check out my fireplace. As it turns out, Greg told me what I had described to him was probably a fire in my chimney! Yikes! I had a feeling that is what happened, but to hear a professional explain the event sent the hairs on the back of my neck on end. Shortly after making the call for help, Greg Meyer, who lives in the South Bay and has been in the chimney sweep business for 25 years, arrived at my house along with his helper, Haydn Pratt. They brought all their equipment in a white van. As they looked over the state of my fireplace, the team moved furniture and set down drop cloths on the carpeting all around my fireplace. Greg proceeded to tell me, "If you burn a lot of wood in your fireplace, you should have your chimney cleaned yearly, and if you don't use the fireplace often, then cleaning it every two years is sufficient." At this point, I thought to myself I was very behind schedule because I have *never* had my chimney cleaned. Greg announced to me, "Never burn Christmas trees [in the fireplace] or pinecones. And if we have a major earthquake, you better check it [the fireplace] out before you burn." No pinecones? Who knew? Haydn told me, "I am Greg's helper. [The work] is interesting, I'm out in the sun and house to house in a lot of different areas. It's nice, it's fun."

Haydn proceeded to bring a large portable 'vacuum-looking device into the house along with hoses and one round wire brush wand that looked like a chimney brush. It was just the sort of equipment you would imagine a chimney sweep would use. He set a bright light down inside the fireplace so he could look up the chimney and check out a few more things up

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STEM

from front page

Standards and covered areas like fluid dynamics, computer modeling and solar energy. Borginino said he would've liked to have been able to take part in the lessons Torrance's teachers are giving their student when he was their age. "Teachers are finding ways to make problem-solving fun for kids," said Borginino. "I wish when I was a boy I could have made robots and used technology to make CO2-powered racecars."

ExxonMobil received 45 grant proposals from 35 Torrance-area teachers, of which only 30 projects were awarded grants. Ramona Chang, Director of Curriculum for TUSD, said she didn't envy the task of deciding which projects would receive grants. "Judges, I'm so glad I'm not in that seat," said Chang. "Every year I work though those projects--they are all incredible--and I don't try to [rank them]."

The projects were evaluated by a 20-person grant selection committee made up of Torrance Refinery employees and community members who volunteered their time to select the winning proposals. Chang noted that the lessons teachers came up with should help jumpstart students' interest in math and science. "We have some really incredible projects that have been executed this year and they're all designed to give students an opportunity to discover what they love," said Chang. "I'm looking forward to watching our students . . . to find out students have been able to discover their passion about what they love. I want to see their hearts, souls and minds set on fire with these beautiful projects that are out there."

Teachers have found the specialized lessons are getting their students excited about the STEM fields. In a video shown at the awards ceremony, Jodi Branley, a second grade teacher at Edison Elementary, said her students were no longer "just looking for cartoon and drawing books anymore" and were instead excited to read and share with their peers and teachers about feats of

engineering. Likewise one of this year's grant winners, Heather Rocha, has been teaching her Science Olympiad students to use computer-aided design software to help create more structurally sound and better thought-out projects and then using tablets so her students will have those designs handy when it comes time to assemble their creations.

"We do a lot a building and engineering projects and right now we are just sketching by hand all the different diagrams," said Rocha. "I wanted to bring them to the future and get the technology aspect in there. I wanted them to do computer modeling and in the computer lab, we will be working with different programs to do computer modeling. When we actually build, we will have iPads in the classroom so they can use their designs when they build the project."

Rocha said her plan to incorporate computer-aided design software into the Olympiad build process has gotten her students to come up with a plan on how to tackle the engineering challenges they face. She also said the added design steps have made the project more closely resemble a professional engineering scenario. "The kids just like to get the materials and build, but I want them actually print and know what they're going to build," said Rocha. "They're really going through the engineering process more thoroughly."

The STEM awards aren't the only way ExxonMobil's Torrance operation has been a partner to the School District. They are an Adopt-a-School partner with Magruder Middle School and help send students and teachers alike on activities like the Tech Trek science, math and technology camp or the Sally Ride Science Academy. Chang took the opportunity to thank them from their involvement. "These creative teaching strategies are able to happen because of the people at ExxonMobil," said Chang. "Thank you so much for what you do."

Calendar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

• Free Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., City of Lomita, City Hall Parking Lot, 24300 Narbonne Ave. Open to all L.A. County residents. For more information call (310) 781-6900 or (888) 253-2652.

• Free Tech Training For Adults. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. Call (310) 618-5945 to register for individual appointments on Saturdays between the hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

• Winter Wonderland sponsored by the Friends of the Torrance Library, 4 p.m., WALTERIA Library, 3815 W. 242 St. For more information call (310) 375-8418.

ONGOING

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

City Council

from front page

or monitoring public roadways, but instead would be passively eyeing entryways into the airport. "These are going to be at fixed locations on our City property, the airport property," said Neu. "It is not going to be a mobile device that will intrude in the city up and down our streets. It's fixed for a

the data is typically held for 13 months before recycling the storage medium. These improvements are partially funded through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant awarded to the Police Department with the remainder coming from funds set aside for airport security.


"The Torrance City Council agreed to over \$900,000 in security upgrades to Zamperini Field during its Dec. 10 meeting."

specific purpose."

Neu also reaffirmed that the primary goal of the equipment is to keep a key asset--the airport--secure and thereby keep the residents of Torrance safe from threats like terrorism. "Everything here has the primary focus of safety for the public," said Neu. "That's why we're employing this technology."

Both Neu and City Clerk Sue Herbers addressed the concerns over storage of data collected by the new security equipment by saying the information would fall under the City's Data Retention Policy, by which

Lastly, the Council welcomed the holiday season by inviting the Torrance Civic Chorale to perform three numbers from the *Spirit of the Season* winter showcase. Members of the Chorale filled the front of the Council chambers to perform a Calypso holiday song, "Here in My House," a tune celebrating Hanukkah and the closing number from their performance *Peace, Peace*. The full performances will be presented Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in the James R. Armstrong Theatre with tickets available at the theatre box office for \$14. •



Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

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Holiday Eve Free Fares
Enjoy the holidays safely, with free service on all Metro buses and trains during Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. No fare will be charged from 9pm on Tuesday, December 24, until 2am Wednesday, December 25 and from 9pm on Tuesday, December 31, until 2am on Wednesday, January 1. See routes and timetables at metro.net.

"Ramp Jam" Ends for Wilshire/I-405 Interchange
All ramps are now open on the I-405 as the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project nears completion. Overall, the interchange's eight improved freeway ramps add 75 percent additional capacity. For more information and construction schedules, go to metro.net/405.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Irony is a delicious thing, isn't it? Let's consider these bits of irony:

Obamacare was intended to reduce the number of uninsured. Instead, the cancellation of existing policies could cause the number of uninsured to more than double.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), a vociferous advocate of Obamacare, has exempted himself and his senior staff from this onerous law.

Want another one? The man who gave Obamacare his name has not signed up for that abomination.

Here's still another one: To function, Obamacare needs seven million signups by next April, 40 percent of whom must be young, requiring little medical care. Unfortunately only 28 percent of today's enrollees are in that demographic. *Fox News* reports that since youngsters from 19-34 on average require medical care only six times over that 15-year span, they aren't buying what they don't need. Ironically, Obama undermined sales to youngsters even further by allowing those up to the age of 26 to stay with their parent's health plans rather than buying their own coverage. Regardless of whether too few people enroll or whether too many with the wrong demographic enroll, Obamacare could crash with horrendous health and financial implications.

Then there's this: The public has until December 23 to sign up for insurance that will be effective on Jan. 1, 2014. But by that date, Obamacare will not be functional! You see, there are two parts to Obamacare, both of which need to be operational. First,

there is the sign-up process that has been the subject of such ridicule and still fails 20 percent of the time. Second, however, is the administrative process among the various governmental departments and the way they interface with applicants for government subsidies and the insurance companies that pay caregivers. The computer programs that encompass this "back end" have not been written yet and are not scheduled to be completed until sometime next year.

Applicants for government subsidies need only to make unsubstantiated income claims to receive subsidies. As for insurance companies, they need only "estimate" the amount the government should compensate them on a monthly basis, with accounts to be reconciled later. To prepare for any eventuality, President Obama is preparing a federal bailout of insurance companies that may suffer as a result of Obamacare.

In the absence of any financial controls, this most dishonorable President is calling for an honor system requiring truth from applicants for subsidies and insurance companies alike. The point of fact is that financially the President doesn't know where we are and doesn't know where we're going. Importantly, the financial chaos of Obamacare is the backdrop for budget negotiations scheduled for this coming January, and threatens to spread financial uncertainty far and wide.

Finally, the most delicious irony of all is that the political party that advocates a godless, secular society will need an act of God to save their plan, rescue the ailing among us and preserve our economy. •

Another Man's Opinion

End the Blame Game, Get Back to Work

By Cristian Vasquez

A recent statement by California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton blames the Republican Leadership for misleading the public with regards to the Affordable Care Act. Burton made the argument that California's Republicans would have no problem disseminating inaccurate information about the changes to the nation's health care system so long as it meant the new law failed. While I do agree that the Republican leadership has gone out of its way to trump the success of the Affordable Care Act, the Democratic Party needs to accept full responsibility for the negative reaction to the new law. From the chaotic problems at the beginning of the rollout to all unintended consequences that are yet to occur, the Democrats need to accept responsibility for the shortcomings of the ACA.

At the core of Burton's statements is the claim that the Republicans will develop and promote a fake website to direct potential consumers away from the real Covered California website, www.CoveredCA.com. The reality is that the Democratic Party is scrambling, less now than before, to fix the horrific glitches that made accessing the website an absolute nightmare from the very beginning. Rather than blame the opposition for the negative press or even reluctance from people to go to the website, the Democratic leadership needs to own up to its lack of preparation.

The truth is that the Democratic Party had more than two years to plan for the rollout. It

had more than enough time to avoid glitches or setbacks and the fact is that it didn't do it. The infamous rollout was made available to potential consumers in such an inefficient manner that many of us who were excited about being able to afford health insurance were left with more questions than before the websites came up. The failure to properly manage this plan from the onset is an embarrassment and created its own negative backlash, without any help from the Republican opposition. In the month following the rollout, they have been able to fix issues that should have never been a problem given the fact that they had more than two years to get it right from the beginning.

Having only had one job that provided legitimate health insurance, dental included, I have lots of homework to do before jumping into the market options created by the Affordable Care Act. Am I still excited about it? Of course. No longer will I have to go to the emergency room and pay \$25 for an aspirin while an overworked doctor tells me I have a bug and should take lots of fluids and get plenty of rest. The potential of being able to go to a clinic without having to invest an entire week's pay for one visit is encouraging. However, I am still frustrated that with a two-year head start the Democrats fumbled the rollout. Believe me, there is nothing that Michelle Bachman, Mitt Romney or Ted Cruz can say to sway me away from using the Affordable Care Act to my advantage. It was an inefficient website due to a failed rollout that kept me away. •

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Sports

Dodgers Preparing For Another Run

By Adam Serrao

The freezing cold weather and the holidays that serve to get everyone in the spirit for Christmas and the New Year aren't the only things that come toward the end of the calendar year. It's not just the beginning of basketball and the back end of football, watching players breathe fire in the cold,

"If Colletti and the Dodgers could pick up such instrumental pieces to the roster so late in the season last season, there is no telling what could be in store this year."

frigid weather that surrounds them on the field. December is also a time for baseball—a time when representatives from all 30 Major League Baseball organizations get together... and for many fans of the game, Christmas comes early. It's a time when many offseason trades and transactions are completed between representatives that, for four days during the offseason, share a common roof. This offseason has already seen many blockbuster deals, such as Prince Fielder going to Texas, Robinson Cano going to Seattle or even Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran signing with the Yankees (who always seem to come up big at around this time of year). For those of us here in Southern California, all had been quiet leading up to this past week aside from the signing of Brian Wilson, but Dodgers GM Ned Colletti expects that all to change very soon. With specific needs in mind, Colletti was targeting this week to further mold his already star-studded team into a perennial World Series contender.

To gain perspective on just how quickly things can change in the game of baseball in the winter, at this time last year, the Dodgers had not yet acquired Hyun-Jin Ryu, J.P. Howell, Skip Schumaker or Zack Greinke. Each of those players factored prominently in the Dodgers' run to the postseason last year. If Colletti and the Dodgers could pick up such instrumental pieces to the roster so late in the season last season, there is no telling what could be in store this year. The team's needs are far less than they were last year, which may make Colletti's job a bit easier, but make no mistake that coming into this season's winter meetings, the Dodgers were still a few good pieces away from taking a step past being an NLCS team to becoming a bona fide World Series team.

So far, Colletti has acknowledged that his main priorities this offseason are a starting infielder, some relief pitching and a utility player to help out from off of the bench. He planned to use this week's winter meetings to address those positions, among others. As of Monday, the Dodger bullpen was composed of Brandon League, Paco Rodriguez and Chris Withrow, while Onelki Garcia, Jose Dominguez and Javy Guerra will all be competing for spots on the roster. If Colletti goes outside of the club for help, he will be looking at a list that was composed of names like Kevin Gregg, Grant Balfour, Fernando Rodney and John Axford, to name a few, before the meetings got started. There

was still a possibility that both J.P. Howell and Juan Uribe could return to the team. Though unsigned as of last Sunday, those two players were expected to receive interest from Colletti in the early part of the week and may accept offers to rejoin the club and plug holes that, for Colletti, need plugging. Uribe had listened to "a few offers" from

Colletti and the Dodgers, but outside of this week has been doing his part to test the free agency waters.

While the Dodgers' outfield has suddenly become overly crowded leading up to this offseason with Carl Crawford, Matt Kemp, Yasiel Puig and Andre Ethier, the infield remains the biggest question mark on defense. Naturally, Adrian Gonzalez will be at first base, but at this point, that's about all we know. Mark Ellis is no longer the club's starting second baseman, making way for Cuban prospect Alexander Guerrero to play the position, where he will most likely start this season. Hanley Ramirez will either start at shortstop or third base, depending on what Colletti has attracted this week at the meetings. If Colletti winds up signing a solid shortstop early on in the week, Ramirez will move to third. If he can find a solid third baseman, Ramirez will stay put.

The possibility of trading one of the four starting outfielders was not out of the realm of possibility for Colletti, either. "We've got four really good outfielders and we've got to be careful," Colletti said last weekend. "We can't sell off to sell off and in 2015 say, 'Let's go get an outfielder on the free agent market. We've checked the list. It's not overloaded with choices. There's a lack of impact outfielders available. We better be sure if we make a move that we help our club for a while.'" While Ethier is probably the fans' choice to be traded, Dodger supporters shouldn't be surprised if Kemp went in a package deal that will bring in someone like a David Price and an infielder. Up until this past Monday, no moves had been made so far, but coming off of two surgeries with a \$128 million price tag, Dodger fans may be smart to ready themselves to say goodbye to Kemp. The centerfielder may bring the most back in return to the Dodgers should they decide to pull that trigger sometime this week or even beyond.

With so many possibilities remaining on the table, it is hard to say exactly what the Dodgers are planning to do this offseason. One thing is for sure, however. There will be new faces in the dugout when the season gets started. If Colletti fulfills his needs both in the bullpen and in the infield, the Dodgers should be one of the most impressive teams (on paper) in the league. Only time will tell what will happen, but this time of year is sure to bring some early Christmas presents to those who "think Blue." •

Up and Adam

Basketball Gets Started in Torrance

By Adam Serrao

Now that the football season has come and gone, it's time to shift directions in the high school sporting world across the city of Torrance. It seems like just yesterday that the kids took to the football fields, dreaming of a first place finish in their league standings and an outstanding playoff run that would, in all likelihood, cap off an excellent high school tenure. Perhaps it was all of the anticipation that made the season fly by so quickly, but just like that, attention now shifts to the game of basketball. It may take a while for the players to get their feet under them and really get going once tournament play comes to an end and league play gets revved up. Once the kids get into the swing of things, though, one thing is for certain: this basketball season is sure to bring some of the strictest competition that has been seen in a long time between the four cross-town rival teams across Torrance.

As of last week, the high school basketball teams in Torrance have only played a handful of games, but it's not too early to notice that the talent level prevalent throughout the city this year is unlike any that has been seen in the past few years. The Pioneer League is laden with talent this year, but perhaps the most impressive team from right off the bat is North High. Coming off of a 14-12 season (7-2 in league play) last year, the Saxons, under returning head coach Luke Dupperon, are out to prove that their second place finish in last year's Pioneer League standings was no fluke. So far, the team is doing exactly that. The Saxons started the year off with an impressive showing in the Mira Costa Pacific Shores Tournament. With a 10-point win (71-61) over St. Bernard in the opening game of the season, North started things off on the right track. Another win over Gardena was followed by North's biggest loss of the season thus far against the host team, Mira Costa. The Saxons got back on track the very next day, however, as they took down their cross-town rivals, the Torrance Tartars, in what was the first of what will be at least three different matchups between the two teams this year. A 71-58 victory over the Tartars proved to be a successful statement game for North as it currently finds itself ahead of Torrance High and on top of the Pioneer League standings.

Though the Tartars fell to the Saxons in their first meeting of the young season, Torrance and head coach Vonte Demby aren't off to a bad start themselves. After the horrid 5-21 season of a year ago in which the Tartars were only 1-9 in league play, the team, and Demby, look to start off the season on the

winning side of things for a change. That's exactly what they did when they began the season with a 53-48 victory over Carson in the Mira Costa Pacific Shores Tournament. It wasn't that victory, but the one that came four days later over rivals West Torrance that has been the Tartars' biggest win of the season thus far. Taking a commanding 29-13 lead at the half, the Tartars were able to weather a 35-point second half by West to take the five-point victory. League doesn't begin for the Tartars until the middle of January when they will take on their other rivals from South as they get things started versus the Spartans. Until that time, Demby and Torrance will attempt to pile up as many wins as possible in the process.

The West High Warriors are in perhaps the toughest division out of all of the Torrance teams, having to deal with the likes of Mira Costa, Redondo and the Palos Verdes teams on a year-in and year-out basis. This year, it is no different as both Mira Costa and Redondo have the early leads on top of the Bay League standings. If this year is anything like last year, though, then the Warriors are in for a successful ride. Finishing the season in fourth place just a year ago, West went on to the CIF Southern Section quarterfinal game against Royal. This season, the team is off to an average start, having already lost to Torrance but also notching two big wins against Carson and Gardena in the Mira Costa Pacific Shores tournament. Xavier Basso and Mena Awadsaad are back for their senior seasons to try to lead the Warriors on to victory this year.

The South High Spartans' season is not quite as mature as the other teams from around Torrance just yet. Without an entrance into the Mira Costa tournament as in past years, the Spartans have missed out on three to four games of action. In their lone game to start the season dating back to last Sunday, the Spartans were torn apart by the Bay League's Palos Verdes Sea Kings, taking an eventual 76-49 loss. If last season was any example, however, the Spartans have been known to overcome adversity and turn things up when it matters most to make the playoffs. A 16-10 season and a third place finish turned into a playoff showing last year for the Spartans. With a long season ahead and four returning seniors on the team, there is no doubting that the Spartans should be right back in the thick of things once again this year. Follow your Torrance teams all season long as they compete for a chance at the much-coveted division crown and CIF title once again this year. •

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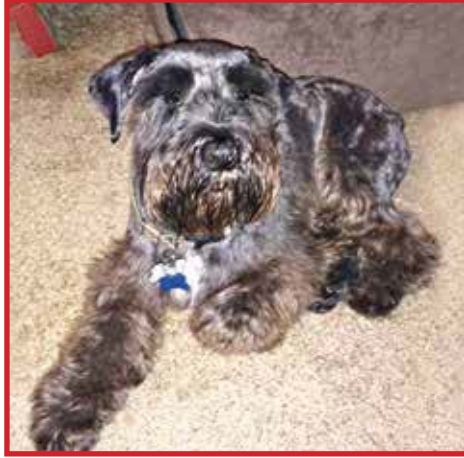
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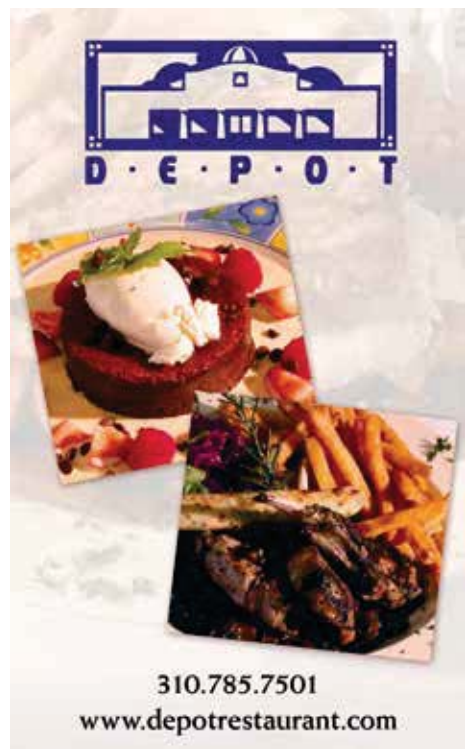
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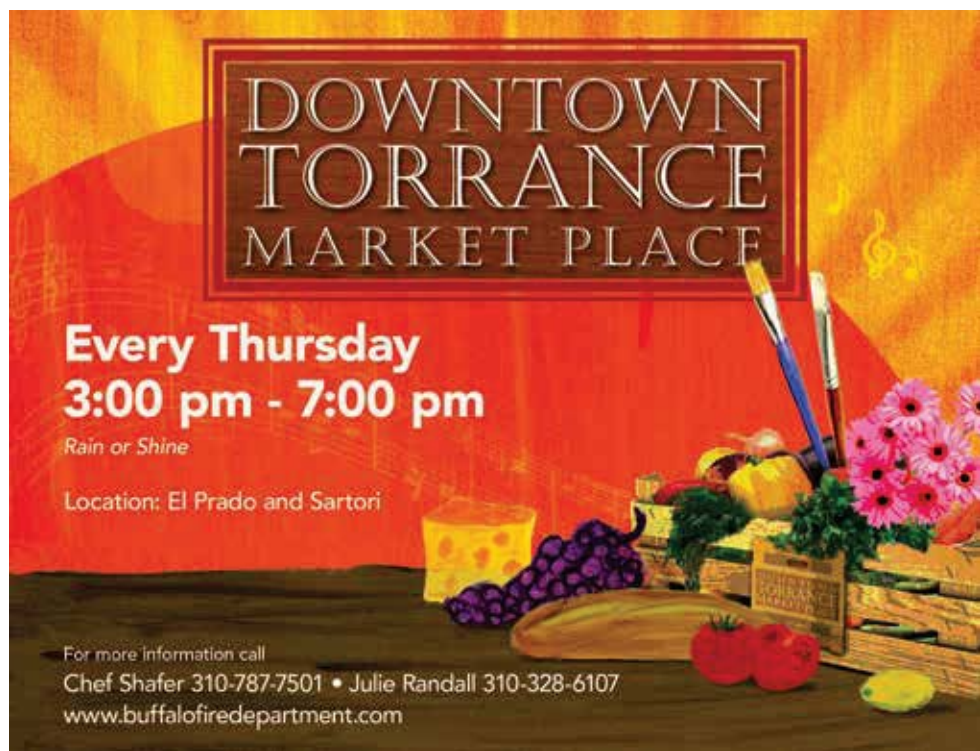
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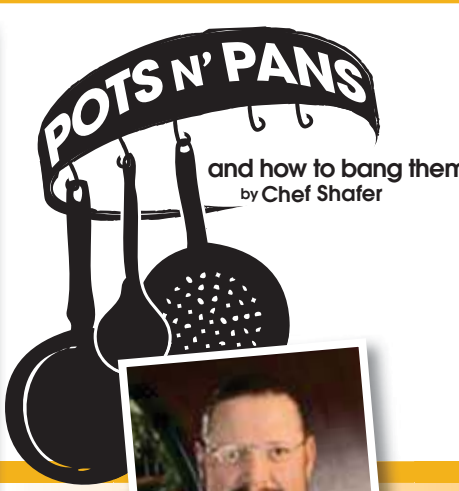
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The Chef



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2 tablespoons of coarse, ground black pepper

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November 29

Vandalism 300 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) smashes business window/ no entry, no loss

Auto Theft-All 3600 BLOCK 182ND ST Stolen vehicle: '05 Chevrolet van

Vandalism 1900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) tags building's interior and exterior walls

Burglary-Residential 17100 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) removes screen, smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/checkbook, jewelry, laptop

Vandalism 23800 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) smashes victim's vehicle's windows/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Commercial 2400 BLOCK 166TH ST Suspect(s) removes screen, smashes window for entry, but flees without taking any property upon police officers' arrival

Burglary-Commercial 1800 BLOCK 205TH ST Suspect(s) cuts rollup doors for entry to two businesses and takes property/ cases of cigarette cartons

Auto Theft-All 3600 BLOCK 225TH ST Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford van

Burglary-Auto 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/ backpack, laptop, wallet.

Auto Theft-All 21400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '96 Honda Accord

November 28

Burglary-Auto 25900 BLOCK ROLLING HILLS RD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/ tablet, mount, microphone

Auto Theft-All 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Stolen vehicle: '93 Honda Civic

Burglary-Residential 18500 BLOCK KINGSDALE AVE Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/ laptop

Robbery-Weapon 1900 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) enters open business, brandishes weapon and demands property/ cash

Burglary-Residential 1400 BLOCK POST AVE Suspect(s) pries window screens before being interrupted by neighbor returning home/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Residential 2200 BLOCK 205TH ST Suspect smashes windows for entry to multiple businesses and takes property/ laptop, undetermined additional property

Auto Theft-All 3200 BLOCK 181ST ST Stolen vehicle: '12 Toyota Camry

Auto Theft-All 11/28/2013 8:13 AM 300 BLOCK PALOS VERDES BLVD Stolen vehicle: '13 Harley Davidson M/C

Burglary-Commercial 2500 BLOCK 190TH ST Suspect(s) enters locked storage unit by unknown means and takes property/ soda, snacks, tools, laptop, cash, hand dolly, ammunition

November 27

Robbery-Weapon 2600 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect enters open business, brandishes a weapon and demands property/ cash

Theft 18200 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect enters open business and takes property on display/ cell phones

Auto Theft-All 4100 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD Stolen vehicle: '00 GMC Jimmy

Robbery-Weapon 17200 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE Suspect enters open business, places order, brandishes weapon, demands cash register be opened, stabs and punches victim/ cash

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November 26

Burglary-Auto 1200 BLOCK ENGRACIA AVE Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ tablet

Theft 21000 BLOCK REYNOLDS DR Suspect(s) takes locked property from carport/ bicycle

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013245336
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JJ AND M COLLISION CENTER/TOWING. 4963 ALHAMBRA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Registered Owner(s): Kimathi Sweeney, 2401 W. Caldwell St, Compton, CA 90220. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Kimathi Sweeney, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 27, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 27, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 27, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: December 05, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HT-1012.**

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013244102
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013236095
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TICO SUPER STORE. 4717 W 152ND ST, LAWDALE, CA 90260. Registered Owner(s): Ernesto Ujueta, 4717 W 152nd St, Lawndale, CA 90260. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: October 23, 2013. Signed: Ernesto Ujueta, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 14, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 14, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 14, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Lawndale Tribune: November 21, 28, 2013 and December 05, 12, 2013. **HL-1006.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013244289
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARRIAGE HOUSE MODELS. 5237 W. 138TH PLACE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Patrick Strong, 5237 W. 138th Place, Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Patrick Strong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 26, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 26, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 26, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **HH-1013.**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013221483
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013231393
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE BIBLE CHURCH OF HIS WILL. 1. 2000 E. MARIPOSA AVE, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 2. P.O. BOX 91603, LOS ANGELES, CA 90009. Registered Owner(s): The Bible Church of His Will, 2000 E. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: November 12, 2003. Signed: The Bible Church of His Will, e.uche nyeche, president. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on November 7, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on November 7, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to November 7, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: December 05, 12, 19, 26, 2013. **H-1014.**

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Memorable Times

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Across

- Self starter?
- Behind
- Diarist Samuel
- Can you dig it?
- Fine thread
- Of an eye part
- Morsel for Fido
- Take for a while
- Land
- Judgment times
- Enters data
- Lady lobster
- Fall locale
- Name for a Dalmatian
- "Not only that..."
- Anabranch
- Clumsy
- Will Smith flick
- Iraqi money
- Inexperienced
- Kind of dance
- Bean used to make miso
- Place that allows "eggs-tradition"?
- Done, to Donne
- Fishing vessel
- Turkey time

Down

- Sweatshirt type
- Fool's ____
- Create a new document
- Appropriate
- Duchies
- Winter Palace resident
- It may follow something
- Come back again
- Jest
- Composed
- Persian spirit
- Ball material
- Smelting waste
- Appliance maker
- Carbon compound
- Sequel title starter

- Betty Boop's puppy
- Old Essen coin
- Jack-in-the-box part
- Olympics chant
- Short
- 30-day mo.
- Consent indicators
- Duffer's dream
- Tags
- Goose egg
- Chain letters?
- Christian ____
- Wild parties
- Ingratiate
- "____ on a Wet Afternoon," 1964 film
- Assignations
- Gumbo vegetables
- Kind of call
- Way in
- Kind of support
- Healthy
- Biology lab supply
- Techie
- Research facility: Abbr.
- Literally, "I forbid"

Last Week's Answers

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TerriAnn in Torrance

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top. Haydn told me he is from South Africa and his mother is Welsh. "I watched *Oliver Twist*--it's my favorite musical," he said in his Welsh/English accent. "I'm into musicals. I sing myself. I write my own songs as well--that's my passion. I got a guitar five years ago, so I put the chords to the guitar and that's what I do--I sing." Why is it a singing chimney sweep does not surprise me?

"Do you burn wood or the Duraflame junk?" asked Greg. I told him I use both, but he told me to go to wood. "Your wall's got some cracks too...when you have a chimney fire, it looks kind of like a burnt marshmallow--crispy. I have never actually seen one. Is it like a flame thrower?" I told him no, it was more like several sparklers at the top of the chimney. Greg told me that some customers in the past have reported a loud sound, like a jet plane while the fire burned. Thank goodness I didn't have that.

Just then, Haydn started up the 'vacuum' and began cleaning the chimney. Soot, ash and other things drifted down toward the grate and the floor of the fireplace. Good thing Haydn wore a mask. Greg said they wear masks to



Hadyn holding the chimney brush.

protect themselves because of all the soot they are exposed to and the masks help protect their lungs. I remember learning in school about the Industrial Revolution in England where the air was so bad the people had to go back to cutting and burning wood instead of the dirty coal. But chimney sweeps are still needed and their job will be here as long as there are fireplaces because their job is cleaning the soot out of the chimney.

After the vacuuming, Greg inspected my fireplace and told me I needed to have the cracks sealed with mortar. He then was able to unplug the holes in my existing gas starter pipe, which saved me some money and that was good news. At least I hadn't burned out anything else that would have required more repairs! This isn't exactly what I had planned to do before Christmas, but having this done is certainly making me feel safer. But I am embarrassed to find out how little I knew about my fireplace. Greg told me a story about one client who has a son who had watched *Mary Poppins* and wanted Greg to wear the 'chimney sweep hat.' Greg told me, "She wanted me to wear the hat. I had the hat at the time. I don't

have it any more and I couldn't get my helper to wear it, so I had to wear it and the kid was so cool. This kid was so sweet and the lady wanted a brush [a chimney sweep brush] for him for Christmas. I got her the brush. The kid was so happy. weet little guy..."

Chimney sweeping as a profession wasn't developed until the 17th and 18th centuries. The beginning of the use of fireplaces to keep warm dates back well into Roman times, but that whole issue is greatly debated. Suffice to say our idea of a chimney sweep is deeply rooted in, well, *Mary Poppins*. I find it interesting to note that originally, chimney sweeps didn't get paid for their work. They collected the soot

and sold it to farmers for fertilizer.

After the cleaning, sweeping, patching and instructing, Greg and Haydn left my home with all their machinery and tools. They climbed into the van and off they went on another call to clean out somebody else's chimney.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the release of the film *Mary Poppins*. What better way to celebrate than to have your chimney swept and remember that "a clean chimney is a safe chimney." As for me, I will continue to call my friendly, bonded and insured chimney sweep, Greg Meyer, every year for he taught me a lot in one day about fire safety. Chim Chim Cher-ee! •



Hadyn cleaning out the chimney. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.



Hadyn Pratt and Greg Meyer.

2013 Torrance Tribune's Best of the Best Awards

Herald Publications Best of the Best Awards gives the community an opportunity to let their voices be heard. The rules are very simple. All one has to do is submit a completed entry form to Herald Publications' office by *December 27, 2013*. Results of this survey will be published in the *January 9, 2014* issue with special sections highlighting the winners to follow.

Each individual in the community is invited to vote one time only. The completed form must be on an original page of the newspaper. No photocopied entries will be accepted.

To include your entry in our contest, simply fill the name of your favorite establishment(s) and the city in which they are located, in the blank below each category. Then, mail or bring in your completed entry form by *December 27, 2013 at noon to:*

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Real Estate

Space-Making Ideas Create Room for Holiday Entertaining

(BPT) - Every holiday party is as individual as the hosts and interesting as the guests. Yet whether you plan a sophisticated dinner party or an afternoon buffet, all parties do have one thing in common: the need for entertaining space.

What did you do last year to make room for your holiday party? Move some furniture into the garage, pile coats in the spare bedroom and use the coffee table for dessert service? This may be your year to find a better way to maximize your entertaining space.

To ensure your holiday guests don't spend the party dodging furniture or looking for a place to sit, several days before the festivities, start planning how you will open up space.

Start with the entryway. Guests should get a sense of welcome and festive atmosphere from the moment they arrive on your doorstep. Thoroughly sweep your front walk, doorstep and the siding around the door. Make sure any outdoor decorations are out of the way, leaving a clear path into the house.

If your foyer is big enough, consider adding a standing coat rack so that guests don't have to hunt for their coats when it's time to go home. If your entryway is snug, don't sacrifice space to add holiday decorations. Stick with decor that can go on the walls, such as garlands, wreaths or lights.

Living and family rooms are often main entertaining areas for holiday parties. Because so much of daily life goes on in these rooms, it's not uncommon for clutter to accumulate. In preparation for your party, remove clutter and unneeded furniture. If your sofa and chairs usually sit away from the wall,

it's OK to push them back to make more space in the center of the room. Once you have ample open space, use a combination of existing seating and some added chairs to create multiple, smaller seating groups.

Getting electronic components out of the way can also help create space. Holiday

party prep is a perfect inspiration to finally get your flatscreen up off that big, clunky TV stand and onto the wall. Wall-mounting a TV not only opens up floor space, it helps ensure everyone can see the screen if you'll be using it to show holiday films, and enhances safety by reducing the chance

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Kitchens are also a popular area for entertaining. Remember, people will congregate wherever there is food, so it's important to maximize kitchen space - and to distribute food stations throughout the rooms where you're entertaining. Remove kitchen clutter, such as small appliances from countertops (you probably won't need the toaster or standing mixer during the party) to make room for food displays.

Finally, don't overlook the value of decorative touches that can make a room feel larger. If you're entertaining during the day, be sure to open all curtains and blinds to admit natural light that will make the room feel brighter and bigger. For evenings, adding a few strategically placed mirrors to walls can help make a room appear larger - plus they give a delightful effect when they reflect twinkling holiday lights.

While candles are a holiday favorite, if they take up valuable entertaining space on table tops, forego them for the party. For that matter, feel free to skip the centerpiece if it takes up too much room. Or, better yet, create an edible centerpiece, such as a display of holiday chocolates or fruit, that acts as both decor and dish. •



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Brian Higa
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