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Local Family Guides South Bay Community through Real Estate Market



Roger Hart (left) with sons: Kevin, Jeremy and his wife, Stephanie; and Bradley with his wife Alannah. The Hart family has used its successful business to promote and preserve pride in the Torrance community through responsible real estate transactions and home ownership. Read more below. Photo courtesy of Roger Hart.

Three Council Members Start New Terms

By Dylan Little

Gene Barnett, Susan Rhilinger and Pat Furey were sworn in for another four years on the Torrance City Council without facing any challengers in a general election. Because there were no more candidates than open positions, the Council chose to forgo holding an election (which saved an estimated \$194,000 in expenses) and appointed the three returning members by resolution.

The trio was sworn in by City Clerk Sue Herbers and presented with a framed certificate of election. After they signed their oaths of office and ethics agreements, each candidate made a brief speech. Barnett acknowledged the economic turmoil that has affected Torrance and thanked all the City's employees for finding a workable solution. He also said he is hopeful for the future of the City and excited to continue serving its residents. "During my five years in office, the City has had to weather a significant financial storm resulting from a sluggish economy and declining revenue. It has been challenging to say the least," said Barnett. "But through the effort and cooperation of our management staff and all City employees, we've maintained a balanced budget with no layoffs. As a result, we continue to deliver the essential City services that our residents expect and deserve. And as we celebrate our centennial, I believe there is cause to be optimistic. I'm truly looking forward to working with my colleagues on the City Council to accomplish our shared mission of making Torrance the best city it can be."

Similarly, Furey thanked his colleagues for coming together to find solutions to the challenges Torrance has faced during his term. He also said he was honored to represent the City during its centennial and beyond and hopes to keep the community safe and running smoothly during his term. "Our city, our region, our state and our country are very much different than they were when I first took office," said Furey. "This Council has faced tremendous chal-

lenges, most of which were the result of economic conditions far from our control. But we met the challenges head-on and with a lot of hard work, persistence, cooperation, understanding and sometimes even compromise, we were able to meet the goals we set four years ago. It's a special honor to serve on the Council during the centennial year. We have so much to celebrate as a community and I look forward to all we have to do in the next four years."

In her address, Rhilinger said she was glad to have the opportunity to serve the public. She thanked the citizens for their trust in her and vowed to stay dedicated to her constituents. "I want to renew my pledge to all my constituents to give 100 percent of my time and effort to prepare

for and then executing the business of the Torrance City Council," said Rhilinger. "I've been humbled by your faith and trust and honored to serve you. I will continue to strive to justify that trust over these four years. Thank you very much."

Mayor Frank Scotto and the remainder of the Council were all pleased to have the three Council members return for another term with each giving a short congratulatory speech. Scotto said he is looking forward to working alongside them and thinks that they are the best choice for Torrance. "We are very honored and pleased that Council members Gene Barnett, Susan Rhilinger and Pat Furey are going to be reappointed tonight," said the Mayor. "I'm honored to

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Local Business Owner Investing in More Than Just Real Estate

By Cristian Vasquez

It has been 35 years since Roger Hart entered the real estate business. In 1980 he was able to open the doors to Forecast Realty, which grew to have more than 50 agents. However, since 1991, Hart decided to move the business into its current location in Torrance where a total of just 10 agents engage in a wide range of real estate deals. Deciding to go from a business with more than 50 agents to one with only 10 was not a complicated decision for Hart, who says that in the real estate industry 10 to 15 percent of agents make 80 to 90 percent of the money.

"You end up training a lot of people that never become productive, so I decided to focus on training my family and helping them to be productive brokers and agents in the community--that way they could deliver the highest level of professionalism and success," Hart said. "There was

no sense in having a large office with a lot of people just warming seats. Unfortunately that's what takes place in most real estate offices."

Training productive and responsible agents is crucial in Hart's opinion not just for a business and agent to succeed, but it is also a fundamental element for the overall well-being of the community. "With the 35 years experience in real estate, we have seen many, many downturns in the industry and we share our experience with the community both in good times and bad times to help them from making mistakes," Hart said. "Whether it be purchasing at either the wrong time or of paying too much for the property, we help them [buyers] get a true value of what the property is worth and we achieve their goals. Also I live on Post Avenue in Old Torrance, so I am very partial to Torrance

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Mostly Sunny
72°/64°



Saturday
Patchy Fog
73°/62°



Sunday
Patchy Fog
71°/62°



People

Graduations

Nikolas Martelaro, a Torrance resident, graduated from the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering this past May, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

Re Bae, of Torrance, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering with the during Commencement ceremonies at Cornell University on May 27, 2012.

Obituary

Moana Lou Kekaikuihala Hiram Hannemann

Moana Lou Kekaikuihala Hiram Hannemann, age 73, passed July 1, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV. Born June 18, 1939 in Hawaii; long time resident of Torrance, CA. Survived by husband, Max E. Hannemann; children: Karla Paiva, Karin Fernandez,

Stanley Hannemann, Georgina Woodhouse, Marisa Keohohou, Yasmin Hannemann, Moroni Hannemann, Andre Harris and Kent Hannemann; 39 grandchildren, 27 great and one great-great grandchild; five siblings. Services in Las Vegas, NV July 13-14.

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

-Garrison Keillor



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My son, Brayden (3) wearing the Jonathan Quick jersey. Dustin Brown is holding the Stanley Cup with his kids at the Manhattan Beach Fire Dept. Submitted by Tom Vanek.



Preston at play. Submitted by Kristen Poulous.

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Letters

LOOKING FOR THE TRIBUNE

For the last five years that I have lived in Torrance; I never knew there was a local newspaper for our city. When I lived in Culver City, we had the Culver City Observer, which I also liked very much. Yesterday, I stopped at Hof's Hut and I was very surprised to see your paper there. I really like your paper very much. Also, I noticed on Page 17 that it lists places where your paper is available. I have been to some of those places and I have never seen your paper there before. For instance, I have never seen your paper at Benihana or at Arico Hallmark, also I have never seen your paper at any Ralphs Markets. Anyhow, I would like to find it and read more often in the future.

Richard Beaver
Response from Editor:

*Hi Richard,
We are certainly happy that you like our newspaper. We love Torrance and we love doing the Torrance Tribune. We do know that our papers are snatched up soon after they hit their locations, so if you aren't there within a day or two, they very well could be gone. I contacted our distributor and he advised where he drops them:*

The Locations are: Arico he leaves the paper to the right of the entrance. Both Ralph's he leaves by the wood racks either to the side or underneath. Benihana he leaves in waiting area after the second door.

Thanks again for your comments and please continue reading us. •

Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 12

- Cardboard Box City, fund-raising event to benefit Family Promise of the South Bay, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Torrance First Christian Church, 2930 El Dorado St. For more information call Dorie Hernandez at (424) 571-2261. Deadline to register July 23rd.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

- Free Saturday Nights Summer Concerts: Pure Play, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., The Courtyard, 1261 Cabrillo Ave. For more information call (310) 320-2332.

- Annual Butterfly Count Class (Ages 10+ only), 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo. For more information call (310) 782-3989. \$5 per person.

MONDAY, JULY 16

- Dream Big READ! Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m., WALTERIA Library, 3815 W. 242nd St. For more information call (310) 375-8418.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

- Teen Summer Reading Program: Own the Night: Night @ The Movies 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call the Youth Services Department at (310) 618-5964.

- Miracle of Living Health Education Lecture Series: Arthritis: A Guide to the Best Joints in Town, 7:00 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Health Conference Center, 3330 Lomita Blvd.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

- Rock Around the Block- Rock the Century, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Torrance Historical Society, 1345 Post Ave. For more information call (310) 328-5392.

- Beach Cities Republicans Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd (private room). Visitors welcome. For more information contact David Hadley at (310) 600-6937 or davidhadley@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

- Celebrity Lecture Series: Back from Combat, 11:00 a.m., Western Museum of Flight, 3315 Airport Drive. For more information call (310) 326-9544.

- Presents Baker's Dozen 4 Opening reception, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Torrance Art Museum, 3320 Civic Center Drive. Free to the public. For more information call Max Presneill at (310) 618-6388.

- Book Sale: Friends of the Torrance Library's sale of paperback books, 9:00 a.m.-

4:00 p.m., at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Meeting Room, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

- Downtown Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information call Julie Randall at (310) 328-6107.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

- Bay Ostomoy Support Group, 7:30 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Health Center # 2, 3330 Lomita Blvd. For more information call (310) 517-3409 M-Th or (310) 378-5331.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

- 26th Annual "Evening Under the Stars," Gourmet Food & Wine Festival to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Medical Center. 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., at American Honda, 700 Van Ness Ave. Advanced tickets purchase required. For tickets and information call the chamber at (310) 540-5858, the Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation at (310) 517-4703.

- Free Movie in the Park, beginning at dusk (around 8:00 p.m.), Greenwood Park, 1520 Greenwood Ave. For more information call (310) 618-2720.

- "Cardboard Box City Event" benefiting Family Promise of the South Bay, Sat. 4:00 p.m.-Sun. 7:00 a.m., First Christian Church, 2930 El Dorado St. For more information call (424) 571-2261.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

- Artful Days: Artists Who Laid the Groundwork for Leonardo and Michaelangelo, 12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

ONGOING

- Diabetes Support Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Health Conference Center, Rm 1. For more information call (310) 370-3228.

- Caregivers Support Group meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Torrance Memorial Conference Center, Rm 5. For more information call (310) 517-4666.

- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, First Christian Church, Room 8, Maple & El Dorado. Free.

- "Retired Guys Only" Join fellow retirees the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Torrance First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. For more information call (310) 328-3242.

Crime Reports



The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceeding are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes are listed as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, auto theft, auto burglary, commercial burglary, residential burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with a weapon, theft and vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

JUNE 24-29, 2012

**Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
JUNE 29**

Burglary-Residential: 18900 BLOCK CORDARY AVE Suspect(s) enters unlocked door, ransacks and takes property/shoes, purses, clothes, remote.

Battery-Simple: 300 BLOCK AVE I Suspect punches victim in the face.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter.

Burglary-Residential: 400 BLOCK VIA LINDA VISTA Suspect(s) smashes glass in door to reach in and unlock same for entry, ransacks and takes property/jewelry, coin collection, cash, iPod.

Burglary-Auto: 2100 BLOCK ATWOOD WAY Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/suitcase, clothes, toiletries, purse, foreign currency, spare vehicle key, memory cards, financial information.

Vandalism: 200 BLOCK PASEO DE GRANADA Suspect(s) drives a vehicle on victim's lawn, damaging same.

Robbery-Weapon: 2500 BLOCK 237TH ST Suspects enter open business, order victims to the floor and demand property at gunpoint/cash, wallet, cell phones.

Theft: 2000 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) takes property stacked outside business/tires.

Burglary-Auto: 4400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes unknown property.

JUNE 28

Burglary-Auto: 22300 BLOCK KENT

AVE Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle and takes property from within same and cuts lock securing property to pipe and takes property from carport/sunglasses, remote, bicycles .

Theft: 100 BLOCK PASEO DE LA CONCHA Suspect(s) cuts lock securing property to pipe and takes property from carport/bicycles.

Burglary-Residential: 18900 BLOCK CORDARY AVE Suspect(s) enters via pet door and takes property/clothes, jewelry, documents.

Burglary-Residential: 300 BLOCK VIA MONTE D'ORO Suspect(s) cuts screen, forces open window in door for entry and takes property/iPad, iPod, Kindle, laptop, DVD players, jewelry, handbag.

Burglary-Residential: 17200 BLOCK WILKIE AVE Suspect(s) kicks in door for entry, but takes no property.

Burglary-Residential: 1700 BLOCK 245TH ST Suspect(s) cuts screen, enters open window and takes property/watch, handguns, shotgun.

JUNE 27

Auto Theft-All: 3600 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD Stolen vehicle: '07 Cadillac Escalade.

Burglary-Residential: 2300 BLOCK 179TH ST Suspect(s) removes screen, forces open window, ransacks and takes property/handgun, laptop, jewelry, watches.

Theft: 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST Suspect(s) defeats lock and takes property from rack/bicycle.


JUNE 26

Burglary-Auto: 24300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) reaches in open window and takes property from seat/laptop, sweater.

Burglary-Auto: 3400 BLOCK SEPULVEDA BLVD Suspect(s) reaches in open window and takes property from seat/wallet.


Burglary-Residential: 2400 BLOCK 231ST ST Suspect(s) removes screen, attempts to push open window/no entry, no loss.

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DEADLINES


OBITUARIES: Monday at noon.
CALENDAR ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.
PEOPLE ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.
DISPLAY AD CHANGES: Prior Thursday at noon.
CLASSIFIEDS: Tuesday at noon.
LEGAL NOTICES: Monday at noon.
NEW DISPLAY ADS: Prior Thursday at noon.
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Crime

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JUNE 25

Theft: 18500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect(s) enters business by unknown means and takes property/computer.

Theft: 24600 BLOCK VIA VALMONTE Suspect(s) cuts chain and takes property from driveway/bicycles.

Theft: 2300 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from rear of location/bicycle.

Theft: 2600 BLOCK SKYPARK DR Suspect approaches victim, displays a large sum of cash and elicits the victim's help in turning in the "found" money before convincing the victim to empty the contents of

her safe deposit box and ultimately fleeing with said contents/cash, jewelry.

JUNE 24

Robbery-Weapon: 23800 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD Suspect demands victim's property at gunpoint/'00 GMC Sierra, cash, cell phone, laptops.

Burglary-Auto: 200 BLOCK VIALINDA VISTA Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/cash, tablet, purse.

Vandalism: 5000 BLOCK MINDORA DR Suspect(s) cuts victim's vehicle's tire.

Burglary-Residential: 1800 BLOCK 180TH PL Suspect(s) kicks in two doors for entry, ransacks and takes unknown property. •

A Student's Perspective

Cyclists Matter Too!

By Glen Abalayan

Since the 1800s, bicycles have been the best method of human-powered transportation. Compared to running, the act of cycling is a much quicker and hygienic way to get from Point A to Point B. Cycling is also an enjoyable way to lose weight because it is easier on the knees and hips, a common annoyance for most runners. In European and Asian countries, a majority of commuters use bicycles as their means of transportation and are able to reap the many benefits. But unfortunately here at home, most cities in the United States have overlooked their continental counterparts and failed to recognize cyclists as a legitimate way of transport. By failing to provide cyclists with adequate resources, such as a safe lane, cities are making their roads more hazardous to cyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

A common complaint of cyclists is the lack of a decent bike lane. In European countries such as The Netherlands, bike lanes are seamlessly integrated into the city's infrastructure and give cyclists a safe place to commute. In the United States, cities have also adopted bike lanes but fall short on keeping their lanes

safe and properly maintained. Ask any cyclist on what they think of their city's bike lanes and they would most likely snicker, shake their head or even say, "What bike lane?"

Their negative gestures do include a grain of truth as they are merely protesting their city's unfair treatment of cyclists and their bike lanes. In some areas, bike lanes are just a six-foot-wide path formed from the excess of a re-paving. Anyone who rides on a bike lane will notice that they are littered with trash, will suddenly disappear and are dangerously close to cars that quadruple them in size. I too have had my share of the common cyclist's woes as I rode along a bike lane and found it quite strange and irritating to see the bike lane suddenly cease to exist once I crossed a junction. It's quite odd how people would stage a mad riot over a sudden closure on a major street, but wouldn't care if a simple six-foot-wide bike route was abruptly cut off.

Cyclists end up being stuck in the middle of a clash between who owns what part of the road. Unlike other countries where bikes have their own independent lane, riders in the United States have to either risk their lives by riding along the hazardous right side of the road (where the two-ton steel behemoths roam) or risk the safety of others by speeding along the sidewalk. None of these alternatives is beneficial to the cyclist, as both sides rarely respect them and sometimes even use them to release their road rage. It is unethical for road engineers to believe that simply painting a white line and labeling the side of a road "bike lane" would protect cyclists from the hulking boxes of steel and the aggressive drivers that man them. According to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, the United States had 52,000 bicyclist injuries and 618 fatal bicycle crashes in 2010. Compared to their bicycle-friendly European counterparts, Americans are three to five times more likely to be involved in a fatal bicycle accident. This is because of the fact that the only thing separating a 50- pound bicycle from a three-ton pickup truck is a measly 30-gram strip of white paint.

What hinders the United States from being a haven for cyclists is its inability to adapt to the changing times. With the unpredictable, and sometimes irritating, nature of gasoline prices, more people are ditching automotive transportation for a more economic and fuel-efficient alternative. *The New York Times* reports that in the past five years, American bicycle sales have increased by nine percent. In economic terms, a study in 2010 by the *National Bicycle Dealers Association* reported that the bicycle industry has outsold the amount of cars bought three to one and sold \$5.6 billion in bicycles and parts while also reducing the nation's dependence on oil. But the United States has overlooked the nation's newfound interest in cycling and irrationally reduced spending on providing more lanes for cyclists. With the number of economic opportunities the bicycle industry can provide, it does not make sense why the government has failed to focus on such an opportunity to free itself from the problems that have plagued it in the past years.

Changes need to be made in this country to ensure the safety and respect cyclists deserve. For years, this country has trailed its European and Asian counterparts in providing a safe way of pedaled locomotion. Clearly, slight changes in infrastructure cannot make the United States a bicycle-friendly nation, as more drastic measures should be made. As the number of cyclists increase every year, so too should the government provide them with decent resources to ensure their safety and the safety of those around them. By implementing changes that would protect bicyclists, the United States would take a step closer to a more integrated infrastructure that would not only benefit cyclists, but the motorists and pedestrians that also use it. •



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Who's the Wisest Man of All?

Sayeth the Mirror: *No doubt, it's Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts!*

With an economy deflating like a raft on the *Titanic*, Roberts could have ruled Obamacare unconstitutional, sending us all down to Davey Jones' locker. Instead, he restructured Obamacare to allow it to meet constitutional muster while simultaneously providing a blueprint for rescinding the law. Could anyone else have created such a Solomon-esque solution? He is truly the wisest man in Washington.

Last winter, economists were predicting that 2012 would be a solid growth year in the three percent per annum range. There was early optimism when the economy grew during the first few months at 2.2 percent. But in April and May, the decline set in and the projected GDP growth fell to 1.9 percent, a rate insufficient to keep up with population growth. By July 1, the Institute for Supply Management said growth would fall to less than 1.5 percent. The Obama economy has sprung a giant leak, endangering us all.

The Institute noted that U.S. employers have scaled back hiring and consumers have turned more cautious. The index of manufacturing activity fell from 53.5 in May to 49.7 in June, which is the lowest reading since July, 2009 and presages economic growth of less than 1.5 percent, approaching a recession.

In the face of these numbers, Roberts had to know that if he had voted with the four conservative justices to overturn Obamacare, the healthcare industry--16 percent of the economy--would have frozen without direction. Employers, unsure of the future cost of healthcare for employees, would stop hiring and the economy would sink like the *Titanic*. His decision temporarily stopped the slide to recession.

He did, however, inflict enormous damage to Obama. He made it clear that if the President's individual mandate had been deemed a penalty, it would have been unconstitutional. Therefore Roberts rewrote the law to deem it a tax. The Congressional Budget Office last March estimated that tax at \$400 billion, 75 percent of which The *Wall Street Journal* said will be assessed against those earning under \$120,000 per year. The *Medicare Annual Report* concluded that 80 percent of taxpayers will pay higher taxes. In fact, Obamacare will be the largest middle class tax increase in the history of any country,



but it is constitutional, according to Roberts.

Roberts exhorted the citizens to use the election process to repeal Obamacare if they didn't like it. He said, "It is not our job to protect the people from the consequence of their political choices." Roberts' position is that the act is a constitutional one, but not necessarily a wise one. He therefore set out a roadmap to making the law toothless.

By declaring the justification for Obamacare a tax, Roberts opened the door to a relatively simple rescission process. The Senate may rescind the tax with only a 51-vote majority rather than a 60-vote supermajority, and the action would be exempt from a Democratic filibuster.

The ever-clever Roberts' use of a tax as a justification for the act eliminated consideration of the Commerce Clause of the Constitution and therefore closed the door on future Congressional actions that could require citizens to buy goods and services they do not want.

Addressing the 26 states' attorneys general who had filed the action against Obamacare, Roberts pointed out James Madison and Thomas Jefferson were advocates of nullification, an alternative in which any state, concluding the federal government had overstepped its limits of jurisdiction, could refuse to obey the federal mandate. Roberts said in his opinion, "In the typical case, we look to the states to defend their prerogatives by adopting the simple expedient of not yielding to federal blandishments...The states are separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it. As a practical matter, that means states may now choose to reject the expansion. That is the whole point."

By June 30, Florida, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Colorado have followed their right of nullification and will not expand the Medicaid provision of Obamacare. Twelve other states, including Mississippi, Texas, Nebraska and Indiana, are considering the same action. Obamacare, while a national law, will not be nationally acknowledged or followed. By itself, nullification could kill Obamacare.

Politically, sustaining Obamacare has rallied conservatives around the Romney candidacy, something Romney himself has struggled to accomplish--and as an expression of that support, Romney received \$4.6 million in campaign contributions within 24 hours of the Supreme Court decision. In June alone, Romney raised an astonishing \$100 million and the Roberts decision helped immeasurably.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the wisest man of all? •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

The recent passing of television icon Andy Griffith seemed to touch a chord with a heck of a lot of people. And couldn't believe the number of folks who were whistling that cheery tune from the old Mayberry TV show that starred Griffith as the town's fatherly sheriff, with the bumbling Don Knotts as comedic sidekick and youngster Ron Howard as the young son Opie.

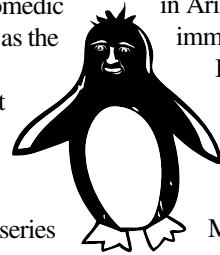
Griffith played a sheriff in his most famous role on the screen and later continued working as a country lawyer on TV when he portrayed Ben Matlock on the long-running series that started in the mid-'80s. A well-known supporter of Democratic candidates and causes, the popular actor turned down an opportunity to throw his fedora into the political spectrum back in 1989 when local North Carolina Demos wanted the folksy Griffith to challenge incumbent Republican Senator Jesse Helms, but Griffith demurred, deciding to continue to portray lawyer Matlock on the little screen until the show's demise in 1995.

Ah, Mayberry, North Carolina. Certainly a different time and place from the hustle and bustle of 2012 in the South Bay, eh?

Tapping out the column, listening to the first remnants of fireworks that will be in full bloom later this evening. Red, white and blue skyrockets will have adorned the night sky, with friends and family gathering together to celebrate the nation's birthday. Good times, good friends. Probably not too much thought about the significance, politically, of the occasion, for most people. But hopefully we all took a moment to reflect on the glory that is the United States of America and the fact that all of the so-called freedoms that we have in this great country were earned by men and women who, Republican, Democrat, Independent or whatever, fought to give us what we have today, some giving the ultimate sacrifice--their lives--so that we can enjoy a night of festive fireworks with family and friends.

Remember, freedom isn't free.

So President Obama has been trekking here and there, filling up his bursting-from-the-seams money chest with donations from his Limousine Liberal friends. The POTUS had a pretty good couple of weeks, what with the passing of his health care overhaul plan, dubbed by those on the right as Obamacare. A somewhat surprising 5-4 Supreme Court vote now moves the process forward. And you know who cast the deciding vote for the plan that has very, very ambitious goals, including extending coverage to more than 30 million Americans who are currently uninsured? Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts.



Putting partisan politics to the side, Roberts sided with the court's four liberal judges to move Obamacare forward. And just a few days prior, angering his friends on the right, Roberts, who was appointed to the Court by then-President George Bush, voted with the liberals to invalidate parts of our neighbors in Arizona's stringent crackdown on illegal immigrants.

Illegal immigrants. As in illegal, breaking the law, right? Anyway, Roberts and the Court's decision were of course met with giddiness on the left and bombast and rhetoric on the right. Mitt "The Glove" Romney, who pretty much has the Republican presidential nomination wrapped up, came out firing. Said Romney: "Our mission is clear. If we want to get rid of Obamacare, we are going to have to replace President Obama."

The presumptive nominee painted a gloom-and-doom scenario if Obamacare was to be implemented, citing new taxes, cuts to Medicare and another spike in the out-of-control federal deficit. Mr. Obama doesn't quite see it that way. He chose to spin the very favorable ruling, noting that in August "nearly 13 million of you will receive a rebate from your insurance company because it spends too much on things like administration costs and CEO bonuses."

More money in my pocket, you say, Mr. President? I am all for that. And, yes, I have noticed the extra Benjamins in the wallet as the price of the petrol continues to inch downward. Pretty sure that we are still getting hosed by Big Oil, but with us now attuned to paying more than four bucks a gallon at the pump, a little relief at the local convenience store/gas station is well-received.

In the Great Bankrupt State, Governor Brown and staff had been diligently working on crafting some type of budget deal before Brown and advisors presumably beg "we the people" to okay a tax increase in November. The tax-and-spend initiative, which qualified for the ballot a couple of weeks ago, could add more than \$8 billion to the State's coffers. I get pretty fired up when I find a \$10 bill in one of the old pair of jeans that I wash every other week. Nice to find an extra \$8 billion or so in the account after the voting takes place in about four months. Wish I could be so lucky.

Brown recently sliced and diced nearly \$200 million from the State budget that lawmakers sent him, putting the pen, the ax, on perks such as childcare, college scholarships, and funding State parks. Said Mr. Brown, "This budget reflects tough choices that will help get California back on track."

Tough times for some, tough choices for our elected leaders...•

Forecast

and in particular the Old Town."

Hart has lived in Old Town Torrance in 1986 and has witnessed the positive changes the area has gone through since its slow decline after the 1960s when many businesses left the area and relocated at the local Del Amo Mall. "At the time, it wasn't even a very safe place to walk around. However, since then we have seen developers partner up with the City and spend millions of dollars in rehabilitating the Old Town part of the city," Hart said. "Now we have a beautiful community to enjoy. So when I market the property I am also marketing the benefits of living in Torrance, in particular the Old Town. We can walk to some of the nicest restaurants, go to some of the finest bakeries and have shopping within our fingertips without getting in the car. Old Town has become a very positive experience. On the weekends there are bands playing at different venues, there

are several fine dining places to choose from and there are even some inexpensive places to dine where you could feed your family with daily specials and many for meals for less than seven dollars."

In addition to promoting the city's lifestyle to potential buyers, Hart takes pride in his role of helping to preserve local history--especially when dealing with the homes in Old Town Torrance. "We have several community programs in the city, but the ones in particular that I appreciate deeply are the two historical property groups that every year or so have a tour of the city's historical homes," Hart said. "Forecast Realty likes to sponsor some of these historical homes tours because it brings a lot of self and community pride. We have some very historical homes that go back to the roots of the development of the city. I am very passionate about these homes and the people that own these homes, so I

always try to encourage them that if they are going to make changes that they keep the originality and historical value of the home and neighborhood."

For Hart, sponsoring community events is one of the many ways that a resident and local business person can have a positive impact on the community in which they work and live. "The more interest that we take in our schools, in our police department, our fire department and in our libraries, then the better the community is going to be," Hart said. "Many times I go for walks at the parks around the high schools and I noticed that the conditions are kind of deteriorated, but they are still better than any other city around here. It is always encouraging to try to support any efforts to maintain the schools, to encourage police because we do appreciate that if you call them within a matter of minutes they are protecting in

our neighborhood. I think it's always good first to teach our children to respect teachers, fire, police and their neighbor and set a good example and we can do this as parents by setting a good example for our families and our communities."

Part of Hart's efforts to be a responsible real estate agent and in an effort to address the needs of the ongoing changing demographic within the community, he partnered with local developer Richard D. Greene to provide housing for senior citizens. The end result was the creation of the Courtyard Villa Estates, which provided a whole new housing option for senior citizens in Torrance. "Back in 2004 and 2005, senior communities were a new thing and the problem was that most of the senior housing was very small and very limited, and not advantageous to people that have enjoyed a comfortable lifestyle," Hart

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Nash Enters to Fireworks

By Adam Serrao

Steve Nash and Kobe Bryant came into the league together in 1996, but never did they expect to be chasing a championship together on the same team. Two of the fiercest rivals in the league, Nash's Suns and Kobe's Lakers have been battling it out for supremacy in the Western Conference's Pacific Division for 16 seasons now. Over time, Kobe has gotten the best of the rivalry, leading his Lakers to five championships in the same amount time while Nash is still chasing his first. As they say, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," but now that Kobe is 34 years old and Nash is 38, will the duo of cagey veterans still have enough left in the tank to lead the Lakers to at least one more championship?

On Independence Day 2012, fireworks exploded in the nighttime air to the news that Steve Nash had decided to leave all other teams in the dust and join forces with Kobe Bryant to play at the Staples Center in search of an NBA title. What better symbol of freedom for Kobe? In 16 seasons in the NBA, Kobe has never played with an elite point guard. Now he has the freedom to roam around the court and choose the spot that will best suit him for a pull-up jumper. He has the freedom to stand on the edge of the court, not handling the ball or calling out plays, and decide when to slash into the lane to take an alley-oop from Nash or be on the receiving end of a behind-the-back pass off of a pick and roll. The pick and roll, after all, is something the Lakers have never been able to accomplish with ease. Throughout the playoffs over the past few years, L.A. has always been the team getting burnt by quick, speedy guards cutting into the lane and having their way with the Lakers' big men, making a once-admired franchise look foolish. Now with Nash on the team, the whole dynamic of the Lakers' offense will change.

Obviously, Nash will be the primary ball-handler on the team, taking the ball out of

Kobe's hands for the most part. As explained earlier, in all of his 16 seasons in the league, Kobe has never played with an elite point guard unless you count Nick Van Exel, but at that point, Kobe was a baby and his game wasn't the same as it is now. Since he has arisen as the best player in the league, however, the knock on Kobe has been that he handles the ball too much and doesn't get his teammates involved. Well now the responsibility of handling the ball will be entrusted to Nash, a player that Kobe clearly already trusts. With Kobe, trust goes a long way. When he feels like he can't trust others with the ball, he does it all himself. Now even according to Kobe, that should change. "He gives us a much, much better chance," Bryant said after his first day of USA basketball training in Las Vegas. "He's a terrific shooter. And shooting is something that was lacking for us. His ability to be a playmaker for others out of the pick and roll is one of the best we've ever seen. He has a high basketball IQ, in terms of being a coach out on the floor." Clearly, Kobe is pleased with what Nash brings to the table and is giddy with excitement at the fact that he will have another playmaker on the floor to play alongside him.

With the team as it currently exists (assuming there will be no more trades), the Lakers are sizing up to look quite formidable. With Nash handling the ball, they will have two seven-footers down low to roam around in the paint and either take alley-oops from Nash, run the pick and roll or rebound and pass it back out to restart the offense. Metta World Peace will round out the starting five and be the defensive stopper, while Kobe will move to his natural position on the court—a position that he hasn't played at for the majority of his career. "It puts me in my natural position, which is that of a shooting guard and that of a finisher," Bryant said about the addition of Nash. "Michael [Jordan] had Scottie [Pippen], who was a great

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Up and Adam

Tartars Ready for Football Season

By Adam Serrao

The Torrance Tartars are ready for the 2012-2013 football season to begin. With workouts in order and summer practices underway, head coach Rock Hollis has his team believing that this is the year that they will take the Pioneer League championship. Though they are already preparing like champions, there will be many obstacles this year that the Tartars will have to overcome and many new key players stepping into big roles on the team. If everything goes as planned, the Tartars will continue on with their winning ways of a year ago and seek out a berth in the playoffs for just the third time in eight years.

Hollis has amassed a 35-39-2 record in eight years at the school. It is about an average record when looked at from an outsider's point of view, but Hollis is better than those totals imply. Consider that last year was the first time the Tartars have made the playoffs in four previous seasons and it is easy to see that the team has simply fallen victim to a string of bad luck recently. Last year, a season that Hollis certainly hopes to build on, was one of the team's best ever. The Tartars finished with an 8-5 record and reached the CIF Southern Section semifinals. In the two seasons previous to that, however, the Tartars won only four total games (two each season). It goes without saying that Hollis would much rather like to see more of his team's recent production and add another trip to the CIF playoffs to his resume than to revert back to the wretched two-win seasons of the past.

If the Tartars wish to have the same success that they experienced last year, they will have to find an answer to key pieces of their team lost over the summer. The main player on the team who has left a giant hole not only in the backfield but on the defensive side of the ball as well is Tyrone Taylor. Last year, Taylor led the Tartars to their semifinal appearance against Lompoc (the eventual CIF champions) by rushing for 1,521 yards on the ground and accounted for 425 yards through the air. He tallied 20 touchdowns rushing and scored 11 more as a receiver. In addition to this offense, however, Taylor accounted for a good majority of the team's stops on defense as well. As a starting linebacker,

Taylor was in charge of the defense and acted as the central force for diminishing the opposition's big play potential. If the Tartars wish to get anywhere this season, they will certainly need someone to step up and fill in his footsteps, as difficult as that may be to do.

Taylor's rushing mate in the backfield that made the Tartars a fearless running team all of last year will also not be on the squad this season. Quac Ho was a senior last year and averaged 6.40 yards per carry while tallying nine touchdowns on the season playing behind Taylor.

The one-two combination of Taylor and Ho was a major reason for the team's success. Though the backfield will be devoid of those two talents this year, Hollis and the Tartars have a number of candidates ready and willing to step up and take over the running back duties behind returning starting quarterback Jacob Kalama.

Not much will be known about this year's Tartars until they take the field to open up the season on August 24 against Hawthorne. The Tartars' all-time record against Hawthorne is 5-1, with their one loss coming last September when they fell by a score of 20-10. Other key games on the schedule include an inner city rivalry game against the West High Warriors on September 7 and a matchup against the South High Spartans to kick off league play on October 5. By the time the matchup with the Spartans comes around, the Tartars should know exactly where they stand and how they should fare for the rest of the season.

In the last six years of league play, the Torrance Tartars are the only team to finish on top as Pioneer League champs twice and end the year by making it to the playoffs in the '07-'08 season and once again last year. There is no doubt that Hollis and his troops would love to make it a third time and repeat in back-to-back years—but before they get ahead of themselves, they will have to get ready for battle and contend with the other Torrance teams that are hungry for the CIF crown within the same league. North High, South High and West High are all looking to claim bragging rights within the city and it will be the Tartars' job to find a way to fend off their competitors. •



Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Design Changes Environmental Assessment Public Meeting

Metro invites you to a Community Meeting to learn about design changes that have taken place since the environmental document was completed. Public comments will be taken and recorded during the meeting.

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The Federal Transit Administration and Metro prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment to review modifications to the project. Modifications are the result of design refinements and cost reduction efforts, reduced right-of-way acquisition, and improvements at-grade crossings.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at local libraries, please visit metro.net/crenshaw for a list of addresses. If you are unable to attend any of the scoping meetings you may still submit comments by August 2, 2012 via mail or e-mail to:

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Golfing in Torrance – A Mother and Son’s Adventure

By TerriAnn Ferren

This is a summer I will always remember because it marks the first time I have ever played golf. Yup. I finally did it. My son Christopher had a day off work and offered to take me to *Sea Aire Golf Course* in Torrance after I had told him I wanted to learn to play golf. The only thing is I didn’t exactly know what I was in for. I put on some tennis shoes and some casual clothes and got a hat ready. I thought of the outfits I have seen some men wear on courses—bright-colored slacks, sweaters, hats with pom poms and even kilts! I definitely wasn’t going to dress like that. The clock on the wall in my kitchen was striking noon as my son arrived to pick me up for my very first lesson. We headed down Anza Avenue toward *Sea Aire Golf Course* when Christopher turned down a side street toward a large area of grass and parked the car. He explained to me that he was going to first teach me how to swing and hit the ball before we headed toward the course for my first game. I was so excited.

Christopher took three clubs from his trunk and six balls and we walked onto the grass where he proceeded to instruct me on how to hold a golf club. (Yes, I am a remedial golfer.) After I clumsily held the club, he taught me how to stand, swing, keep my eye on the ball and move. There was a lot to this golfing thing! After a while, he put a ball down for me to hit. I missed. I tried again. Got it! The ball went straight but not very far. It felt good to hit that ball and Christopher assured me the golf course we were going to was a small nine-hole course and I wouldn’t have to hit the ball that far. Thank goodness for that. After spending nearly an hour on the basics with a long list of new vocabulary words (e.g. loft, pitch, follow-through, iron, green, fore, putt, fairway, cup, pin, bogey, par, tee and birdie), we gathered the clubs and balls and headed toward the car and off to the course.

Driving up the steep hill at *Sea Aire* at 22730 Lupine Drive in Torrance, I could see that the parking lot wasn’t full, which meant not many people were there. Actually, that gave me a feeling of relief. To tell you the truth, I wasn’t eager to have an audience as I learned this game of golf. We gathered our clubs, selected our balls and headed toward the course. As we walked toward the manicured green, I thought about all the beautiful golf courses I have seen throughout my life. Golfers seemed to always be having a great time in beautiful settings and here I was about to join the ranks as a player of golf! As we walked up to the office to pay for our round, I noticed a sign that said, “Join the *Sea Aire Golf Club* (50 and over) that meets every Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. If you are interested in signing up, call 310.543.GOLF.”

William Pasley, Senior Recreation Leader, greeted us at the office with a broad smile. He asked me if I was a resident and I said yes as we paid for our round. After I told him this was my first time golfing, he laughed and looked at Christopher. William told us he has been working here for about eight years and lives two blocks away. “After you retire, you have to do something to stay out and meet people rather than sitting in a bar somewhere. It’s more fun and I can walk here,” said William. “When I moved from San Diego I checked all over and the weather is so great right here. You know I couldn’t go on the computer and plan a more perfect weather pattern than here.” William then looked at me and asked, “You have hit a golf ball before?” Christopher said, “Yes, today.” At which William said, “Will you need a hard hat?” We all laughed. I hoped the laugh would be funny and not true. Christopher asked for a divot tool that he could purchase, but William said he had some to loan only asking it be returned after we played our round. Off we went!

Christopher and I decided to putt on the putting green before we began our game. We

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Kendal, Parker, and Mark Osborne.



My patient instructor, Christopher Ferren.

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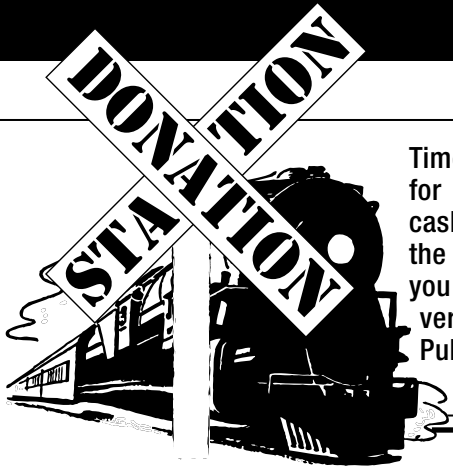
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City Council

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have served with them for the last four years and I'm very pleased that the next two years that I'm here I'll have the opportunity to work with them. I think that they truly have their hearts representing the people of Torrance. The three of them are very well-informed and very active in this community."

In his speech, Councilmember Tom Brewer poked a little fun at the three freshly approved

Council members for not having to face an election. Jokes aside, Brewer said that he expected great leadership from the Council and its returning members in the future. "I want to congratulate my colleagues on a tough election--it was really touch and go," joked Brewer. He continued on a more serious note by adding, "I really do think we have a good team up here. The panel up here can really do the City proud."

Councilmember Bill Sutherland said that the Council members have a strong working relationship with each other and that no one could else could fit in the group the way Barnett, Rhilinger and Furey do. "When you have chemistry going, you definitely don't want to break it," said Sutherland. "I don't think we could have picked one person that could've replaced one of you three and not have lost ground. The three of you have done a great job."



Gene Barnett, Susan Rhilinger and Pat Furey were sworn in for another four years on the Torrance City Council. Photo by Dylan Little.

Echoing the comments of the other Council members, Cliff Numark acknowledged that while they might not see eye to eye on all the issues, the perspective and experiences of each member of the Council helps them come up with smart solutions for the challenges Torrance has faced, and the ones that lie ahead. "I would like to congratulate the Council members for another four-year term. These are three great public servants," said Numark. "They are diligent, hard-working and very bright. I think they add diversity to the Council in the sense that we all come from different perspectives and try to work for what's best for the City and I know they will continue to work for their constituents in a way that will move the City forward." •

TerriAnn

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practiced a bit. All the while, I was remembering how to hold the club, bend my knees, keep my arms straight and keep my eye on the ball... so much to remember. Christopher had our score card, which also contained the playing rules. I was ready!

The first hole seemed pretty simple. We had to hit the ball straight, avoiding a cell tower disguised as a palm tree. From the look of the dents at the base of the tree, other golfers haven't exactly hit their balls as straight as they might. All of a sudden I didn't feel so intimidated.

I stepped up to the mat and slowly took a few practice swings. Then I moved toward the ball. I told myself, "Bend your knees, straighten your arms, keep your eye on the ball, and follow through easy." My ball went up into the air and straight toward the hole. Not bad for my first shot. Christopher hit his ball effortlessly and encouraged me as we walked toward our balls. At this point, I was hit with something every parent realizes at some time or another. My son was teaching me with patience and wisdom. It felt good.

We made our way around the beautiful small course hitting and putting and carrying our clubs. Christopher has played this course since he was very young, so I think that gives him a bit of an advantage. It was a lot of fun. Although I only did fair, with one par and one bogey it wasn't bad for my very first golf game. It took us longer than usual to get around the course due to the fact that I was taking my time and Christopher was assisting me with advice on which club to use, how to eye the hole and how hard to hit the ball.

The history of golf has always been hotly debated, but generally most people look to St. Andrews in Scotland as the origin of what we call our modern game of golf with a total of 18 holes. Recently, there is evidence where a game very similar to golf was played in China (960-1279). Volumes have been written about the history, origin and beginnings of golf. Golf balls and clubs have developed over the centuries too and I find it interesting that clubs were originally made of wood, then graphite and eventually metal. Golf balls weren't standardized until the 1930s, so I imagine there

were all sorts of sizes. When I was researching about the history of golf, I read somewhere that the game of golf was banned in 1452 by King James II because people were ignoring their archery practice.

My daddy, my father-in-law, my friends and relatives all play golf. I knew golf courses were beautiful and green, but I never really got it when I would see lines of golfers practicing their swing on the weekends--even in the rain. Maybe it is the tranquil setting or the quiet of the green, but this tiny space of time where I finally began to learn the game of golf gave me a glimpse into the quiet, gentle world of golf.

Christopher and I checked into the office before we left, returning the divot fixer, and found employee Jeff Bille taking the money at the desk. He has worked at the course for three-and-a-half years and, like William Pasley, lives down the street and loves his job. "Golf is the only game where you call the fouls and everything else on yourself," Jeff said. "You call the penalty on yourself. You cannot lie in golf. People are very interesting. I attempt to play golf. When I pick up the flags at night, I hit a ball to each green and pick up the flag and carry them in. I normally play at Los Verdes and I am not very good. At this point Christopher told Jeff, "Los Verdes was my home course when I was at Bishop on the golf team and it was three bucks to play." Jeff laughed and said, "I think it is five bucks now!"

I was gathering our things as Christopher was adding up our scores and I couldn't help but notice a father, Mark Osborne, his daughter Kendal, age nine, and his son Parker, age seven, entering the green. I asked Mark if he and his children come here often and he said, "We go occasionally." As I looked at them, I knew they were making memories just as my son Christopher and I had done that very day. My score? Well, let's just say it wasn't horrible, but you could nearly double Christopher's score to equal mine. But somehow none of that mattered. On this beautiful summer's day in Torrance, my son taught me how to play golf and although I realize there is a lot to this game I will probably never know, the most important thing I learned was that this game of kings has more to it than meets the eye. •

FOOD & DINING

Pork Fajitas with Smoky Cherry Salsa

This pork fajitas recipe with grilled pork tenderloin, onions and peppers gets a sweet-smoky aroma and flavor when topped with chipotle-infused cherry salsa. Manchego cheese, though untraditional for fajitas, pairs nicely.

Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 45 minutes

Ease of Preparation: Easy

Health: Low Calorie, High Fiber, Low Sat Fat, High Potassium, High Calcium, Heart Healthy, Healthy Weight, Diabetes Appropriate

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon plus a pinch of salt, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Zest of 2 limes
- 6 teaspoons lime juice, divided
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground chipotle pepper (see Tips), divided
- 1 1/4 pounds pork tenderloin, trimmed
- 1 medium white onion, thickly sliced crosswise
- 1 red or green bell pepper, quartered
- 1 cup chopped pitted sweet or sour fresh cherries (see Tips)

- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup shredded Manchego or Cheddar cheese
- 8 6-inch corn tortillas, warmed (see Tips)
- Steps:
- 1: Preheat grill to medium-high.
- 2: Mash 1 teaspoon salt and garlic in a small bowl with a mortar and pestle or a spoon until a paste forms. Mix in lime zest, 2 teaspoons lime juice and 1 teaspoon ground chipotle. Rub the paste all over pork.
- 3: Oil the grill rack (see Tip). Grill the pork, turning occasionally, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part reaches 145°F, 13 to 15 minutes. Grill onion and bell pepper, turning occasionally, until charred and tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer the pork to a clean cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes.
- 4: Combine cherries, cilantro, the remaining 4 teaspoons lime juice, the remaining 1/4 teaspoon chipotle and pinch of salt in a bowl. Finely chop one slice of grilled onion and stir into the salsa.
- 5: Thinly slice the remaining onion and

pepper. Thinly slice the pork. Serve the pork and vegetables with the salsa and cheese on tortillas.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 365 Carbohydrates - 33 Fat - 10 Saturated Fat - 4 Monounsaturated Fat - 3 Protein - 37 Cholesterol - 107 Dietary Fiber - 6 Potassium - 883 Sodium - 881 Nutrition Bonus - Vitamin C (87% daily value), Vitamin A (38% dv), Zinc (27% dv), Potassium (25% dv), Magnesium (23% dv), Calcium (18% dv), Iron (15% dv)

Marinate pork (Step 2) in the refrigerator, loosely covered, for up to 8 hours.

Tips: Chipotle peppers are dried, smoked jalapeños. Look for ground chipotle in the spice section of most supermarkets or online at penzeys.com. To pit fresh cherries, use a tool made for the job—a hand-held cherry pitter; it also works for olives! Or pry out the pit with the tip of a knife or vegetable peeler. To warm corn tortillas, wrap a stack of tortillas in barely damp paper towels; microwave on High for 30



to 45 seconds. Or wrap stacks of 4 tortillas in foil; place in a 375°F oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Wrap tortillas in a clean towel to keep warm. Oiling a grill rack before you grill foods helps ensure that the food won't stick. Oil a folded paper towel, hold it with tongs and rub it over the rack. (Do not use cooking spray on a hot grill.) When grilling delicate foods like tofu and fish, it is helpful to coat the food with cooking spray.

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Brooklyn is mommy's little angel. She loves to snuggle when not busy keeping up with her brothers. She and Boston are nearly identical in both personality and appearance! She is very playful and has a wonderful little purr.

Manhattan is the biggest of the three siblings and very boisterous! He is always bouncing around

looking for things to do. He has got a lot of energy and plenty of love to match.

Boston is the biggest snuggler of the trio, always cuddling and purring without end. He is also unique because his eyes are remaining a bluish-green shade. He is super outgoing with every situation and just loves to play.

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Brooklyn



Manhattan



Boston

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •

Happy Tails

Princess Finds Fairytale Ending

Princess found her fairytale ending after being dumped in the shelter. Her prior owners moved and made no provisions for a beautiful girl who lived her whole life in their yard with no love or attention. She is now living with her two playmates from Fast Friends Rescue and a family full of love! Princess (pictured in front of Carla) is enjoying life and keeping stride with Frankie (the larger Greyhound on the right) and Maggie (the white Greyhound in the center)...

"Hi--Thank you for the amazing pictures. We all looked good, especially how you captured the dogs. I'm a little late getting back to you because our darling new little girl is our whole world. She is running the house now. She loves to play and take her

walks. Princess likes to run with Frankie and they get along great. Maggie is coming around, but is not too happy right now. They had a tussle last night because she (Maggie) likes to steal Princess' treats. We are both, Carla and I, trying to give equal time to all three, which right now is 24/7. Princess is so attached to Carla, she follows her everywhere and they are so happy together. Thank you so much for all your help. We can't thank you enough..." – Carolyn.

When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •



Finance

LGBT Couples Often Face Additional Financial Hurdles

By Jason Alderman

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) couples – and individuals – often face significant financial hurdles compared to their heterosexual counterparts. According to Chris Kollaja, a certified public accountant and partner at A.L. Nella & Company in San Francisco, California, LGBT couples often incur higher costs for everything from income taxes to employee benefits to adoptions because of prevailing laws and tax regulations.

For example:

- In states where gay marriage is not legal, same-sex couples must file separate income tax returns, as with unmarried heterosexual couples. Where it is legal, if they want to file a joint state return they must each file an individual federal return and then complete a “mock” joint federal return and use that data to calculate their joint state return.

- Company-provided domestic partner benefits are considered imputed income by the IRS and added to the employee’s taxable income. Also, whereas opposite-sex married couples can use pretax dollars to pay for medical insurance premiums, domestic partners cannot.

- Heterosexual spouses can receive up to 50 percent of their spouse’s Social Security benefits if he or she is still alive, can collect their dead spouse’s benefit if it’s higher than their own, and receive a \$255 lump-sum spousal death benefit. None of these benefits apply to same-sex spouses.

- Heterosexual married couples can contribute up to \$5,000 a year to a spousal IRA for a non-working spouse; same-sex couples cannot.

- If one spouse in a heterosexual marriage enters a nursing home and applies for Medicaid, the other may continue living in their home without impacting Medicaid eligibility. However, if an LGBT couple owns a home and one applies for Medicaid, the other must buy out the sick partner’s share in order to remain in their home.

- Heterosexual married couples can transfer unlimited assets to each other without paying

federal estate taxes. Everyone else, including married same-sex couples, must pay taxes on estates that exceed \$5.12 million.

- Despite last year’s repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” veteran’s benefits based on marital status remain unavailable to same-sex military spouses including: military hospital visitation rights; survivor benefits; increased compensation to spouses of disabled veterans; Veterans Administration Home Loan eligibility for surviving spouses; and burial together in military cemeteries.

“The most important takeaway is that you can’t take planning for granted,” says Kollaja. “It’s critical to establish your wishes through proper documentation.”

He offers these tips:

- Inventory all your assets and make sure everything is clearly titled and registered with the county.

- Make sure your will, trust, durable power of attorney and other legal documents spell out how you want your assets distributed and whom you want to make your medical and financial decisions; otherwise the courts may designate someone instead.

- Designate the proper beneficiaries for all insurance policies, retirement plans and investment accounts.

- Buy adequate health, property and casualty insurance. If you’re married or in a registered domestic partnership, you could be held liable for your partner’s accident.

Because many mutual retirement benefits are not available to GLBT couples, plan your retirement for two single people. Having your own long-term care insurance is particularly important.

“Bottom line, make sure you have a trust or living will,” says Kollaja. “Otherwise, you’ll be subject to the state’s probate laws, which could determine very different outcomes than what you would have wished.”

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Forecast

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said. “We were fortunate to be able to sell every one of those units to a large population of the seniors here in Torrance. They were able to move out of the older homes, which took up a lot of maintenance and upkeep, and they were able to move into a home that offered low maintenance and was senior user-friendly, with the confidence that their Torrance neighborhood would be preserved.”

For Hart, helping a person find the right home and finding the right owner for a property are what help his business thrive, while the community continues to benefit. “I am third generation now with myself, my sons and my grandsons—we are all here in the Torrance area, so we all have a strong

interest in encouraging the schools and the community to continue to live in that Old Town spirit,” Hart said. “There are Old Town businesses that have been here for years and people really take an interest in service—that’s what I try to promote. I’m not a big fan of the Internet because I prefer to get personal service and qualifying my buyers and sellers and sharing my 35 years of experience directly with them.”

Hart concluded, “There is a lot of pride in the community and a lot of that pride has come back strong in the last years. We have to make sure that people have the same goals that the neighborhood has. That is a big part of qualifying a buyer.”

Sports

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facilitator for him and enabled Michael to do what he does best, which is score the ball.” If Nash can be to Kobe anything like Pippen was to Jordan, then these two all-stars may be wishing that they found each other earlier in their careers. Clearly to Kobe, the possibilities seem to be endless and with the addition of one player, the team immediately became a lot more traditional but also a whole lot stronger.

Some naysayers don’t believe that Nash is enough to put Kobe and the Lakers over the hump. After all, Kobe isn’t getting any younger and Nash is 38 years old himself. With a history of chronic back problems as well, Nash will have to work hard to stay healthy enough to take the floor night in and night out at the Staples Center. Though his back has been a problem, it has never meant Nash missing any significant time during the season. The two-time NBA MVP hasn’t only always found a way

to get it done on the court, but has rallied his team to do so as well.

Nash won’t only help the Lakers with his own personal skills, but expect him to recruit other players like Grant Hill to join the team and make the Lakers’ atrocious bench of a year ago that much stronger. All in all, Steve Nash is the best thing that could have happened to the Lakers this offseason and anyone who says otherwise just doesn’t like the Lakers. By the looks of it, Mitch Kupchak and the rest of the front office aren’t done wheeling and dealing yet either. It should be an interesting offseason for L.A. Expect the Lakers to be a bigger contender this year then they have been the last couple of years. At this point, it looks like it’s a three-horse race for next year’s championship trophy. Along with the Thunder and the Heat, the addition of Nash has immediately thrust the Lakers into championship contention.



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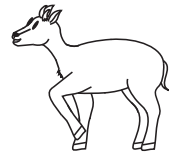
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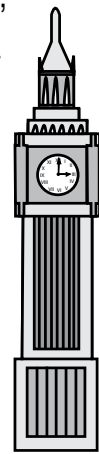
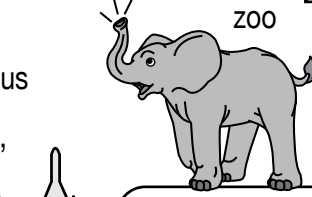
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- the Thames _____ flows through the city; people ride on a boat called the River Bus
- often _____ and foggy – umbrellas and raincoats are popular
- Labrador Retrievers are "top dogs"; plush-haired British Shorthairs are the "top cats"
- most students wear _____; they get a certificate when they finish "High School" – graduation ceremonies are saved for the end of college classes
- visitors may dine upon pork or steak pies, sausages or _____ n' chips
- people get around using the subway (the tube), high-speed passenger trains, red double-decker _____ or taxis painted black
- was the first city to build a subway and one of the first to open a public _____
- London's Big Ben is a _____ with the largest ringing bell in the world inside and a large clock on its front
- has a _____, royal family and group of elected people (like our Congress) called Parliament which chooses a prime minister (whose job is similar to our president)
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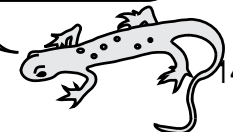
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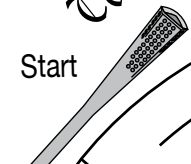

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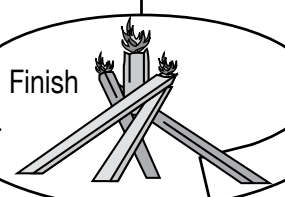




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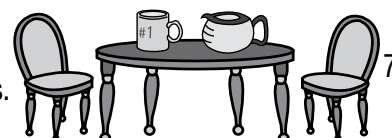
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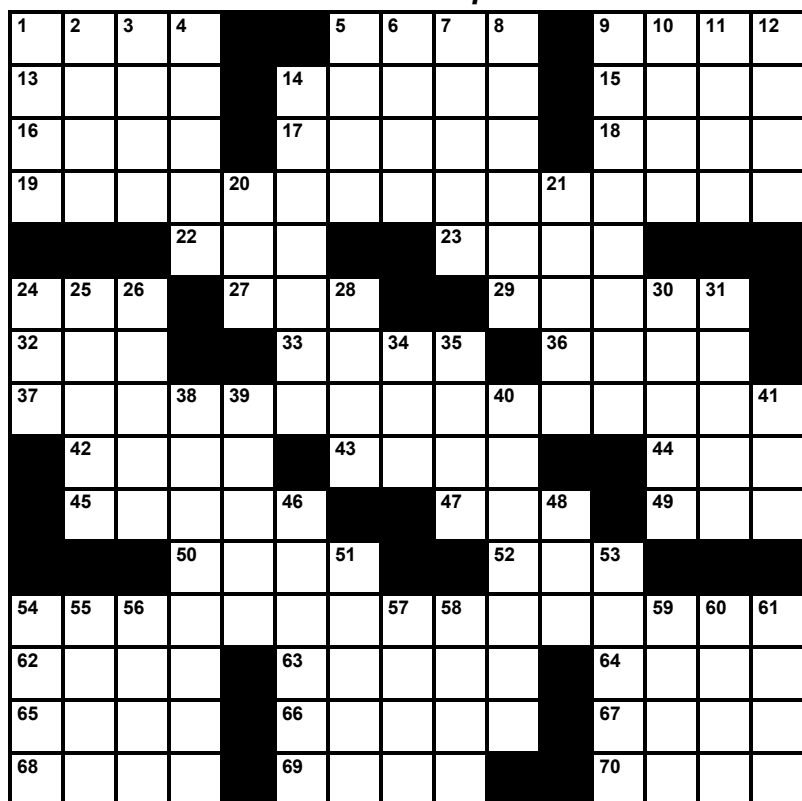
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- will be _____ with 64,000 bed sheets, 9,000 wardrobes for clothes, 170,000 coat hangers, 11,000 sofas, and 21,000 pillows!
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- 17. Attack
- 18. Swiss painter Hans
- 19. Site of illicit bar for the leisure class?
- 22. Jam
- 23. Deodorant brand
- 24. Second sight
- 27. Unburdened
- 29. Out of style
- 32. Taiwanese girl group
- 33. Chesterfield, e.g.
- 36. Sparsely populated North Dakota city
- 37. Simply relax?
- 42. Contemptible one
- 43. "The Open Window" writer
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- 63. Cunning
- 64. Popular Serbian folk singer
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- 68. Brickbat
- 69. Check
- 70. Reno calculation

DOWN

- 1. Primatologist's study
- 2. Mouthful
- 3. Cigarette brand
- 4. Bundle
- 5. Long bone
- 6. Back talk
- 7. Hunts
- 8. Establishes
- 9. Diacritical marks
- 10. Israeli port city
- 11. Fully cooked
- 12. Agitated state
- 14. Live peacefully together
- 20. White wine aperitif
- 21. Start of a refrain
- 24. Jolting therapy, for short
- 25. Wrap
- 26. Black tea
- 28. Buck passers?
- 30. Mawkish
- 31. A-list
- 34. J.F.K. overseer
- 35. Says "When?"
- 38. Poisoning from tainted grain
- 39. Mosque officials
- 40. Gave way
- 41. Bother, with at
- 46. Feudal sovereigns
- 48. Excessively
- 51. Jeer
- 53. Psychozoon
- 54. Musical pieces
- 55. Carbon compound
- 56. Ancient colonnade
- 57. Fries, maybe
- 58. Posited Big Bang substance
- 59. E-mail, e.g.
- 60. ____ coffee
- 61. Hebrew letters

Last Week's Answers

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				4	3			

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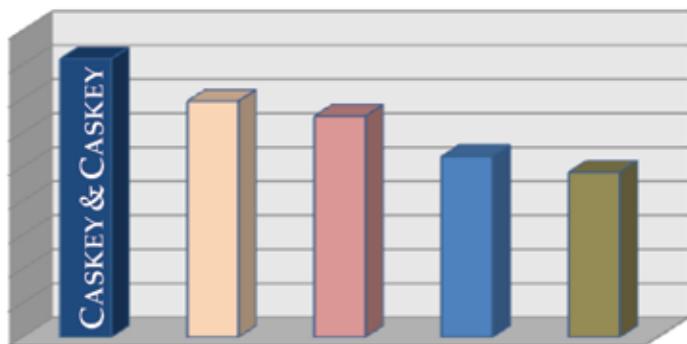
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