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State Hosts Largest Volunteer Event with Coastal Cleanup Day



The California Coastal Commission will host the 28th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest volunteer event, on Saturday, September 15, 2012. The event will take place at more than 850 locations around the state, comprising the largest single effort to remove the debris that has accumulated on California's beaches and inland shorelines over the past year. This year's event will also provide one of the first opportunities for Cleanup organizers to measure a baseline of debris on our shores that may have washed up as a result of last year's devastating tsunami in Japan. For more information, visit www.coastalcleanupday.org. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

City Council Awards Key to the City to 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist Carmelita Jeter

By Dylan Little

On Tuesday, the Torrance City Council honored three-time Olympic medalist Carmelita Jeter with the Key to the City for her athletic prowess and for positively representing her former hometown on the international stage. At the 2012 London Olympics, Jeter won a bronze medal in the 200-meter, a silver in the 100-meter, and a gold as part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team. In addition, her relay team's gold medal finish also set a new world record for the event. Mayor Frank Scotto expressed his excitement about the former Torrance resident's accomplishments in London and that he was honored to have a chance to recognize her.

"Tonight it is with great pride that we have an opportunity to honor the ongoing achievement of one of Torrance's very own," said Scotto. "Everyone here knows who I am speaking of - Carmelita Jeter, we are so proud to have you here today. With your achievements, you've put Torrance on the map. We are so pleased. Not only did you do it for your school, Bishop Montgomery, but also the city of Torrance. We are very honored to have you here."

Mayor Scotto also complemented Jeter's character and thanked her for being an outstanding representative for the city and the nation. "Her athletic achievements alone deserve praise, but she also demonstrated honor, grace and good sportsmanship as a representative of not only our community but of our nation that made her deserving of great honors," said Scotto.

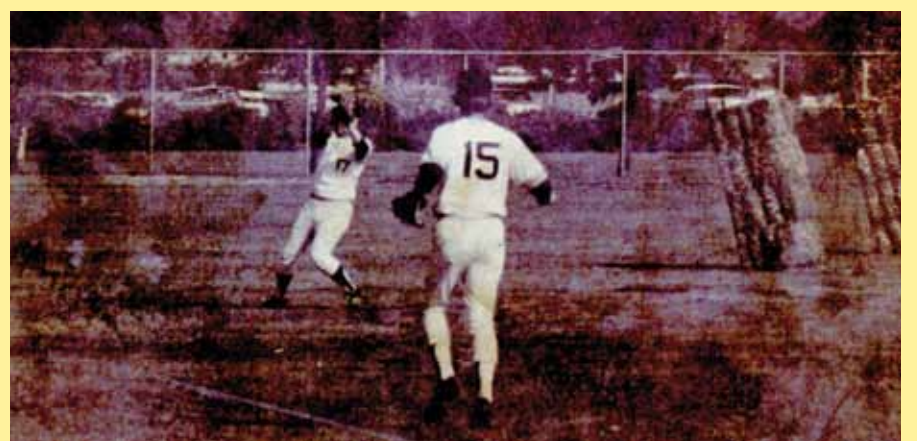
Jeter was thankful for the warm reception from her former hometown. Her day back in Torrance started with a pep rally in her honor at her alma mater and continued to the Council meeting where she was given the Key to the City, the Mayor's Coin and a special centennial pin. She was grateful to have so many kind words and awards waiting for her. "Thank you for acknowledging me today," said Jeter. "It's

a great feeling to know that I can come back to Torrance to get the love and support that I've received today. I'm so grateful to receive the Key to the City."

As Scotto presented Jeter with the key, he explained the significance of the symbolic

award. He said that the Key to the City is the Council's - and all of Torrance's - way of saying she will always be a welcomed and respected part of the community. "[This key] is a symbol to remind her that she will

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#17 Jim Drennan catching ball with #15 Ed Ahrens (back to the camera) in February, 1972 against Occidental College. Photo courtesy of Ed Ahrens.

Dominguez Hills Baseball Team Turns 40

By Cristian Vasquez

Ed Ahrens joined the first baseball team to represent Cal State Dominguez Hills back in 1972 with high hopes for a program being built from the bottom up.

"It was a different experience. I was hoping that I was capable of playing at a four-year school, which I thought I would be after playing at East L.A. College," Ahrens said. "I actually thought that we would do better than we did. I have no memory that I knew who would be there and that was part of the uncertainty."

While playing at East L.A. College, Ahrens realized that most players were from the surrounding area and that in

many instances players knew each other in advance or had at least played with or against each other previously. For that first season in 1972 the team relied on players like Ahrens and Nick Medrano, who recorded the most triples and stolen bases for East L.A. during the 1970 season respectively. Still, the team lacked the cohesiveness necessary for success. They were also restrained by limited resources from a program that was just establishing its roots.

"We might have played at Alondra Park, but I don't remember. I did recall that we played all the road games, including doubleheaders, and it was always on the

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
83°/69°



Saturday
Sunny
82°/69°



Sunday
Sunny
78°/66°



PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

Pets Without Partners

Adopt a "pet without a partner" and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Rosey is a happy little girl and just about the sweetest dog you will ever meet. She is a fun-loving pup who loves all dogs and absolutely *loves* people. Rosey instantly makes friends with everyone she meets. She was born in March 2010 and weighs about 25 pounds. She is a nice-sized dog and smaller in person



Rosey

than she appears in her photo. Rosey loves to go on walks, will sit for treats and will be a great addition into any home situation. This gentle-spirited little girl has a beautiful red Mohawk of curly hair down her back that's a great conversation piece along with her extremely long eyelashes. If you have allergies or love Terriers, come meet this beautiful little dog. Rosey is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, good with kids and cat-safe.

Hurricane Harry got his name because he weathered the storm at his home front. This little bundle of joy was abandoned when his former owners were evicted and simply left him behind in the yard. He was rescued by the neighbor, who got him safely to us. Harry is a Yorkie and a Maltese mix, which makes him a "Morkie." He is a very sweet and happy little guy who is around 12 months old and fully grown at

six pounds. Harry is very playful like a puppy and craves attention. His tail never stops wagging and he loves the company of other dogs. His eyes light up when he sees children. This precious little guy will be a wonderful addition into your home and would love it if you had another dog with whom he can play. Hurricane Harry is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with other dogs, and would be best with children over six due to his small size.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



Hurricane Harry

Purrrfect Companions

Please join us for our annual Fur Ball fundraiser! This year's Fur Ball will be at the *historic* Avalon Theater in Hollywood, Sunday, October 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.



In addition to blackjack, craps, roulette tables and our incredible silent auction, the evening will feature a Poker Tournament where you can win fabulous prizes. Supporting animal rescue has never been so much fun! Tickets and information are available on our website. Here are two of the wonderful kitties who will benefit from this fundraiser as they wait for their "fur-ever" family.

Tracy and **Spencer** were found curled on the UCLA tennis courts, alone, separated



Tracy

from their mom. Matted, covered in fleas and starving to death, they were taken in by Kitten Rescue and bottle-fed every two hours around the clock until they came around. With this devoted attention, these two absolutely

love people. Tracy and Spencer would love to sit next to you or be on your lap. Please give them a home!

Tracy is a terrific little Tabby. She is the sweetest of the sweet. Tracy may be a delicate, adorable little girl, but she loves to play too! She is hoping to share that playtime with you.

Spencer is a fluffy black and white boy who is a total snuggler! On the morning his foster mommy sent in his photo, Spencer awakened her by curling up on her shoulder and rubbing his face into hers. She thought it was the best thing ever. Would you enjoy it too?

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped,



Spencer

tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •

Happy Tails

SIR SPARKLICIOUS: SLED DOG

"Every dog has its day" and Sparky has found his with the breeze blowing through his hair. Keep your eyes open and don't blink--you might be lucky enough to see him sailing past your home...

"It's been a bit since we adopted Sparky from you. He is still full of energy and would love nothing more than to be on a continuous walk around the world. Unfortunately we cannot walk him around the world, so I have taken to having him pull me on my skateboard in our quiet neighborhood. I am sure that in his former life he was in the Iditarod dogsled race in Alaska, as he loves nothing more than this. He has become more and more loving by the day and we are very thankful that we somehow one day accidentally stumbled upon your adoption event while waiting for the street car ride.

"It has been a real gift having him. He has really mellowed out a lot compared to when I first got him and he was real nervous and a bit aggressive. I still don't take him to dog parks, but I do have a few friends' dogs who he actually gets along with--go figure. He loves the backyard and laying in the sun and getting yard dirt, grass, stickers all over him and then bringing them inside for me to clean up after. He also loves to shed.



Well, here's to more dogs getting adopted! Best of luck to you guys and your honorable mission and rest assured that Sir Sparklicious

is doing just fine. Keep up the good work." --Sincerely, Brent and Tracey.

When you adopt a "pet without a partner,"

you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours.

Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

• 20th Annual Fall Bazaar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Free admission. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• 20th Annual Health & Resource Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 4223 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 370-4515 ext. 101.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

• Downtown Torrance Centennial Parade, 12 p.m., on Post Ave., south of Cravens. For more information visit www.TorranceCentennial.org, or call the City Manager's Office at (310) 618-5880.

• Dedication Of Centennial Plaza At El Prado Park along with the burial of a time capsule, 2 p.m., at Carson Street at Manuel Ave. www.TorranceCentennial.org

• Japanese Folk Song & Dance Show, 1 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Box Office: (310) 781-7171.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

• Pajama-rama, 6:30 p.m., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. For more information call (310) 323-7200.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

For more information call City Clerk (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

• South Bay Cities Genealogical Society presents "Torrance: Who Do You Think You Are?", 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• Boots & Bows Square Dance Club Classes start, 7-9:30 p.m., Torrance Womens Club, 1422 Engracia St. Open enrollment: Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. For more information call Rosemary at (310) 372-9263.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• West High 50th Anniversary Celebration. For more information on all events and activities please go to <http://www.whs.tusd.org/vnews/display.v/ART/4fa3f481dacc7> or email Elizabeth (Avoian) Dye at cheffiz@verizon.net.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

• Free Residential Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, West Maint. Bldg Parking Lot, 24501 South Figueroa St., Carson. For more information call (310) 781-6900.

ONGOING

• Downtown Torrance Market Place, every Thursday, 3-7 p.m. For more information call (310) 787-7501 or (310) 328-6107.

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.

**Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
SEPTEMBER 1**

Vandalism: 2600 BLOCK 176TH ST Suspect(s) takes flower pot from victim's wall, places it in the street and removes/destroys plants from within same.

Burglary-Residential: 5600 BLOCK ALIX CT Suspect(s) enters unlocked front door and takes property/laptop, cash, gift cards.

Auto Theft-All: 4400 BLOCK 233RD ST Stolen vehicle: '11 Audi Quattro.

Burglary-Residential: 3900 BLOCK 228TH PL Suspect(s) removes screen and glass from window for entry, ransacks and takes property/laptops, cash.

Burglary-Residential: 3200 BLOCK DALEMead ST Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window, ransacks and takes property/jewelry.

Burglary Commercial: 4100 BLOCK 227TH ST Suspects disable alarm, remove window screen for entry before witness yells out causing suspects to flee/no loss.

Theft: 22500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes unattended property from front of location/bicycle.

Battery Simple: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect punches victim in the chin.

Theft: 24300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/wallet.

Burglary-Auto: 5100 BLOCK VIA EL SERENO Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/cell phone, flashlights, sunglasses, GPS.

AUGUST 31

Auto Theft-All: 4100 BLOCK PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS Stolen vehicle: '05 Lincoln LS.

Burglary-Auto: 400 BLOCK CALLE DE FELIPE Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/keys, medication.

Vandalism: 4400 BLOCK 234TH ST Suspect(s) pours sugar in victim's vehicle's gasoline tank.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 3400 BLOCK MARICOPA ST Suspects stab victim in the back.

AUGUST 30

Battery Simple: TORRANCE BLVD & COTA AVE Suspect attempts to strike police officer during the course of his duties.

Battery Simple: 3900 BLOCK 242ND ST Suspect punches victim in the head.

AUGUST 29

Auto Theft-All: 20300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Stolen vehicle: '12 Cadillac SRX.

Burglary-Auto: 24400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

AUGUST 28

Theft: 2900 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) forces open locker and takes property/wallet.

Auto Theft-All: VAN NESS AVE & 182ND ST Stolen vehicle: '02 BMW 325.

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"The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom."

~ Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of NYC

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- Arco** 23510 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Arico Hallmark** 3856 Sepulveda Blvd.
- Artesian Car Wash** 17500 Prairie Ave.
- Back in Action** Del Amo Medical Center
21320 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 122
- Benihana** 21327 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Billy's Deli & Cafe** 5160 W. 190th St.
- Bottle Shop** 2087 Torrance Blvd.
- Brookside Village** 621 S. Prospect Blvd.
- Buffalo Fire** 1261 Cabrillo Ave.
- Capricciosa Italian** 24301 Crenshaw Blvd
- Chamber Of Commerce** 3400 Torrance Blvd.
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- Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf** 21300B Hawthorne Blvd.
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- Coin-Op- Laundry Fluff & Fold** 5123 Torrance Blvd.
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- Cop-A-Tan** 24231 Crenshaw Blvd.
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- El Pollo Inka** 23705 Hawthorne Blvd.
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- Express Auto Service** 20505 Hawthorne Blvd.
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- Froots** 21219 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Griffith Adult Center** 2291 Washington Ave.
- Hamilton Adult Center** 2606 W. 182nd St.
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- Home Team Realty** 23900 Hawthorne Blvd.
- ISU - ERG Insurance Agency** 3300 Sepulveda Blvd.
- Jack's Pizza** 5007 P.C.H., Torrance
- Japanese Restaurant** 20920 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Ken's Market** 901 Inglewood Blvd.
- L. A. Fitness** 3550 W. Carson St #404
- La Cocina** 4438 W. 182nd St.
- Levy Adult Center** 3420 W. 229th Place
- Lingley Chevron Extra Mile** 23420 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Little Company Of Mary Hospital** 4101 Torrance Blvd.
- Little Company Of Mary Medical Cntr** 4201 Torrance Blvd.
- Marriott Courtyard** 1925 190th St.
- Miyako Hybrid Hotel** 21381 S. Western Ave.
- Mercedes Benz** 3233 P.C.H., Torrance
- Mongolian BBQ** 21006 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Pacific Porsche** 2900 P.C.H., Torrance
- Palos Verdes Bowl** 24600 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Police Dept.** 3604 Artesia Blvd.
- Power Infiniti** 3035 P.C.H., Torrance
- Power Volvo** 3030 P.C.H., Torrance
- Pregnancy Help Center** 1311 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite A
- Prudential Real Estate** 23530 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Ralphs** 1413 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Ralphs** , 5035 P.C.H., Torrance
- Rascal's Teriyaki Grill** 5111 Torrance Blvd.
- RE-MAX Exec South Bay** 23740 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Residence Inn** 3701 Torrance Blvd.
- Sea Shore Chinese** 5137 Calle Mayor
- Seafood Town Resturant** 22922 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Shakey's Pizza** 5105 Torrance Blvd., Torrance
- Shoe Dog** 25359 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Shorewood Realty** 1009 Torrance Blvd.
- Snax - Wood Rack** 4539 Sepulveda Blvd.
- South Bay BMW** 18800 Hawthorne Blvd.
- South End Tennis** 2800 Skypark
- Southeast Torrance** 23115 Arlington Ave.
- Southwood Cleaners** 22232 Palos Verdes Blvd.
- Star Dental** 2370 Crenshaw Blvd., Unit G,
- Starbuck's Coffee** 5005 P.C.H., Torrance
- Staybridge Suites Hotel** 19901 Prairie Ave.
- Texas Loosey's** 22252 Palos Verdes Blvd.
- T.R.G. Real Estate Group** 3480 Torrance Blvd.
- Thai Massage** 24020 Vista Montana #A
- The Depot** 1250 Cabrillo Ave.
- The Little Gym** 20914 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Tony Roma's** 24301 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Toraya Ramen Restaurant** 24231 Crenshaw Blvd., #D
- Torrance Bakery** 1341 El Prado Ave.
- Torrance City Hall** 3031 Torrance Blvd.
- Torrance Cultural Arts Center** 3320 Civic Center
- Torrance Library** 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- Torrance Library** 4805 Emerald St.
- Torrance Police Dept.** 3300 Civic Center
- Torrance Recreation Center** 3341 Torrance Blvd.
- Tortilla Cantina** 1225 El Prado Ave.
- Tucker's Market** 3690 Newton St.
- Vince's Spaghetti** 23609 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Wahoo's Fish Taco** 3556 Torrance Blvd.
- Walgreens** 2690 P.C.H., Torrance
- Walgreens** 4142 P.C.H., Torrance
- Walgreens** 2976 W. Sepulveda Blvd.
- Walgreens** 2321 Hawthorne Blvd, Redondo Beach
- Walgreens** 22930 S. Western Ave.
- Walser's Art Supplies** 23145 Kashiwa Court
- West End Raquet & Health** 4343 Spencer St.
- Western Museum of Flight** 3315 Airport Drive
- Yamabuki Restaurant** 23863 Hawthorne Blvd.
- YMCA Torrance-South Bay** 2900 E. Sepulveda Blvd.
- Zina's Restaurant** 4125 Calle Mayor

Faith

You Are an Agent of Change - A Rosh Hashanah Message

By Rabbi Yossi Mintz

Are you worried about the future of our community, schools, state, country or even our planet? Is there anything you can do to make a difference and affect change locally and beyond?



I believe that we actually can make a difference; we can change our vast surroundings. When the first human couple was created, they were told by their Creator: "Replenish the earth, and master it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28).

We were given the power to master the whole world and to transform it for good, on land, sea and in the air, and we were instructed so to do; this is our task.

But there is one prerequisite for us to be able to unleash that transformative power and 'change the world': we must first transform ourselves. It is hopeless to try to change everything around us if we ourselves remain unchanged. How can we fix the problems of society if we ourselves remain broken?

As the sun sets on September 16, Jews around the world will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, marking 5,773 years since creation. In Judaism, the 'New

Year' is not only a day of celebration but a day of retrospection; what did we accomplish last year, and perhaps more importantly what will we do differently next year?

So as Rosh Hashanah approaches and our reflections begin, our first thoughts must be about how we can change. How can we make sure that our lives will be more meaningful and more productive than they have been?

But where do we begin? Our first step for change is connecting back to our Creator. After all, our Creator is the best source for learning how to maximize our potential. So we turn to Him in prayer, don the Tefillin, light Shabbat candles, or celebrate Shabbat or a festival with our families. Our transformation has now begun.

Spiritually refreshed and connected to our souls, we now can set out to become better parents, spouses and friends. As we change ourselves, our interactions change, those around us change, gradually creating a ripple of goodness spreading outwards and changing the entire world.

Join me this year on Rosh Hashanah as we begin to change our world by reconnecting to our Creator at the Jewish Community Center. At the JCC everyone is welcome. We see every person as a transformative agent waiting for their power to be unleashed. No fees or membership is required.

Our children lead the way in creating change. Come with your children to our interactive and fun family services designed especially for children, with programs for pre-school and elementary school ages.

May you succeed in bringing positive change to our world and in turn may you and your family be blessed with a happy and sweet year, both physically and spiritually.

Our High Holiday Services will be held at our Center at 2108 Vail Ave. in Redondo Beach. All are welcome and no membership is necessary.

For more information please call: 310-214-4999, email: rabbiyossi@jccmb.com or visit our website www.jccmb.com.

Why Should I Attend Church?

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

Why Should I Attend Church?

In no other place can one hear:

How much God loves the whole wide world.

The challenging questions of the day.

The power and goodness of grace and kindness.

The need to grow and keep on growing.

The stories of faith: from creation to covenant to cross and the new creation.

The big picture and the place of faith.

Honest dealing with death and sorrow.

Encouragement and hope grounded in the work of God.

In church, the largeness of God's love will make us larger, too, in mind and heart and deed.

Of course, not every church passes the above test. Some are small-minded and full of noise. Not everything that claims to be church is church. If it feels real, than it probably is. If it feels forced, or in any way less than real, trust your instincts.

If one is a Christian, seeking to take Jesus seriously, the company of believers is a vital part of the journey; indeed, essential. Jesus calls us one-by-one, but only to meld us into the community of faith, to fulfill God's original image of creation - to live together well, caring for one another and God's good earth.

This community of faith might be a traditional church with choir and organ; it might be a living room fellowship or a megachurch. But whatever it is, the promise of Jesus seals the deal: "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am."

The Spirit will not honor those who prefer to go it alone - a contradiction of love. But in fellowship, faulty and frail as it may be, there is always the possibility of love, and where there is love, God is there, too.

—Rev. Tom Eggebeen, *Calvary Presbyterians, Hawthorne*

Allow me, if you will, gently to rephrase the question to "What Kind of Church Should I Attend?" The answer to that question is four-fold.

First, you should attend a church that faithfully teaches the Scriptures as God's authoritative Word. Second, you should attend a church that joyfully worships God as Maker, Savior and Friend. Third, you should attend a church that shares and shows Jesus to the surrounding community. Finally, (and in many ways, most importantly) you should attend a church that is committed to the Good News that God - despite your rebellion against Him - has loved you enough to provide a savior to take upon Himself the full penalty of human sin for all who trust in His sacrifice. That savior is Jesus Christ and His call - indeed, our plea at the church I serve - is for you to bow to Him as your rightful Lord and to believe on Him as your

only Savior ... with the promise that when you do, eternal life will be yours!

That's the kind of church you should be looking for. You will find at the congregation I serve a company of people that is struggling - very imperfectly - to live up to those four marks. But whether you find that church among us or elsewhere (and there are many such like-minded churches!) the important thing is that you find one ... and (most importantly) you find Him, in whom every church should trust, and to whom every church should commit itself.

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

What was the most beautiful sight you've ever seen? What kind of power could have produced something so achingly beautiful that it reduces a human being to wordless wonder? Surely the sheer wonder of life should raise huge questions for us....

The Bible unashamedly says that all this natural beauty and amazing intricacy is meant to point us towards God, the one who created the extraordinary scale and complexity of the universe we live in, and the bodies we inhabit.

But this is the point at which many people switch off. The may have caught something of the marvel of creation, but Christianity leaves them cold. Many people find Christianity incredibly dull, and entirely irrelevant. You may have already decided the contents of the Bible are untrue. So before we can answer the question why should I attend your church, let's clear away all the misconceptions about Christianity so that you can examine the facts for yourself.

If you think Christianity is all about churches, and rules- leaving your brain at the door and then having all your fun spoiled- you have been misled. That's not what it's all about. The first sentence in Mark's Gospel says that Christianity is about Christ, Jesus Christ.

I have to be honest and say that I understand those who find the Christian faith useless, meaningless, unappealing or unbelievable. But the problem is that, often, what they have written off is not the real thing. Mark says his book is "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ" The word "gospel" means "good news".

Christianity Explored is a course designed by people who once felt the same way as you might be feeling right now. This course exists to clear away all the misconceptions about Christianity so that you can examine the facts for yourself. Look in this paper next week for details about how, when and where you can attend.

You may have had bad experiences of religion. If so, stick around to see how un-religious Jesus is.

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Sports

Return to Glory for Bruins?

By Adam Serrao

When Southern California talks about college football, there is only one school that garners all of the attention. USC has been making headlines for as long as most people in Los Angeles can remember--no matter if those headlines have been good or bad. The year 2012, however, has been kind to the city of Los Angeles. Whether it's the Lakers attracting Dwight Howard to become a super-team, the Dodgers making blockbuster trades to pull in superstars to the L.A. market, or the Kings winning the Stanley Cup, Los Angeles, it seems, is becoming somewhat of a sports Mecca. It comes as no surprise then to see the UCLA Bruins back on top of their game. With a win last Saturday night over perennial college superpower and number 16-ranked Nebraska, UCLA not only stayed undefeated, but also showed that they are ready for a return back to glory.

The UCLA Bruins have been out of the limelight in Los Angeles for quite some time now. In all, the team has 17 conference championships with the last one being claimed all the way back in 1998 under Bob Toledo's regime. That's almost a full 15 years without merely a squeak from the blue and gold. Fans, players and coaches are all hoping that their streak of inferiority ends this year, however. Beginning the season with a 2-0 record isn't a bad way to start. A win against Rice on opening day for the Bruins didn't exactly catch everyone's eye, though. Those who have followed UCLA and the team's plight over the last 15 seasons have known them to open the season with a victory only to tank the next couple of games and finish towards the bottom of the Pac-12 standings. Who's to say that this year is any different? It was Rice, after all--a weak opponent, to say the least. That's why when people saw Nebraska on the schedule, they were ready to change their minds about the direction of the team if they could simply keep themselves in the game. Well, the Bruins did more than just stay in the game.

At the end of the game, the scoreboard read 36-30. The six-point difference didn't only signify a win for UCLA, but it demonstrated the fact that these revamped Bruins simply were not going to let themselves be pushed around anymore. Not even by Nebraska. "We all made a promise to each other that we weren't going to bow down this year," senior defensive end Datone Jones said. "We came into this year with another chance to play for our team and our family, and we want it to be a good season." It was Jones who gave his team the

momentum to attain the eventual victory by breaking through the opposing offensive line in the fourth quarter to sack Nebraska's starting quarterback Taylor Martinez in the end zone for a safety that broke a 27-27 tie. Jones and the defense weren't the only ones clicking on all cylinders, though. After racking up 214 yards last week against Rice, starting running back for the Bruins Johnathan Franklin poured on another 217 yards on 26 carries. He also managed to catch three passes for 59 yards and a touchdown. Brett Hundley also continue his impressive play at quarterback for the Bruins, passing for 305 yards and four touchdowns in what was his debut at the Rose Bowl.

Perhaps the biggest reason for UCLA's turnaround is the revamped coaching staff led by head coach Jim Mora. Mora, a veteran NFL coach who took over for Rick Neuheisel after the latter's four dismal seasons with the Bruins, arrived in Westwood with no college coaching experience. The former Falcon and Seahawk head coach has immediately made an impact by energizing the team with his well-practiced coaching techniques. "We just have a different mentality this year," said Hundley. "We come out and learn from our mistakes, and we play our game. Coach Mora has done an amazing job with this team." Mora isn't the only coach making an impression, however. New offensive coordinator Noel Mazzone has seen to it that his offense would top 640 yards in both of its first two games this season. If UCLA can keep the impressive performances coming, it won't be long before they see themselves boost up in the Pac-12 power rankings. The effects of their impressive play can already be felt in Utah. The Utes lost last Friday night at Utah State, propelling UCLA even higher up in the Pac-12 South standings.

With the effort put up last week against a mighty Nebraska team, the excitement in Westwood and all of Southern California over a new and improved UCLA squad is sure to only grow. Bringing in a completely new coaching staff headed by Mora was done to gain back some of the team's national acclaim that has been lost now for well over a decade. Though it is early and not even a handful of results are in, Mora seems to have been the right person to choose for the job. With impressive performances put on like the one the Bruins displayed last week against Nebraska, the acclaim that the school has been looking for will surely be back in a hurry--only this time, it may just be here to stay. •

Up and Adam

Warriors, Tartars Meet Head On

By Adam Serrao

Before the season started this year, both coaches Rock Hollis of the Tartars and Greg Holt of the Warriors had this matchup circled on the schedule. Sure, Torrance and West High aren't in the same division, so the implications of a win versus a loss lessen, but only slightly. With home town bragging rights on the line, though, a win on every single snap of the ball means superiority. Last Friday night at West High, the Warriors were clearly the superior team and it seemed as if they actually did win on every single snap of the ball. With a 52-14 victory over the Tartars, the Warriors improved their record to 2-0 and moved up to first place in the Bay League standings.

It wasn't until the end of last season that the Warriors figured it all out. After an average start to their year in which West went 4-4, the team ended the season with two huge victories against Peninsula and

Warriors have now beaten the Tartars six out of their last seven meetings, including four straight.

NORTH HIGH

The North High Saxons started the year off with a tough loss to Redondo Union, but have come out to prove a point ever since. With a 56-14 road victory over Leuzinger last Friday night, North has won its last two games by a combined score of 98-17. It would be hard-pressed to say that the team is playing angrily, but it definitely has a chip on its shoulder and a point to get across to every opponent that takes the opposite end of the field.

The story of the game was North starting quarterback Jorge Hernandez. Hernandez threw for 279 yards, which in the Pioneer League sounds like a slightly above average night. The kicker was his seven touchdown passes that came along with those 279 yards. Mique Juarez led the way for the

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Leuzinger to up its overall record to 6-4. Over the offseason, the huge question surrounding the Warriors was if they would be able to keep that momentum intact and carry it over into this year. Clearly, they have started off right where they left off. Already 2-0 this season, the Warriors aren't just winning—they're dismantling opponents. In their last four games (going back to last year), the Warriors have put up 173 points while only allowing 58. Their 38-point victory over the Tartars last Friday night was only more evidence that it's not just their offense that is running on all cylinders, but it's also their defense that is coming up with huge stops.

The Warriors came out early looking to prove a point against the Tartars. The offense, behind starting quarterback Joey Notch, used its first drive of the game to go 80 yards in just seven plays, including an 18-yard touchdown pass from Notch to his junior wide receiver Craig Knaus to score the first points of the game and take an early 7-0 lead before even two minutes had expired off the first quarter clock. Before the quarter ended, running back Barry Thomas hauled in a 65-yard reception from Notch and scored on a goal line push to make the score 14-0 after one quarter of play. The Tartars were able to cut the lead in half early on the in the second quarter when running back Bobby Wilson scored on a four-yard TD run, but by the time halftime rolled around the Warriors had the game in hand at 24-7.

In the second half, the shellacking just kept coming as the Warriors were able to put 28 more points on the board while holding the Tartars to just seven. "One success was the offense we had, but I was real proud of our defensive guys," Warrior coach Holt said. "You have to contain Torrance because they're just going to keep coming at you." Contain them is certainly what the Warriors did. West High held the Tartars to just 142 total yards of offense, while in contrast putting up 490 yards. "We knew we had our work cut out for us," said Torrance coach Hollis. "I didn't expect it to be a drubbing like this." Notch may have been the main reason the game got so out of hand, as the senior quarterback threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns. Thomas handled the ball 15 times for 100 yards and two scores while also coming in on the receiving end of three passes for 105 yards and a touchdown. The

Saxon receivers, hauling in four catches for 91 yards and three touchdowns. Michael Jurado and Devante Jenkins came down with two touchdowns apiece to combine for the seven total TDs. North's defense was just as explosive as its offense, however. In the first half of play, the opposing quarterback succeeded in completing just one pass to his receivers and finished the game 4 for 14 for 42 yards and an interception. The Saxons' impressive play has moved them back up the charts to third place in the Pioneer League, but the season is far from over. With league play just around the corner, North High is shaking off the rust at just the right time to make a run at the Pioneer League crown.

SOUTH HIGH

The South High Spartans are beginning to show that they have a flare for the dramatic. In their week one victory at Carpinteria, the Spartans edged out their opponent by a slim margin of eight points. This week in their first home game against Rosemead, the contest would come down to the last minutes of the game once again.

With a 33-27 lead with just over two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Rosemead had the ball and was driving towards the end zone to score what would have been the game-tying touchdown and go-ahead extra point. Rosemead quarterback Everardo Camacho dropped back to throw a pass down field when Carl Kaemerle intercepted the ball, thus allowing the Spartans to run out the clock and hold on to their six-point lead for the victory.

Though Kaemerle saved the game for the Spartans, it was junior running back Brandon Chavez who came up big all night. Chavez finished with 103 yards on 16 carries and four total touchdowns for South High. "He's the guy we want to get the ball to and he had a hell of a game for us tonight," said head coach Josh Waybright of Chavez's performance. Kaemerle was big on offense as well, finishing with a touchdown and a team-high 73 yards receiving in addition to his game-saving interception. With the victory, the Spartans remain undefeated on the season and in a tie for first place with El Segundo in the Pioneer League. They will be tested this week as they take on a traditionally powerful Mira Costa team that is coming off of a seven-point loss to Serra last week.

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Carlos, the neighborhood talking cat, had wrapped his life vest around his chest and had floaters around all four legs. He had tucked his whiskers inside his diving mask and tightened the mini-flippers on both rear paws. He hunched in anticipation, staring at the ocean. "Wazzup, cat?" I asked. "The tsunami is coming," he replied, "and it's gonna be HUGE! The signs are everywhere.

"The Beach Boys are retuning their instruments and warming their voices to sing 'Wipe Out' all over again. Romney has more money now than Obama and is out-raising him by \$25 million per month. Wipe Out!

"The Washington Post/ABC poll shows Obama's popularity among women had been 57-39 in his favor in April, but had fallen to a negative 46-50 by June. His attempt to create a Republican war against women had failed.

"The first to desert the sinking ship was Rahm Emanuel, who has left the Obama campaign during the convention! More Democrats too will distance themselves from Obama as the size and scope of the tidal wave becomes clearer.

"Obama's overall job approval rating has fallen to 43 percent, while Romney's likeability factor now equals Obama's.

"Food stamp participation has risen in the last few months from 45 million to 46.7 million, a record high, and the cost of the program has risen 43 percent in the last two years. There are now as many people on Food stamps as there are living

in poverty.

"The GM bailout story is falling flat too as the company's profits have fallen 52 percent from last year and there is growing fear of another bankruptcy filing. Since taxpayers own 500,000 shares of GM, our loss would be catastrophic, dwarfing Solyndra. Perhaps Obama should have hired Bain Capital to advise him on corporate investments.

"Obama had faced the possibility of not being able to fill the 74,000-seat Bank of America stadium during the convention, so used the threat of a rain to move his speech to the 20,000-seat indoor arena. The wave is building and it's going to be a monster. Sand at the bottom is churning and the wave's peak is growing.

"Gasoline prices at Labor Day were the highest in history as Obama's war on oil and coal have taken their toll.

"With \$16 trillion in national debt, each taxpayer's share of the debt is over \$140,000--almost three times his average annual income of \$50,000.

"Even as Democrats claim we're better off than we were four years ago, the World Economic Forum says U.S.' international competitiveness has fallen for four consecutive years and in fact dipped from fifth to seventh in the last 12 months alone."

Looking forward, the cat said, "Next week, I'm going to put on my Dallas Cowgirls' cheerleading outfit, pull my blonde wig down tight, hike up my four boots and my bra, and start chanting, 'We're number seven, we're number seven!'" •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So proud of the Kid, who has been vacationing in Florida. Not invited on the trip, but that's okay. Sent him a text, which he didn't return all that quickly, querying if he was watching the monotonous game that was opening up the NFL football season.

He said, "No--watching the DNC convention." And the darn good speech by Slick Willie Clinton. Which made a lot of people happy. Clinton is a great speaker, whatever else you may think about him.

Now that the political nominating conventions have come and gone, the real race for the presidency starts in earnest. According to the polls, the incumbent ex-community organizer, the POTUS, Mr. Barack Obama, holds a little bit of a lead over Mitt "The Glove" Romney.

Was looking to the plasma, with the lovely Michelle Obama extolling her husband's virtues on the opening night of the Democratic convention. Shockingly, she notes that her hubby has done a wonderful job in his first three-plus years on the job...as the minions chant in the stands in Charlotte, North Carolina, "Four more years!" Which the POTUS will probably get. Not all too often that an incumbent President, unless he has made a major misstep, gets tossed to the wayside after four years, so help me, Jimmy Carter.

And, incredibly, the very handsome and debonair James Carville, Democratic honk extraordinaire, thought that the first night of the Demo convention was just riveting, as he commented on the left-leaning CNN network. And that, if the next couple of nights went

as well, that the POTUS was on his way to a November cakewalk.

Pathetically, the struggling CNN network just flipped on an interview with some dude named will.i.am. Guess he is in some Pea Band. Why, oh why, does a network like CNN that is struggling for ratings and relevancy turn their cameras and airtime overtime to some nondescript musician? And then inform us that what he says matters?

Democrat, Republican. Doesn't matter what some rich, privileged actor or singer says, does it? Hope none of you out there are foolish enough to be swayed by their pampered pinings.

So while all of this conventioning is going on, where is the erstwhile Mayor of La La Land, the once-named Tony Villar? As the City of the Angels continues to face a heck of a lot of crucial problems? Why, according to published reports, the renamed Antonio Villaraigosa has been freeloading his way through both of the recent convention sites. As even his supporters worry that the City Hall is on the verge of going broke, like a lot of other cities in the Great Bankrupt State of California. Speaking of bankrupt, wonder when the next boffo movie will feature the failed ex-Gov. of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger?

Expendable? Nice. So the battle is now being engaged in earnest. Hope you are paying a little attention to this, more than the time you waste on Facebook or sending a useless text or Tweet out? Grow up, folks. We are electing a President... Which is a tad bit more important than incessantly playing with your cell phone, right? •

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By George Valverde – Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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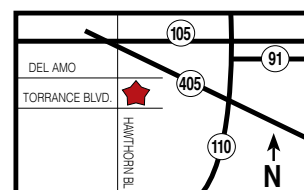
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TerriAnn in Torrance

School Days in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Pee Chees, pens, spiral notebooks, pencils, books and school clothes were all part of getting ready for school when I was little. Now, school supplies consist of a computer, maybe a cell phone, school clothes and you



Michael Lancaster.

are all set. Backpacks still accompany many, but I rarely see anyone carrying stacks of books home. With school in full swing for some and just beginning for others, I decided to ask some students and teachers how they felt about the beginning of school after the summer holiday.

Michael Lancaster, age 17, told me, "I started school August 15. I am a senior at Gunderson High School in San Jose." I asked Michael who Gunderson was and he said, "Henry T. Gunderson--I heard it somewhere and read the plaque in the front by the office...I am taking economics, sociology, marine biology, physiology, algebra II and wrestling. Summer kind of drags on when you don't do much. You get a little bored of doing nothing." Michael told me he wrestles in the winter and is happy school has started.

His brother Thomas Lancaster, age 26, served in the Army as a combat engineer in Iraq from 2007 to 2011 and is now going to school on the GI Bill. Thomas began classes at San Jose State University on August 22 and is taking archeology, chemistry, kinesiology (sport therapy) and a political science class. He is studying to become a physical therapist. "I was glad to start [school] and get it started," Thomas said. Like many students

working, I said I am taking it home--I had to have it." I asked Thomas why he wanted to become a physical therapist and he said, "Because I got hurt [in the military] and I felt it was my calling after I was doing rehab. It clicked. I wanted to help those [who get injured] like those who helped me."

The Torrance schools have always been a model for excellence and high achievement. Founded in 1917, Torrance High School is the oldest school in Torrance. The Torrance school system broke off from the Los Angeles district in 1947 and in 1948 the elementary and high schools merged into one unified district. The City of Torrance currently has 17 elementary schools, eight middle schools and four high schools. That doesn't include the continuation high school, the adult school or the many private schools that reside in our community. Our schools are a beacon of learning and high standards. And that is not just because I attended them. I checked out *Newsweek's America's Best High Schools of 2012* and found South High, West High



Thomas Lancaster.

and Torrance High among its ranks. Pretty impressive.

Outside Torrance High School, the marquee read, "First Day of School Thurs. 9/6," reminding passersby when school begins. It was there that I ran into four teachers who happen to be leaving the school. Stopping to speak with me was Ms. Jodi Gutierrez, who teaches freshman and sophomore English. She is excited about the beginning of school even though she was using crutches due to a sprained ankle she suffered while running a half marathon. "I am just starting at this school," Jodi said as she laughed. "I have my [what I did this] summer story! I was at Mira Costa in Manhattan Beach for

They all seemed to be looking forward to the new year.



Jodi Gutierrez, English Teacher at Torrance High School.

From there I went to a local Torrance eatery where I met six-year-old Elliot Langston, who will be entering first grade at Fern Elementary School. Elliot was having lunch with his sister and mom. Elliot told me, "Most of them [his friends] I already know." He then went on to tell me his backpack is yellow, but he might get a new one. His sister Ryland, age three, was dressed up in a princess outfit and told me she was excited to see her teacher "Miss Christine" at Town and Country School.

Listening to Elliot talk about his backpack reminded me of when I was in the fourth grade and I decided I needed a briefcase to carry my school books because Jeffrey Barlough, who lived next door, had one and I thought it was great. My parents agreed, so my sister and I both started school that year with briefcases! What a sight we must have been...



Ryland, age 3, and Elliot Langston, age 6.

I then bumped into Gail Shota and her daughter, nine-year-old Samantha, who said, "I love school--it's so much fun." She told me she is in fourth grade and her favorite subject is math. And when asked if she was happy school had started for her, she said, "Um... kind of, yah because I saw my friends all summer in day camp, but not all of them."

Later that day, I met six-year-old Christian Chun and asked him about kindergarten. When I asked what school he attended, Christian told me, "First Lutheran in Torrance. I like

school...I am happy that school is starting. I have a red Ninjago backpack." Christian's mom Carolyn told me her son is ready to begin school tomorrow.

Jim Stetson was born and raised in downtown Torrance and has been teaching Spanish at South High School for 26 years. He told me, "I enjoy it very much. Every class you get is a little different. One of the nice things about education is you're dealing with people that have a lot of potential and promise and that is a very good situation to work with because you are part of the mix. The way I look at teaching is it's not just me giving them instructions and them giving something back to me. I see their achievement as a sum of their effort and my effort. It is a mix--a dynamic. It isn't like you are working with a machine. You are working with people." From speaking with Jim, his students are lucky to have him. I



Samantha Shota, age 9.

asked him if he liked teaching and he said, "Every year I have wonderful students." This year, Jim has 190 to 200 students. I asked him if he was ready for school to start today and he said, "Yes. We have 11 weeks off and I think that is pretty good. Not a lot of jobs give you 11 weeks off."

All this preparation for the first day of school made me think about all the first days of school I have had and will have. Each day there is something to learn and discover and everyone I spoke with was anticipating the unknown adventure in front of them. Learning is an adventure that lasts a lifetime. I smiled as I remembered the old Beach Boys' song in my head, "Be True to Your School."

"When some loud braggart tries to put me down and says his school is great, I tell him right away, 'Now what's the matter buddy? Ain't you heard of my school? It's number one in the state.' So be true to your school now, just like you would to your girl or guy. Be true to your school now and let your colors fly. Be true to your school..." And so it goes. •



Christian, age 6, and Carolyn Chun.

today, Thomas keeps himself busy by both working and going to school. He told me, "I work at a junkyard. It is funny to see all the good stuff and cars people throw away. I found a '59 Rambler last August when I was

two years and I was at South High here in Torrance and I am happy to be back here in the Torrance district. I am really excited to be back," added Jodi. Mr. Steve Love told me he has been teaching English for 10 years.



Torrance High School. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

Student Perspective

Proposed Bill Would Require Three Feet before Overtaking Cyclists

By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

As a daily bicycle commuter, only a few things irk me more than having cars come dangerously close to my bicycle as they attempt to overtake me. As stated in an earlier article, these actions put cyclists' lives at risk and intimidate would-be cyclists from riding on the streets. These acts also harm the already low relations between cyclists and drivers on the road. The increase in the amount of cyclists on the road should not translate to an increase in the number of preventable bicycle-related accidents. But a new bill moving up the Senate and gaining popularity would require drivers to give at least three feet of space between cyclists before overtaking them. If this bill is signed into law, it would give cyclists the assurance of their presence on the road and the legal protection they deserve in case of an accident.

A brief article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* reveals a short summary about the bill. The story summarized the bill's journey from it gaining the State Assembly's approval and working its way up to the Senate in which it won by a majority vote of 29-4. Dubbed SB1464, it would require drivers to give at least three feet of space between cyclists before overtaking them. A more thorough summary of the bill can be found in the California State Legislature's website, where the full bill, along with its history, is available for viewing. The proposed bill would also allow drivers to cross the double parallel white or yellow lines in order to safely overtake a cyclist and include a requirement to reduce to a reasonable pace if the driver cannot give three feet of space while overtaking a cyclist. The bill would also provide a first offense penalty of \$35 to any driver caught disobeying.

There is nothing more intimidating for the first-time bike commuter to only be a few feet away from a two-ton automobile. An average rookie mistake to react to such a situation is to ride on the far right side of the road and riskily let cars squeeze them out. But next to riding on the sidewalk, the far right side of the road is the most dangerous place for any cyclist to be in because it allows cars to ride dangerously close to cyclists and restricts their movement. This can prove to be

extremely dangerous to cyclists if they have to move away from road hazards. Instead, what beginner cyclists need to do is to assert themselves to drivers and take up the entire lane if it is a wide street. Asserting their presence to drivers prevents the intimidating "squeezing out" that happens when a cyclist is riding timidly. But even if the rider is effectively asserting himself on the road, he is still at the mercy of an aggressive driver.

To counteract this, the State Legislature's website stated that the proposed bill would require a fine of \$220 if the driver collides with the cyclist, causes bodily harm, and is found in violation with the act. If SB1464 is signed into law by the Governor, it would give cyclists the legal protection they need to defend them in court in the case of an accident.

Currently, today's bike laws require only drivers to pass cyclists at a safe distance. The problem with this is that the actual safe distance required for overtaking fluctuates between drivers and their current schedules. The definition of a safe distance can be an entire lane to some, or a few inches to others. Some drivers even rudely justify their risky actions as "safe" because it "didn't hit anything." If the new bill is passed, it would give an actual measurement, three feet, of how much space is needed before overtaking. This may sound excessive to drivers, but three feet is only a third of the entire width of a regular urban lane, which according to the *Federal Highway Administration*, has widths of nine to 12 feet.

The introduction of SB1464, if signed into law, would give cyclists the legal protection they need from the aggressive and distracted drivers who endanger their lives every day. By adding a specific measurement necessary to overtake a cyclist, it would prevent the fluctuating definition of what a safe distance is to drivers. The bill also brings forth just punishments to people caught violating the act or injuring a bicyclist. But this bright future protecting the safety of thousands of cyclists will not be realized if California's Governor, Jerry Brown, does not sign the bill into law. But with the bill's surge in popularity and landslide victories in both the State Assembly and Senate, the day may soon come when more cyclists in California are properly respected on the road. •

Police

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Theft: 2200 BLOCK 180TH PL Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary Commercial: 2400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) peels back rear of shed for entry and takes property/school supplies.

Burglary Commercial: 2700 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) enters open business, proceeds to office, pries open drawer, pries open cash boxes and takes property/cash.

Battery-Simple: 2900 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect punches victim in the mouth.

Burglary Commercial: 18300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD Suspect(s) pries open doors for entry, forces open locked case and takes property/handguns, long guns.

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Theft: 20400 BLOCK VICTOR ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from rear of location/bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 24400 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Stolen vehicle: '99 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Vandalism: 22300 BLOCK LADEENE AVE Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint.

Burglary Commercial: 500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) cuts off locks on storage containers for entry and

takes property/generator, hammer drill, rotator hammers, spool of copper wire, extension cords.

Theft: 20900 BLOCK ANZA AVE Suspect(s) cuts lock securing property in carport and takes same/bicycle.

Vandalism: 2800 BLOCK COLUMBIA ST Suspect(s) enters open office and damages laptop screens.

Auto Theft-All: 3500 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '98 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Burglary Residential: 23900 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE Suspect(s) cuts hole in security door for access and takes locked property from carport/bicycle.

Auto Theft-All: 2800 BLOCK 235TH ST Stolen vehicle: '00 Chevrolet van.

AUGUST 26

Burglary Auto: 400 BLOCK CALLE DE CASTELLANA Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry and takes property/third row seat.

Burglary Auto: 18200 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE Suspect(s) pries door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/sunglasses, guitar, backpack, bible, music books, cables, microphone.

Theft: 3300 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle's engine compartment/battery. •

Dominguez

from front page

opposing team's turf," Ahrens said. "It is very difficult to win when you are always on the road. If we were the home team, we definitely did not have a home diamond or practice facility."

Much has changed since that first 5-31 season back in 1972. The program has grown and enjoys state-of-the-art practice and playing facilities--and there has been an abundance of winning seasons, including five NCAA West Regionals appearances (1986, 1987, 1004, 2009 and 2010), two CCAA Conference Tournament appearances (2009 and 2010) and two conference championships (1987 and 2005). Just like the team's first two coaches, Roy Easley and Bob Bafia, the current coaching staff continues to bring together a wide range of players from diverse backgrounds.

"What we are trying to do as a coaching staff is create an atmosphere and a culture that allows these players to excel to their maximum potential academically, athletically and socially," Cal State Dominguez Hills Baseball Coach Murphy Su'a said. "In the South Bay, we have players that are coming from very affluent families and we have others that are coming from single-parent, low-income families and this team gets them all together. They come from so many different subcultures and to be able to mix and match them with the common denominator being baseball and academics is a great thing."

Ahrens recalls that during his first season, not many of the players on the team were looking to make a career out of baseball. Yet he does remember that despite many players having other priorities, the team was committed to winning and left its heart on the diamond during every game despite the many limitations.

"For me, I like baseball, I love baseball and I would play baseball. It was discouraging to some level and I look back thinking that I could have done better if things were set up a certain way, but we went into every game thinking we could win and that's just the way it was," Ahrens said. "The problem that we had primarily was that we didn't have a lot of pitching and some of the pitchers were the guys that had side issues. On a given doubleheader, you just didn't have enough hitting and pitching."

Despite the difficulty of that first season, Ahrens recalls many games in which the team lost by three runs or less. Furthermore, despite the lack of a strong team chemistry there was always a sense of commitment to the team and the sport in general. "We had a lot of close games and maybe we could have won a few more games if we had a home field," Ahrens said. "The school put together a summer team through the coach at the college called South Bay Corrals and they were very optimistic. I think that the team was going to be much-improved the next year. I think they were more optimistic with

the baseball team because when they had a summer team, they felt there were a lot of new guys that could make the team better. The school was happy that we completed a season and were able to compete to some level with the major schools."

Ahrens recalls how the second season began looking different and more optimistic. "They had a home field, so things were looking up. I played the summer league, through December with the team, and you could tell it was a better team and a better atmosphere," Ahrens said. "A lot of the players that had their issues weren't really back the next year. I fully intended to play the second year and I saw the team was much bigger and there was much more depth."

The hard work and commitment required of student athletes today have not changed much from those who played on the 1972 team. In addition, some of the personal issues that existed for some of the players in 1972 are no different from what some of the current student athletes face on a day-to-day basis. "I have a special place in my heart for student athletes because of the dedication, the time commitment that is necessary for them to excel because our first goal is for them to excel in the classroom," Su'a said. "They have to spend as much time as possible as any other student would and they also have team practice, which includes all the allowable practice time by the NCAA who monitors how much time the student athletes can be on the field, which allows the student to be a student."

The program has grown and chanced since the days Ahrens played a full season mostly on the road. Yet the fondness of that 1972 season has not changed for Ahrens. "That first team was not a good team, but it was filled with good individual players," Ahrens said. "Looking back, the fact that we start school in September and having our first game in January and not knowing anybody, not having any group to really hang out with, it was no surprise the continuity was not there. Once we played in the summer, I think you had a feel of who was who and more of a relationship being built. I don't think anybody going in that first year knew what to expect. Looking back, I didn't know what to expect. When we played Loyola, who was a strong team, my expectation was that we would do well. We lost the very first game 11-1 and the second game 6-1."

Persons interested in more information on the Cal State Dominguez Hills Baseball team can reach Coach Murphy Su'a at (310) 243-3765 or email at msua@csudh.edu. "The alumni mean a lot to us," Su'a said. "We are grateful for the alumni and for what they have done in the past, for what they continue to do for us. They uplift us every time we hear about the success of our alum. We get excited and we share our successes and we are very, very grateful for our alum." •

City

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always be welcomed in the city of Torrance," said Scotto. "We've given this key to a lot of other people and they always wonder what door the key opens and trust me--come back to the city of Torrance and it'll open every door in the city, as this is really the key to the City of Torrance's heart."

Winning an Olympic gold medal is a feat that takes years of work. For a runner, people around the world only see seconds of the effort involved. Jeter shared with the audience how much she had to give up and the strenuous schedule of training she had to adhere to in order to become one of the best runners in the world. "It was definitely a sacrifice," she said. "You can't go out like you'd like to, you can't hang out like you would like to. You definitely have to put a lot of things on the backburner and really give your heart and soul into track and field. I was fortunate enough to make the 2012 Olympic team in London and I came home with three medals. It was hard work. Nothing easy was on this path that I took on. I would wake up at six in the morning to train and be done with my day by two, but those

were hours of training, not just laying around watching TV. Sometimes people see the one race and think it was that easy, but it took four years to get to that one race."

Jeter grew up in Torrance and attended Bishop Montgomery High School before moving on to California State University Dominguez Hills where she graduated with a degree in Physical Education. Jeter said that Bishop is where her running career started and that her coaches and the principal at Bishop have supported her around the world.

"It did not happen overnight--this was not an overnight success," said Jeter. "It started in Torrance at Bishop Montgomery High School with the great faculty I had at the school. Starting with the principal Miss Libbon, who I love and who I talk to constantly to as I'm overseas running--she texts me constantly and e-mails me constantly--or Andy Marafino, who texts me or e-mails me constantly. It started at Bishop Montgomery getting a great faith and having a great community backing me. Before I even went to college, I had great people backing me." •

Looking Up

Dawn Spacecraft Leaves Asteroid Vesta for Trek to Dwarf Planet Ceres

By Bob Eklund

NASA's Dawn spacecraft is on track to become the first probe to orbit and study two distant solar system destinations in order to help scientists answer questions about the formation of our solar system. The spacecraft left the giant asteroid Vesta on September 4 to start its two-and-a-half-year journey to the dwarf planet Ceres.

Dawn began its three-billion-mile odyssey to explore the two most massive objects in the main asteroid belt in 2007. It arrived at Vesta in July 2011 and will reach Ceres in early 2015. Dawn's targets represent two icons of the asteroid belt that have been witness to much of our solar system's history.

To make its escape from Vesta, the spacecraft will spiral away as gently as it arrived, using a special, hyper-efficient system called ion propulsion. Dawn's ion propulsion system uses electricity to ionize xenon to generate thrust. The 12-inch-wide ion thrusters provide less power than conventional engines, but can maintain thrust for months at a time.

"Thrust is engaged and we are now climbing away from Vesta atop a blue-green pillar of xenon ions," said Marc Rayman, Dawn's chief engineer and mission director, at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "We are feeling somewhat wistful about concluding a fantastically productive and exciting exploration of Vesta, but now

have our sights set on dwarf planet Ceres."

Dawn's orbit provided close-up views of Vesta, revealing unprecedented detail about the giant asteroid. The mission revealed that Vesta completely melted in the past, forming a layered body with an iron core. The spacecraft also revealed the scarring from titanic collisions Vesta suffered in its southern hemisphere, surviving not one but two colossal impacts in the last two billion years. Without Dawn, scientists would not have known about the dramatic troughs sculpted around Vesta, which are ripples from the two south polar impacts.

"We went to Vesta to fill in the blanks of our knowledge about the early history of our solar system," said Christopher Russell, Dawn's principal investigator, based at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). "Dawn has filled in those pages and more, revealing to us how special Vesta is as a survivor from the earliest days of the solar system. We can now say with certainty that Vesta resembles a small planet more closely than a typical asteroid."

Vesta, with a mean diameter of 326 miles, does not have enough gravity to make it entirely spherical—hence its somewhat irregular appearance. Ceres is three times as large, with a diameter of 950 miles. Designated a "dwarf planet" (as is Pluto), Ceres is composed of both rock and ice and

has enough gravity to make it very nearly a perfect sphere.

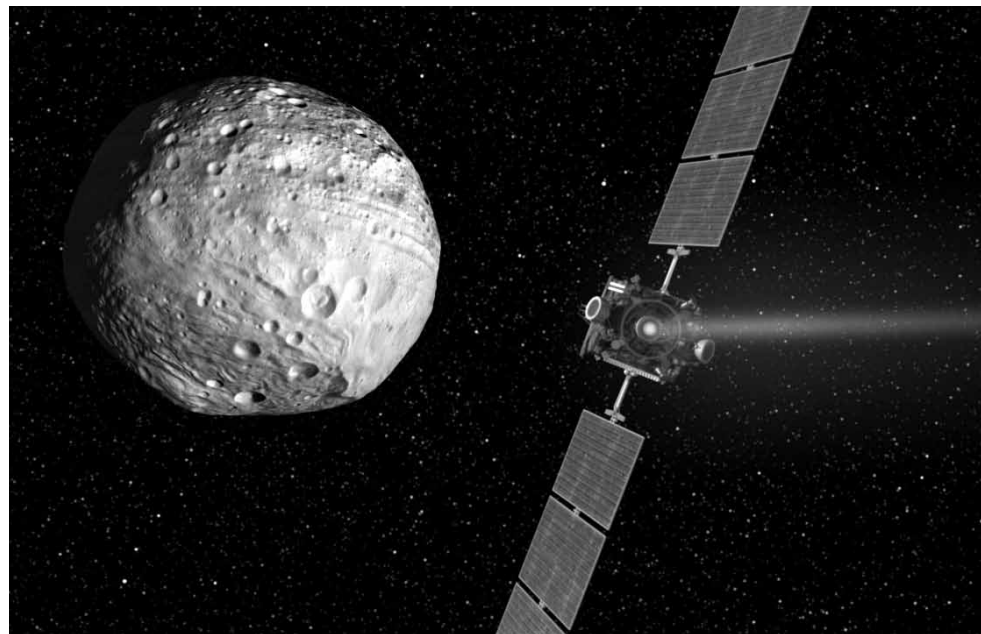
The mission to Vesta and Ceres is managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for the agency's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. Dawn is a project of the directorate's Discovery Program, which is managed by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

UCLA is responsible for the overall Dawn

mission science. Orbital Sciences Corp. of Dulles, Virginia designed and built the spacecraft. The German Aerospace Center, the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, the Italian Space Agency and the Italian National Astrophysical Institute are part of the mission's team.

Text, images and video:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/dawn/news/dawn20120830.html •



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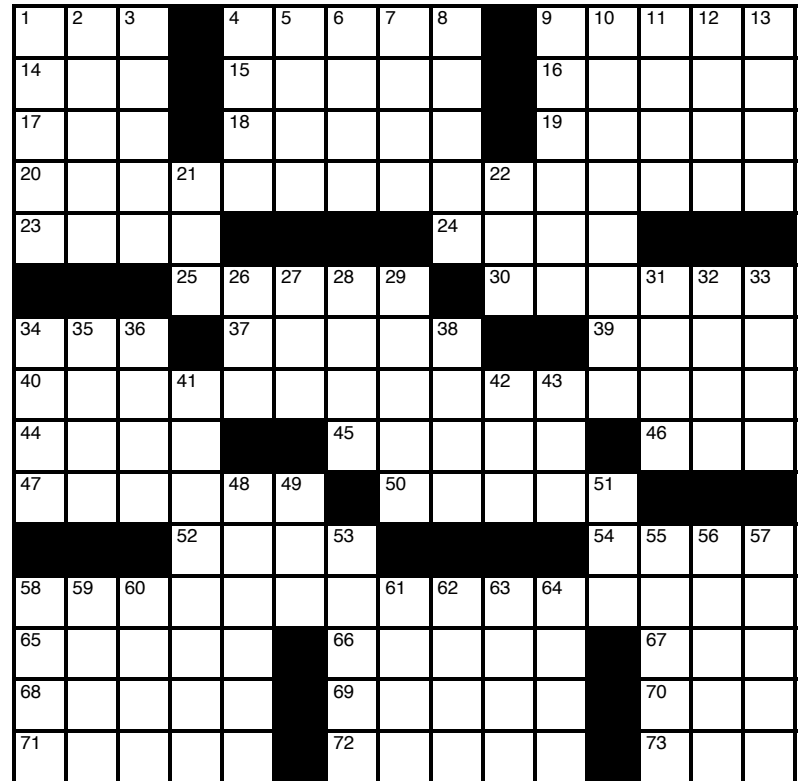
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- 1. Oomph
- 4. Wake Island, e.g.
- 9. It's a snap
- 14. Blvd.
- 15. Female demon
- 16. Traversed a strait, e.g.
- 17. McCarthy quarry
- 18. Elevate
- 19. Rechargeable battery
- 20. Dangerous one
- 23. Cuba's ___ of Youth
- 24. Bad to the bone
- 25. Button material
- 30. New York Times employee
- 34. Bathroom installation
- 37. Excitement
- 39. Auto parts giant
- 40. "Everyone knows the truth!"
- 44. Confess
- 45. One step
- 46. 1965 Ursula Andress film
- 47. Fashioned anew
- 50. Young's partner in accounting
- 52. Lover of Aeneas
- 54. Every which way
- 58. New Guinea crooners

- 65. Ticket category
- 66. Purposeful
- 67. Cacophony
- 68. Big name in grills
- 69. Cut into
- 70. One of 100: Abbr.
- 71. Catch, in a way
- 72. Gunpowder ingredient
- 73. Prosecute

DOWN

- 1. Zoroastrian
- 2. Squares
- 3. Piano part
- 4. Downwind
- 5. Checker, perhaps
- 6. Arabian Sea nation
- 7. Light air
- 8. Carpenter's machine
- 9. Anthropoid ape
- 10. Crack type
- 11. Shamu, for one
- 12. Some are green
- 13. 15 and 23, e.g.
- 21. Grasp
- 22. Twelfth Night, vis-à-vis Epiphany
- 26. Flurry

- 27. French vineyard
- 28. Refuse visitors
- 29. Ham it up
- 31. Checks
- 32. Colorful fish
- 33. Latest thing
- 34. Kind of tissue
- 35. Cover, in a way
- 36. Energy source
- 38. Beginning to cry?
- 41. Restrains an infant?
- 42. Like some ears
- 43. Store posting: Abbr.
- 48. Linux system
- 49. Shogun's capital
- 51. Modicum
- 53. As a rule
- 55. Thick
- 56. Willow
- 57. Rogers or Chesney
- 58. Wail
- 59. Noodle concoction?
- 60. Chafes
- 61. Prefix with scope or meter
- 62. Buckets
- 63. Tease
- 64. Super server

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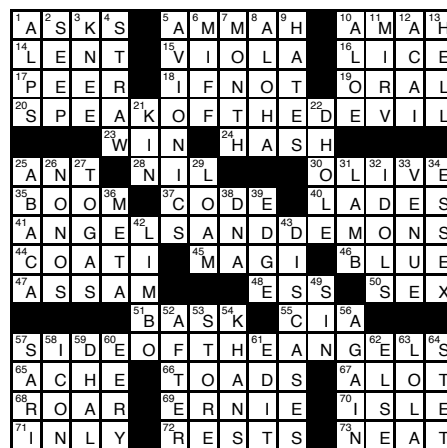
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Real Estate

Autumn Entertaining Made Easy with Fabulous Fall Decor Ideas

(ARA) - The golden days of autumn are upon us, signaling a new direction in home decor and entertaining. What are your plans for updating your house? These easy tips will bring the feeling of fall into your home

become an increasingly popular trend. Shoppers are requesting recommendations for autumn decor, as opposed to waiting for the traditional winter holidays to start seasonal decorating.



without a lot of money or extra effort. "Fall marks a time for entertaining as friends and families come back together," says Visual Merchandiser John Griffith. "The brilliant bursts of reds, oranges, and yellows mark the last vestiges of color until spring, and people are looking to grab onto those, especially those who appreciate nature as a decorating tool."

Griffith and his team create seasonal decorating vignettes for the retail store at Replacements, Ltd. The company is known as the world's largest retailer of old and new china, crystal, silver and collectibles. Griffith's merchandising team has seen fall decorating

Industry insiders say manufacturers are answering the trend in autumn decorating by offering more seasonal ornaments and dinnerware patterns, especially for Halloween and Thanksgiving.

"People want a change, but with higher gas prices and the economic uncertainty, they're worried about spending money," Griffith says. "Many of us don't realize we can give our homes a refreshing seasonal style with what we already own. This starts with rethinking how you use your tableware. Fall is a great time to forgo form for function and use your dinnerware in creative ways that aren't only pretty, but a great conversation starter for

fall entertaining."

While most people think about using their dinnerware for its intended purpose, finding new uses for those pieces opens up fun ideas to style your table. For example, Griffith suggests turning a balloon wine glass upside down over your favorite fall foliage, small gourds, or seasonal ornaments, and then placing a votive on the inverted base. This creates a pretty accent on the dinner table or anywhere in the home.

Look out in your yard for pine cones, nuts, seasonal berries or magnolia pods to arrange on silver serving trays, compotes or various sized serving bowls. You can even create unique centerpieces by mixing various natural elements and candles on single cake stands.

Griffith suggests filling wine glasses with small seasonal-colored ornaments to use at each place setting, or in various rooms around your home to capture a burst of color.

If you are looking to expand your dinnerware collection for fall entertaining, experts say there is no shortage of options.

"You'll find fall and Thanksgiving dinnerware in traditional browns and yellows, as well as this season's trend color, pumpkin orange," says Replacements' Product Marketing Vice President Robin Long. "You can easily capture the spirit of the season simply by adding accent plates to the patterns you already own. Another great option is to add a decorated turkey platter or other serving pieces featuring colors and designs of the season to your table."

You can set off each course, such as hors d'oeuvres or dessert, with seasonal accent plates.

Favorite Thanksgiving patterns include His Majesty, Autumn Monarch and Wild Turkeys.

As an additional note, Long suggests pulling out your dinnerware and flatware in preparation for fall entertaining. You may notice chips or cracks, or recall a broken piece needs replacing. Silver may have lost its shine. She says you can find replacement pieces and care tips on the company's website, along with information on restoration services. You can also find more decorating ideas on Replacements' YouTube channel and Facebook page. •



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