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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
83°/69°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
89°/71°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
92°/72°



What's Biting at Torrance Beach



A fisherman tries for a nibble at Torrance Beach. Photo by Peter Thornton, jp.thornton58@gmail.com.

Council Seeks to Make Job Placement More Accessible

By Dylan Little

The Torrance City Council decided to begin the process of ending the city's seven-year relationship with the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network to join the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. During the September 9 meeting, the Council explained they intended to make job placement and training resources more accessible to Torrance's youth and unemployed residents.

City Manager's office representative Eleanor Jones cited a number of difficulties Torrance has had with the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (PGWIN) including their limited services to the city's youth, challenges in making their services accessible – especially to the city's youth – due to their distance from Torrance, lack of coordination between PGWIN and both the city and Torrance Unified School District, and lastly a lack of consistent communication between PGWIN and Torrance.

Mayor Pat Furey said these problems predate his term as mayor. His predecessor, Frank Scotto, had already given PGWIN a three-month deadline to address the city's objections to their program, one which had already expired six times over by the September 9 meeting.

"It's 18 months later," said Furey. "We've seen efforts, we've seen discussion, we've seen talking about, we've seen 'here's our ideas, here's what may happen,' but it's 18 months down the road . . . it's where the rubber meets the road and the rubber hasn't met the road as of yet."

Council member Kurt Weideman agreed that PGWIN has been slow to act. He compared his 10 years on Torrance's former workforce organization, the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Board, to the actions of PGWIN now, and found that while the

promised the city a lot, they've yet to live up to their claims.

"The face of the matter is . . . there were promises made to us," said Weideman. "Those promises were not met." Jones said the Council was at a "decision point" between continuing with PGWIN or joining the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), a similar organization based in Hawthorne that also provides job placement, counseling and training to youth and struggling workers. She said that SBWIB's central location was an important factor to Torrance residents. Furey similarly said that residents have wanted to work with their fellow South Bay cities for job opportunities, instead of sending job seekers to Long Beach.

"We are – and we are proudly – the largest city in the South Bay and that's why I've heard from the community 'Why are we aligned with Long Beach when there is

[a workforce investment board] in the South Bay?'" said Furey. "We are surrounded by cities in the South Bay, we are members of the South Bay and . . . it's much closer geographically."

The relationship between PGWIN and Torrance hasn't been all bad news. According to Jones the organization has been an active partner with business and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network has provided adequate services to our business community," said Jones. "[They have] conducted job fairs, job training and placement services, orientations to laid off workers, and have participated in numerous Chamber and city events."

PGWIN's executive director Nick Schultz attended the meeting to make an ultimately unsuccessful case for Torrance to continue to

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TerriAnn in Torrance

The Athletic Hall of Fame – Winning On and Off the Field

By TerriAnn Ferren

Andy Marafino, Director of Development at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, has been busy with preparations for the fourth annual induction of the 2014 class of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Open to the public, this special event will take place on Friday, September 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the BMHS Gymnasium and then later on the field during halftime of the football game against Leuzinger High School.

The list of honorees is impressive, and includes Chuck Bongard, Ed Gilles, Patty Froehlich-Gasso, Chrissie Zartman, and the 1975 Baseball Team. Reading the facts about each of the inductees reminded me of reading about great athletes who accomplish extraordinary feats not only on the fields in which they play, but in life.

Andy Marafino explained to me last year that the process for being nominated

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Business Briefs

Torrance Chamber to Host Annual Business Expo

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Business Expo and Showcase on September 18th from 4:00pm–7:00pm at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. This event serves as a big opportunity for local businesses to showcase their goods and services to the community at large.

The Expo, now in its 18th annual year, typically sees attendance of around 500 Torrance and neighboring residents and business

people. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our local businesses, and to enter the opportunity drawing for a chance to win some fabulous prizes.

Admission is free to the general public. Business owners are welcome to inquire about booth space by calling the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at (310) 540-5858. The Chamber will be accepting booth reservations until September 12th.

GO-Biz Awards \$2 Million Grant to SBDCs

The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO- Biz) today announced the awarding of \$2 million in matching grants to 34 Small Business Development Centers throughout the state of California to assist small business owners and entrepreneurs in obtaining capital.

The 2014-15 state budget signed by Governor Brown authorized one-time grants through the creation of a new program called the Capital Infusion Program (Program), which offers the California SBDC network grant funding to provide one-on-one business consulting services to assist small businesses with capital infusion including SBA loans, non-SBA loans, non-traditional lending, and non-owner equity investment.

Through the grant program, which will be

matched on a one-to-one basis by federal funds, the SBDCs will deploy regional consulting programs in order to increase the number of small business owners and entrepreneurs receiving debt and private capital financing. The program will operate for a year with metrics reported out on a semi-annual basis. Through its network of centers, California’s SBDC Network provides free consulting and low-cost training to more than 63,000 small business owners every year.

The SBDC network is a national program funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration that relies on the support of match funders in order to provide regional services. For more information on the California SBDC program, or to find a Small Business Development Center near you, go to www.californiasbdc.org.

September is National Preparedness Month!

Emergencies and Disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. It can be anything from an earthquake to a windstorm to the loss of technology, all of which can have a devastating impact if you are not properly prepared.

Periodically throughout the month, we will be sending preparedness activities to help remind and assist you in your planning process. There is a National Campaign called “30days30ways.” You can find them on Facebook and Twitter @30days30ways. With kids heading back to school, here is one planning activity to ensure your children are prepared. If you don’t have kids, we encourage

you to participate and donate the items!

Activity 1: Kit for the Kid

Disposable rain poncho, Assorted waterproof band-aids, Emergency phone numbers on the back of my business card, Pencil and small notebook, \$5.00 in \$1.00 bills, Light stick, Energy bar, Whistle, Water bottle (one with a large opening so all items can be stored in it).

You can share your activities by posting to our Facebook and Twitter accounts @TorranceOES and @30days30ways! For more information and other planning tips, visit www.30days30ways.com

Torrance Artists Guild Presents Gallery of Fine Art 2014



“Urban Scrawl” by Jerry Roger Hicks of Torrance, is one of the artworks on display at the Gallery of Fine Art, running Saturday, September 13 through Friday, November 7, 2014. Over 200 works of art are on display by more than 80 local artists. Public reception and Awards presentation is Saturday, September 20, 2014, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at South Bay Lexus Service Center, 24777 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance (just south of Skypark).

Legislature Correction

Last week, in our 9.4.14 issue, we printed the incorrect draft of Brandon Matson’s article “Brown to Consider Legislative

Bills.” AB1522, providing mandatory sick leave for all employees, has passed in the California legislature. We regret the error.

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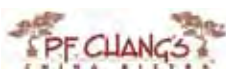
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Finance

Planning For Your 20-Year Vacation

(BPT) - Are you ready to be on vacation for 20 or 30 years?

That's what planning for retirement compares to for many people as life spans have increased dramatically over the past few decades. A male who celebrates his 65th birthday today can expect to live until age 84 on average, according to the Social Security Administration. A woman can expect to live to age 86.

With the potential to live decades in retirement, it's more important than ever to start saving as soon as possible. The more

catch up, Sarsynski says.

What if you are in your 50s or older and have little retirement savings? Time can work for you as well if you extend your retirement date by working longer, giving yourself more time to save and postpone taking your Social Security benefits. The IRS allows Americans age 50 and older to save an additional \$5,500 above the \$17,500 annual limit on retirement plan contributions. In addition, Social Security retiree benefits increase by 8 percent every year income is deferred past the full retirement age.

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time you have, the better your chances of accumulating enough assets to live comfortably once you stop working.

No matter where you are on the retirement planning continuum, there are specific time-related and time-tested strategies that can help you prepare.

"When you invest for a long-term goal like retirement, an event that for many of us is years and years down the line, time is on your side," says Elaine Sarsynski, executive vice president for MassMutual's Retirement Services division. "The sooner you start saving and investing, the more time you have to accumulate retirement savings and

A key benefit in saving and investing for retirement, no matter what your age, is the power of compounding, according to Farnoosh Torabi, best-selling author and financial planning coach. Your percentage of earnings growth is derived from your current and past contributions as well as previous earnings, exponentially increasing with time. That's why it's so important to start saving as early as possible, Torabi says.

As an example, a 30-year-old who has \$10,000 in her 401(k) retirement plan and contributes \$300 a month until retiring at age 67 would accumulate \$761,261. That's based on an annual interest rate of 7 percent,



put the power of compounding to work. Time also allows you to ride out stock market volatility and potentially recover from underperforming years."

Although the stock market can fluctuate daily, monthly and yearly, the Standard & Poor's 500 has netted an average annual return of 9 percent since its inception and 11.5 percent in the past 30 years.

The longer-term gains attributed to stock investing are particularly helpful to younger investors in their 20s and 30s, according to Sarsynski. By saving and investing 10 percent of your income a year, including an employer match if available, you can potentially accumulate enough assets to replace between 60 percent and 80 percent of your income in retirement, she says.

Those who are well into their 30s, 40s or older and who haven't started saving should consider putting aside 15 percent or 20 percent of their income. Saving larger percentages of salary can help late savers

compounding monthly.

Conversely, a 50-year-old with the same amount in his retirement plan and who contributes \$300 a month would wind up with \$149,795 at age 67. Even doubling the monthly contribution would yield only \$266,833. So time is of the essence.

Many employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plans feature calculators to help you determine how much income your savings can generate both today and the future. The SSA also features calculators to help you determine your Social Security retirement benefits.

"Everyone should take the time to calculate their estimated income and expenses in retirement before deciding when they will retire," Torabi says. "If you have a gap between your projected income and expenses, you need to increase your savings. Many people ultimately decide to live a little more frugally today so they can afford to retire more comfortably tomorrow." •

Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to calendar@heraldpublications.com. Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Business Expo and Showcase on September 18th from 4:00pm–7:00pm at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. Admission is free to the general public. Business owners are welcome to inquire about booth space by calling the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at (310) 540-5858. The Chamber will be accepting booth reservations until September 12th.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Torrance Artists Guild presents "Gallery of Fine Art 2014 show and sale. Enjoy the largest show of its' kind in the South Bay celebrating 25 year of art excellence. Over 200 original works of art. Reception 1pm to 4pm. Location: South Bay Lexus Service Center 24777 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance CA 90505 (Just South of Skypark).

ONGOING

- Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.
- "Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals" hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970. •

Police Reports

Burglary-Auto 8/30/2014 8:00:00 PM
MADRONA AVE & FASHION WAY
Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/ social security cards, green card, wallet

Auto Theft 8/30/2014 4:02 PM 3100
BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD
Stolen vehicle: '87 Toyota Camry

Theft 8/30/2014 1:45:00 PM 2200 BLOCK
CRENSHAW BLVD
Suspect(s) takes unattended property/ purse

Burglary-Auto 8/30/2014 12:15:00 PM
2200 BLOCK 170TH ST
Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/ tailgate

Theft 8/30/2014 8:00:00 AM 2400
BLOCK DESCANSO WAY
Suspect(s) takes property off of victim's vehicle/ tailgate

Burglary-Auto 8/30/2014 3:25:23 AM
1200 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE
Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse, Nintendo handheld, eyeglasses, garage opener, personal documents

Battery-Simple 8/29/2014 9:19:57 PM
3700 BLOCK EMERALD ST
Suspects punch and push victim and punch second victim as she attempts to break up the fight

Burglary-Commercial 8/30/2014 10:30:00 AM
2400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD
Suspect(s) enters main door by unknown means, cuts a hole in the wall leading to another portion of the business, cut electrical wires to power and security, cuts hole in safe and takes property/ cash

Burglary-Auto 8/31/2014 11:20:00 AM
1300 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE
Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/garage opener, registration and insurance documents, flashlight, key adapter, compact discs

Theft 8/29/2014 4:55 PM 3600 BLOCK
LOMITA BLVD
Suspect(s) takes secured property from locker/ cell phone, jewelry, bank cards

Burglary-Auto 8/29/2014 11:09:38 AM
2700 BLOCK GRAMERCY AVE
Suspect(s) cuts soft convertible top to gain entry, ransacks and takes property/stereo, USB storage devices, registration and insurance documents, work ID, residential parking pass, garage opener

Burglary-Auto 8/29/2014 11:20:00 AM
2700 BLOCK GRAMERCY AVE
Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and ransacks/unknown loss at time of report

Burglary-Auto 8/29/2014 8:00:00 AM
600 BLOCK PASEO DE LA PLAYA
Suspect(s) enters unsecured vehicle and takes property/ laptop

Theft 8/28/2014 9:40:00 PM 3500
BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect(s) defeat door lock for entry and take property/third row seats

Battery-Simple 8/28/2014 7:54 PM 3500
BLOCK CARSON ST
Suspect punches victim in the neck

Theft 8/28/2014 6:25:00 PM 4400
BLOCK SCOTT ST
Suspect(s) takes unattended property from

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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.

Walnut-Bleu Date Vinaigrette Salads

Prep Time: 25 minutes / Yield: 4 servings



Ingredients

- Sesame Date Vinaigrette:

6 pitted dates
3 tablespoons sesame oil
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons honey
1/4 teaspoon coarse Dijon mustard
Pinch of salt
Pinch of pepper
- Salad Topping:

6 dates, finely chopped
2/3 cup chopped Fisher Walnut Halves and Pieces
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
- Salad:

6 cups mixed salad greens with radicchio and romaine
1 cup halved yellow cherub tomatoes
1/2 cup crisp Asian pear, peeled and finely chopped
4 ounces chopped bleu cheese

Directions

Vinaigrette - Place dates, sesame oil, soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, honey, mustard, salt and pepper in the bowl of a small food processor and puree until smooth. Chill while preparing the salad.

Topping - Combine dates, walnuts, honey, brown sugar and salt in a medium skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until nuts are toasted and mixture is sticky. Transfer to a cookie sheet that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray and spread out to cool.

Salad - Divide salad greens among 4 small plates. Top with tomatoes and pears. Divide bleu cheese crumbled over the top of each salad. Top each with cooled topping mixture. Drizzle salads with sesame date vinaigrette. •

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Sports

Getting to Know an Ace

By Adam Serrao

When you hear the name Clayton Kershaw, you automatically think about the Dodgers and the pitcher that takes the mound every fifth day for the “Boys in Blue,” who are currently in a race with the San Francisco Giants for first place in the National League West. The Dodgers may, indeed, capture that first place title this year and soar into the playoffs with Kershaw at the helm, on their way to a World Series title, idealistically if you’re a Dodger fan. There is, however, much more to the Dodgers ace than meets the eye. Sure, he may be the next Sandy Koufax. He may be the best pitcher baseball has seen in almost 50 years. But this Clayton Kershaw is worth noticing.

“Just use my quotes from his last game,” said Dodgers manager Don Mattingly when referring to Kershaw’s latest impressive outing versus the Washington Nationals. Indeed, that is what it has been like watching Kershaw pitch this year. A miraculous, unrelenting consistency that has opposing batters guessing and opposing managers tearing their hair out. “He just didn’t give us any opportunities,” Nationals manager Matt Williams said. “That’s why he’s doing so well. He’s just not making any mistakes.” Even after missing four starts at the beginning of the season, Kershaw has still found a way to make his way to the top of the league, once again, in virtually all pitching statistics. As of his last start against the Nationals, Kershaw has a league leading 17 wins, a league leading 1.70 ERA, a league leading 0.83 WHIP (walks and hits to innings pitched) and has surpassed the 200 strikeout mark for the fifth consecutive season, joining him with the likes of Hall of Famers Koufax, Don Sutton and Don Drysdale as the only four players ever to do accomplish that feat. By the time this comes hot off the presses, those stats most likely will have inflated even more so.

“It’s unbelievable how he just hits his spots,” Dodgers rookie Joc Pederson explained of Kershaw. “It’s like a video game, to be honest. It’s a joke.” When Kershaw’s not on the mound, it seems like the Dodgers can’t hit a lick. When his presence isn’t felt in a game, they look like the Arizona Diamondbacks (59-81). No offense, Arizona. But when Kershaw comes in the game, something miraculous happens. All of a sudden Hanley Ramirez, Adrian Gonzalez and Matt Kemp start to hit again. The 0-18 and 0-22 slumps disappear and the Dodgers’ otherwise stagnant offense comes to life, if just for one game. Kershaw has also been known to contribute to that offensive surge himself. In the same game against Washington, he kick-started the offense

himself with a one-out single to center field to allow the game’s first run of the day. “You always want to be consistent,” Kershaw said. “You try to give your team a chance. When you only get to contribute once every five days it’s important for the starting pitcher to get some momentum.” Kershaw, however, has been utterly consistent in his approach to contributing both on and off the field, alike.

What many may not know about the Dodgers best player is that he is just as involved in the community here and abroad as he is involved on the mound. Not only has Kershaw received the Roberto Clemente Award for sportsmanship in 2012, but he takes time out of every year to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Last Thursday night was a prime example of his willingness to help when Kershaw held his second annual “Ping Pong 4 Purpose” event. This charity of Kershaw’s partners with local communities here in Los Angeles and in Dallas to renew hope for children one life at a time. In addition, it has helped him and his wife Ellen Kershaw to construct and support an orphanage in Zambia over the past two years.

Kershaw’s ping-pong challenge has enabled the ace pitcher to develop an outlet to help underprivileged children across the world to find some sense of hope in their lives. Together, with stars like Jimmy Kimmel, Chris Paul, George Lopez and Chris Harrison (who all attended his event), Kershaw is bringing attention to the plight of the disadvantaged and is using his platform as a professional athlete to make a difference in their lives. It may just seem like a game of ping-pong, but the tournament involving celebrities is actually a fundraising event held on the field at Dodger Stadium. The tournament proceeds, a high-end silent auction and more will all benefit the efforts of “Kershaw’s Challenge” to transform at-risk communities and the lives of children in those communities.

He may be a Cy Young Award winner, an MVP candidate and maybe even the best pitcher in the game. Perhaps the greatest thing about Clayton Kershaw, however, is his willingness to give back to his own community and beyond. On his way to an unprecedented fourth consecutive Major League ERA title, the Dodgers lefty has his team at 19-4 when he takes the mound for a start. They are 59-57 when he doesn’t. Kershaw truly knows what it takes to carry his team and to become one of the best pitchers that the game has ever seen. For him, though, that is simply not enough. It is not only a World Series that would make this pitcher smile. Rather, it is helping the world. •

Harris Shines, Tartars Fall

By Adam Serrao

Last Friday night was officially time for the High School football season to get underway for all schools, except North High of course, who started one week early. This week was the week that head coach Rock Hollis and his Torrance Tartars would open the season and look to avenge last year’s second round playoff loss to Nordhoff. With a long season ahead, this was just the very beginning. From almost the very start of the game, Torrance’s strengths and weaknesses became immediately apparent. With a 26-24 loss to Banning last

stout Torrance defense in the first half looked almost tired in the second half and it showed. After a few missed opportunities on both ends of the field, Banning was back at it, as quickly as they could go. A touchdown and a two-point conversion had the Pilots up 26-18, with just under three minutes remaining in the game before Harris got involved against for Torrance. A few long drives out of the backfield from the Torrance running back set up a 3-yard touchdown catch that had the Tartars breathing down Banning’s neck, down by only two points. Torrance



Tartars QB goes for the long pass.

Photo by Peter Thornton.

Friday night at Zamperini Stadium though, it became clear that this early on in the season, those weaknesses may just scarcely outweigh the strengths.

The Torrance Tartars looked to be in control in the first quarter and for the entirety of the first half against the Banning Pilots. With a 12-6 lead going into halftime, it looked as if the Tartars might just cruise away with this one. Banning decided to make it just a bit harder for them in the second half, however. Coming straight out of the gates with two touchdowns in the opening minutes of the third quarter, Banning quickly took control of the game and pounced on the Tartars’ sluggish attitude taken into the second half. As if Banning’s offensive surge hit them in the mouth and alas, awakened the Tartars once again, the team decided to attempt to cut into what was now suddenly an 18-12 Banning lead.

Enter Tyree Harris. The running back for the Tartars quickly made a name for himself in this game, beginning with a 5-yard touchdown run that put the Tartars right back in the thick of things, tying the game up at 18 apiece. What seemed to be an extremely

quarterback Vincent Huey decided to attempt to take things into his own hands, but Banning’s defense stopped him just shy of the goal line with just seconds remaining to hang on to the two-point victory.

Despite the loss, Hollis and the Tartars have a lot to look forward to this season. Their run defense held Banning to just 46 yards on the night while Harris had a huge game with 170 and two touchdowns on 27 carries. Huey also looked good for Torrance, going 9 of 20 for 154 yards and three touchdowns. “Our quarterback is a heck of a leader, we have a heck of a running game and our defense smacked them,” coach Hollis explained of his team. “We did everything we wanted to do, but penalties killed us.” As Hollis said, the now 0-1 Tartars must improve on their mistakes if they want to compete in what will be an extremely aggressive Pioneer League this year. Also, allowing 262 yards and three touchdowns to the opposing quarterback through the air is an area of concern as well. Hollis and his team will look to improve on any deficiencies this week, however, when they take on Morningside in Inglewood on Friday night.

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Politically Speaking

One Man’s Opinion

The Obama Administration: Self-Doubt and Hesitation

By Gerry Chong

News flash: The Times of London reported “Pentagon sources said (beheaded journalist) James Foley and the others might well have been rescued but Obama, concerned about the ramifications of US troops being killed or captured in Syria, took too long to authorize the mission. Instead, playing golf six times in July, the month he is said to have spent agonizing over his decision.”

He who hesitates is lost. Swift and resolute action leads to success. Self-doubt is a prelude to disaster. – Cato

News Flash: The President said his Administration had underestimated the strength of ISIS because of a failure of Intelligence, but a former Pentagon official differed. According to Fox News, the President had been given authoritative, classified intelligence in the President’s Daily Briefing (PDB) for over a year, so the failure was not one of Intelligence, but a failure of policy. The President himself, in reading the briefings on ISIS had termed them as “Exquisite.”

A source told FOX News, “We were ready to fire on a moment’s notice on a couple hundred targets, but no order was given. In some cases targets were tracked for a ‘long period of time’ but then slipped away.” The Pentagon official confirmed there was “significant delay” describing the White House that was racked with hesitancy and continually asking for “the Intelligence to build up more.”

On an important decision one rarely has 100% of the information needed for a good decision, no matter how much one spends or how long one waits. – Robert Greenleaf,

The Servant as Leader

News Flash: ISIS recently translated, for the benefit of the U.S. military, the al-Qaeda manual entitled *A Practical Course for Guerilla War*, published in 2001. According to National Review online, the strategy establishes three specific stages to establishing “a pure Islamic system free from defects and infidel elements.” The first phase is “attrition, ‘the time for carrying out attacks,’ ‘spectacular operations which will create a positive impact.’ The terrorists use the attacks as a recruitment tool and morale boost for potential Jihadis.”

Phase II is a “time of relative strategic balance” to build an army to hold territory that has been wrested from the incumbent regime.” Phase III is a time of “internal discord and political upheaval for the “collaborationists.” ISIS therefore had first established a goal, followed by a strategy to accomplish the goal.

By contrast, President Obama has admitted he has neither a clear goal, nor a strategy to deal with ISIS. California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein has criticized Obama for being “too cautious” while the King of Saudi Arabia has urged Obama to accelerate his decision-making since ISIS could launch an attack on Europe in a month and the U.S. a month after that.

Hesitation of any kind is a sign of mental decay in the young, of physical weakness in the old. – Oscar Wilde

News Flash: The President has become so used to “leading from behind” he does not lead at all, instead finding solace in the quiet of the golf course. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Job Growth Continues to Challenge Some Cities

By Cristian Vasquez

In terms of long-term job growth and stability, a casino is not an ideal establishment. In recent weeks it was announced that four casinos way out in Atlantic City were to close their doors and leave an estimated 8,000 people without work. This struck a chord because of the talks regarding the establishment of a casino in the City of Hawthorne. While the proposal to legalize gambling, which would in turn open the gates for a casino in the city, have been put on hold, it does bring me back to the idea of sustainable jobs in the region.

It is hard to establish a local economy that everyone can consider ideal. Without a doubt, a casino would create a large amount of employment opportunities: from card dealers, to a waiting staff, maintenances crews and security personnel, many will be employed. However, there are the negative side effects that come with any establishment that allows gambling. From feeding into people’s gambling addiction to a probable spike in crime trends, there are various reasons to oppose opening a casino in one’s community.

Personally, the biggest reason to not allow a casino to move into your city is because the establishment will infuse employment opportunities without much room for growth. For instance, the aerospace industry, which has a strong presence in Hawthorne and the South Bay, creates jobs with room for growth. The need to develop technology will never cease and engineers will always be hired; these engineers will become supervisors, managers and so forth. Casinos are there

to provide a form of entertainment and a result the type of professional growth that can significantly stimulate a local economy is limited.

Unlike the food service industry or other customer-service based businesses, people do not have to gamble. Communities will continue to buy food, gas, do laundry and so forth: people don’t have to gamble. Furthermore, some of Hawthorne’s neighbors already have casinos [Inglewood and Gardena]. That means that a casino in Hawthorne would have to compete with three well-established gambling houses. In order to compete, the new casino would have to draw people from the surrounding areas, which is will create at the very least traffic problems in the area.

There are certainly more than a handful of problems in Atlantic City that led to the closure of the four hotels which will now leave a huge chunk of unemployed people. There is no more of a guarantee that a casino in Hawthorne would succeed than it would encounter an eventual shutdown. However, one thing is certain in my mind: a casino in the city is not the best solution. Whatever business opens up in Hawthorne should provide as much economic growth and development as possible, with as little detriment to the community. Communities need entertainment venues but when a casino is the base of a locality’s tax revenue, it leaves a city vulnerable to financial setbacks and potential hardships. If a casino opens only to fold years later, the city will be back to square one. I just hope Hawthorne gets it right the first time. •

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into this elite group is set. A person/team may be nominated online. No alumni may be nominated unless they have been graduated at least 10 years: however, a coach, supporter, or team may be nominated immediately. Andy said the criteria for the award was established after careful research into how other colleges and schools select their candidates. Ten years gives alums enough time to get through college and time to establish themselves professionally. But maybe more importantly, the Hall of Fame wants to make sure they are inducting people of high character as well.

How does one baseball team shine above the others so brightly it is chosen for the Athletic Hall of Fame? It wins. The 1975 Bishop Montgomery baseball team's statistics are truly amazing. Not only does the team hold the record for wins in a season (27) but allowed only sixty runs. That is incredible. The 1975 Knights who won the Camino Real League title were coached by Ernie Martinez, with assistant coach Anthony Saldana. The special men on the 1975 team are Bill Bordley, Jim Carmody, Tim Collins, Kelly Gettman, John Guggiana, Tom Hentila, Doug Leach, Tim Pettit, Ray Petty, Paul Pudewa, Jim Roderick,

pushing through back problems, helped the team win the 1966 League Championship and advance to the CIF semifinals. His record is impressive, with a record of 12 touchdowns, a



Ed Gilles.

rushing record of 1,255 yards, and was named First Team All South Bay among many other awards. But he did more than excel on the

Chuck then explained there were a lot of good athletes entering as freshman along with him from many other schools in the area. He said the group of athletes worked hard and Bishop began to win in all the major sports by their junior year. Can you imagine? By Chuck's senior year they were undefeated in every major sport in the Camino Real League – they never lost a game their senior year in the league play. That is remarkable! Chuck told me, "You begin to know how special that is but it really dawns on you the more you go through life - how special those people are. We have all kept together. There is a group of about 100 graduates of Bishop that we all keep in e-mail contact. We pass jokes around – we have 2 or 3 meetings a year with some of the coaches back then and those have always been really fun."

Chuck Bongard's accomplishments at Bishop Montgomery are more than impressive off the field too. He was freshman class president and ASB president as a senior. He was captain on every team on which he played. He helped the Knights to an 11 – 1 record his senior year. He scored 13 touchdowns in 1966. He was on the 1967 baseball team that won the CIF

and stayed in San Diego. He and his wife, Denise, from San Diego, have two children, Peter, 28 and Michelle, 25. "I was managing partner for two law firms and now I basically work on my own. I started working this way in 2008. It gives me added time and I only take the cases that I want," said Chuck.

Reflecting on the honor of being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame twice, Chuck



Patty Froehlich-Gasso.

said, "It's been just an amazing relationship that has come again late in life and it means a lot to me. A funny thing about the people



The 1975 Bishop Montgomery baseball team. Photo courtesy of Bishop Montgomery High School.

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Joe Rowell, Bob Seus, Chris Smith, and John Spagnola.

Chrissie Zartman, who lives in Hermosa Beach, has sports flowing through her veins, being the daughter of Pat and Sharkie Zartman. Her father is an outstanding and very accomplished volleyball coach and her mom, Sharkie, led the 1967 Lady Knights volleyball team to the league championship. Chrissie's sister, Teri, was named CIF Player of the Year in 1996. I can't imagine having such athletic prowess in one family. Chrissie entered Bishop Montgomery and led her volleyball team to the finals every year she played and won CIF titles in 1998 and 1999. But she not only succeeded in regular volleyball, she made a name for herself in beach volleyball when she was 13 years old, winning Junior Olympic medals in 1998, 1999, and 2000. In 2002, Chrissie was named FISU University World Champion of Beach Volleyball. She was said to have "an ironclad mental attitude," according to FISU. Chrissie is a graduate of UCLA, bringing that school many titles, in addition to setting records



Chrissie Zartman.

like 2,064 digs (volleyball move), which placed her fourth in the NCAA catalogues. Chrissie also has spent five seasons on the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. Wow!

Ed Gilles, along with Chuck Bongard, teamed up as a powerhouse in the backfield of the Bishop Montgomery football team. Ed,

football field. He was a standout on the varsity track team with a 21-foot 8-inch long jump. I can't imagine jumping that far. Ed went on to play for El Camino College and now lives in Oregon.

The accolades for softball player and coach, Patty Froehlich-Gasso are impressive. She made a name for herself on the Bishop Montgomery softball team as a shortstop and batter with a .333 batting average during her junior year. Patty played two years at Long Beach State and then began coaching. She coached at Long Beach City College, and then coached softball for the University of Oklahoma. She has led the Sooners to two National Championships along with seven Big-12 titles, and her team has participated in eight Women's College World Series games. She has been named Big -12 Coach of the Year seven times! Her coaching staff has won the National Coaching Staff of the Year twice. Yes, Patty knows how to win on and off the field.

Chuck Bongard will be inducted this year into the Athletic Hall of Fame for the second time for his accomplishments on the football and baseball fields. In 2011 he was first inducted, along with the entire 1967 CIF Championship Baseball Team, into the inaugural class of the Bishop Montgomery Athletic Hall of Fame.

Charles Robert Bongard was born on May 4, 1949, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles, to Beatriz Roberta 'Bobby' and Charles 'Charlie' K. Bongard. He grew up in Torrance on Linda Drive, only two blocks away from Bishop Montgomery High School with younger sister Joanie and his brother Rick. Chuck attended Saint James Catholic School and then moved on to Bishop. Chuck told me, "We used to go watch the games. The first time I was at Bishop – the apartment just outside the baseball field used to be the Franciscan House until they built the new one on campus and we used to go and watch baseball and I knew one of the players and it was fun watching but the only problem was the school won in baseball - they didn't win in football and in other sports were not very good."

championships and was inducted into the Hall of Fame with that team in 2011. He hit .500 in the playoffs. He was named sportsman of the year in 1967. I might mention here that in 1966, Chuck also helped the basketball team win during his junior and senior year. Chuck told me that his favorite sport is baseball with football a close second, but frankly, I think



Chuck Bongard. Photos courtesy of Chuck Bongard.

whatever sport he is playing at the time is his favorite.

After graduation, Chuck entered the United States Naval Academy, and served in Vietnam as a Nuclear Submariner and made two patrols in WESTPAC (a six-month long deployment by navy ship in the Western Pacific). "I always thought the Naval Academy class was close together but really truly our class, as well as some members beyond, - have kept together for the entire time since our graduation. The older I get - the friendships are just tremendous and the recollections are tremendous," said Chuck. He got out of the Navy in 1977 and headed to Loyola Law School. A friend of Chuck's from high school worked for a law firm in downtown Los Angeles. Chuck was coaching baseball at Loyola Marymount – partly paying for his tuition – and the law firm hired him as a clerk. Chuck graduated six months early in December of 1979. The law firm opened a San Diego office that same year and Chuck went down to help out during the summer of 1980

that are getting inducted this year - Chrissie and her sister, and Sharkie - I know very well. But the connection to the family goes way back. My mother and her grandmother went to St. James School in the 30s and all through nursing school. Sharkie is in the Hall of Fame and now her daughter is in the Hall of Fame. There are people I stay in contact with that I knew from first grade on and went all the way through high school. We are still in contact.

"I would just like to say that is a tremendous honor but it also makes me think that the real honor, and what I am so very proud of, is that if you look at the graduates of Bishop Montgomery and even before, when it started – there are some tremendous people that have graduated from there. It makes me feel special. Not only the Hall of Fame, but to be included with those people – who are judges, lawyers, politicians, doctors, just good people all around. It just makes you think what an amazing time it was in school and what an amazing job the school has done in producing quality people."

Character is the main ingredient I see in this, and other classes of the Bishop Montgomery Athletic Hall of Famers. Congratulations class of 2014, you are in very good company. •



Chuck Bongard, two-time Hall of Famer.




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work with PGWIN. Schultz became executive director in June of this year and while he is relatively new to the position, he said he was aware of the Council's concerns. However, he said the PGWIN would still be the best fit for Torrance's workforce needs. He cited the organization's position as one of the leading workforce investment networks in the Los Angeles area as well as the massive job opportunities PGWIN has access to, such as the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and major hospitals including (for the moment) Torrance Memorial.


"Providing quality services to the four cities of the Pacific Gateway and keeping the strategically important workforce investment area intact continues to be a priority for the Board and staff," said Schultz. "As you know, Pacific Gateway is a high-performing workforce investment board. We consistently live up to our brand as an innovative, nimble and effective workforce organization. These are all very good reasons we continue to express our continued commitment to the city of Torrance."

However, the Council disagreed and unanimously approved for the city to begin transferring from PGWIN. Council member Heidi Ashcraft believes the changes will lead to more Torrance residents taking advantage of the career opportunities offered by the workforce investment organizations as they would no longer have to commute to Long Beach on a limited income. "I think it's much more convenient to our residents and our youth," said Ashcraft.

The Council also delayed taking action in regards to a public hearing on unattended clothing donation/collection bins. While a public hearing was scheduled for the September 9 meeting, at the request of unattended bin operators Planet Aid and USAgain the hearing was moved to October 7. •



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Sports

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The Torrance cheerleaders prepare to hang the Torrance banner.

North High

The North High Saxons continued to look like every bit of the frontrunners in the Pioneer League when they took on and defeated the Palos Verdes Peninsula Panthers last Friday night at North High by a final score of 34-19. In control of the entire game from the start, the Saxons put up 14 points in the first quarter and 13 in the second, all while holding their opponent scoreless to take a 27-0 lead going into the half. Another touchdown in the third quarter made it 34-0 before head coach Todd Croce and his club relaxed in the fourth and final period and allowed the Panthers to ring up 19 straight points.

Mique Juarez was at the forefront of the

offensive and defensive firepower for the Saxons yet again, racking up 183 total yards with 112 coming on the ground as well as four quarterback sacks for his team. Quarterback Chris Kuaea was 8 of 17 passing for 184 yards as the Saxons notched their second win of the season before taking on Beverly Hills on the road this upcoming Friday. Keep an eye on the Saxons as they look to be at the top of the Pioneer League projections for the time being.

West High

One team that figures to challenge North High for city bragging rights this year is the West High Warriors. They certainly showed just how explosive they can be in their opening game of the season against Culver City at



Torrance Tartars mascot.

West High last Friday night. Culver City got on the board first, but that only seemed to anger Brett Ojiyi and the Warriors as he and his team quickly responded with a 59-yard rushing touchdown. 24 points later, the Warriors had a 30-6 lead going into the second quarter. After a couple of touchdowns were exchanged in the second quarter, West led 37-13 at the break. Ojiyi added on to his torrid totals in the fourth quarter when it took one to the house again with about 11 minutes to go in the game, giving the Warriors an insurmountable 50-13 lead. That's where the game would end, at 51-13, as the Ojiyi and the Warriors showed why they should be feared this year. The running back tallied three touchdowns on the night; a feat

that he will be looking to reciprocate later this week as he and his undefeated Warriors take on the Inglewood Sentinels at home.

South High

Head coach Josh Waybright got his team off to a promising start as the South High Spartans took apart the Lawndale Cardinals in week one of their game action last Friday night at South High. With a 20-13 victory over Lawndale, South has now beaten Lawndale five years in a row and unlike last year, has started their season off with a victory. Things look bright for the Spartans at the moment and they will look to keep their undefeated season alive this week when they take on Calvary Chapel this Friday night in Estancia. •



#4 Tartars running back runs down the field for a touchdown. A penalty flag is thrown after the fact.



The Pilots kick off.



1st down Pilots after Tartars are penalized.



The coin toss.



Tartars kick off.



The Torrance Tartars take the field.



#5 took a hard hit after completing a pass and attempts to walk it off.



The Tartar cheerleaders get the crowd going.

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Real Estate

How to Choose a Patio Door to Transform Your Home's View

(BPT) - Is your home ready for a remodeling or replacement project? Now's the time to get more out of your home by improving access to the great outdoors.

You can do this by replacing your patio door. Replacing it can transform your home's view and comfort year-round. Here's how you can begin the process.

**SELECT A STYLE:
HINGED OR SLIDING**

Hinged - Hinged patio doors, often called French doors, add an elegant look to your home. Choose from popular options like two movable doors that swing open from the sides to allow room to move in big furniture or groups of guests, or movable and fixed door combinations that can hinge from the center or a single door for simple elegance. You can also create a custom design, complete with sidelights or transom windows, to span your home's unique architecture.

Sliding - If floor space is limited or if your patio door opens to a balcony, con-

sider a sliding patio door, since they take up less floor space. Look for a patio door with the sliding panel on the outside, so that when the wind blows against it, the design creates a tighter, more energy-efficient seal to help keep your home comfortable.

CHOOSE ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS

Look for the ENERGY STAR to easily select energy-efficient patio door styles, like those from Pella made from wood, fiberglass or vinyl frames with double- or triple-pane insulating glass options.

Wood - Consider the natural warmth, beauty and energy-efficiency of wood patio doors. They are available in virtually any shape, size, grille pattern, and exterior color. You can save time by choosing factory prefinished wood interiors and trim.

Vinyl - For exceptional energy performance, outstanding strength and weather resistance, consider a vinyl patio door. Low-maintenance vinyl sliding doors will look great for years, without the need for painting.

Fiberglass - For a durable product that withstands extreme weather, plus resists dents and high traffic from people or pets, consider a fiberglass patio door. Sleek, strong, highly-energy efficient fiberglass withstands extreme heat, cold, and moisture. With a long-lasting powder coat finish, fiberglass patio doors don't need painting and resist sagging and warping, even in dark colors, even in hot climates.

**DECIDE ON DECORATIVE
OPTIONS**

Optional between-the-glass shades or blinds help reduce dust accumulation, eliminating the dreaded chore of cleaning blinds or shades. Blinds or shades between-the-glass are a natural for patio doors, since they don't interfere with the operation of the door itself, yet make it a breeze to control



light and privacy. Plus, shades and blinds without roomside cords are safer options for homes with pets or children.

Choose from grilles permanently applied to the exterior of glass surfaces or with the added convenience of between-the-glass grille options that make cleaning a breeze. You can also consider removable grilles to transform your home's look from contemporary to Colonial in a snap. •



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