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## Weekend Forecast

### Friday

Partly Cloudy  
61°/46°



### Saturday

Sunny  
62°/48°



### Sunday

Mostly Sunny  
62°/46°



## Torrance Memorial Lights Up Lives



Lots of Love and Talent: Torrance Memorial Hospice staff, volunteers and the San Pedro City Ballet welcome and entertain all during the holiday season. For more photos see page 7. Photo by Wally Skali.

## City to Prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits Via CalPERS/CERBT

By Cristian Vasquez

A recommendation by the Finance Director Eric Tsao to approve the Agreement and Election of the City of Torrance to prefund Other Post-Employment Benefits through the California Public Employees' Retirement System/California Employers' Retirement Benefit Trust was given the go-ahead by the city council.

Funding for the prefund will be made available via the city's operating budget in an amount no less than \$5,000 and not to exceed \$10,000. In addition, the mayor and council voted to approve a delegation of authority to request disbursements, as well as giving the city manager [or his designee] the authority to take all necessary actions to participate in the CERBT program.

"Staff is recommending to establish an 'OPEB Trust' under the guidelines of Governmental Accounting Standards, which would allow the City to have OPEB assets invested in higher yielding investments," states the staff report presented and signed by Tsao. "Currently, these assets are part of the City's Investment Pool which is restricted to fixed income investments with a duration of five years or less."

Medial benefits are provided to retired employees by the city. At the moment, any general employees that retire with the city and maintain health insurance via CalPERS are qualified to obtain \$122 per month in health insurance benefits. Retired police officers that have served a minimum of 20 years and have reached the age of 50, they qualify to receive \$332.62 a month until reaching the age of 65; at that age the monthly amount is reduced to \$134 a month. Fire retirees are eligible for \$146.50.

"These benefits are referred to as Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)," states the staff report. "The City's OPEB benefits are paid at the time the expense is due (cash basis). This is unlike the other City pension

expenses in where the expense is realized when earned (accrual basis)."

Since the payment of OPEB expenses are due without being earned, they leave the city with unfunded liabilities growing over time. In a proactive move, the city began funding OPEB expenses several years ago through an actuarial basis. Since that time the city has accumulated \$5.625 million in assets.

"Currently, these assets are part of the City's Investment Pool which is restricted to fixed income investments with a duration of five years or less. The City's Investment Pool's main purpose is to meet the cash flow needs of the City."

OPEB trust investments are considered to have more latitude in investment choices, putting them on pace to earn six to seven percent on average over time. Bartel & Associates

was contracted by staff for assistance in finding an OPEB Trust provider for the city. B&A, which provides actuarial services to more than 250 California public agencies, sent our a Request for Proposals to known Trust providers and received five responses. Other respondents to the RFPs included: Keenan & Associates, Public Agency Retirement System [PARS], Public Financial Management [PFM] and Robinson Capital Management [RCM].

"Each of the responding companies are well known, have good reputations, are financially sound, and understand OPEB and OPEB trust services," states the staff report.

CalPERS/CERBT was selected based on a rating criteria created by the City and B&A, which factors in investment options, investment return, fee structure and cost, public

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## A Day in the Life of a Chamber CEO

By Nancy Peters

When Donna Duperron and her husband ventured on camping trips, they frequented the local Chamber of Commerce. That was where they would go to get maps and plan the family vacations enjoyed at camp facilities around the western United States. Donna knew little else about Chambers of Commerce.

Her career path to be the President and Chief Executive Officer at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, where she has worked for the last 17 years, is circuitous at best. Her various jobs followed a path usually set by Gary, her husband of 38 years.

She and Gary met at Knott's Berry Farm when they were barely out of their teens. Gary worked at a parochial school as a teacher and coach. He learned of an

opening at the school for which Donna might just be the right person---a physical education (PE) teacher and coach.

"In high school I played volleyball, basketball, field hockey, and softball and was Athlete of the Year when I graduated. Being an athlete taught me teamwork, not to give up, respect hard work and, most importantly, the value of friendship. The opportunity to teach PE and coach volleyball and basketball was a dream for me," said Donna.

Over the next five years, Gary and Donna lived in Corona. Gary was hired as a teacher and coach at Notre Dame High School in Riverside. Donna was hired as a second grade classroom teacher at a parochial school in Norco. "I absolutely loved teaching second grade. Being

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# Community Briefs

## ECCC District Board Appoints New Superintendent/President

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday to appoint Dr. Dena Maloney as the Superintendent/President, effective February 1, 2016.

Maloney, who will become the sixth Superintendent/President in the El Camino Community College District's 68-year history, has ties to the South Bay. She was born at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood, lived in Hawthorne spent her summers with her grandparents in Inglewood.

Maloney currently serves as Superintendent/President of the West Kern Community College District/Taft College. She began her career in higher education at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, where she served as director of the Employee Training Institute and director the Center for Applied

Competitive Technologies. She then became dean of economic development for the Santa Clarita Community College District. In 2007, Maloney was named founding dean of the Canyon Country Campus, a new educational center within the Santa Clarita Community College District. She then became assistant superintendent/vice president, with responsibilities for the Canyon Country Campus, as well as the district's economic development programs. In May 2012, she was appointed to her current position.

Maloney's educational background includes a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne, a master's degree in government from Georgetown University, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola Marymount University.

## LAX To Be Busiest U.S. Airport This Thanksgiving

Airport officials to announce that a record 2.1 million travelers will pass through Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) this Thanksgiving. Travelers can check our LAXisHappening.com website for real-time traffic and flight conditions before coming to the airport.

Travelers are strongly encouraged to take public transportation to and from LAX, including the inexpensive LAX FlyAway bus and Metro Rail Green Line, as well as taxis, long-distance buses, and other shared-ride services. Airport officials also recommend motorists picking up

arriving passengers to use the LAX Cellphone Waiting Lot at 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Vicksburg, where they can wait up to two hours for free. Motorists can avoid driving in the terminal area altogether by asking arriving passengers to take the free LAX Shuttle C bus to Parking Lot C, adjacent to the LAX Cellphone Waiting Lot. Passengers planning to depart LAX during daily peak travel periods from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.; from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. arrive in their airline's ticketing lobbies two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international flights. •

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## Spotting Changes in Elderly Relatives Over The Holidays

By R Christine Brown,  
[southbayelderlaw.com](http://southbayelderlaw.com)

One of the greatest blessings of the holiday season is gathering with friends and loved ones that we don't normally see throughout the year. For some that means visiting with aunts, uncles, cousins and friends over a lively Thanksgiving dinner. For others, the holidays are a rare chance to spend quality time with parents or siblings who live out of state.

This special holiday time together with loved ones also presents a unique opportunity to spot changes in older family members that may indicate a greater need for long-term care. Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas are the best times to be alert for these issues, as we often meet with loved ones that we don't get to see that much during the year.

### Fresh Eyes On The Problem

It's not unusual for slight personality or behavior changes to go unnoticed by those who see your loved one on a regular basis. It's much like living at home with small children; you don't realize how much they've grown until their clothes no longer fit! The same is true with older relatives who may be changing in subtle, yet concerning ways.

### Know The Warning Signs

What exactly should you be paying attention to as you visit with elderly family and friends? Here's a brief list of warning signs that may indicate your loved one needs additional help around the house or increased medical care:

- Forgetfulness
- Confusion
- Neglect of physical appearance or basic hygiene
- Neglect of medical needs
- Trouble performing routine tasks or chores
- Personality changes
- Sudden money trouble due to inability to handle affairs
- Unsteadiness, clumsiness or recent history

- of falling
- No longer responds to sounds or sudden loud noises
- Wearing inappropriate clothing based on the weather
- Trouble answering simple questions
- Repeats the same information or asks the same questions during short conversations

If your loved one displays any of the signs above, it's important to address the situation as soon as possible. If you don't feel comfortable going directly to your aging loved one, talk with other family members to see if they also noticed unusual behaviors or warning signs. From there you can approach your loved one together to discuss the possibility of increased care, whether it be regular check-ins from family members, moving to assisted living or placement in a nursing home.

### Get Help Before Making Long-Term Care Decisions

Should your loved one display signs that in-home, assisted living or nursing home care may be necessary in the future, it's equally important to sit down with an attorney to ensure that your loved one is legally and financially prepared for the transition.

Your estate or elder law attorney will help prepare key documents such as Powers of Attorneys and Healthcare Directives, as well as advise the family on ways to protect as many assets as possible for heirs or a healthy spouse still living at home. A good estate lawyer can also help the family feel confident that they are making the best possible decisions for future financial security and peace of mind during an otherwise challenging time.

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## Police Reports

**Vandalism** 11/14/2015 8:01 PM 5000 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD  
Suspect intentionally smashes business window/ no entry, no loss

**Auto Theft** 11/14/2015 11:30:00 PM 24200 BLOCK WALNUT ST  
Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford van

**Battery-Simple** 11/14/2015 6:26 PM 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY  
Suspect pushes victim in the chest

**Burglary-Auto** 11/15/2015 4:00:00 PM 2500 BLOCK 235TH ST  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/ eyeglasses, sunglasses, DVD player, DVDs, clothes

**Theft** 11/14/2015 3:39 PM 3800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY  
Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from side of location/ bicycle

**Auto Theft** 11/14/2015 3:06 PM 3300

BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY  
Stolen vehicle: '14 Mercedes Benz CL

**Theft** 11/14/2015 7:30:00 AM 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD  
Suspect(s) takes property from open-air market/ boxes of bottles of oils

**Battery-Weapon/Agg** 11/13/2015 10:46:48 PM 220TH ST & BORDER AVE  
Suspect(s) in suspect vehicle shoots at victim's occupied /moving vehicle

**Theft** 11/14/2015 1:00:00 PM 5000 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY  
Suspect(s) takes property forgotten in shopping cart by victim/ wallet

**Burglary-Auto** 11/14/2015 11:30:00 AM 2500 BLOCK BRIAN AVE  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ tools, remote, CD cases, CDs

See Police Reports, page 9

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# Destination: Art Holiday Party

Photos by Chris Nishimura.

Destination: Art, located at 1815 W. 213th Street, Suite 135 in historic downtown Torrance held their First Anniversary and Holiday Party on November 14. Destination:

Art Studios and Gallery was “imagined and directed by a community of artists” from the South Bay and a packed house came to show their support and celebrate. The

guests viewed over 300 original artworks along with handmade ornaments, holiday cards and a 2016 calendar which showcased iconic Torrance landmarks – all for sale to

the non-profit studios and gallery’s mission to benefit the community by promoting art and art education. For more info, go to [www.destination-art.net](http://www.destination-art.net) or call (310) 742-3192. •



Artist Larry Manning poses in front of his pastels featured at the Destination: Art celebration.



“Canyon Depths” by Artist Joy Gonzalez was one of the 300 works of art displayed at the Destination: Art First Anniversary and Holiday Party.



Destination: Art’s Margaret Lindsey welcomed guests to the First Anniversary and Holiday Party held on November 14.



Resident Artists Jane Cooper and Susan Lilly were busy greeting all the guests who arrived at the Destination: Art celebration.

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# Film Review

## August: Osage County is a complicated family drama and perfect to watch this holiday season

Ryan Rojas for CINEMACY  
Photo Courtesy of Netflix.

The holiday season is typically a time for families to come together, to enjoy each other's company and reminisce about the year's highs and hopes for the future; a time when the mere act of being in each other's presence signifies the love shared by all. One does not usually hear

dazed from her cocktail of pills, turns on a dime to become a scathing and acid tongued mother of three, to which only her husband Beverly (Sam Shepard) can sigh in defeat.

With Violet as the hurricane of the family's epicenter, it's no stretch to see the rest of the characters so incredibly "screwed up" with such driving and believable conviction. Commanding



The cast of August: Osage County.

an outspoken daughter command her acerbic mother at mealtime to "Eat the fish, F\*\*ker!"

This is the case, and family, in *August: Osage County*.

From the Weinstein Company and director John Wells (*Company Men*) comes the story of one divided nuclear family, the Weston's, reuniting after one devastating event, bringing them all back to their old childhood Midwestern home along with all of the bad blood stirred while living under the roof of the harsh matriarch of the family.

As adapted from the stage, from Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize and five time Tony Award-winning play (2008), the film runs rampant as a rich, dense, family drama, comprised of equally rich and dense dialogue of scenes shared between veteran, experienced actors.

Including Meryl Streep.

As the pill addicted, volatile mother Violet Weston, Streep makes (yet another) incredible turn with one of her most evocative performances yet, an accolade and claim any movie reviewer would not make lightly. Streep as Violet drives the movie, like a high performance car, shifting gears with the most subtle and refined moves and touches to the most manic and crazed, all maneuvered with the skill, intuition, and control of a seasoned professional who knows her track. Violet, in one minute ethereal and

the Weston troops is the eldest daughter, hard nosed and dominating Barbara (Julia Roberts), whose frustrations with dealing with her mother extend to that of dealing with her failing marriage to husband Bill (Ewan McGregor). As a dense, dialogue driven family drama of a film, whose DNA comes from the savvy stage play, it hangs its hat on its veteran actors and performances. From Streep and Roberts, their impassioned acting packages the whole film, and sets the series of events on a rightful due course. Roberts returns to the screen at the top of her game.

Accompanying the mother-daughter combo is a star-studded cast of impressive talent. Chris Cooper, Abigail Breslin, Juliette Lewis, Benedict Cumberbatch and Dermot Mulroney fill out the cast, delivering dutiful performances that add good measure.

As a feature length film, the story is all in the chemistry of the acting. There is recognizable effort on director Wells' part to gently nurture and bring the rich stage play to life with an exciting film sense, a hearty challenge to be done. For all of its might, however, if you don't find yourself lauding over the actor-driven framework, there might not be much else for you to sink your teeth into.

*August: Osage County* is now available for streaming on Netflix. •

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week Letter Drop

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### Across

- Obi, e.g.
- Girls
- Humanities degs.
- Hodgepodge
- "Mourning Becomes Electra" playwright
- Detergent brand
- Keith, Danny, Laurie et al.
- Trust
- Golf score
- Star in Perseus
- Sees to it
- Ball attendee
- Acid \_\_\_\_
- Stephen of "Still Crazy"
- Distinctive atmosphere
- Good buddy
- Movie tough guy
- Unified
- Five-time U.S. Open champ
- Sensitive subject, to some
- Red letters?
- Deficits
- Stuff
- Chordophones
- Roll top?

### Down

- Payoff
- Miss. neighbor
- Newton, for one
- Modified car
- Patsy
- May event, for short
- Big name in construction
- Splenic
- Ferrell flick
- Thick blocks
- Marine food fish
- Friends
- Least ingenuous
- Brush up on
- Sheep meat
- Word with wise or mass
- German art song

### Across

- Vex
- Midnight meeting of witches
- Most ill-mannered
- Unit of energy
- Slow
- Curved file
- Verb tense, in Classical Greek
- "Catch-22" pilot
- Ice melter
- Lothario's look
- 1987 Costner role
- Of service
- Bow
- They make you stand tall
- Serfs
- Charioteer
- Listing
- Spring bloom
- The "B" in N.B.
- Big cheese
- \_\_\_\_ jacket
- Dinghy propeller
- Grazing land
- Wright wing

## Last Week's Answers

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48	T	H	E	T	O		49	Y	E	G	G		50	U	N	A	R	M	
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2	1	5	6	8	4	7	9	3
6	8	1	3	2	9	5	7	4
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## SUDOKU Medium

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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.



Sports

# Fall From Grace

By Adam Serrao

The Land Down Under has certainly seen some crazy things in its time, but perhaps none crazier than what the world saw happen in Australia on Saturday night, November the 14th. Ronda Rousey, the former Olympic Judo fighter who was previously undefeated in 12 professional fights, winning most of them faster than you could even blink, went down in UFC 193 to her opponent, 34-year-old

*“If there was anything that we all learned from the fight that took place almost three weeks ago now, it’s that Rousey is, indeed, vulnerable.”*

Holly Holm. The 28-year-old Rousey didn’t just lose, she was utterly and completely out-matched by the former 18-time World Boxing champion. “Rowdy” Ronda Rousey was left even rowdier by Holm, who delivered one of the most brutal kicks to the head in UFC history to the former champ, knocking her out less than a minute into the second round. There’s no telling whether Rousey’s first loss of her career will ultimately be good or bad for her brand, but one thing is certainly for sure; the dominant performance put on by Holm has exposed Rousey as a human just like every other fighter in the UFC.

For a while, Ronda Rousey was perceived as unbeatable and better than every other fighter in her sport. There was even talk that she should fight undefeated boxer, Floyd Mayweather. Thank goodness that she didn’t. If there was anything that we all learned from the fight that took place almost three weeks ago now, it’s that Rousey is, indeed, vulnerable. She has yet to make an appearance in public since her crushing loss, but Rousey has since issued a statement. “I just wanted to thank everyone for the love and support,” it read. “I appreciate the concerns about my health, but I’m fine. As I had mentioned before, I’m going to take a little bit of time, but I’ll be back.”

The concerns for Rousey’s health were not unwarranted. She was, after all, taken to a local hospital following the match. It was announced that the transportation was something that was done by the UFC after every knockout in the sport to assure the safety of the fighter. Knockouts like the one that Rousey suffered put fighters at major risk for brain damage, but apparently, and fortunately, she was released with a clean bill of health and plans to fight again. That plan, however, will have to wait. Rousey was given a minimum 60-day suspension by the UFC and was ordered to go 45 days with no contact training. She could be suspended from the sport that she loves for as long as 180 days (six months) depending on CT scan results for head trauma.

It wasn’t just the kick to the head that Rousey took that has set off red flags. Holm dominated from the outset with her superior striking skills learned from her days as a boxer. Round 1 was dominated by Holm as she landed punch after punch and even an elbow or two to the face of Rousey. Holm was a 12/1 underdog in the fight, but looked just the opposite. Dazed from the barrage she was taking, Rousey fell right into Holm’s left

foot and was out-cold on the mat. Despite all of Rousey’s trash talking before the fight, Holm kept it classy afterwards telling Rousey in the middle of the ring once she was able to get up, “I really admire you for being such a great, dominant champion. None of us would be here without you, so I appreciate you.” We’ve all appreciated Rousey as well. Seeing her dominate her previous opponents was a thing of beauty and witnessing her

skills - especially her patented arm bar - was something that hasn’t been seen before. So was this loss good or bad for the previous champion? Obviously it’s always bad to lose. Her perfect 12-0 record now has a blemish and the money comes with winning. She was starring in movies and appearing on late night television, all because she was a winner. Her star had never burned brighter. Rousey was untouchable. Almost this generations greatest athlete ever. Maybe - just maybe - losing saved Rousey’s career though.

Ronda Rousey didn’t know what it was like to lose. She was undefeated and almost getting bored with the sport. Gravitating towards show business, Rousey was gaining other priorities, like starring in the remake of the Patrick Swayze film, Road House. Rousey was bored with the sport of UFC that she had dominated so easily. Her newly acquired arrogance and sense of bravado that she hadn’t previously demonstrated may have been telling enough. Rousey needed to lose to regain her passion for the sport. To lose in front of everyone - on a stage that is brighter than any other in the world - reawakens a passion for the sport unlike any other. Kobe did it. LeBron did it. Tom Brady has done. All of the greatest athletes in the world are fueled by losing on the biggest stage possible. Rousey just took that loss. Now she will come back even stronger and more motivated, with a new, more substantial interest in her sport.

For Ronda Rousey, it’s not the end of the world. There is obviously already talk of a rematch with Holm. UFC president, Dana White, confirmed that the two would be headed for another fight almost immediately after Rousey is cleared for contact again. All that the loss means for Rousey is that she is not perfect. No one is. The loss is just another bump in her road and serves as impetus for her to get better as a fighter. Rousey shouldn’t have tried to spar with Holm. She should have taken her to the ground and tried to get her in the arm bar that has worked so flawlessly for her in the past. Instead, Rousey was out to prove that she was a better boxer than the 18-time World champ. Now, Rousey is smarter. She has been brought back down to earth and will come back stronger and better off for it. Rousey is human. With that, she fails. So do we all, but just like any human who has failed before, she will be back. There is success in her future. It just needed failure to make it more tangible and appreciated.

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# Up and Adam

## Mustangs Buck Saxons

By Adam Serrao  
Photos by Dirk Dewachter,  
www.dewachter.net

The North High Saxons were good. That’s an understatement. This year, they were great. The kryptonite to every Pioneer League team’s superman, however, is the Bay League. That’s exactly what took the mighty Mique Juarez and the North High Saxons down. Throughout the history of time, any Pioneer League team that goes up against a Bay League opponent is almost sure to take a loss in the record books. Last Friday night at Mira Costa High, it was no different for the Saxons. 28 unanswered points in addition to a huge second half set Mira Costa on fire and put them on a collision course with the semifinals of this year’s CIF Southern Section Western Division playoffs. North, however, battled through a shaky game

they come to the realization in the second half of games that if they don’t come up big, they don’t get to play anymore.” The team’s 28 second half points to beat the Saxons were a testament to exactly that. When all was said and done, Mira Costa simply wanted to keep playing more than North High did. It didn’t look that way in the first half, however. The Saxons used a stout defense to contain Costa and keep the game manageable as the two team’s broke for halftime tied at 7-7. That’s when the Mustangs went wild and broke free of their reigns.

Just minutes into the second half, the Saxons looked like themselves as Juarez busted loose for an 86-yard touchdown run to put his team up 14-7. “Just a crack here and there and he’s gone. He’s remarkable,” Morrow said of Juarez. At that point, North High was in control and it looked like it was just going



Chase Ali-Watkins will run the offense for the Eagles this year.

by their star, Juarez, and because of it saw their season come to an abrupt and unexpected end.

“It was kind of like Mira Costa did last week,” North head coach Todd Croce said after the game last Friday night. “They dominated the line of scrimmage and had a strong second half.” Both things that the Saxons are used to doing, but what Croce spoke of was the Mustangs 34-24 victory over Ventura in which they had 27 second half points that propelled them to a victory and quarterfinals appearance against North High. Now the Mustangs will move forward to take on fellow Bay League rivals and this year’s first place finisher in the division, the Palos Verdes Sea Kings. Palos Verdes won the CIF championship last year, eliminating West High in the semifinals en-route to their championship season.

“This is a group that loves to play,” Mira Costa coach Don Morrow said about his team. “I think

to be another one of those games where the Saxons dominate on defense and use Juarez to humiliate the opposition. Instead of igniting his own team, however, Juarez’s touchdown seemed to only spark the Mustangs. From that point on, it was all Mira Costa as the bottom dropped out for the Saxons.

A six-play, 63-yard drive for a touchdown got the Mustangs bucking in the second half. Once they tasted that fresh air, they didn’t look back from there. It was Omar Morrison who got into the end zone and tied the game at 14-14 midway through the third quarter. On North’s ensuing possession, Juarez attempted to use his feet for a gain but in turn, lost the ball. Costa recovered the fumble and returned it for yet another TD. All of a sudden the score was 21-14, Mustangs. Just when it looked like momentum was in the Mustangs

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# TerriAnn in Torrance

## Thankfulness in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren  
Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Since its institution by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, Thanksgiving has been celebrated on the last Thursday in November but was changed by an act of Congress in



Allen Ravine and Elaine Winer.

1941 to the fourth Thursday of November. It is a time for us all to be thankful for our blessings.

Last Sunday afternoon, I joined the grateful people of Temple Emet (Temple of Truth), the first Reform Jewish Synagogue in Torrance, as they celebrated their building dedication

Stepping inside, there was an air of excitement and I observed covered plaques and banners on the walls, which were later unveiled. The ark, where the sacred scrolls would be housed, stood at the front of the synagogue. Rabbi-Cantor Didi Thomas pre-



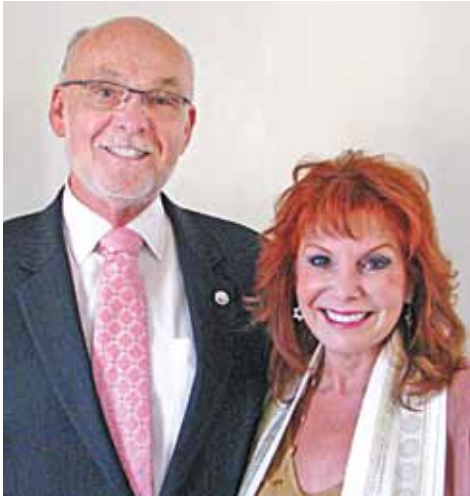
Barbara Gerber and Hope Witkowsky.

sided over the dedication along with members and friends of the congregation. Also at the event was mayor of Torrance, Patrick Furey, councilman Geoff Rizzo, former councilmembers Hope Witkowsky, Maureen O'Donnell, and Cliff Newmark.

Violinist Marianne Rotstein, pianist Nerme

(the ark is a chest that houses the scrolls). Music accompanied everything. Upbeat, joyous, celebratory music joined clapping hands and smiling faces everywhere I looked. The music was contagious.

"Whenever we do something for the very



Mayor Patrick Furey and Rabbi Didi Thomas.

first time we sing the shehecheyanu - thanking God for bringing us, sustaining us - this moment in time to this season. And whenever we put blessing out into the universe towards the divine, the blessing reflects back upon us all," explained Rabbi-Cantor Didi. Rabbi Didi quoted psalm 118, and several board

days ago, from Hope [Witkowsky] - that this is the first Temple within the city of Torrance - have we come to a full balance now? I think we have." After some special words from Burt Belzer, the Birkat Kohanim was sung, followed by 'Im Tirtzu,' sung and led by the



Michael and Former Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky.

Religious School Teachers, Zack Thomas and Sascha Recht. The unveiling of the plaques around the building and the Dedication was formally completed. Mazal Tov Temple Emet!

Refreshments followed and it was then I caught up with Rabbi-Cantor Didi Thomas for her comments, "The Jews have been



Mark Reichard, Wendy Wengrow, Rabbi-Cantor Didi Thomas, and Frank Kantrowitz.

and ribbon cutting at 2015 West 236th Street. Walking into the synagogue, I was greeted by Elaine Winer, who handed me a program and told me, "I am a relatively new member. For us, it is so exciting and I love our facility here. The reason I got involved was - this particular temple is an all-inclusive temple. It is very welcoming - like an extended family. Very warm and welcoming."

Sharp, and harpist Hilda Weintraub provided the music for this very special dedication. Rabbi Didi introduced Burt Belzer, a major donor of the synagogue, also acknowledging Burt's late wife, Gerry. The synagogue was blessed and then Rabbi Didi explained the Torah, (the sacred scrolls), would now be brought into the synagogue for the very first time, and placed into the just-completed ark



Former Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky and Councilman Geoff Rizzo.

members, and others were thanked, in addition to the entire membership, for the realization of this new home for the congregation. Then Rabbi-Cantor Didi continued, "...But it is important to note that even though we have built this building, our work is only just begun. We are meant to carry the light of the divine forward. We are meant to fill the South Bay and Torrance with the light of our particular faith, Reform Judaism, but also with our inclusivity. We are meant to raise our children to value the commandments, to live as moral, upright and just people..."

"I am so excited to be part of - and a member of the very first temple in the history of Torrance. 103 years, and it is amazing that we finally have a home," said Hope Witkowsky. Frank Kantrowitz, President of the Trustees told me, "It is two years ago that we bought this building and we didn't know what we were getting into when we bought it...it was a long hard project to get through, but we did it in the end and it feels great. We all live in Torrance and Redondo Beach mostly and so it is a great location."

Then the mayor of Torrance, Patrick Furey, spoke and told the crowded synagogue, "...Torrance has always said we are a balanced community - and can it truly be balanced without a place to worship? I don't think so. I think that actually adds to the balance - we talk about our residence, our industry, and our commerce, but is all that anything without a house of worship? And finding out only just

wandering in the wilderness and for a long time it sort of felt like maybe we were wandering even in the South Bay, because now in Torrance we have an official synagogue for Reformed Judaism. So we are very excited - most particularly for what we are doing for the future. We are planting seeds that will be here for future generations to come. So we are very thrilled."

Talking with five-and-a-half year old Lincoln Newmark, he told me, "We are here because of grandma, Wendy Wengrow. "This is really exciting to have a Torrance synagogue and I know my mom is so proud of all the community has accomplished. It is a tribute to the whole community and certainly Rabbi-Cantor Didi has done a great job."

Michael Witkowsky told me, "Absolutely phenomenal. A lot of people did a lot of hard work to get to this and it is great."

The room was buzzing when I left, but the thankfulness of those who celebrated this very special event will never fade. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, and the members of Temple Emet will be thankful now, on their first evening of Hanukkah next week in this new space, and on all the holidays to come.

My 'thankful list' grows by the day and what better time than Thanksgiving to share with family and friends all that we are thankful for - today and for the future. Our sixteenth president set aside this special holiday for all citizens to thank God for our blessings - for our country. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! •



Cutting the Ribbon (l-r) Mayor of Torrance, Patrick Furey, First President Wendy Wengrow, Second President, Mark Reichard, Rabbi Didi Thomas, and Third President Frank Kantrowitz.



# Torrance Memorial Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Photos by Wally Skali

Torrance Memorial Hospice hosted its 20th annual “Light Up a Life” event Sunday, November 15 at Torrance Memorial Medical Center’s

Hoffman Health Conference Center. “Light Up a Life” featured a name reading ceremony where a light on a holiday tree was illuminated for each person being remembered. The names recognized

were inscribed on a scroll of remembrance now on display with the Light Up a Life tree at the hospital’s West Tower lobby for the holiday season. Funds raised from the event support the

Torrance Memorial’s Hospice programs and assist those who cannot afford hospice care. Services include medications, equipment and skilled nursing care, bereavement and spiritual counseling. •



Sugar Plum Lauren Ortega of the San Pedro City Ballet performs an excerpt from “The Nutcracker.” The San Pedro City Ballet was accompanied by Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Symphonic Orchestra.



Angels from the San Pedro City Ballet, Emily Rupp and Tiger Lilly Estrada, greet guests. Nova members Michael Lazarus and Natalie Wong illuminate the Light Up a Life Tree. Each light represents a life remembered. The tree is now on display in the Torrance Memorial West Tower lobby.



Each light illuminated represents a life remembered.

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favor, it swung even more so in that direction. A Juarez interception keyed another 32-yard drive by Costa that lead to a David Arredondo touchdown. The opposing quarterback wasn't done there. He later ran for a TD three minutes into the fourth quarter that put the game out of reach for good. On a night that everyone expected to see Juarez using his feet to score, it was Arredondo that put the game away by the same method, giving his team a 35-14

lead with time ticking off the clock. "David was great with the run-pass combination in the second half again," Morrow said of his quarterback who finished the night with 70 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. The opposing quarterback also threw for 210 yards on 16 of 24 passing. Juarez, on the other hand, finished with 180 yards and three touchdowns on the ground but was a dismal 8 of 32 passing for 45 yards and a

pick. "It was a great experience," Juarez said of his senior season at North High. "It gave colleges an opportunity to see what I can do with the ball in or out of my hands." The ball is now officially out of North High's hands as their season has come to an official end. Costa will move on to the semifinals to face their Bay League foe, Palos Verdes, who already beat the Mustangs once this season. The Saxons, on the other hand, will head into

the offseason attempting to put together a plan to move on without Juarez, who will depart for college next season. Despite the loss, it was a great season for both Juarez and the Saxons. The offseason will bring with it many changes, but expect to see Todd Croce and his team back in the playoff hunt very soon. Adam Serrao - Asixlion@Earthlink.net • **For more photos see Up and Adam, page 12**



Despite their efforts the North Torrance Saxons were not able to establish their passing game.



North's Mique Juarez (North Torrance #3) is chased down the sidelines by a Mira Costa defender.



Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) ran the ball 30 times for 135 yards and one touchdown in Mira Costa's 35-21 victory over North Torrance to advance to the CIF Southern Section Western Division semi-finals.



Mira Costa's Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) looks for an opening in the offensive line to gain some yards in the second half of play against North Torrance. [www.dewachter.net](http://www.dewachter.net)



North Torrance' Mique Juarez (North Torrance #3) ran for 180 yards and two touchdowns and only completed 8 passes out of 32 for 45 yards passing in their loss against Mira Costa.



Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) is tackled during one of his 30 rushes by North's Nick Ortega (North Torrance #32).



North's Kevin Aliifua (North Torrance #5) eyeballs Mira Costa's Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) as he closes in for a tackle.



Police Reports

**Burglary-Auto** 11/14/2015 7:00:00 AM  
2400 BLOCK 239TH ST  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property used to steal victim’s other vehicle/ key, cash

**Auto Theft** 11/14/2015 7:00:00 AM 2400 BLOCK 239TH ST  
Stolen vehicle: ‘14 Mercedes Benz C250

**Burglary-Auto** 11/14/2015 10:00:00 AM  
18700 BLOCK CERISE AVE  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ watch, jacket, bank card, remote, documents

**Vandalism** 11/14/2015 7:00:00 AM 4900 BLOCK MACAFEE ROAD  
Suspect(s) pours sugar in victim’s vehicle’s gas tank

**Vandalism** 11/13/2015 3:05:00 PM 2400 BLOCK 182ND ST  
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PM 17500 BLOCK FALDA AVE  
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**Burglary-Auto** 11/13/2015 1:00:00 PM LOMITA BLVD & CRENSHAW BLVD  
Suspect approaches victim at gas station, pretends to remove scratches from her ve-

hicle and demands payment - additionally, while in victim’s vehicle suspect takes her property/ credit card

**Burglary-Auto** 11/13/2015 5:30:00 PM  
17700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD  
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/ eyeglasses, car lighter, remote, insurance, registration

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Suspect(s) pries exterior door for entry and attempts to pry interior door to safe room/ no loss

**Auto Theft** 11/13/2015 11:45:38 AM  
1900 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE  
Stolen vehicle: ‘01 GMC P/U

**Vandalism** 11/12/2015 5:46 PM 22200 BLOCK SHADYCROFT AVE  
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Chamber CEO

from front page

around children each day brought so much happiness into my life,” said Donna.

Three years later Donna was recruited to be Development Director, Student Activities Director, and Pep Squad Moderator at Notre Dame. “This position was a little bit of everything I had done throughout my career, from working with students in ASB to fundraising. Pep squad moderator was a bit of a stretch,” chuckled Donna.

But after seven years, the Duperrons moved from Corona to Torrance when Gary was recruited to teach and coach at North High. As soon as their three children became acclimated, Donna began volunteering, becoming active in community affairs.

Donna is a past President of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, an office she held on two occasions. She is a certified member of Torrance CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). She is a member of the Pediatric Therapy Network Community Advisory Board. She serves as a Block Captain. And was a member of the Torrance Centennial Committee.

In 1998, Donna looked for a job locally and, using her background as Activities and Development Directors, applied for a position as an Events Planner for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

“Over the years, gradually, I became more involved in the day-to-day operations of the Chamber’s offices. Soon I was promoted to First Vice President of the Chamber. Then, five years ago, I was named as the President and CEO. There is a remarkable staff of

six individuals, employed by the Chamber: Brandon Matson, Shatera Luna, Kelly Hernandez, Brandon Smith, Maria Applegate, and Terri Mamiya. Additionally, for the past six years, two volunteers, Pat Carnahan and Kay Brown, assist in the office. The staff and volunteers have fun, planning and working together. They all make coming to work each day a joy,” stated Donna.

Donna is the immediate past Chair of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and is a Board member of the Southern California Association of Chamber Executives. Her daily activities begin each day at 6:30 a.m. when she opens the offices and starts to work on all the programs that the Chamber runs. She also makes a point to learn about and meet the entrepreneurs in the Torrance business community.

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce actively acts as a resource for the businesses that form the membership of nearly 800 businesses. The Chamber holds seminars in their expansive offices on Madrona Avenue in Torrance, diagonally across from the Torrance Civic Center.

“It is important for this Chamber of Commerce to continue to be relevant in the community. I make it a point to visit, at a minimum, three of our member businesses each week. I interview the owner, president, CEO, or top management, advising of the resource the Chamber is for their business. The Chamber holds networking seminars, job fairs, as well as special events that cater to a specific sector of business, and assists

with legislative matters that may affect our members.

“The staff and I research what unique activities, programs, or events other Chambers are doing around the country. We brainstorm those ideas, determining if we should implement any in Torrance,” Donna continued.

“One new program we are very proud of is ‘Educators in the Workplace.’ We worked closely with the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) creating this program. Thirty selected staff members and faculty from TUSD will visit several Torrance businesses this school year. They will have the opportunity to see first-hand what the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace looks like. Teachers can then speak to their students about jobs they can aspire to in the future,” Donna explained.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce holds 42 major events each year with 200 or more attendees. There are six monthly programs where members can hear about new business opportunities in the area, network with other business professionals, and develop partnerships to increase business.

The Board of Directors are all volunteers from member businesses. Keeping the momentum of the Chamber continuous to grow the membership with new businesses; sustaining the relevancy of the Chamber of Commerce to the old business members; and retaining the 101-year heritage of Torrance as a business hub are over-arching goals of the Board.

“The Chamber Board members are extremely supportive of the businesses and the staff members of the Chamber,” stated Donna.

The relationship with the city of Torrance is also one that Donna Duperron maintains, as well as networking with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Donna knows to whom she must speak at City Hall for answers to questions her business members will have. The supportive City Council and staff at City Hall are openly available and make a point to attend as many Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce events as their schedules allow.

The Chamber’s Government Affairs program, under the direction of Brandon Matson, allows Chamber members the opportunity to present issues that may affect their business. In the past three years, this Chamber program has grown and is popular among the membership.

“I keep up with the trends for Chambers by attending the Western Association of Chambers of Commerce annual three-day conference. Once a week, or more, I attend webinars offered by the Southern California Association of Chambers of Commerce. My staff and I attend various educational seminars and forums throughout the year. We are always on the lookout for innovative ways to be relevant to our business members,” concluded the Chamber CEO.

Donna Duperron is a major reason for the success of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce with her dedication, her panache, her innovative ideas, and her appreciation of the businesses in Torrance. She extends a capitalized Thank You to all for participating in the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. •

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**Zena** is a sweet and playful kitten with a lovely purr and the tiniest meow. She loves to play and cuddle, and announces her entry into a room with a little chirp. Her best friend, Juliette, is her favorite playmate, but she will happily entertain herself with a small stuffed mouse or a piece of string. When she is all tired out, she will call out to Juliette with her signature chirp and they will meet on the sofa for a snuggle and a nap. Zena's stripes are gorgeous, and pale only in comparison to the leopard spot coloring on her tummy. She is also very loving with adult cats and human children, enjoying both their playfulness and parenting.

**Juliette** is a loving, playful kitten with an unstoppable purr. She loves to play and

cuddle, and, as if she wasn't cute enough, can sometimes be found sleeping with the tip of her tongue sticking out. Her best friend Zena is her favorite playmate, but she will happily entertain herself with shoelaces or her own tail. When she is all tired out, she will call out to Zena and they will meet on the sofa for a snuggle and a nap. Her soft white paws and green eyes are stunning, but her sweet nature is just as captivating. Juliette is also very loving with adult cats and human children.

**Telly** is the most unimaginably soft little fluff you have ever touched and his character is just as unique and special. Seriously, he's like petting a cloud. He is a consummate explorer and adventurer. "Play 'til I drop" is most assuredly his motto; running and



Telly loves to play!



Casanova prefers a home with other kitties.

wrestling until he's panting. Telly is a cuddling maniac. Unless of course, he is in the midst of a life or death chase with a little piece of crumpled up paper -- yes, he is that easily pleased with a simple, small ball of paper and will carry it around until it basically falls apart -- at which point you just have to crumple up another post-it note. He does love climbing as well and is a bit of an escape artist. He will be a great little dear to you and your family

**Casanova** was rescued from the shelter before he was euthanized. He is simply one of the most wonderful kittens we've ever met. He loves to be petted and held and purrs when you pet him. Casanova often rolls on his back and makes biscuits in the air. He loves tummy rubs! This sweet boy

gets along with everyone. He plays with all the other kittens and also loves his toys. Casanova is still a young kitten so we'd like him to go to a home with another kitten/cat or be adopted with one of his brothers or another kitty, so he has a feline friend and playmate.

These kitties 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, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website [www.kittenrescue.org](http://www.kittenrescue.org) or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto: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 Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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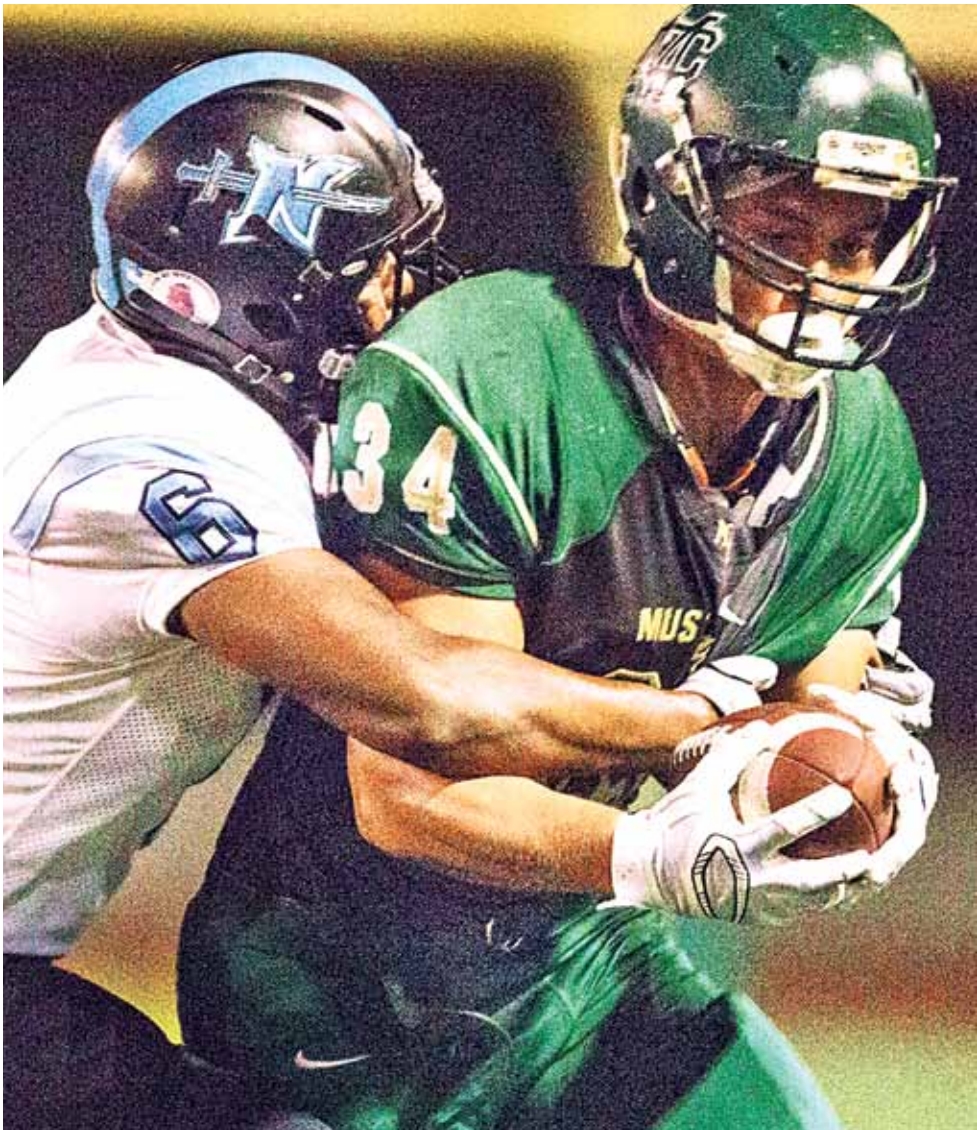
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Up and Adam

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Mira Costa's Ta'utino Sione (Mira Costa #34) holds on to the ball as North Torrance' Justin Allmond (North Torrance #6) tackles him in the Western Division quarterfinal.



Mira Costa's David Arredondo (Mira Costa #12) tries to get up and over on North's Zack Valle (North Torranwce #34) but is stopped.

Real Estate

Tips and Tricks for Solving Common Kitchen Design Dilemmas

(BPT) - Kitchen design is an art form, one where function and beauty harmoniously co-exist. When renovating a kitchen, homeowners can find themselves facing challenging design dilemmas. And they are not alone.

“When redesigning or refreshing a kitchen, the goal is to create a space that is hardworking, yet beautiful,” says Nate Berkus, renowned designer and artistic advisor to LG Studio. Berkus offers suggestions on how to create a space that is functional, and beautiful.

**Space Challenges.** When you don’t have enough room for the large table your family needs, get creative. Consider building an L-shaped bench around a farm table and adding extra chairs. It’s a clever use of space and will create a cozy nook where your family can gather for meals, or kids can do homework. Plus, the bench can double as storage space so it’s extra hardworking.

**Old Cabinets.** Use varying materials and finishes, like a wood or paint color that’s

different from the rest of the kitchen. “I recommend sticking with a neutral palette for cabinets,” Berkus says. “White, charcoal and gray will always be elegant, and you can’t go wrong with black. It makes a dramatic statement and looks fantastic paired with stainless steel appliances.”

**Small Budgets, Big Taste.** When you long for that sleek, built-in look but don’t want to break the bank, counter-depth appliances are a great design choice. They seamlessly integrate with cabinetry no matter what the material, supporting that clean look you want your kitchen to reflect.

“I’m obsessed with LG Studio’s three-door counter-depth refrigerator,” Berkus says. “The door-in-door feature is one of my favorites.” The refrigerator also features a sophisticated, pro-style, flat-door design inspired by Berkus that gives it a premium look. LG Studio’s slide-in ranges, with designs also inspired by Berkus, are another great option to help home-

owners achieve a custom, built-in aesthetic.

**Unattractive, Inefficient Lighting.** To create lighting that is both useful and beautiful, remember to light the room in layers, from above, under cabinets to illuminate work areas and all-around accent lighting to create ambiance. Opt for vintage sconces and brass or metallic lighting fixtures. They will instantly up the design ante and make the space feel decidedly layered and interesting.

**Counter Space Confusion.** You’ll need food prep areas, but will you also want a breakfast bar where your family can sit for meals and snacks? Will you need extra room for countertop appliances?

“My rule of thumb is always double the amount of counter space you think you’ll need,” Berkus says. “You can never have too much, especially if you like to cook and entertain.”

Ultimately, Berkus says, “Kitchen design is about creating a space that brings the family together, and reflects your sense of style.” •





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