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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

#### **HOLIDAY CHEER**

BY KARA SERAFIN Club Writer

Torrance High School students showcased their school spirit during the "Home for the Holidays" spirit week during December 9 to 13. The joy of the upcoming holidays was in the air and the Tartars felt as festive as ever.

The exciting week "spirited" with Falalala Flannel Day on Monday. The school hallways were filled with plaid shirts and jackets, establishing the start of a very merry (and particularly colder) week at THS.

On Terrible Tacky Tuesday, students dug out ugly sweaters from deep within their closets. Some Tartars decided to use their imagination to construct

unique and fascinating apparel. An ugly sweater contest at lunch showcased sweaters sorted into the three categories: "Most Creative," "Cutest," and "Ugliest." The winners took home gingerbread house baking kits, but every Tartar should be applauded for showing off their intriguing sweaters.

Wednesday Winternet Fame day, when the students put their favorite memes on display. This peculiar day required more effort than the others, but it was rewarded. The day was filled with amusement and laughter as students observed each other's outfits.

On Thursday, Tar-

tars wore their comfiest clothes to school for Cozy Day. Students brought out their sweatpants, hoodies, blankets, and more. On a cold winter day, nothing can beat a warm blanket and fuzzy socks.

Finally, on Friday each grade expressed their "Holiday Cheer" by wearing their class color. Some even went the extra mile and used face paint and other items to embellish themselves with spirit.

Tartars once again "dressed to impress" with their extravagant outfits and accessories. This cheerful spirit week has definitely set the right mood for the holidays!





Photo courtesy of: Torrance Tartars Instagram



#### SINGING INTO THE HOLIDAYS BY MOMO NAKANISHI Club Writer

Students and their families filled the Torrance High School auditorium on December 11 for the Sounds of the Season, a holiday concert presented by the Torrance High School Choral Music Department. No tickets were sold this year as choir director Mrs. Kelly Nash believes all friends and family should be able to enjoy the beautiful music free of charge.

The concert was counted off with a breathtaking three-song performance by Synchronicity (Vocal Jazz) members. They began with Here's That Rainy Day, followed by the acappella Fields of Gold. Junior Veronica Garza remarked, "Singing with the Jazz Choir is my favorite part of the concert." Finally, the holiday mood was set with a joyous arrangement of I'll Be Home for Christmas. The plethora of practice made by THS Choir alumnus Kelli Na- of them has an

hours these students invested became glaringly evident to singers and spectators alike.

Following the Synchronicity was the Vocal Harmony. This group is made up mostly of freshmen and sophomores, many of whom performing for THS for the first time. They demonstrated their talent and harmony through pieces such as White Winter Hymnal and Amani, a Swahili song of peace. Amani included solo parts by soprano Ayelen Higbee and baritone Brandon Eves, and the audience was amazed by their fine performances!

There was a silent auction, organized by the Choir Boosters, during the fifteen-minute intermission. Bids were cast on movie baskets, restaurant gift cards, and even holiday earrings

After intermission, the Troubadours, the advanced choir, performed a series of five songs, including a very fast tempo arrangement of Jingle Bells and one of the most beautifully executed performances of the night- Elijah Rock. The Troubadours were accompanied by senior Anna Yamada from Japan. "Because my English is not fluent, I have felt insecure at school," she explained. "But through piano, I got the chance to meet so many wonderful people."

Anna began her THS piano career when the previous choir director, Mr. Wright, gave her the opportunity to perform a solo piece at the holiday concert last year. Since then, she is "proud to be a member of the choir" and believes that "it's beautiful how each and every one

amazing voice."

Her highly skilled accompaniment greatly enhanced the graceful singing.

This holiday concert was special for Mrs. Nash. She said: "For my first concert at THS, I don't think it could have gone any better!" She "truly enjoys working with her students" and is "really proud" of their performances. Throughout the concert, the audience could feel the strong bond created between Mrs. Nash and her students.

The concert concluded with the combined choir's performance of The Most Wonderful Time of the Year. Overall, the 2019 holiday concert was a great success as the audience left the auditorium ready for the holidays with joyful smiles on their faces. Enjoy the holidays, Tartars!

#### **YULETIDE YUCKS**

- 1. Which of Santa's reindeer is bad-mannered?
- 2. What do you give a reindeer with an upset stomach?
  - 3. What does Prancer what for Christmas?
  - 4. What's red and goes, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Plop?"
  - 5. What Christmas carol makes you thirsty?

Get your answers on pg. 3!



# **Remembering Pearl Harbor**

BY JOSHUA FLORES

Staff Writer

There are many important events in our country's history which impact us to this day. One occurred on Sunday morning just before 8 a.m. on December 7, 1941. Franklin Roosevelt described it as a "date which will live in infamy," the day the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, coercing America into WWII.

Even before the attack, tensions between Japan and the United States were strained. Japan declared war on China in 1937, which lead to the U.S. putting trade embargoes on "oil, metal, aircraft exports, and much more," according to Fiza Pirani of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Pirani added, "the U.S. also provided economic support to Guomindang forces in China, who were fighting Japanese troops in the infamous Nanjing Massacre." The U.S. did this in an effort to try and stop Japanese expansion.

On September 27, 1940, Japan signed the Tripartite Pact in Berlin, making them a part of the Axis powers during WWII along with the Third German Reich and Fascist Italy. According to History.com the "Pact provided for mutual assistance should any of the signatories suffer attack by any nation not already involved in the war."

The Pact's main purpose was to deter the neutral U.S. from entering the war on the side of the Allies. But the Pact also recognized the spheres of influence between the three nations, "the leadership of Germany and Italy in the establishment of a new order in Europe," and Japan's lordship over "Greater many and Italy would have control over all of Europe.

Before the attack, the U.S. and Japan were negotiating for months about the economic sanctions, but to no avail. The Japanese people became angered by the West's interference in their war against China and, accordingly, "war with the United States had become to seem inevitable, in order to defend its status as a major world power," writes Sarah Pruitt, a History.com editor.

The U.S. made Pearl Harbor the main base for its Pacific Fleet in May of 1940. America didn't expect Japan to attack since it was 4,000 miles away from the Japanese mainland. During that time no Japanese plane could travel that far without refueling

After months of planning, Japan launched its surprise attack at Pearl Harbor. Japanese "bombers hit all eight U.S. battleships, sinking four and damaging four others, destroyed or damaged more than 300 aircraft and killed some 2,400 Americans at Pearl Harbor." This was the beginning of the end for the Japanese Empire.

Japan had not achieved its objective at Pearl Harbor "to completely destroy the Pacific Fleet. The Japanese bombers missed oil tanks, ammunition sites, and repair facilities." Not a single U.S. aircraft carrier was present during the attack meaning that America could use naval bombers to attack Japanese naval vessels. This led to the American success at the Battle of Midway in 1942, turning the tide of the war in the Pacific.

East Asia." Meaning Japan would have control over all of East Asia and Ger-Season of Mishaps

BY MIKI IGNACIO Staff Writer

The air is crisp, the skies are gray, and the mountains are covered in blankets of pure white snow. The year has transitioned into December, a most treasured month. Conversely, fierce weather conditions often ruin the jolly ambience of the last month of the year. This Southern California winter has proven to be a daunting inconvenience, especially during the season of holidays, with pouring rain, freezing temperatures, foggy conditions, and heavy snow,

The week prior to December, intense showers continued for three straight days on and around Thanksgiving Day. Traveling proved difficult as California drivers and fliers are not used to inclimate weather. The downpour produced traffic everywhere. According to FlightAware, the snow delayed 1,300 arrival and departure flights, and almost canceled 700 other flights. However, for those who love the sound of the rain and the sight of the snow, the past weather conditions were considered a blessing.

An atmospheric river—a long, narrow trail of

moisture in the air—lingered after the Thanksgiving storm, and it produced numerous rainstorms on: Tuesday, December 3rd; Wednesday the 4th; Friday the 6th; and Sunday the 8th. The Weather Channel reported Wednesday's storm accumulated approximately one inch of rain in downtown Los Angeles. Additionally, according to the Los Angeles Times, Wednesday's morning shower caused dozens of car incidents. With a brief break on Thursday, the cloudy skies and light showers resumed on Friday, and an unexpected, fierce shower hit on Sun-

Before you pack your bags, be aware of the weather conditions. Check the weather forecast everyday and watch for any alerts, whether you are heading out of the house or staying inside your cozy abode. Dress warmly and bring an umbrella when going outside. You might even store an extra pair of socks because nobody wants to walk around in soggy socks all day. By being prepared, you will preserve the holiday spirit when you travel safe and sound.







# A Trip Down Candy Cane Lane

BY USHNA ANWĀR

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The city of Torrance commenced its annual Sleepy Hollow Christmas Lights Extravaganza, better known as Candy Cane Lane, on the evening of December 1. Candy Cane Lane is a neighborhood that partakes in decorating their houses with flashy Christmas lights and holiday displays. There are approximately six Candy Cane Lane locations in Los Angeles; however, CBS Local recalled Torrance being "one of the best around LA."

These lights are located on Roberts Road near Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway and are displayed from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. According to the Daily Breeze writer Nick Green, this popular event "attracts thousands of gawking carloads." If you are considering visiting these displays, keep in mind the closer to Christmas, the more the attendance will increase. The Lights Extravaganza lasts only the month of December.

There are two main ways families can experience Candy Cane Lane. One method is driving through the neighborhood. If you choose this route, there are a few conditions to be aware of in advance. Although there will be heavy traffic, it is a perfect way to get a quick view of the Christmas lights. Patch writer Nicole Mooradian suggests playing



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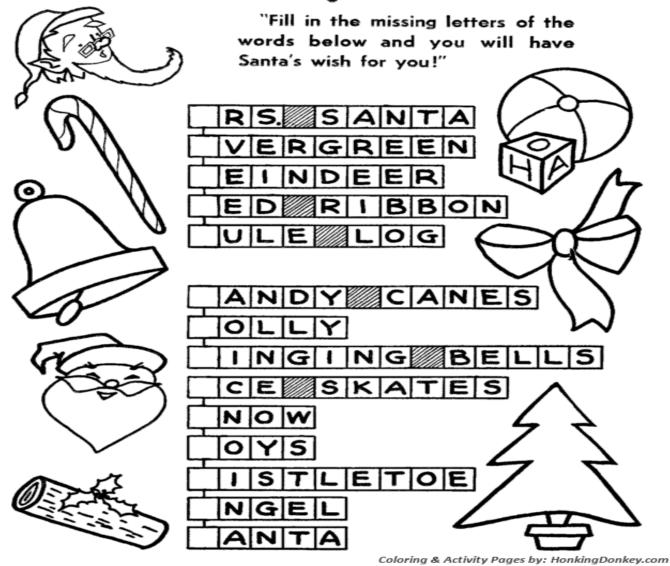
"Christmas music to get into the spirit of the area."

Another alternative is walking on foot. Ambulation will save you the inconvenience of finding a parking spot. Moordian also suggests parking on "PCH, Calle Mayor, or Prospect Avenue." Although parking may be an arduous task, walking is going to present opportunities a car ride will not provide.

As you walk through the town of Sleepy Hollow, there will be neighbors selling holiday treats and baked goods, so bring a little cash to support their efforts. An additional perk is having plenty of photo opportunities. In case you are worried about encountering chilly weather, there will probably be hot chocolate being sold to keep you warm. Walking will allow visitors to take a closer look at the displays and notice more details.

This neighborhood goes to great lengths to decorate their houses for the Christmas season and receive visitors from near and far. Many people treasure this lighthearted event, so be sure to leave the area the same way you found it - pick up your trash! Candy Cane Lane is the perfect place for friends and families to enjoy the holidays.

#### Mr. Whiskers says:



Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the crossword. Then find a secret message. bells candle candy cane card chimney Christmas tr gingerbread holly letter lights ornaments presents reindeer Santa Claus sleigh snowman To Santa 🔠 stocking from Lucy wreath The secret message is isLcollead home

# Christmas Wish List Survey Results

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# Santa Alert!



It is that time of year again, Tartars—the time for smiles, laughs, and gifts! Christmas is coming up, and everyone is excited to reach under the Christmas tree and open their presents. But before anyone hastily buys a random Christmas gift, the News Torch crew has mustered up a Christmas wish list.

The categories of our December survey (with 120 Tartars polled) are:

Clothes

Food

BY MIKI IGNACIO Staff Writer

Athletic Goods Beauty cosmetics

Books

Gift Cards

Jewelry Tech Gadgets Video Games

pair of shoes or a hoodie you have always wanted to buy. and, most importantly, to have fun.

In third place, Tech Gadgets made their debut. Items included in the "tech gadgets" category are: phones, lap- place in a three-way tie. All three of these items are uni- sents, never forget the true gift of Christmas: being with tops, and video gaming consoles—a hot topic in today's que in their own way, but will nevertheless grant a smile your loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, society. Following up Tech Gadgets are Video Games, in when gifted. Lastly but not leastly, books come in eighth terrific Tartars!

In first place (drum roll please!), Gift Cards are the fourth place. If you are fortunate enough to already have place on the Christmas wish list. With all the technology most desirable gift for Tartars. The variety and convenien- a gaming console, new video games are definitely on the buzzing around, books can be overlooked. But the traditice of gift cards prove a perfect gift for anyone anywhere. wish list. Athletic Goods slid their way into fifth place on on and magic behind books will become a great delight to Clothes ranked second place on the Christmas wish the Christmas wish list. Our aspiring athletic Tartars de- any Tartar. list. Nothing could go wrong when gifted your favorite serve top notch sporting equipment with which to train

The Tartars have much to wish for this Christmas. Anticipation and excitement only grows as each day passes Food, Beauty Cosmetics, and Jewelry ranked sixth until the big Day arrives. Whether you give or receive pre-





## TRENDING TOPICS

### Disney Introduces a Plus Factor

By USHNA ANWAR *Staff Writer* 

Disney released an online streaming subscription called Disney Plus to all capable platforms on November 12. Initially announcing this video service in 2017, Disney received a majority of the excitement from fans the month prior to its release. This platform consists of content specifically owned by Disney such as Pixar, Marvel, classic Disney movies, 20th Century Fox, and more.

Disney offers much within the subscription to their service. The monthly cost is \$6.99 and the yearly is \$69.00. Mike Sorrentino of CNET says Disney Plus offers a bundle "with Hulu (with ads) and ESPN plus, offering a \$5 discount if you subscribe to all three of its streaming options." In addition, Verizon has partnered with Disney and offered a free year of Disney Plus to their customers.

Disney Plus is similar to other streaming base, Disney Plus has re services, such as Netflix, HBO, and Amazon Prime School Musical: The S won't let you forget me

Video. One difference, though, is Disney Plus does not have nearly as many available titles as the others listed. This could be construed as a poor business decision; however, Disney could use this as a strategy. The company is well aware of the childhood connection fans have with Disney.

Nostalgia was a key participant in the sign up rate. TechRadar writer David Nield affirmed, "Every film Disney has ever made or bought will be available" on the platform. Knowing this, Disney Plus will definitely include something for everyone to enjoy, whether it is classics like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and The Lion King, or modern classics such as Frozen or Moana.

Disney fans, knowing their childhood classics would be available, did not hesitate to sign up.

Along with appealing to the youthful side of its fan base, Disney Plus has released originals such as High School Musical: The Series and The Mandalorian,

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which are being well received by subscribers. CNET reviewer Joan Solsman reports the company "registered more than 10 million people" in approximately two days. Saying the release of Disney Plus was a success would be an understatement!



By VERONICA GARZA

Staff Writer
Jarad Anthony Higgins, also known as Juice
WRLD, has joined the "21 Club," a group of young
rappers who died nearing or at the age of 21 years.
Higgins passed on December 8 "reportedly suffering
a seizure," Danny Schwartz of NBC News reports, "at
Chicago's Midway Airport, just one week after his 21st
birthday." Though the cause of death is not assuredly
known, TMZ reports Higgins had swallowed "several unknown pills" before police searched his and his
group's bags. In addition, after searching his private
jet, police reportedly found 70 pounds of marijuana
and six bottles of prescription codeine cough syrup.
Going through the trauma of heartbreak, Higgins released "Lucid Dreams" on May 4, 2018.

Throughout almost every verse, he mentions death: "I know that you want me dead / I take

prescriptions to make me feel a-okay," hinting at the cause of his inevitable passing to be a drug overdose. Then, two months later on June 22, 2018, Higgins released "Legends," a song dedicated to two other rappers who passed prematurely, Lil Peep and XXXTentacion. Higgins sings, "What's the 27 club? We ain't making it past 21," then, later in that verse: "they tell me I'mma be a legend / don't want that title now / 'Cause all the legends seem to die out." Higgins's cries for help may have been misinterpreted as displays of vulnerability and emotion. In the days following his death, Higgins's mother, Carmella Wallace, spoke to TMZ. "As he often addressed in his music and to his fans, Jarad battled with prescription drug dependency," and "addiction knows no boundaries and its impact goes way

beyond the person fighting it," Wallace commented.

Though struggling with his own addiction, Higgins was said to "help those battling addiction who may have felt alone in their fight," as mentioned in a TMZ interview. Higgins left behind quite a legacy, as Claudia Harmata of People Magazine reports, he "made Billboard's Hot 100 chart 25 times in under two years" and was "crowned top new artist earlier this year at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards after being dubbed Billboard's top new R&B/hip-hop artist in 2018." He left behind chart toppers, music awards, and an abundance of adoring fans.



many questions: how to decorate your tree, how to decorate your home, and how to dress yourself, just to name a few. Luckily, the Christmas trends of 2019 have at least one creative answer for each.

AirPods were introduced on September 7, 2016, but only available online. They grew in popularity and everyone had to have them. Sometimes students forget they have them on. Crocs were once the fashion but quickly became a fad, relinquishing to new styles and patterns.

The remake of everyone's favorite childhood movie, The Lion King, had many approvals and disapprovals, but pretty much everyone agrees the original soundtrack is the best. And let's not forget about Baby Yoda, even though he is forgettable. Let's take out the old and ring in the New Year!





2019 Wrap Up

By KAYLA COLLINS, VERONICA GARZA Editor-in-Chief Staff Writer

Your annual Christmas party is in two days. You still have not picked out your outfit. Your tree is bland with only small white lights adorning it. Your home cries for help, lacking Saint Nick's spirit. Fortunately, whether you seek advice on how to dress your tree, home, or self, 2019's Christmas trends provide a plethora of answers

This proves to be a particularly festive year. The two top tree trends include the traditional Winter Wonderland theme and a more modern Whimsical Wonderland. Traditional Christmas trees, like Dickens' A Christmas Carol, features flocked firs. According to the Trend Book, "the flocked effect gives a nostalgic feel [of a] snow rush under the tree." Modern Christmas trees, not unlike Seuss's "The Grinch," showcase these pine pieces upside down and are "easy to integrate into holiday decor."

To decorate the remainder of the room,

HQ Designs suggests incorporating nature into the room's design palette with "pine or fir green elements" and "branches...or moss." Wooden candle holders and lanterns are also suggested. Be 2 Adorn reports, "Blue Christmas" has replaced "White Christmas," as deep midnight blues, aquamarine hues, and cerulean shades "bring sophistication to the rooms, for a modern and disruptive decoration."

The tree stands in the center of your customized Winter Wonderland, sporting the most recent trends. Now that you have dressed both your tree and home, you must dress yourself. You will shine in a snowy white dress dazzling with sequins, which is, according to Harper's Bazaar, a "classic holiday mix, but it never feels tired." Pinstripes are also making a comeback this holiday season, making them "so much more than workwear."

The Christmas season is known to bring forth





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### **Sanity Klaus**

#### BY EDUARDO BENITEZ

Staff Writer

Netflix delivers an enjoyable gift for the holidays with its highly acclaimed animated film, Klaus. After clearly showing how incompetant he is as a postman, Jasper (played by Jason Schwartzman) is sent to a frozen town up in the North as a sort of punishment for his laziness. Ultimately, he encounters the toymaker Klaus (played by J.K Simmons) and the two set off to deliver toys to all the children in town. Everything from the story to the facial expressions are a sight to behold.

The story, surprisingly not cliche like most holiday flicks, is comforting and endearing to all ages. The animation rivals the classic Disney films. The visuals are fluid and crisp while the lighting details on characters, settings, and objects are all taken consideration. Nothing is left out and into everything is given the same form of attention. Critics also adore this movie. Bilge Ebiri, from

New York Magazine, said, "It's awkward and weird, and yet all that awkwardness and weirdness gives it personality and charm and a freewheeling, nonsensical quality that feels refreshing."

#### **Christmas in Different Cultures**

BY JOSHUA FLORES

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During this holiday season, we often focus on what our families do for the holidays. Christmas is celebrated around the world by many for different reasons and in different ways. It's amazing to see how many countries share similar traditions, but it is equally curious to see how Christmas celebrations differ from other countries.

For example, in the Netherlands a holiday similar to Christmas is celebrated on December 6, known as St. Nicholas' Day. Most celebrations, however, are celebrated on December 5 when St.Nicholas brings presents to all the good boys and girls of the Netherlands. According to the website whychristmas.com the "name Santa Claus comes from the name Sinterklaas" and the Dutch say Santa lives in Madrid, Spain.

According to sources, Santa leaves from Spain on the second Saturday of November to travel to the Netherlands to deliver presents. He travels with his servants known as Zwarte Pieten, which is Dutch for "Black Peters." Zwarte Pieten are similar to Santa's elves and keep a list of all the good the children have done in the past year. The good children will get presents from Sinterklaas and the naughty children "will be put in a sack and the Zwarte Pieten will take them to Spain for a year to teach them how to behave. That's a very long Christmas break!

The country of Japan has a unique way to celebrate Christmas. In Japan, Christmas isn't a religious day and is more often celebrated on Christmas Eve than on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve is "thought of as a romantic day, in which couples spend together and exchange presents" according to whychristmas.com. It is a much anticipated Valentines Day.

Also, fried chicken is often consumed on Christmas Day in Japan. This is because "an advertising campaign by KFC in the 1974 called 'Kentucky for Christmas!' (Kurisumasu ni wa kentakkii!)" was very successful and made fried chicken a popular cuisine in that island country. Christmas Day is both a federal and a national holiday in America, which proves its quintessential influence on our society.

Ashlie D. Stevens, From Salon.com, chimed in with, "Though there are some narrative blips in Klaus born out of a premise that is maybe just a little too complex for a 97-minute film, the movie is absolutely beautiful."

If you have Netflix, Klaus most assuredly is a wonderful film for the whole family to enjoy.



Sing Noelle

BY EDUARDO BENITEZ

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Disney+ treats its subscribers with a new original Christmas movie, Noelle. After being trained to become the next Santa Claus, Nick Kringle (Bill Hader) decides to run away from his fate and escape to Phoenix, so it's up to his Sister, Noelle (Anna Kendrick), to find and return him to the North Pole before December 25 while discovering her own meaning of Christmas.

The film is neither grand nor special in terms of Holiday movies. The film feels as if it had been made for TV on ABC Family or the Disney Channel, but also feels oddly appropriate on the list of Disney+ originals. The story is dry and meaningless with too many side plots and events occurring one after another.

The characters are not that special, either. Noelle herself is the only interesting character as her childlike innocence helps deliver jokes that would not be funny otherwise.

Richard Roeper, from the Chicago Sun-Times, said, "Noelle is subpar - but it's silly, harmless fun. It's so forget-table it'll be virtually erased from your memory five minutes after the end credits roll." Nick Allen, from RogerEbert, said, "Noelle has plenty of charm -- the kind that makes a Christmas story not just simply amiable, but worth a look." Whether you want to just pass the time or put something on for your begrudging family gatherings, Noelle might be worth watching.





Staff Writer

### **Sharing the Warmth**

BY DAEZSA PASION Staff Writer

From December 3 to 17, Torrance High School's Nurturing Future Generations Club held a winter clothing drive. The school-wide clothing drive collected new and gently used clothing and shoes to donate to My Friend's Place, a Los Angeles based organization that aspires to inspire homeless youth. What a great way to ring in the holiday season!

Winter is an appropriate time to set aside old clothes from your wardrobes as it typically serves as the bringer of new clothes, styles, and fashion. The president and founder of NFG, Senior Kitzia Lopez, said, "Since the New Year is around the corner, I know a lot of people are trying to have a 'fresh start' and clean out their closets." However, this narrows down to one question: Where do all the discarded clothes go?

According to HuffPost.com, "The average American will toss out 81 pounds of clothing a year. That amounts to 26 billion pounds of textiles and clothes that end up in the landfill." You could probably fill every store in Del Amo Mall with that amount of clothes.

To reverse this statistic, rather than throwing away these clothes, put them to greater use by donating them to those who do not have the luxury of new clothes.

Kitzia Lopez added, "I hope that the season of giving encourages people to donate." Lending a helping hand to someone in need is always a heart-warming holiday experience.

The California winter has been unseasonably cold with frigid winds and heavy rain. Imagine being in this kind of weather without a warm jacket, a pair of pants, or even a pair shoes. Pretty difficult, isn't it? Now imagine being a shelterless child. It is simply unbearable.

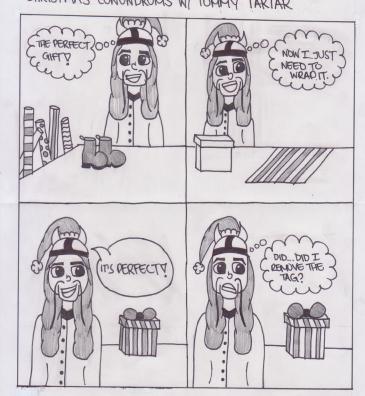
According to The Chronicle of Social Change, more than 12,000 California youth are considered unaccompanied and homeless, leaving them to fend for themselves in shelters, on the streets, or even in unsafe, abandoned buildings. Organizations, such as My Friend's Place, are working to counteract this situation, especially during the holiday season, by collecting donated clothes and shoes for the homeless youth in Los Angeles.

Overall, NFG collected approximately 15 pounds of clothes to be donated to My Friend's Place. Thanks to everyone who helped in this worthwhile endeavor. It feels good to give! Try it, YULE like it!



**Christmas Conundrums** BY USHNA ANWAR

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