

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

Was walking over to the post office to take care of a couple of (amazingly) mail-related issues when the young man standing about 15 feet to the north of the door asked me if I wanted to talk about the Obama healthcare initiative. Took a quick glance at the table that the guy had his propaganda propped upon, and noticed a poster of the Prez that had been altered, with a cheesy mustache, to make our Chief Executive look somewhat Hitleresque. Guess the guy was somehow equating the current healthcare overhaul being championed by Mr. Obama to something that Der Fuhrer implemented.

Gave an unthinking answer to the guy, saying that “it wasn’t my issue.” Which was lame, cuz healthcare is everyone’s issue, but I just didn’t feel like discussing the subject with the well-meaning guy, I’m sure, who somehow was trying to link Hitler with Obama. And sported a poster that preached, “Impeach the President.”

Turns out the guy was apparently a supporter of political gadfly Lyndon LaRouche. Checked out the LaRouche file in my Encyclopedia Britannicas, (not really, folks) and found a few interesting tidbits. The 86-year-old codger has run for President eight times since 1976, and somehow has been unsuccessful each time. Points for being persistent, right?

He is considered by his supporters to be a great economist and political leader cut in the mold of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. His detractors aren’t so willing to gush about the man, calling him “an extremist, a conspiracy theorist, a political cult leader, a fascist, and/or an anti-Semite.” Wow. Big time difference of opinion there.

Anyway, when I gave my flip answer to the LaRouche guy, he said, “It’s everybody’s issue,” or something like that. And he was right. The wife works in the healthcare in-

dustry, and has been mentioning that I should delve into the pros and cons of the proposed legislation. Gotta educate myself first. Don’t want to look stupid and uninformed. *That* will never happen, right?

Was planning on going back the next day to actually listen to the guy’s spiel. Went back, but the guy and his table of Larouche propaganda were gone. But I did check out the LaRouche website, and here is an excerpt of one of the old guy’s supposed diatribes comparing Mr. Obama to Hitler: “President Obama is now impeachable because he has, in effect, proposed legislation which is an exact copy of the legislation for which the Hitler regime was condemned in the post-war trials. This is an impeachable offense: to propose such a thing at this time is an impeachable offense. The time has come that the President of the United States deserves impeachment...” A tad bit testy, eh Mr. LaRouche? Forget to take your pills?

The LaRouche site compared Mr. Obama’s current healthcare package to the so-called “T-4” program that Hitler imposed back in 1939. This inhumane program was also known as the Euthanasia Program, and has been blamed for the deaths of more than 250,000 people.

Here is what Hitler wrote in 1939: “Reich Leader Bouhler and Dr. Brandt are charged with the responsibility of expanding the authority of physicians, to be designated by name, to the end that patients considered incurable, according to the best available human judgment of their state of health, can be granted a mercy death.” Hitler’s physician cronies were given the power to choose who was to live and die. Chilling stuff. And even though it took place nearly 70 years ago, it can’t be forgotten.

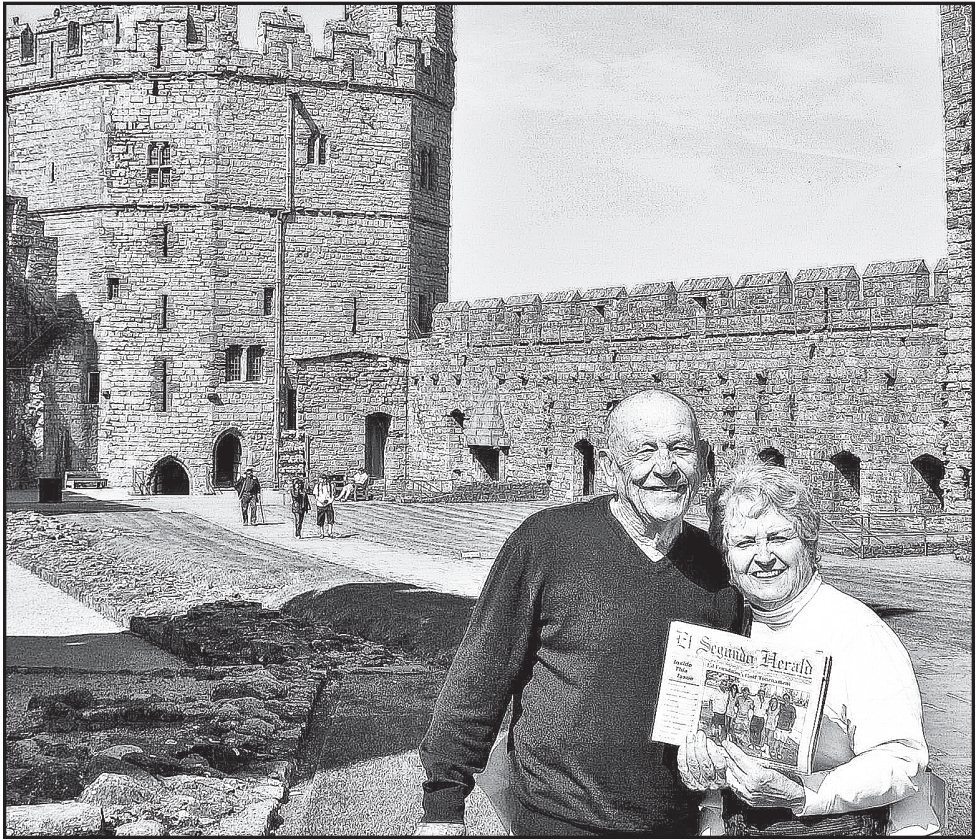
On to better news. For some of you. As expected, Judge Sonia Sotomayor was quickly confirmed by the Senate late last week, becoming the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court. She was sworn in on Saturday, and will officially begin working her new job in September when the court hears arguments in a campaign finance case. Sotomayor had a fairly easy path to confirmation. Voted in by the good Senators, 61-38. Not exactly the right time for the big-time minority party to put up too much of a stink about anything, is it?

Nine Republicans decided to support the nomination, although Sen. John McCain was not one of them. Said he didn’t think that the new judge was a true believer of “judicial restraint.” For the record, *Plank* is all about restraint. On certain issues.

Sotomayor, 55, is only the third woman to work her way to the Supreme Court bench in the court’s 220-year history. You go, girl! Or how about, *vas, nina!*

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Herald in Wales



Dick Van Vranken, Bebe Buchen and the El Segundo Herald visit Caernarfon Castle in Wales.

Police Reports

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in the 400 block of E. Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) sprayed graffiti on the side of the location.

Robbery report was taken at 0930 hours in the 700 block of E. Grand Avenue. A known suspect came to the location yesterday, 08/07/09 at approximately 0700 hours, and robbed the victim at gunpoint. Taken was \$2,800 in US currency.

Burglary (auto) report was taken at 1409 hours in the 2200 block of Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim’s vehicle window and took her purse containing a wallet with credit cards and a small amount of cash.

One male adult was arrested at 1428 hours in the 300 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary (commercial), possession of a fictitious check, and one LAPD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1656 hours in the 900 block of Main Street for battery on a spouse and violation of a court order.

Vandalism occurred between 0800 hours and 1850 hours in the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. Victim found his front windshield smashed.

A men’s black wallet was found at 1800 hours at Virginia Street and Holly Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 2242 hours in the 600 block of Vista Del Mar for one LASD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2242 hours in the 600 block of Vista Del Mar for possession of a dangerous weapon.

One male adult was arrested at 0047 hours in the 700 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for grand theft auto.

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One male adult was arrested at 0200 hours in the 100 block of Whiting Street for plain drunk in public.

An on-line lost property report was taken at 0725 hours. In the 2000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard, a Blackberry Curve cellular phone was lost.

Petty theft occurred between 0945 hours and 1000 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. A purse was taken.

One male adult was detained and cited at 1143 hours in the 1500 block of East Maple Avenue for one ESPD traffic warrant.

Lost property report was taken at 1830 hours. A men’s black wallet was last seen at 1700 hours in the 300 block of East Grand Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 1945 hours from Vista Del Mar and Sandpiper for two LASD misdemeanor traffic warrants.

Criminal threats report was taken at 2030 hours in the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Ex-girlfriend threatened victim with harm.

One male adult was arrested at 2118 hours in the 800 block of South Nash Street for one LBPD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0048 hours in the 800 block of Maryland Street for two ESPD misdemeanor warrants and one LASD misdemeanor warrant. •

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7:00-8:15pm Hatha Basics – All Level Leyla

Tuesday

5:30-6:45pm Yin Yoga – All Level Via
7:00-8:15pm Vinyasa Flow - Level I Leticia

Wednesday

6:00-7:15am Vinyasa Flow – All Level Jamie
5:30-6:45pm Hatha Basics – Level I-II Andy
7:00-8:15pm Hatha Basics – All Level Teri

Thursday

5:30-6:45pm Forrest - All Level Theresa
7:00-8:15pm Beginner Hatha Robyn

Friday

6:00-7:15am Vinyasa Flow – All Level Jamie
6:15-7:30pm Vinyasa Flow – All Level Alex

Saturday

9:30-10:45am Hatha Basics – All Level Andy
11:00-12:15pm Tai Chi – All Level Ara

Sunday

8:00-9:15am Hatha Basics – All Level Cathy
9:30-10:45am Yoga Tune-Up® - All Level Theresa
5:30-6:45pm Hatha Basics – All Level Andy

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