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## Celebrating a Giving Heritage Through Torrance Memorial



The Heritage Society consists of individuals who have included Torrance Memorial with a future gift in their estate plan. Heritage Society members and donors who have made a contribution annually for 10 or more consecutive years were acknowledged and appreciated at a luncheon last month at Palos Verdes Golf Club. The list included four Torrance residents pictured here: Front--Carolyn Snyder, Bert Stewart. Back--Michelle Rand, June Leach. Photo by Deidre Davidson.

## Veterans Day Recognition Event to Be Hosted At Cultural Arts Center

By Cristian Vasquez

In a unanimous vote, Mayor Patrick J. Furey and members of the Torrance City Council approved a \$5,000 expenditure recommended by the Social Services Commission for a Veterans Day Recognition Event to be hosted in the Torrance Cultural Arts Center on November 10.

“Just a brief history of the recent events that the City has held in honor of Veterans Day: In 2015 the Armed Forces Day Committee did recommend a \$5,000 expenditure, which the Council did approve, for a Veterans Day Program coordinated by the City,” Staff Liaison to the Social Services Commission Viet Hoang said. “It was held in conjunction with U.S. America Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program.”

In the past, members of the Council have shown support for military veterans events--in particular those that provide a direct benefit to local veterans. Hoang reminded the Council that last year the body agreed to subsidize \$470 in rental fees for the Nakano Theater in order to host a Veterans Day celebration event, which was actually coordinated by the Vietnam Veterans of America, South Bay Chapter 53. This year’s event will include a program and lunch, and the commission is working to use this as an opportunity to attract the different community organizations that serve veterans in the Torrance community.

“I was a part of the 2015 and 2016 celebrations and I am looking forward to this time 2017,” said Councilman Milton S. Herring. “I’m also glad to see that it will be a lunch instead of a breakfast. Although veterans don’t mind waking up early, the senior ones might like to sleep a little later.”

During the most recent commission meeting in June, staff was directed to contact several organizations dedicated to serving veterans, including the Department of Veterans Affairs and the California EDD. Hoang shared that a number of other organizations will be invited

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
73°/66°



**Saturday**  
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77°/68°



**Sunday**  
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# California Lawmakers Want More Clarity About DNA Evidence

By Rob McCarthy

No one knows how many rape-testing kits are sitting in police department evidence rooms in California when they should be in a DNA lab being analyzed. One California assemblyman is intent on learning the exact number and why evidence in reported sexual assault cases isn't in a database used by investigators statewide.

The measure introduced by Assemblymember David Chiu, D-San Francisco, is aimed at reducing the number of untested sexual assault evidence kits throughout California. The bill for the first time requires law enforcement agencies to report to the California Department of Justice annual data on sexual assault evidence kit collection and testing, providing "greater transparency for survivors, policy makers and the criminal justice system," according to a press release from Chiu's office.

The Assembly has unanimously approved the measure, which is moving toward vote in the State Senate. The bill sailed through two state Senate committees last month, yet is opposed by the California State Sheriff's Association on the grounds that a new DNA evidence reporting requirement places a financial burden on local law enforcement. The push for more clarity and accountability with the DNA evidence comes amidst a national campaign to better manage sexual assault evidence and reduce a backlog of untested kits.

"The neglect of sexual assault kits with no explanation of why they were not analyzed simply adds to the trauma endured by survivors seeking justice," said Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, who supports the measure. Participation by police and sheriffs wouldn't pose a burden or be time-consuming, O'Malley believes. The additional reporting in Chiu's bill can be accomplished with "a few extra keystrokes" in the statewide DNA tracking system for sexual predators, she explained.

The bill's author says there is no comprehensive data available in California about the number of sexual assault evidence kits that local law enforcement agencies collect annually or how many kits are analyzed. No comprehensive data exists either about why some sexual assault evidence kits are not analyzed, according to Chiu.

"There is a significant public interest in knowing the percentage of rape kits that are analyzed to identify the perpetrator's DNA profile, as well as the reason for any untested rape kits not being analyzed," the bill's language explains. "Currently, there is no mandatory statewide tracking mechanism to collect and report these metrics. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section ... to correct that."

The cost to test DNA evidence in a rape case can reach \$5,000, and a 2014 report by the California State Auditor revealed that each year kits go unanalyzed by DNA laboratories for a variety of reasons. Chiu says the scope of the problem, however, cannot be properly estimated due to "a lack of effective tracking at the local level."

Women and men who report sexual assaults often know their attackers, according to statistics cited in a paper by Dean Kilpatrick with the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center. In nearly 80 percent of the cases reported to police, the victim and the accused perpetrator had an intimate relationship. Kilpatrick defined that connection as a current or former spouse, live-in partner, dating partner, boyfriend or girlfriend. About one in four sexual assaults are committed by strangers, a National Women's Study found. Even when the accused attacker's identity is known, there is good reason to enter their DNA in the state's sexual assault tracking system, according to Chiu.

Forensic analysis often helps identify repeat offenders. That can only occur if city police and county sheriff departments input sexual assault evidence into the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Tracking system, or SAFE-T. Lawmakers created the database in 2015 without requiring police, sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies to log in every rape kit they collect. Chiu's measure would make it mandatory, along with an explanation why investigators chose not to send off a kit to a public or private DNA-testing lab for analysis.

The state collects and stores DNA data of people who are arrested on suspicion of committing crimes, under a voter-approved initiative from 2004. Prop. 69 expanded the

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# Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to [marketing@heraldpublications.com](mailto:marketing@heraldpublications.com). We take Visa and MasterCard.

## THURSDAY, JULY 13

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Book Discussion: Mademoiselle Chanel by C.W. Gointner, 10:00 AM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
- Biography and Memoirs Book Discussion Group, 10:30 AM. – 11:30 AM, free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.

## FRIDAY, JULY 14

- Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. – 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.
- Friday Fun for Kids, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Reading By Design: Building Jungle Drum Rhythms with Chazz, 2:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.

## SATURDAY, JULY 15

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- The Art of Zentangle, 10:00 AM. & 11:15 AM., free, space is limited, registration is required, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Mini - Train Rides (Public Run Days), Noon – 3:00 PM., donations accepted, Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Ave.
- A Night to Remember, 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$40/\$30, Call: 310-781-7171. James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive,

## MONDAY, JULY 17

- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve - CLOSED, 3201 Plaza Del Amo.
- Reading By Design: Chenille Stem Sculpture, 2:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic

- Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Babytime, 10:30 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
- Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM., City Hall Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.
- Youth Council, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM., City Hall Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd.
- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Reading By Design: Marble Mazes, 4:00 PM., free, Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Reading By Design: DIY Droids, 2:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Reading By Design: Designer Chocolate, 3:30 PM., free, teens & tweens only, Katy Geissert Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964. •

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## Community Briefs

### SBWIB Awarded Grant for Pre-Apprenticeship Development in Engineering

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded \$240,000 by the California Workforce Development Board to continue developing its new Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA), which creates a career pathway for engineering. The funding will be utilized to expand the pilot program; designed as an employer-driven earn and learn model that will build a workforce pipeline to help meet the needs of area aerospace employers.

The AFPA is a customizable program allowing each individual employer to design or "flex" the program's curriculum to meet the needs of industry and of each participating manufacturer. Program participants will gain career knowledge in engineering, gain valuable work experience, connect with top employers ready to hire, gain industry association membership and more. Partnering employers will be able to flex the curriculum to their needs, build their workforce pipeline, receive funding to support training and recruitment and have access to a pool of talented job seekers ready to work. The program timeframe is 6-12 weeks and consists of work readiness

training, industry specific occupational skills training and on-the-job work-based learning, provided by Aero-Flex member employers.

The AFPA provides an innovative and customizable framework that allows employers to easily invest in pre-apprentices with flexibility to respond to their priorities, labor market changes and innovations in the field. AFPA will be shared regionally throughout the Los Angeles Basin to bring together additional employers, workforce development partners, community colleges and others.

The SBWIB is expecting to enroll up to 100 Aero-flex Pre-Apprentices with this funding. Additionally, students will be provided \$500 stipends for their participation and successful completion of the program.

Current partners include El Camino College, West Los Angeles College, Tooling U-SME, Training Funding Partners and AMP So/Cal. Some of the employer partners include Northrop Grumman, L-3 Communications, Magnetika, Impresa Aerospace, Space Vector, Ten Tech, Space Vector, Verisurf and Zodiac Aerospace. — Source: SBWIB

### Youth Volleyball Summer Camps, Fall Leagues, Advanced Juniors Program

Registration for the United States Youth Volleyball League's (USYVL) three signature volleyball programs is open. USYVL is accepting registrations for three-day summer camps during July and fall volleyball leagues and the Advanced Juniors program. Each program offers boys and girls the opportunity to learn and play volleyball in a fun, safe and supervised environment.

Summer camps are located throughout Northern and Southern California at locations including Hermosa Beach, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Long Beach, Los Gatos, Moorpark, Sacramento, San Jose, Thousand Oaks, and Torrance. The player to coach ratio for summer camps is 8:1, which permits more flexibility and time for coaches to work one-on-one with participants.

USYVL's eight-week fall instructional leagues

provide participants instruction twice per week. Skilled instructors teach basic volleyball skills and drills in a positive environment. Fall leagues teach principles of participation, teamwork, skill development, sportsmanship, and fun. Practices and games operate in a co-ed format and present participants the opportunity to develop self-esteem and confidence.

In addition to regular fall leagues, USYVL also offers an Advanced Juniors program for intermediate and advanced players between the ages of 12-16. The Advanced Juniors program is for participants that have mastered the basics of volleyball and are preparing for the next level of volleyball competition.

For information on registering for summer camps, fall leagues, or Advanced Juniors visit [www.usyvl.org](http://www.usyvl.org) or contact us at 1-888-988-7985 or [info@usyvl.org](mailto:info@usyvl.org). — Source: USYVL

### Tunes at TAM Presents "Grant Hungerford and Friends"

South Bay Artist and Producer Georgette Gantner teams up with the Torrance Art Museum to present Thursday Tunes at TAM, a monthly series of live music events hosted by the museum. Performing live this month are "Grant Hungerford And Friends" featuring Grant Hungerford on trumpet and flugelhorn Thursday, July 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Gallery One at the Torrance Art Museum. The museum's

current exhibits are Why Art Matters! and Bill Dambrova: A Vein is a River. Hungerford will be accompanied by John Rusnak (piano), Brian Chapman (bass) and Marc van Aiken (drums). TAM is located at 3320 Civic Center Drive North, in Torrance. Suggested donation is \$20. For more information, call (310) 376-5577 or visit [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com).

— Source: Torrance Art Museum

# Sports

## Up and Adam

### South High Volleyball Team Loses to Eventual Champs

By Adam Serrao

The South High boys' volleyball team was young and there was no doubting that fact. A youthful roster with nine junior players certainly had no problem taking the Pioneer League by storm, though. Under head coach Aaron Saldana, the Spartans' regular season was full of win streaks and impressive runs that led the team to a division championship and back into the CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs. Though the Spartans' postseason was cut short when the team lost to this year's eventual CIF champions, South showed dominance with its size and timely hitting that will surely play a factor once again in an inevitable championship run next season.

The South High Spartans volleyball team has seemingly called the CIF playoffs home for as long as anyone can remember now. Beginning the regular season in the way that the Spartans began theirs gave fans of the team a glimpse into how they consistently make their dominance look so easy on a year-in and year-out basis. Two dominating sweeps over the Damien Spartans (2-0) and the Mission Viejo Diablos (2-0) got South High off to a flawless start. It was the team's play toward the middle of the season and just before league play, however, that really demonstrated what a terror it would be to all rivals from the Pioneer League. Throughout a 10-game stretch at the beginning of March, the Spartans lost just one game to the Tesoro Titans and won all nine others by a total of 22 sets to just four combined for all of their opponents.

If domination like that didn't impress many people, then what South High did in divisional play must have really opened some eyes. The Spartans' rivals stood no chance. Not only did the team win every set and match that it played against Leuzinger, but also roughed up on its inner-city rivals as well. The second place West High Warriors lost both matches by scores of 3-0 and 3-1. The third place North High Saxons lost both matches by a combined 6-0. Torrance High would rather not have even showed up for their matches, losing both by scores of 3-0. The Spartans finished Pioneer League play going 8-0 with first place and a championship in the books before the CIF playoff matchups were set in stone.

Neither the playoffs nor the Simi Valley Pioneers could slow South High down from the 14 wins in 15 games accumulated just before the postseason. Once those playoffs finally did begin, though, the Spartans made quick work of the Pioneers before sweeping through the San Gabriel Matadors in the second round

and the Woodrow Wilson Bruins in the CIF quarterfinals. South's winning ways had brought the team all the way to the semifinals where it would face off against a dominant Notre Dame Knights (32-8-1, 9-3) squad.

For once, at the most inopportune time, the Spartans got a taste of their own medicine. Junior setter Kohl Kutsch came to play, as he had done all season long, but opposing setter Christopher Hall simply proved to be too much to handle. Kutsch's 25 assists and three kills were bested by Hall, who put together a whopping 40 assists of his own in a 25-17, 25-19, 25-21 straight-set victory over South. "I just don't think we were as mentally prepared as we should have been," a dejected Kutsch explained after the match. "They played harder today. They played better and did one hell of a job."

South kept things close in the third and final set when Luke Krzmarzick slammed seven kills to the Fritz Burns Gymnasium floor at Notre Dame, but even his effort was not enough to overcome a superior Knights team. Notre Dame went on to finish things up in its next game during the CIF final as well, beating the Calabasas Coyotes to take home the championship trophy. The Knights also went on to make it into the championship game of the regional finals, losing to Clovis by a final of 3-1.

Despite the team's early exit from the playoffs, the Spartans have a lot to look forward to in what will inevitably be another impressive and successful volleyball season next year. Not only will the six-foot-three Kutsch be returning to lead the team, but he'll also be followed by junior libero Cory Hutchison and the aforementioned junior opposite Krzmarzick, as well as well six other juniors who will all be in their prime to form what will undoubtedly be one scary club. "We thought we would be standing on top, but we have a lot to look forward to next year," Kutsch said. "We're getting our core back and we have to come back with a lot more firepower. We have to do it next year."

The Spartans (29-6, 8-0) will have 15 players coming back next season in order to get the job done. A CIF championship is surely something that is never promised, but if the Spartans had one year in which they might be favored to do it, it will be next year. As a team that consistently dominates the Pioneer League, Coach Saldana and the rest of the Spartans are chomping at the bit to get back on the volleyball court and avenge their loss in the CIF semifinals of what was an otherwise extremely successful 2017 season.

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## TerriAnn in Torrance

# Torrance High School Celebrates Its Centennial

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

September 11, 2017 marks Torrance High School's 100th year. Located on Carson Street in the heart of downtown Torrance, the city's first high school was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Its beautiful architecture has attracted Hollywood film companies, and counts *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, and *Beverly Hills 90210* among its film credits. This past week I met with Torrance High School Centennial Committee members Debbie Hays and Karen Gebhard, who were filled with anticipation for the upcoming celebratory festivities. The rededication and ribbon-cutting of Torrance High School, sponsored by Valfour Beatty (who is responsible for the renovation at the school), will take place on Monday, September 11.

But the celebration begins on Friday, September 8 with a football game at Zamperini Stadium. This event will not only include current football players and cheer teams, but all former (not old) football players, coaches, band members, cheer team, pep squad and drill team members. "And they will be honored...the people who have participated before--these groups--they will be asked to come out on the field, and...they will be recognized," said Debbie. If you happen to be a "former" football player, coach, cheer squad member, drill team or band member, please register by accessing the Torrance High

a message for a classmate or teacher will most assuredly be popular. Do you have a favorite teacher you remember from Torrance High School? Former teachers will be available in the library for reminiscing, greeting and celebrating. Also, a mini car show and activities for the kids will keep you busy all afternoon.

But there is more! After reminiscing at the school, making new friends and touring the newly "spit and polished" facilities, walk into nearby downtown Torrance for dinner and grab a bite at one of the local eateries and get ready for the *Show of the Century* that evening. Saturday night, the newly remodeled Torrance High School Auditorium will host and rock the walls at 7 p.m. for the *Concert of the Century - Beato Band @Torrance High School*, featuring Tartar alum David Pack, best known as the co-founder, singer and guitarist of *Ambrosia*, who will put on a concert worthy of a 100-year celebration. David will play a set with *Beato Band*, including fellow Torrance High School alumni Fred Beato and Tom Croucier. Classic hits such as "Biggest Part of Me", "How Much I Feel", and "You're the Only Woman" will be performed. David Pack has established himself as a successful solo artist, in-demand Grammy-winning record producer, and music director for events of some of the leading musical talent of today, including Elton John, Billy Joel, Madonna

very special upcoming historic concert.

TF - **When did you first know music was what you wanted to do?**

DP - I was maybe five, watching my father sing in the church choir. Then he taught me ukulele chords and I was off to the races. It became clear music was my future from

my grandmother's house in Torrance Kettler Knolls area, we'd wait for the Helms Donut truck! It was an innocent time where neighbors all knew each other's names and we seemed to all pull together in a more friendly environment. When we had rainy days at school, the teachers would have me bring my guitar



Fred Beato and David Pack.

very early in life...once I saw the joy it gave others when I sang and played.

TF - **Did growing up in the Torrance/South Bay influence your style of music?**

DP - Yes, for sure. Surf music everywhere and our culture impacted me. You know the cars, the surf, the South Bay soul...plus British Invasion. The melting pot of ethnicities influenced me in South Bay for sure. My mother was friends with Larry Carlton's mom, though Larry was older--and seeing photos of him around Torrance music stores as a young pro playing Vegas at age 12 made me feel a sense of 'I better get going here!' Larry and I eventually became good friends. Danny Tims...he ended up playing with Bonnie Raitt.

TF - **Do you remember anything specifically in Torrance that sparked a specific lyric?**

DP - Oh, gosh, everything that happened in Howard Wood Elementary--when Torrance High affected me...those early crushes we all had...recently I wrote the song "My Old Friend" as a tribute to my old friend Fred Beato and our life in Torrance High...We even filmed the video partly in front of THS! You'll see the video on YouTube by our Beato Band and shots of us around the Bay! *Ambrosia* rehearsed at my Torrance home guesthouse. I wrote many songs there. "Holdin' On To Yesterday," *Ambrosia's* first hit...songs on the first two *Ambrosia* albums...

TF - **How do you feel about coming back to Torrance High School playing in the Auditorium?**

DP - It's a great feeling...full circle! I am psyched up and we will have a show full of surprises. I'm forever a South Bay Torrance High proud graduate and this is a once-in-a-lifetime 100-year event, so I'm really honored too! We all have the inspiration of Louis Zamperini, our local hero and THS grad, to inspire us and his legacy to live up to.

TF - **Do you have fond memories of growing up in Torrance?**

DP - Yes, for sure! The smell of those eucalyptus trees in Torrance Park...riding my bike to Foster Freeze in downtown Old Torrance. Marshall Music... the drive-in theatres, the Torrance Plunge. Del Amo Mall... and what about Warehouse Records?! It was the biggest record retail store in America for years... I could write a book about growing up in Torrance in the '60s and '70s. What about the Blue Law, then *The Bank* music venue? We had the biggest names in music! I met Jim Morrison of *The Doors* there! My early band *Sentry's* performed there. I saw *Spirit*, *Chicago Transit Authority*, *Canned Heat*...so many great acts. When I was very young at

and sing for the classes. "Land of a Thousand Dances", Beatle songs, you name it. I am sure the early support of my classmates gave me the self-confidence to keep going and pursue music as a career. I will always be thankful for that early support. And that's part of me giving back on September 9 at the *Concert of the Century*.

David Pack concluded the interview by inviting everyone to the *Centennial Concert of the Century* supporting Torrance High School, "Let's show them what we're made of! And please feel free to suggest on my Facebook page any songs you guys would like to hear us perform! David Pack Music / Facebook. Remember the gym wall: When the going gets tough, the tough get going! That's Torrance spirit!" He then said, "Fred Beato, Tom Croucier and myself were in the *Symbols of Tyme* in 1968 and won the US Battle of the Bands. We represented Torrance! We are returning as *Beato Band*. I'll sing some of my hit songs, there will be a tribute to *Symbols of Tyme* as well, some of the original members will show up. Let's all give it up for THS and recapture for that moment the spirit of community we all grew up with!" For more information, access [www.beatoband.com](http://www.beatoband.com).

Check out David Pack's song honoring Fred Beato and the memory of their "high school daze" featuring scenes in front of Torrance High School and South Bay hot spots in *My Old Friend* at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQNEXYhpN7Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQNEXYhpN7Q). In the video, you will recognize the sights of our own hometown and get a sneak peak into the iconic sound of the very special evening ahead of us on Saturday night. Get your tickets and your centennial sweatshirts and t-shirts on-line at [www.TorranceHighCentennial.com](http://www.TorranceHighCentennial.com).

With all the festivities planned for September 8, 9 and 11 Torrance High School most assuredly is rolling out the red carpet. Whether you are a longtime resident or not, and whether you attended Torrance High School or not, this is a time to celebrate a part of Torrance history with fellow residents. Plan on attending all the activities planned for this Centennial Celebration--the Friday night football game, the Saturday open house, and the not-to-be-missed spectacular *Concert of the Century* in the Auditorium that night. Monday morning concludes the celebration, on September 11 with the ribbon-cutting, which finalizes the honoring of Torrance High School's 100th birthday with an epic photograph of the entire student body.

Mark your calendar now and be sure to get your tickets for the concert! Torrance continues making history with each passing day. •



Debbie Hays and Karen Gebhard.

School website: [www.TorranceHigh100t.usd.org](http://www.TorranceHigh100t.usd.org) or [www.torrancehighcentennial.com](http://www.torrancehighcentennial.com).

Festivities on Saturday, September 9 begin with an open house that invites everyone from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. into the school for self-tours through the newly renovated classrooms. Food trucks offering a meal or a nibble, along with activities for children, will be available. Displays throughout the school will highlight each school club, and a special bulletin board where you can leave

and Barbra Streisand. And one fan (who attended Nativity Grammar School with "Fernando" Beato), told me, "Fred Beato, formerly known as Fernando, played at the eighth grade graduation party I attended at Doug Salcido's house. So I don't want to miss him at the Torrance High School Reunion bash," said Linda (Lancaster) Norton.

I was honored that the legendary David Pack took time from his busy schedule and answered some questions for me about this

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- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 5 cloves garlic
- 2 tomatoes, halved
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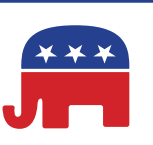
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1. Heat oven to 325 F. Toss hazelnuts and pine nuts with 2 tablespoons olive oil; spread on small baking sheet. Toast in oven until golden brown.
2. On another baking sheet, spread additional 2 tablespoons of olive oil; place garlic, tomato halves (cut side down), and piquillo chiles on pan. Roast until ingredients begin to caramelize.
3. In food processor or blender, puree all toasted and caramelized ingredients until smooth. Add sherry vinegar and salt, to taste. While processor or blender is running, slowly add 1/4 cup olive oil to the sauce until emulsified.
4. Toss pork chops in marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
5. In large skillet, heat remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium-high heat. Sautee pork chops for 5 to 7 minutes per side until internal temperature reaches 145 F to 160 F. Let stand 3 minutes before serving.
6. Serve with roasted vegetables on the side. •



## Politically Speaking



### One Man's Opinion

## State Travel Ban to Texas Will Do Little to Help LGBT Community

By Cristian Vasquez

At the beginning of the year, California lawmakers decided to establish a ban on state-funded travel to the Lone Star State in response to an adoption law that will allow discrimination against members of the LGBT community seeking to adopt children. Without getting lost in details, the Texas law will allow child welfare providers the right to deny referrals for things like contraceptives, drugs or devices, and the ability to refuse to contract with other organizations that don't share their "sincerely held religious beliefs." In essence, the law allows any religious zealot to say no to whomever they please. Discrimination of any kind should never be tolerated and without a doubt we should stand and fight against it. However in this case, I do question the effectiveness of this symbolic protest.

Californian leaders' opposition to Texas' HB 3859 isn't about far-left political ideology, but about equality. However, the state travel ban, which also includes Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee, is more of a symbolic measure that does little, if anything, to address the issue at hand. Lawmakers in the Golden State should work a lot harder to have an impact where it matters most: in Texas' pocketbook. Yes, the lack of state officials traveling to Texas will have some financial impact, but not enough to pressure lawmakers to reconsider their choice. Lately, many businesses in California have been closing shop to relocate to Texas (Toyota Headquarters leaving Torrance). California's

leaders need to keep businesses from leaving, but more importantly they need to find a way to entice other companies to make California their home. Not an easy task, but becoming a business destination will have a bigger impact on a state like Texas than a ban on state-funded travel.

The more appealing our state is to businesses, tourist and future residents, the more we can fight old ideas of religious-based discrimination. In addition, when Californians visit states where LGBT members are victims of discrimination, it is a learning opportunity for both our elected officials and the demographic being targeted. Plus, few things have a bigger impact on changing minds like financial consequences do. Remember last year when North Carolina presented its controversial Bathroom Bill regarding transgender individuals using government facilities? Due to that attack on the LGBT community a year ago, the NBA relocated its annual All-Star game, which was scheduled to take place in Charlotte. As a result, the city and state lost an estimated \$100 million during the course of the weekend. That doesn't include money lost from concerts and other shows canceled because of the law.

Is it possible for California lawmakers to have such a strong impact on Texas' pocketbook? Probably not, to be honest. But cutting off state-funded travel to the state does more harm than good. You don't abandon a friend in a time of need, and right now the LGBT community in Texas needs the help of all of its friends. •

### Another Man's Opinion

## Traveling Trump Triumphs at G-20 Gathering

By Duane Plank

President Trump, who returned last weekend from the G-20 summit held in Hamburg, Germany, is now set to board his big plane and jaunt across the pond again. He has accepted an invitation from newly-elected French President Emmanuel Macron to participate in France's revered Bastille Day celebration on July 14.

Trump is planning to view the festivities on the French National Day that celebrates a mob breaking into an 18th century Parisian prison to protest what they saw as the tyrannical policies of King Louis XVI. Post the storming of the Bastille, the Bourbon monarchy was toppled, with both Louis and his wife Queen Marie Antoinette paying the ultimate price: "Off with their heads." Trump will put an American spin on the July 14 date. He will be promoting the 100-year anniversary of the United States' entrance into World War I.

Why is it that Trump seems most presidential when he is travelling abroad, as opposed to Twitter-warring with the media elites when he is ensconced in the friendly confines of the White House?

Trump received high marks for his "presidential-ness," even from some of the media bloviators stealing paychecks after he returned in late May from his first trip abroad that took him and his entourage to Brussels, Belgium—where he mingled, uncomfortably at times, with the NATO folks, and reminded them that a lot of them were "freeloading" and not paying their fair share to support their common defense mission. He hobnobbed with Middle East

dictators in Saudi Arabia, and was granted some face time with Pope Francis behind the walls of the Vatican. An impressive opening gambit.

What did the Trump team, with daughter Ivanka in tow and sitting in at occasional meetings for the Donald, accomplish at the G-20 soiree? He brokered a Syrian ceasefire, for one. The Group of 20, by the way, includes the leaders of the world's 19 wealthiest nations, plus the European Union. He also had a two-and-a-half-hour coffee klatch with Rasputin Putin, where he grilled the Rusky leader about alleged interference in the 2016 presidential election—which caused, according to the Lefties, the shocking Hillary Clinton tank job. Apparently, Putin said, "Heck no, comrade, we would never hack an election!"

Putin seems like a believable chap, right? But let's get real. Only the incredibly naïve would believe that the good-old U.S of A, as well as a heck of a lot of other countries, don't surveil, hack and try to influence elections and topple powers not amenable to their own self-interests. Back in the day, our CIA just might have "eliminated" a few of these out-of-country tyrants before they could make trouble. Like the little lunatic running N. Korea.

That corpulent little brat with the crummy haircut, North Korea's Kim Jong Un, is running amok, playing with his missiles and missile launchers, threatening to develop a nuclear firework that can reach American soil. Hopefully Trump will be able to persuade his foreign counterparts to get on board and stifle KJU's suicidal impulses. •

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## City Council

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as well, given that the commission's goal is to have up to 10 organizations represented at the event, with booths provided so that they can announce their services to veterans in attendance. One concern addressed by Councilman Mike Griffiths, who expressed absolute support for the event, was the commission's inability to request meal donations from restaurants that do business with the City, despite the City being capable of doing business with companies that donate all the time.

"When staff did check with the City Attorney's office regarding that, there is one thing that the City Attorney's office did recommend--that we evaluate whether there might be a conflict with any provider," said Hoang. "That is not to say no unequivocally, but the City Attorney's office did recommend that rather than accepting any donations of food unequivocally, that staff evaluate the extent to which there might be a conflict."

While the explanation did little to convince Councilman Griffiths, Mayor Furey ensured that it is better to side with caution. "The cleanest way to do anything is to pay for it. We have it in the budget to pay for it and therefore we do it that way, rather than ask an organizations

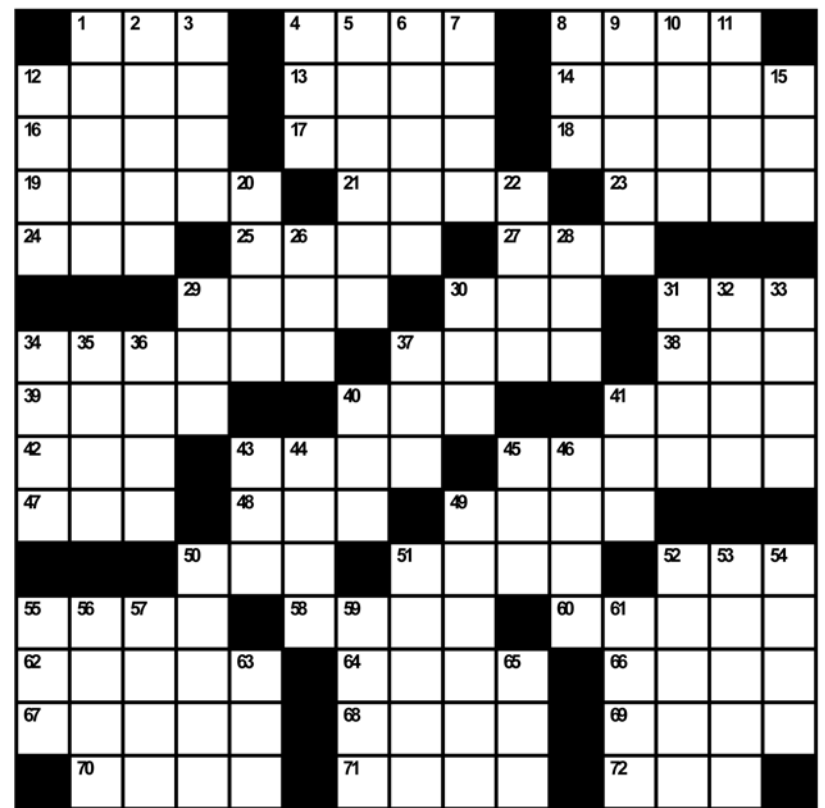
or businesses in our community to donate for various causes," said Furey. "It's a very good cause, but sometimes it takes a period of time to make a methodology of just calling people and asking them to donate."

Made up of seven governing members, the Social Services Commission is responsible for addressing a variety of issues, including the needs of the city's homeless population, adults with developmental disabilities, children with special needs and military veterans. As of its last meeting, the commission and staff began working to secure the necessary arrangements for the event. As the November 10 date approaches, the commission will return to future Council meetings and inform the community on the different ways in which it can participate in recognizing the community's military veterans.

"I want to commend and congratulate the Social Services Commission on the excellent way that they are moving forward to bring the various agencies and the various sectors of the community together around homelessness, special needs adults as well as veterans," said Councilman Herring. "I am happy to see that we are moving forward with our veterans celebration in November." •

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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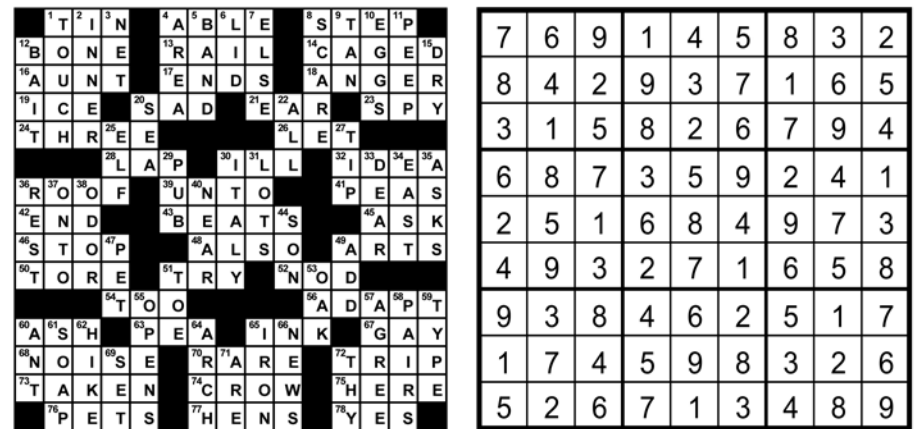
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- Number of times the Colts won the Superbowl
- Mellows
- Spotted
- Powerful person
- Lots
- Ground
- Habit-forming medicine
- One of the senses
- Traditional Sunday fare
- Break down
- Machine gun concentration
- Can
- Authentic
- Get down
- Forswear
- "Holy smokes!"
- Perched
- Was a good dog, perhaps
- In use
- Violets \_\_\_ blue
- Modulation
- Pant bottom
- \_\_\_ your shoulder
- Museum piece
- Gratis
- Riot
- Agreement
- Sweep
- Luminance

### Down

- Après-ski drink
- Orderly grouping
- Stingers
- Vintage
- European monarchy
- Barbaric
- Verge
- Prone
- Megacorporation
- "Nothing \_\_\_ Matters" (Metallica song)
- Fixes
- Cordial
- Salon job

- Elder or alder
- Legumes
- Abolish
- In general
- Turn red, perhaps
- Silent
- Word processor command
- Tract
- School session
- Gallows reprieve
- Rushed headlong
- Kitchen pests
- Apoidea member
- "And I Love \_\_\_"
- Smeltery input
- FYI part
- Beams
- Watch the baby
- Ship members
- Descended
- Arouse desire
- Directory
- Housebreak
- Something said in confidence
- Count on
- "\_\_\_ magic!"
- Ms. Barrymore
- False story
- Cut
- Cognizant of
- Was ahead
- Palindromic begetter?

### Last Week's Answers



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## Combat Water Damage in Walls and Ceilings

(BPT) - Ask any homeowner what they dread the most when it comes to home ownership, and it's likely to involve some type of undetected water damage that could result in mold and mildew in their walls and ceilings - and the problems that follow.

Most water damage in homes is associated with pipes and appliances, especially those that are not regularly maintained. Left unchecked, resulting mold and mildew can potentially cause health problems.

Six of the most common causes of water damage include:

- Window or roof leak that causes water to run down inside the cavity of the wall or ceiling
- Gutter clog that can cause rainwater to back up into your home
- Icemaker water line to the refrigerator that leaks, causing mold in the cavity or on the surface of the wall
- Washing machine or dishwasher water hose failure that can cause mold within the wall
- Air conditioner unit clog or drip pan overflow that can cause water to run down the interior wall or ceiling

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"Homeowners need to realize that the effects of water damage in their homes aren't always visible - and once you find them, it's likely mold growth already has occurred and can affect everything on the wall surface and behind it," said Anitra Mecadon, TV personality and award-winning interior designer.

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Routinely inspect vulnerable areas to prevent water damage before it occurs. Every few months grab a flashlight and do some sleuthing under sinks, behind appliances and around windows to check for moistness, rust, kinks or damage in water lines and hoses,

and a musty odor. On a regular basis have professionals check things out, especially your air conditioning unit.

Act quickly to minimize damage from water intrusion, because mildew and mold can begin to grow within 24-48 hours of water exposure.

"I don't know a single homeowner that hasn't had a water problem of some kind

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