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Torrance Hero Honored by Rose Float Association Efforts



Volunteers Jeff Miller and Talon Moyer apply silver leaves to Torrance's Zamperini-themed float entry in the Rose Parade. For story and more photos, see page 5. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Council Approves Design for Wilson Park Gazebo, Purchase Order for Construction

By Cristian Vasquez

During the last council meeting of 2014, members of the Torrance City Council unanimously approved the recommended design for the renovation of the Wilson Park Gazebo by the City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment.

In addition, the council agreed to a purchase order to produce a construction document package in order to fulfill the Wilson Park Gazebo Enhancement Project in the amount of \$23,900 with BOA Architects.

"Once again the committee on citizen development and enrichment took a look at the design concept for the Wilson Park Gazebo. Unlike the marquee and the digital sign this is something that has been in the works for about ten years," Councilman and Chair of the Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment Kurt Weideman said. "It was certainly vetted by the Cultural Arts Commission and on November 25 our committee took a look at the designs and we voted unanimously to proceed to obtain the conceptual designs drawn for the Wilson Park Gazebo."

The idea of a renovation project for the gazebo at Wilson Park began in 2004 and was set up by setting aside \$100,000. The staff report presented during the council meeting indicates that the city's initial attempts at renovating the gazebo "resulted in an over scaled project" and as a result the Cultural

Arts Commission developed a request for qualifications in order to have a consultant to review all materials associated with the project.

After reviewing several submissions, and with the goal of enhancing the gazebo rather than building a new structure, the city agreed to a contract with Land Concern in August of 2010. The initial two-phase plan presented by Land Concern was modified to a one-phase project and by Aug. 13, 2014 the Cultural Arts Commission reviewed and approved the final conceptual design and associated costs.

As part of the city's five-year capital budget process the Parks and Recreation Commission took to the task of evaluating all capital projects for issues such as funding, viability and community impact. As a result of said review the commission recommended that the city council "appropriate \$250,000 in Parks & Recreation Facilities funds to allow for the completion of this conceptual design."

Funding for the construction package that will convert the design into reality is being made available through FEAP No. 341. The Request for Proposals issued by staff in June of 2014 for the production of a construction document package produced three "viable proposals" to complete the project. Land Concern, BOA Architects and SEED met the July 28, 2014 deadline.

Upon the committee's recommendation, BOA Architects was selected due to its "qualifications, their experience designing and

building both indoor and outdoor performing arts spaces, their previous work with the City of Torrance, and the proposed low bid" as stated in the staff report.

The staff report indicates that BOA Architects specialize in smaller and new renovation projects. In addition, they have provided engineering and architectural services for the City of Torrance for Fire Station No. 2, the police department, city hall's east wing addition, the Nakano Theatre, as well as lobby renovations at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, the General Aviation Center at the Torrance Airport and the Bartlett Center.

Council Approves Purchase of New Bus Stop Benches

On the recommendation of the City's Transit Director, the city council unanimously voted to approve the purchase order with Landscape Forms for the purchase of new bus stop benches.

The new benches will be part of the city's multi-phase implementation of what was described as "brand new street furniture" by city staff. These new benches will be placed in different stops throughout the city and in some cases they will be accompanied by "shelters" that will provide shade for bus patrons at certain stops.

The city's plan is to coordinate the new benches with the design of the new Del Amo Fashion Center as well as Torrance Regional Transit Center. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy
66°/53°



Saturday

Partly Cloudy
65°/53°



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
65°/52°



Looking Up

Dawn Spacecraft Begins Approach to Dwarf Planet Ceres

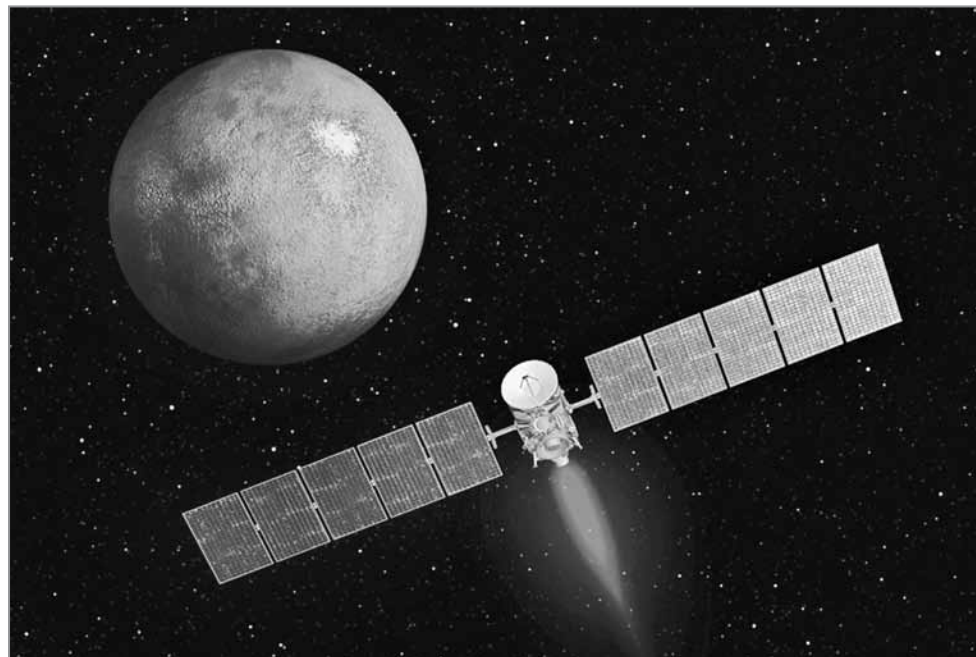
Based on press releases from NASA, provided by Bob Eklund

NASA's Dawn spacecraft has entered an approach phase in which it will continue to close in on Ceres, a Texas-sized dwarf planet never before visited by a spacecraft. Dawn launched in 2007 and is scheduled to enter Ceres orbit in March 2015.

Dawn recently emerged from solar conjunction, in which the spacecraft is on the opposite side of the Sun, limiting communication with antennas on Earth. Now that Dawn can reliably communicate with Earth again, mission

is also the largest body in the asteroid belt, the strip of solar system real estate between Mars and Jupiter. By comparison, Vesta has an average diameter of 326 miles, and is the second most massive body in the belt. Pluto, now also classified as a "dwarf planet," has a diameter of about 1440 miles.

The spacecraft uses ion propulsion to traverse space far more efficiently than if it used chemical propulsion. In an ion propulsion engine, an electrical charge is applied to xenon gas, and charged metal grids accelerate the xenon particles out of the thruster. These



An artist's conception of the Dawn spacecraft as it approaches the dwarf planet Ceres, the second most massive body in the asteroid belt which stretches between Jupiter and Mars. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech.

controllers have programmed the maneuvers necessary for the next stage of the rendezvous, which they label the Ceres approach phase. Dawn is currently 400,000 miles from Ceres, approaching it at around 450 miles per hour.

The spacecraft's arrival at Ceres will mark the first time that a spacecraft has ever orbited two solar system targets. Dawn previously explored the protoplanet Vesta for 14 months, from 2011 to 2012, capturing detailed images and data about that body.

"Ceres is almost a complete mystery to us," said Christopher Russell of UCLA, principal investigator for the Dawn mission. "Ceres, unlike Vesta, has no meteorites linked to it to help reveal its secrets. All we can predict with confidence is that we will be surprised."

The two planetary bodies are thought to be different in a few important ways. Ceres may have formed later than Vesta, and with a cooler interior. Current evidence suggests that Vesta only retained a small amount of water because it formed earlier, when radioactive material was more abundant, which would have produced more heat. Ceres, in contrast, has a thick ice mantle and may even have an ocean beneath its icy crust.

Ceres, with an average diameter of 590 miles,

particles push back on the thruster as they exit, creating a reaction force that propels the spacecraft. Dawn has now completed five years of accumulated thrust time, far more than any other spacecraft.

"Orbiting both Vesta and Ceres would be truly impossible with conventional propulsion. Thanks to ion propulsion, we're about to make history as the first spaceship ever to orbit two unexplored alien worlds," said Marc Rayman, Dawn's chief engineer and mission director, based at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Joy to All the Worlds!

Speaking of unexplored alien worlds, let's zoom out to a cluster of galaxies 60 million light-years away. <http://www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/hubble-sees-the-beautiful-side-of-ic-335/>: this beautiful new image from the Hubble Space Telescope shows an edge-on view of galaxy IC 335 in front of a backdrop of distant galaxies. I wonder how many worlds there might be in this field of view—and what their inhabitants, if any, are doing at this moment?

In each galaxy,

A trillion new wonders wait...

Joy to all the worlds! – Bob Eklund •

Police Reports

Burglary-Commercial 12/28/2014 6:30:00 AM 3500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD

Suspect(s) enters business by unknown means and takes property/ cash

Burglary-Auto 12/28/2014 11:30:00 AM 900 BLOCK HICKORY AVE

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/work ID, eyeglasses

Burglary-Residential 12/27/2014 8:15:00 PM 2000 BLOCK 162ND ST

Suspect(s) removes window screen, smashes window, ransacks and takes property/several firearms

Auto Theft 12/27/2014 6:16 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST

Stolen vehicle: '07 Cadillac Escalade

Theft 12/27/2014 2:30:00 PM 2500 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD

Suspect(s) takes unattended property left by victim in restroom stall/ purse

Burglary-Auto 12/28/2014 7:00:00 PM 5500 BLOCK TOWERS ST

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/cash, blue tooth ear piece, two pairs of sunglasses

Burglary-Residential 12/27/2014 5:00:00 PM 17200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD

Suspect(s) uses unknown tool to attempt to pry open door to detached garage/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Residential 12/26/2014 8:24:00 PM 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspect(s) removes screen and smashes window/ no entry, no loss

Burglary-Residential 12/26/2014 4:00:00 PM 24000 BLOCK HUBER AVE

Suspect(s) pries open kitchen window for entry, ransacks and takes property/ cash, coins, jewelry

Theft 12/26/2014 9:30 AM 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Burglary-Auto 12/25/2014 7:24:40 PM 1700 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, sunglasses

Theft 12/26/2014 9:30:00 AM 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Theft 12/27/2014 10:00:00 PM 100 BLOCK VIA MONTE D'ORO

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from victim's front lawn/ decorative Christmas lights

Theft 12/26/2014 9:00:00 AM 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Theft 12/26/2014 9:30:00 AM 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Theft 12/25/2014 12:30:00 AM 200 BLOCK LUCIA AVE

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Theft 12/26/2014 9:30:00 AM 2700 BLOCK 235TH ST

Suspect(s) forces open mailbox and takes property/mail

Battery-Simple 12/26/2014 9:00:00 AM 23700 BLOCK CAMINO DEL SOL

Suspect repeatedly punches victim in the head and uses knee to strike victim in the stomach

Burglary-Residential 12/24/2014 10:40:00 PM 5300 BLOCK EDGEMERE DR

Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/purse, two cell phones

Battery-Simple 12/24/2014 8:22 PM 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspect punches victim in the face

Vandalism 12/24/2014 3:56 PM 18800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicles' paint

Theft 12/24/2014 3:50:00 PM 19500 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter

Auto Theft 12/24/2014 1:00 PM 2000 BLOCK 233RD ST

Stolen vehicle: '05 GMC Yukon

Burglary-Auto 12/24/2014 7:57 AM 4100 BLOCK MICHELLE DR

Suspect(s) defeats door lock by unknown means and takes property/DJ music equipment

Auto Theft 12/24/2014 6:55:00 AM 4300 BLOCK NEWTON ST

Stolen vehicle: '06 Toyota Corolla

Theft 12/24/2014 7:00:00 AM 5300 BLOCK TOWERS ST

Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle and damages electrical while doing so/ vehicle batteries

Burglary-Auto 12/23/2014 4:35:00 PM 18500 BLOCK WESTERN AVE

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/purse

Robbery-Weapon 12/23/2014 1:30 PM 21500 BLOCK WESTERN AVE

Suspect approaches victim sitting in her vehicle and demands her property while brandishing a handgun/ cash

Theft 12/23/2014 12:58 PM 2000 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from garage area/ bicycle

Vandalism 12/23/2014 11:00:00 AM 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD

Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint

Burglary-Commercial 12/23/2014 9:30 AM 4300 BLOCK 190TH ST

Suspect(s) pries open door for entry and ransacks/ no loss

Burglary-Residential 12/23/2014 12:11:23 PM 18500 BLOCK MANHATTAN PL

Suspect(s) removes window screen, forces open window, ransacks and takes property/ cash, jewelry

Robbery-Weapon 12/23/2014 7:34 AM 3100 BLOCK 177TH ST

Suspects approach victim, brandish handgun and demand property/ cell phone, tools

Robbery-Weapon 12/23/2014 3:45:00 AM 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspects enter open business, brandish handgun, but flee without taking any property •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Worser and Worser

The arrogance of Liberals always amazes me because whenever they see or create an issue, they believe they can create a universal policy cure-all that can override free markets. More often than not, however, their solutions create new and bigger issues in an ever growing spiral. Today, as we experience the largest gap in history between the top 10% of income earners, and the remaining 90%, two questions beg to be asked: "How did the rich get richer?" And "How did the rest of us get poorer?"

"Thanks to the Obama policies, the national debt exploded from \$10.6 trillion to over \$18 trillion."

How did the rich get richer: Thanks to the Obama policies, the national debt exploded from \$10.6 trillion to over \$18 trillion. If interest rates on that debt had remained at traditional levels, the annual interest on that debt would have devastated the country's annual budget. Therefore, the Administration and Federal Reserve conspired to hold interest rates at close to zero.

Since banks were directed to lend more money, but not risk bad loans, they loaned only to publicly traded companies and high net worth individuals. By being able to borrow at nearly "free money" levels, companies became more profitable, and investors who were able to borrow at close to no cost, invested into those profitable companies. *Voila!* We have the explosion of the stock market, and wealthy individuals seeing gains of 25% or more annually. So the rich get richer due to government interest rate manipulation.

How did the rest of us get poorer: Obamacare requires companies to pay for healthcare for

families and employees who work more than 30 hours per week, so many labor intensive employers reduced work weeks to under 30 hours. The upshot is that existing employees learn less, while we see a growth in new jobs, predominately as part time or entry-level workers. Monthly statistics bear out falling median incomes even as the number of jobs grow.

Obama's second attack on the majority of us is his energy policy. Energy Secretary Chu, in Obama's first term laid out the objective of

raising gas prices from the then level of \$1.86 to \$10 per gallon. Although Obama did not reach his objective, he did double the price of gas by reducing oil exploration in the Gulf and on federal lands, denying the building of the Keystone pipeline, adding tens of thousands of EPA regulations, and killing the coal industry.

For each of us, then, the increased cost of gas confiscated our income. Moreover, it lowered our standard of living by raising the cost of everything made with petrochemicals (plastic), raised the cost of moving food and manufactured products to market, raised the cost of home heating, and increased air travel costs by increasing jet fuel costs. Thus, we became poorer.

Having created a crisis of disproportionate income distribution, the arrogant Left will undoubtedly conjure new policies to fix the problem they created. And so it goes, spiraling policies on top of each crisis it creates, and fumbling the execution of each. *Worser and Worser it goes.* •

Another Man's Opinion

New Law Bans Sale of Confederate Image

Discussing the Confederate Flag is not an easy thing to do. Supporters of the right to fly the symbol of the Confederacy argue that it is a part of their history and it should not be forced into seclusion. Opponents to the flag view the Confederate colors as a symbol of a racist state that enslaved black people and which even after the Civil War made sure that former slaves remained second class citizens. The problem is that both arguments are correct and finding a balance between the two extremes is almost impossible.

Why the topic of the Confederate Flag? Well, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law last year that bans the sale and display of items with the flag in all state agencies. This new law was introduced by Assemblyman Isadore Hall. The Assemblyman from Compton introduced the piece of legislation because his mother saw a Confederate replica at the gift shop in the Capitol. What makes a ban such as this complicated is that a woman like the Assemblyman's mother has every right to be offended by this image. As an African-American, as a black woman, her experience and the emotions evoked from seeing a Confederate Flag is something that I can never understand. The fear, pain, anger, resentment or other negative feelings that a Confederate Flag stirs up in African-Americans can not and should not be overlooked: we should not ignore it nor should we question these emotions.

However, there is a danger with eliminating the image of the Confederate Flag from the American consciousness. The way our nation has developed; from the American Revolution, to the Civil War, to Reconstruction in the South, the Civil Rights movement during the 1960s

and everything that is to come, the Confederate Flag has been and will continue to be a part of American history. As such, we cannot and should not ignore this controversial symbol. Hiding the Confederate Flag to a big extent deprives us of the full story that is our nation's history. That is disservice to us all.

These words aren't meant to indicate that the Confederate Flag should fly high in all 50 state capitols. Yet, we should not ban it from state agencies. We can take an example from Germany, who instead of destroying every concentration camp after World War II, preserved the horrific sites that represent one of the darkest eras in human history for future generations to learn of the evils that are created through hate.

Southern States have a tougher battle as its residents are more closely tied in to the history of the flag, on both ends of the spectrum. Millions of Southerners died defending their homeland and flag during the Civil War; millions of Americans were oppressed and deprived of life and liberty under the same flag, so the mission to find a balance is far from accomplished.

However, the Confederate Flag does not represent California, nor does the State represent this historic symbol. To ban the presence of the flag in state agencies can be dangerous. Keeping the Confederate Flag out of sight respects the emotions caused by the violent history that African-Americans suffered under those colors. However, hiding our past is a disservice to future generations who have to know every aspect of our nation's past, no matter how ugly of a past we have. •

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Sports

College Football Playoffs on Display

By Adam Serrao

College football has officially taken on a new look for the first time in over 15 years. Now instead of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), college football has enlisted the usage of a playoff format. The best four teams in the nation will battle it out every year in two semi-final games and one championship game played in a different city every year. As with anything new, this playoff system had its skeptics. Even when the final four teams were chosen by the selection committee, there was a small backlash that the wrong teams had been chosen. That, of course, will happen every year as it used to happen in the BCS as well. But what the two games between Florida St. and Oregon, and Ohio St. and Alabama showed us on New Year's Day is that this new playoff system is not only better for ratings, but much more exciting than any other selection system that has ever been in place.

College football may be the hardest sport in the world to predict. With players constantly changing, coaches constantly coming and going and recruits seemingly choosing different areas of the U.S. to flock to every year, it is our own perception of the game that shapes what we think we know. This year, the members of the selection committee of the new college football playoff system lucked out. At first it seemed as if they may have chosen Ohio State over TCU as the fourth and final team in the playoffs simply because they were the more well-known name. In a Big Ten conference whose reputation has suffered over the past few years, the Buckeyes were fighting uphill from the start. With a 42-35 victory over the much-heralded Alabama Crimson Tide of the SEC conference, however, Ohio State showed that they indeed belonged.

Last Thursday's semifinals on New Year's Day not only lived up to expectations, but created an incredible amount of anticipation for the championship game that is to come. A championship game that is going to feature the Oregon Ducks and the Ohio State Buckeyes, two teams that would undoubtedly participated in the Rose Bowl last season under the old BCS rules. Neither team would have had the opportunity at a championship game and now both are going head to head for the trophy. Maybe Oregon is the best team in the league. Maybe Urban Meyer and his Buckeyes just can't be beaten no matter who's at starting quarterback for the team. The benefit of this new playoff system is that while last year we wouldn't have been able to, this year, we can find that out.

If you follow college football closely, then you most unquestionably know of how the

SEC has dominated the landscape of the game in recent years. Because of that, Alabama would have almost certainly taken on Florida St. in the championship game if last year's rules still applied to this year. That game, in itself, would have been an interesting one, but what's even more interesting is that now both of those teams have been eliminated from competition. In other words, the championship game would have matched the lone unbeaten FBS team (Florida St.) against the champion of the reputed premier conference (Alabama). Both Ohio State and Oregon would have been afterthoughts, even if they had beaten their opponents by five touchdowns or more. What the playoff system did, essentially, was take those afterthoughts and make them center stage.

As with the most successful playoff teams in any sport in the world, both the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Oregon Ducks are playing their best ball of the season and have the most momentum on their side. They may have had a few hiccups during the regular season; Ohio State lost two starting quarterbacks. But what really matters is that right now, at this very moment, they both have the most momentum on their respective sides and will meet up with what will be a major clash of talent in this year's championship game. What's even better for college football is that now both the Pac-12 and the Big Ten have all eyes on them. Traditionally, it's been the SEC getting all of the love in college football. This new playoff system, however, has found a way to immediately accommodate all conference in contention for greatness and draw that greatness right out of them.

As with anything in this world, the playoff system is obviously not perfect. All you'd have to do is ask Gary Patterson and his TCU Horned Frogs, who absolutely pummeled No. 9 Ole Miss in the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl last Wednesday by a final score of 42-3. TCU might be, themselves, the best team in the nation. Unfortunately for Patterson, his team, and all of the TCU fans out there, we will never know. In the future, however, the playoff system might expand from four teams to eight. All of that is simply conjecture, however, and until that time comes we should all appreciate what we have. This four-team playoff system is certainly better than the two-team BCS style that we had just one year ago. College football has now even further inserted itself onto the map of major sporting events in the country. Not only will the debate for which team is best be settled on the field from now on instead of on a computer screen, but our New Year's Day has now gotten quite an interesting boost in entertainment for what will certainly be many years to come. •

Basketball Teams Still Finding Their Identities

By Adam Serrao

Most high school basketball teams are still on holiday vacation this year but have slowly readied themselves to get back into the grind of the season this week. Once they do, all of the tournament play will be behind them and league competition will be staring every team in the face. That means that teams like the South High Spartans will have to become even more familiar with themselves

what was a 12 point victory. The Spartans will begin league play this Friday when they take on the Leuzinger Olympians.

Torrance High

The Torrance Tartars find themselves on top of the Pioneer League heading into the holiday vacation and are quite happy with the way that the team has progressed leading up to this point. Going into their break, the Tartars finished off the MaxPreps Holiday

"The Spartans have never been a team to start off a contest slowly, almost using the beginning minutes of a game to jump all over their opposition. Against Morningside, they stayed in tune with that tendency and came out hot."

before the true contests start. With their 81-59 loss against the Morningside Monarchs two weeks ago, the Spartans indeed took a bad beat and a step backwards, but learned a lot about themselves in the process. Their 22-point loss taught them what they will need to improve on in order to make it in what will be an extremely tough and competitive Pioneer League division this year.

The Spartans have never been a team to start off a contest slowly, almost using the beginning minutes of a game to jump all over their opposition. Against Morningside, they stayed in tune with that tendency and came out hot. Using a strong first quarter in which they maintained a two point lead for the most of it, South and head coach Leo Klemm remained neck and neck with a Morningside team that is 10-3 on the season and a traditional powerhouse in the basketball ranks. It wasn't long before the Monarchs woke up. Morningside used a 14-2 run to begin to put it on the Spartans and at about halfway through the second quarter, South all of a sudden found themselves down by 12 points.

The second quarter was the quarter that proved to be the turning point in the game. Scoring 22 points in the period, Morningside went up by 14 as they went into the halftime break. "Offensively, we wanted to push the ball," Charles Wright of Morningside explained. "We came out flat trying to see what South was all about." The Monarchs pushed the ball even more to start the third quarter, scoring 15 points in the same amount of time it took South to score three. Before you knew it the Spartans were down by 20 points going into the last quarter and the game was out of reach.

Despite letting the game get away from them and out of hand, however, the Spartans (4-7) and their coach were able to discover major points of emphasis to use in future games. "We didn't defend well," Klemm explained. "Defense is a quick first step and we didn't have it. We didn't play very good defense." Niles Chang led the way for the Spartans with 13 points on the night going 4-for-11 from the field. Ajeya Kukreja and Jordan Tang each finished with 10. In South's very next game, they seemed to put what they had learned from the Morningside game into effect. Not only did they start off strong like usual, but they played much better defense and held their opposition (Middle College) to 59 points in

Classic tournament in Palm Springs in a strong fashion. After two straight losses to start the tournament, Torrance (6-8) was able to put together two big wins against Cathedral City and Villa Park. Torrance led the entire way in both games, doubling up Cathedral City in the first quarter en-route to a 30-point victory. Villa Park posed a much bigger challenge to the Tartars, but the team stayed strong throughout the game and held on for another big victory with a 15 point win.

The Tartars will put their first place record on the line once league play gets started next week. In their first matchup of this year's league play schedule, Torrance will go up against their cross-town rivals, the South High Spartans.

North High

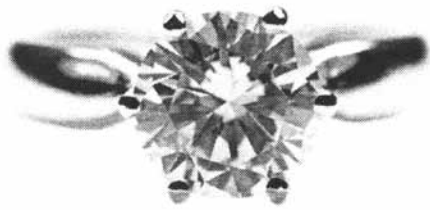
While Torrance High is on top of the league, the North High Saxons find themselves nipping on their heels in a close second place. Both teams have the same 6-8 record to start the season, so some might say they are tied for first place, but Torrance is listed as having had the harder schedule so far to this point.

The Saxons have won three out of their last four games going into the holiday break and look to be picking up momentum at exactly the right time. Their most impressive victory of the season versus Lutheran came during their recent streak. Not only did the Saxons put up 83 points, but they held Lutheran to 22 in the victory. Lutheran was previously 6-2 on the season. Needless to say, the game was over from the start and stayed that way throughout in the 61-point route. North will look to rally on the recent steam that they have picked up when they start off league play next week against the Centennial Apaches.

West High

The West High Warriors have had a rough go of things to start off their first year in the Pioneer League this season. Though league play has yet to start, the Warriors have found tournament play to be rather difficult. In the Irvine World News Tournament last month, the Warriors lost every game that they played (four). West then moved on to the Las Vegas Prep Championship tournament in Las Vegas and lost three of the four games, squeaking out a victory against Santee two Monday's ago. The Warriors (4-9) will wait until next week to start off division play competition when they take on the Leuzinger Olympians in their first Pioneer League game of the year. •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Louis Zamperini – A Race Well Run

By TerriAnn Ferren.

Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

Right after Christmas most people begin thinking about the New Year and the Rose

getted for the Torrance Rose Float Association so when I was on the board last year we were the first major fundraising board and we were lucky to have AYSO approach us to fund us.



Purple Heart to be added to the Zamperini Float.

Parade. At least in Torrance they do. You see, Torrance has a proud history of participating in the parade and this is an extra special year for Torrance because our hometown hero, Louis Zamperini was named Grand Marshall and will be represented by his family on January 1. The Torrance float, entitled, Louis Zamperini – A Race Well Run will feature Louis life in pictures, including his purple heart made out of flowers, his 1936 Olympic torch, running shoes, and a full flower picture wall including Louis with evangelist Billy Graham.

At 6:30p.m. Sunday night, five busses filled with Torrance citizens left from Torrance Boulevard braving the cold, heading to The Fiesta Floats barn in Irwindale to view the Torrance float up

This year, with the theme, it worked out beautifully that we could celebrate Louis Zamperini. All the publicity because of the movie, it created such hoopla around it that it is the reason we were able to get the city to support us this year when we needed it," said Carol. As I listened to Carol she told me that people know about Torrance and about Torrance schools all over the country. I might add - the world especially this year, because Louis Zamperini is being honored and because of the film, the book *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, and the float focusing on Louis' life, people will surely know about Torrance all the more.

Riders on the Torrance float this year will include Jim Standifer, Louie's longtime best friend, grandson of Billy Graham, Wil Graham,

finishing up with Louis' running shoes - which were decorated with niger seeds, poppy seeds, onion seeds, and seaweed for the sole. I can just imagine Louis smiling down at the shoes with seaweed. Pam and her husband Jim Hill help with the Ways and Means Committee and the Fundraising for the Rose Float Association.

Former councilman Tom Brewer was all smiles looking at the Torrance float. On one side of the Torrance float, a group of people were busily working, preparing flowers for application. Silver leaf was being applied – one at a time - after glue was carefully brushed on one side. Jeff Miller was sitting next to Talon Muyer as they helped with the flowers. Talon is in California from Wisconsin visiting relatives and took the opportunity to make this a New Year he won't forget by working on the Torrance float.

of the floats and every float in this particular Fiesta barn was remarkable. But I will say, I am partial to the Torrance float. After all, our Louis is being honored and this is the time for us to be proud of our hometown hero.

As I walked around, I saw large beams being positioned on floats, decorators sitting on scaffolding while decorating, and at one end I noticed large animals already decorated with dried flowers. When I asked about them, I found out they were not being used this year and are left over from years prior. This barn was teaming with history.

Margie Gobble and her son, Tyler Gobble, age 20 had viewed the floats and Tyler told me, "My birthday is New Year's Eve and this New Year I will be in Times Square in New York City for my 21st birthday! It should be fantastic."



Close up of the signs to be placed on the Torrance Float.

Across the way, I saw the Kiehl's float, entitled *Inspiring a Beautiful World*. Several students from Arroyo High School were working diligently cutting flowers for this float. Kyle York, age 17, Emily Caballero, age 15, Amie Orellana, age 15, Caleb Schoenfeld, age 16 and Johnny Wong, age 16 were among the many students volunteering to work on the float. What is amazing with these young volunteers is many of them are on their third year participating and helping with the floats.

As we all piled on our assigned busses, everyone was smiling. In spite of the cold, the wind, and the bus ride, everyone had a wonderful time. I overheard Janet Payne talking with Mayor Pat Furey about the ins and outs of riding on a float, and people seemed excited. Michael Griffiths told me he loves to go to the parade because the 'fly over' just isn't the same on television. He is right. I have been to the parade and there is nothing like being there as the many bands and floats glide down Colorado Boulevard.

"You see, Torrance has a proud history of participating in the parade and this is an extra special year for Torrance because our hometown hero, Louis Zamperini was named Grand Marshall and will be represented by his family on January 1."

Among the giant flowers and decorative accessories just waiting to be placed on the floats were containers filled with exotic seeds, leaves, and beans. Dried flowers were being chopped by dedicated volunteers and then carefully applied by hand over glue which was delicately brushed on stroke by stroke. Lots of delicate handwork is involved with each

And the flyover by the Stealth B-2 Spirit is an experience you must be in attendance to feel.

This Rose Parade will always be special to Torrance because it is the year, 2015, where our hometown hero, Louis Zamperini was honored. And I believe Louis is smiling down from heaven – for *A Race Well Run*. •

For more photos see TerriAnn, page 8



The Royal Court Float.

close as the final flowers, seeds, and beans are applied. Not only were we treated to an early peek of the Torrance float, but ten other floats being built in the barn would be available for viewing. How exciting!

I was in bus number three with Carol Gilles as our leader who said, "I was blessed with being a hostess again this year. This is the second time I have hosted a bus. I have been to the barn. Fiesta only started using this barn two or three years ago. Prior to that we used to be in Duarte and I decorated in Duarte. It is just amazing to go from point A to point B." Carol told me she has been involved with the Torrance Rose Float Association decorating floats since the mid 80s but this year decided not to decorate. In 2011 Carol earned the right to be a rider on the float. "I was one of the women inside the trolley and that was too much fun. It was more fun than I expected it to be. We obviously had to get up early, had to be there early, it was fascinating watching the audience."

She told me that the Torrance Rose Float Association had been part of the city of Torrance for many years. "A few years ago, they unbud-

Daylen Kung, from the Torrance High School track team, and others. What an honor!

We rode to Irwindale in Torrance Transit busses which were clean, efficient, and comfortable and when we arrived at Fiesta Floats, everyone was excited to get inside the barn. Directly outside the barn entrance in the back was the Rose Float Association tent with members offering coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies with the Torrance Float pictured on top.

Inside the large barn, which is really a big warehouse, the scent of flowers hit me right away. First time participant, The Bachelor float entitled *Inspiring Love*, was the first float I saw as I made my way into the large building. On one side of the float, Cameron Gabuzzi, who has been decorating for five years, was busy putting red kidney beans on the side of the float. Next to the Bachelor float was the Court float, where the Royal Court will sit, which was appointed with spectacular sprays of large coral roses.

Looking straight ahead, I saw it. The Torrance float! Pam Barrett, who has served on the board and has been part of the Rose Float Association for fourteen years, was very busy



Photographs of Louis Zamperini on the Torrance float.

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- French vineyard
- Raise
- Include
- French flower
- Autobiography
- Dress (up)
- Cautious
- Kind of column
- Panna ___ (dessert)
- Buttonhole
- Revive
- Like some gases
- Proof word
- Strangle
- Wraps
- Some London teens, in the '60s
- Chills
- Have many secrets
- Gofer's job
- Kind of pain
- Kuwaiti leader
- Wrinkly fruit
- Farm cry

Down

- ___ Bowl
- Engaged in
- Hot drink
- Across, in verse
- Thumbs down
- Expansion
- Some hymns
- Madcap
- Hello or goodbye
- Legal matter
- Tie type
- Most abundant
- Comfortable with
- Destiny
- Centers of activity
- Author John Dickson ___
- Place to put the feet up
- Not many

- Whale family
- Famous
- Biochemistry abbr.
- Always, in verse
- "___ alive!"
- Mary in the White House
- West African people
- Ring
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- Lord of the Rings character
- Wind dir.
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- Looked lecherously
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- Come to light
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Last Week's Answers

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

TerriAnn

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Terri, Mayor Pat Furey, and Janet Payne.



Carol Gilles.



Margie Gobble and Tyler Gobble, age 20.



Jim Hill and his wife Pam Barrett.



Shoes done in niger seed, poppy seed, onion seed and seaweed for the sole of the shoe.



Veteran volunteers working on the Kiehl's Float are (L-R): Kyle Rork, age 17, Emily Caballero, age 15, Amie Orellana, age 15, Caleb Schoenfeld, age 16, and Johnny Wong, age 16, all volunteering from Arroyo High School.



Madison Jane by the Torrance Rose Float Association tent.

Real Estate

Energy-Efficient Home Trends for 2015 and Beyond

(BPT) - One of the top trends driving today's housing market is the demand for energy-efficient homes that don't sacrifice comfort for quality. If you're looking to purchase a new home, green features can save money both now and in the future, with numerous earth-friendly benefits. Here's what is trending for 2015 and beyond.

FUNCTIONAL SPACES

Homebuyers are looking to get more functionality out of less space and often discover downsizing is a viable option for both young families and empty-nesters. Modular or manufactured homes, like those from Clayton Homes, are gaining popularity. Homebuyers enjoy thoughtful modern designs that maximize space and functionality, plus the waste from building an entire house in a controlled environment is minimal - typically fitting into just two 30-gallon drums or less.

ENERGY STAR

Many of those on the market for a home are seeking ENERGY STAR certification, meaning the home meets stringent requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency. ENERGY STAR certified homes

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LOW-E WINDOWS

Windows are an investment that pays dividends for many years to come. Buyers are demanding at least double-paned options with low emissivity, also known as low-e, advanced window coatings that help retain heat during winter and keep it out during summer. This microscopic layer also blocks damaging ultraviolet sunlight that can discolor carpets and furniture.

EFFECTIVE INSULATION

Homebuyers are asking about extra insulation in homes, including the walls, roof and flooring. Properly installed insulation that meets or exceeds national code requirements

helps better regulate a home's temperature so the furnace and air conditioner don't



have to work harder than necessary. The result is lower utility costs and a quieter, more comfortable home.

ADVANCED HEATING AND COOLING FEATURES

According to a 2009 RECS Survey conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, space heating accounts for 41.5 percent of the average household's en-

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