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Torrance Refinery Awards \$100,000 for STEAM Classroom Grants



Torrance Refining Company LLC (TORC), in partnership with the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD), recently hosted a teacher recognition event at its Torrance Refinery to showcase demonstrations of innovative curriculum funded by the company. TORC awarded a total of \$100,000 in teacher grants this school year to 38 teachers in the district to enhance curriculum in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). Photo Provided by Torrance Refining Company

Council Approves Project to Enhance Pedestrian, Bicycle Use Downtown

By Cristian Vasquez

The Torrance Mayor and City Council unanimously approved Program Supplemental Agreement No. F016 in order to fund construction efforts that will increase pedestrian and bicycle use in the historic downtown area. The approved resolution will also allow for the allotment of Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funds for the Sidewalk Repair for Handicap Accessibility (I-135).

The Program Supplement Agreement, as described by Justin Gatz with the Public Works Department, is part of the "City's master agreement for federal aid projects with Caltrans for the design of the Downtown Active Transportation Improvement Project." The appropriated funds for the active transportation program total \$340,000 and are available on a reimbursement basis. With the approval of the resolution, the I-135 budget will be increased from \$3,575,866 to \$3,915,866. However, the ATP grant mandates that a local match of 20 percent (\$85,000) be made--money that is available from previous IAP I-135 appropriated funds.

"The Downtown Torrance Active Transportation Improvement Project is located in the Old Town Historic Downtown area, and is bound to the north by Torrance Boulevard; to the east by Cabrillo Avenue; to the south by Plaza del Amo; and to the west by Cota Avenue, Watson Avenue and Martina Avenue," said Gatz. "The proposed improvements

include generally sidewalks, the replacement of damage sidewalks, and also installation of bicycle facilities in that area."

Other improvements include installing traffic striping and markings, upgrading pedestrian signals, and installing curb access ramps and new roadway signs for an extensive overhaul of an estimated 100,000 square feet of damaged sidewalks and 8,000 square

feet of gutters and curbs. In 2015, the Public Works Department applied for grant funding from the ATP and the City was selected to receive a total of \$2,027,000 in federal aid funding. That funding was to be used to pay for the design (\$340,000) and construction (\$1,687,000) of that project. Through the Program Supplement Agreement, the City

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Companies Getting the Message About Social Media's Impact

By Rob McCarthy

Coke and Starbuck's aren't content anymore to be your go-to beverage. They want to be your friend and for you to like them. Your likes and dislikes, they're willing to listen. And, they're thrilled when you tell your family and inner circle about the relationship because that's what friends do.

Social media has changed the relationship between a consumer product company and its customers so that it more closely resembles a friendship than a business transaction. Nearly half of Americans use social media, according to industry-tracking reports. The most popular social media site is Facebook,

followed by YouTube and Twitter. These sites started as a person-to-person conduit for staying connected through messages, photos and videos shared back and forth. MySpace was an early crowd favorite until Facebook launched in 2006.

Marketing executives at first failed to see the commercial potential for social media and dismissed the Internet as a fad that would pass. Marketing and social media are intertwined in today's consumer marketplace, and skillful users of social media are careful to inform and engage people on the web. Though some selling is considered acceptable and necessary to justify the expense of creating social

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
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Saturday

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Sunday

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Community Briefs

Pregnancy Help Center Celebrates 30th Annual Walk for Life

The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance, held its 30th Annual Walk for Life South Bay last month. Over 200 walkers came out to enjoy fun, food, festivities and a 5K walk along the beach in support of the Center and its free services such as pregnancy and STI testing and ultrasound. The festivities also celebrated walkers who have participated

since the beginning of the event. The 5K began from the south side of Veterans Park in Redondo Beach. Participants also had the opportunity to win raffle prizes, while enjoying bagels, coffee and fellowship. The Center has served the South Bay for over 40 years.

– Source and Photo from Pregnancy Help Center



From the "Selfie" booth: Virginia Perches, volunteer; Norma D. Grove, staff; Jeanne McLeod and Connie Liegey, volunteers at the Walk for Life.

Torrance Students Receive Cal Poly Irrigation Scholarships

On May 19 at the 2016-17 Agricultural Engineering Society End of the Year Banquet, 26 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo students from the BRAE department were awarded various irrigation scholarships including the Daisy J. Hudson Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship, the John Merriam Memorial Scholarship, and

the Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference for USBR Scholarship.

The scholarships were awarded to those studying BioResource and Agricultural Engineering or Agricultural Systems Management (ASM).

Soojin Park, from Torrance, is currently a student in the BRAE Department and was

one of two recipients for the John Merriam Memorial Scholarship. Professor Merriam was an internationally known irrigation consultant who taught at Cal Poly for 20 years. His students, both here and abroad, remember him for his inspiration and dedication to teaching. Professor Merriam and his family established the Merriam Endowment for Irrigation and Water Management within the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department at Cal Poly. The endowment provides assistance to faculty and students in the field of irrigation. An annual scholarship is made to students interested in irrigation.

Lauren Burke, from Torrance, is currently a student in the BRAE Department and a student employee of the ITRC. Lauren was one of several recipients for the Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship. Daisy J. Hudson was

a life-long resident of Porterville in Tulare County, who served as General Manager of the Sausalito Irrigation District and has exceptional career experience in the agriculture and water industry. Daisy believed whole-heartedly that agriculture's two most important assets are water and people. Her appreciation for women in the industry and Cal Poly attendees from a rural background led her to establish the Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship at Cal Poly, or the Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship.

The scholarship provides needs-based financial assistance to hard working students who intend to pursue active careers related to water after their undergraduate studies in the areas of irrigation, water science, or water engineering at Cal Poly.

– Source: Cal Poly

AMETLL Consortium School Maker Faire Attracts More Than 900 Participants

The third annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium School Maker Faire took place last month and featured more than 900 high school students, educators and family members from five South Bay regional school districts joined with representatives from 47 high tech companies and technical schools to showcase advanced manufacturing techniques, robotics competitions and STEM Related Exhibits.

The Consortium teamed with the Centinela Valley Union School District (CVUHSD), El Camino College and the Hawthorne High School of Engineering to present the event which was part science fair but with a county fair atmosphere celebrating creativity and invention, as well as providing a venue for tech enthusiasts, crafters, artists, hobbyists, engineers and

entrepreneurs to showcase what they make. Attendees also were able to participate in interactive science and engineering activities. Complimentary food and refreshments were provided by the Hawthorne High School of Culinary Arts and other on campus organizations.

The 2017 Faire was sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), Kinecta Federal Credit Union, CVUHSD, and El Camino College.

The Consortium was established in 2013 and is comprised of educational and industry partners including the SBWIB, committed to the principles of Linked Learning, an approach that energizes students through interdisciplinary curriculum, project-based learning and the integration of Career Technical Education with traditional academic disciplines.

– Source: SWBIB

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Sports

Up and Adam

South High School Softball Succeeds in CIF Southern Section

By Adam Serrao

It didn't take long for the South High Spartans softball team to absolutely demolish the competition in this year's CIF Southern Section Division 5 postseason. Behind the brilliance of senior pitcher Maddy Stockslager, the Spartans rolled through four straight postseason opponents after finishing in first place in the Pioneer League standings to find themselves in a battle with the Heritage Christian Warriors for a chance at aCIF championship trophy. South and Stockslager didn't let down. After seven innings of three-hit ball, Stockslager and the Spartans rushed home plate at Deanna Manning Stadium in Irvine and piled on top of one another in joy to celebrate the first-ever CIF-SS title in South Torrance history.

Just like every team that came before them, Heritage Christian struggled mightily to figure out the skill and prowess of Stockslager--the South High ace who had already given all of her previous opponents fits throughout the softball season. "She's been doing it all year," Coach Tony Flores said of his star player. "I'm pretty sure all of our playoff games ended with her getting [the other team] to strike out." The bottom of the fourth inning provided the only real moment of turbulence for Stockslager and the Spartans. An error by Sommer Kisling followed by a wayward throw of Stockslager's allowed Sabrina Morales and Alyssa Benthagen to score the first, and only, two (unearned) runs of the day for the Warriors. Aside from that brief hiccup, Stockslager allowed just three hits while walking three and striking out a grand total of 14 batters over seven innings on the mound.

Unlike Heritage Christian, South's offense was off and running in the early going to back Stockslager and ultimately provide enough firepower to easily get a win. Kayla Averill got things started in the second with a single and later came home to score when Kisling singled to keep the frame going. Senior Georgia Benoit, who earlier reached base on an error, eventually came around to score as well--giving South a 2-0 lead in just the second inning of play.

Maisie Weishoff proved to be the offensive player of the day, coming through with the game-changing play in the top of the third inning. The senior took opposing pitcher Lilly Robles deep to left centerfield for a three-run home run to really put the game out of reach in the Spartans' favor. "I really wanted it for the team," Weishoff explained. "It felt good to get that cushion." The cushion that Weishoff spoke of grew to become a 6-0 lead before the

third inning came to an end. With Stockslager on the mound, South was more than optimistic that a victory would soon be on its way.

After getting out of the rough fourth inning that saw the Spartans commit two errors and give up two runs, it was relative smooth sailing for Stockslager and South. One strikeout after another eventually led to scoreless innings in the fifth, sixth and seventh. Just like 13 other Heritage Christian batters who came before her, the aforementioned Morales struck out to end the game. "I was very anxious and jittery," Stockslager explained of her mood on the mound in the final inning of play. Once the ball sailed past Morales and the game was officially in the record books, Stockslager added yet another complete game to her repertoire and the Spartans celebrated as they brought home the school's very first CIF-SS championship.

"Winning a CIF title has been everyone's dream since freshman year," Stockslager continued. "We wanted to do it for Jesse more. We hung our banners and we all decided to play every game for him." Jesse Esphorst, Jr. was a classmate of Stockslager's who was tragically killed in a car accident towards the beginning of the year. The Spartans not only completed an incredible 24-7-1 season for Esphorst, but also brought home Pioneer League and CIF championships in his memory.

Stockslager finishes her senior year with a remarkable 0.66 ERA to go along with 16 wins and 228 strikeouts in 137.2 innings on the mound. She, as well as other incredible talents like Kisling, Weishoff, Benoit, Averill and the entire Spartans softball team finished the season off with a remarkable nine-game winning streak. South's only two league losses of the season were to their inner-city rivals from Torrance High and North High. Though the Spartans lost in their first meetings against both teams, they went on to avenge both losses with a 6-5 win against Torrance and a 10-0 shutout of North, both coming later in the season.

After four consecutive years of not even making the playoffs, the South High Spartans rallied in a big way and not only dominated within their own division but also the CIF as a whole. It hasn't been an easy road for Stockslager, especially after an injury that sidelined the star pitcher for her entire sophomore season. A long journey toward recovery eventually led her and her Spartans to the top of the mountain, though. This year's South High Spartans will now go down in history as the school's first-ever CIF Southern Section girls softball champions.

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Calendar of Events

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Check It Out @ the Southeast Library, 4:30 PM., free-teens only, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. – 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.
- Friday Fun for Kids, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Fun With Flowers, 10:00 AM., free – registration required, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Mini Train Rides (Public Run Days) 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Ave.
- KAMA 27th Annual Concert (The Korean American Music Academy), 6:30 PM.,

James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, For ticket info : 310-988-9985

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library OPEN, 1:00 PM. – 5:00 PM., 3301 Torrance Blvd.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve - CLOSED, 3201 Plaza Del Amo.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- PVSb Audubon Meeting – "The Joy of Birding Feeding", Presented by Bob Shanman, Open to the Public, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
- Novels at Night Bok Group, 6:30 PM., free, Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044. •



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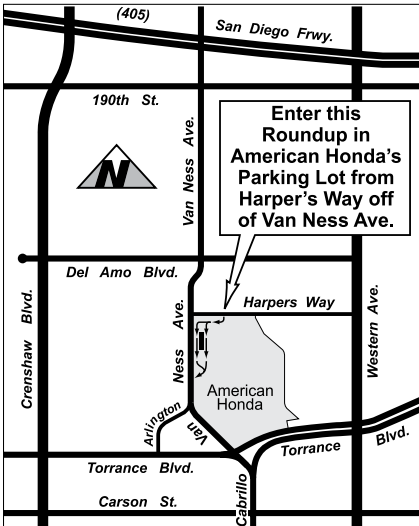
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TerriAnn in Torrance

Celebrating Father's Day 2017 in the City of Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

This Sunday, June 18, is the day reserved for honoring our dads. President Richard Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national holiday in 1972, and from that date on it has been celebrated every year on the third Sunday in June. Although Father's Day probably isn't as big a telephone day as Mother's Day, fathers definitely deserve equal time. Father, according to Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, says,



The Schroeders — Tiffany, Jerry and Jonathan

“Fa•ther, 1. A man who has engendered a child; esp. a man as he is related to his child or children. 2. a) a stepfather b) a father-in-law 3. The male parent...” The rest of the lengthy definition gives many examples of father and what a father does, according to Webster. Let it be said that there are natural fathers, and fathers who step in for all sorts of reasons who are fathers as well.

Every Father's Day, I comb the card shop aisles searching for that perfect verse that encapsulates what my father means to me. Of course, that remains extremely difficult and usually I end up buying more than one card. As I perused the shelves, I noticed cards that said, “Thank you for being like a dad to me,” and “You are a dad to me,” along with many others. As with Mother's Day, there are those who have lost their fathers when they were children, and those who have lost their fathers as adults. Many men generously step into the role of mentor for young children, either within their families or through churches or organizations. Those men are to be especially honored on Father's Day too.

Lisa Johnson lost her father when she was 11 years old after losing her mom when she was only 10 years old. Lisa shared, “I was a daddy's girl. Father's Day for me is what I remember from my father before--and what I see in Gary [her husband] now. I know what a good father is and I see it in Gary. I knew what to look for in a father for my

kids.” Lisa went on to tell me that Father's Day used to be bittersweet, but now she delights in her husband's relationship with their sons and focuses on that.

Fathers do have a special role in their children's lives. For one thing, it was my daddy who taught me how to tie my shoes, and I in turn watched my husband Dave teach our son Christopher how to tie his shoes. Typically, fathers have been the ones who have tossed the baseballs, basketballs,

soccer balls, tennis balls, and even rolled bowling balls with their children--but with the modern family of today, the father's role might have expanded into all sorts of duties and chores our grandfathers might not have ever attempted. Does that mean our fathers are more indispensable? I, for one, would say yes.

I decided to find out what some of the Torrance fathers of today do with their children that they remember doing with their own fathers. It was not surprising that many of the fathers continue traditions with their children that began with their dads.

Scott Villalva told me that the first thing that came into his mind was making gifts for his grandfather (his father figure) either at home or making something at school for Father's Day as a surprise. “The hand-made stuff--I enjoyed those types of things. That is what is special to me now too,” said Scott. Handmade gifts from his little ones are high on Scott's list and mean more to him than anything. “I was brought up [from my grandfather] to respect my elders, and I try to pass on those values to my children: Amanda, age 17, Derek, age 13, and Reagan, age three. My grandfather was hands-on raising me and my brother, and I model that as best I can.”

Next, I spoke with Travis Corzine, father of his young son, two-and-a-half-year-old Nolan Watts Corzine. He explained the middle name Watts is because it is his grandmother's

name and his mother's maiden name, and they wanted to pass on the tradition. Travis said, “My dad was very involved in my life, so I see him in everything I do. He [Nolan] is very young to be doing stuff with, but he is learning very rapidly now and he is a lot of fun to teach.” Travis told me his dad taught him a lot about sports and knowledge in general. “The thing I am looking forward to the most though, which my dad did, was read. He started off with *The Hobbit*. I have two brothers, an older brother J.J. who is 34, and my little brother David, who is turning 30 in August. He [dad] would come in, before we went to bed, and read *The Hobbit* until we fell asleep. I was 11 years old at the time.”

Although it took nearly a year for his dad to read the entire book, the memories are vivid for Travis and his brothers. I learned that his dad would couple his readings with companion books of drawings about the stories. “My dad would work three jobs and come home at 8 p.m. and we would have dinner. By 10 p.m. we would be reading *The Hobbit*,” said Travis. What a beautiful tradition Travis intends passing on to his young son Nolan, although he did tell me he plans on reading *Harry Potter* and other stories he loves too.

Jerry Schroeder said that he continues the tradition of taking his three children—13-year-old twins Tiffany and Katie, and 11-year-old

Jonathan—with him on special outings and trips, just as his dad did with him. He shared that his dad used to take him to the Chino Air Show, the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, Big Bear hiking, and rock collecting at Big Bear Lake.

What do small children want to give their daddies on Father's Day? I decided to ask little five-year-old John what he plans and he told me, “He [his daddy] is really nice to me. I don't know what my class is going to do, but if I was a big kid I would make a pretend tie for him. I would give him a giant rainbow!”

As for me, my daddy is number one. He exemplifies what it means to be a father and a man. His sterling character, faith and example continue gently guiding--and he always listens.

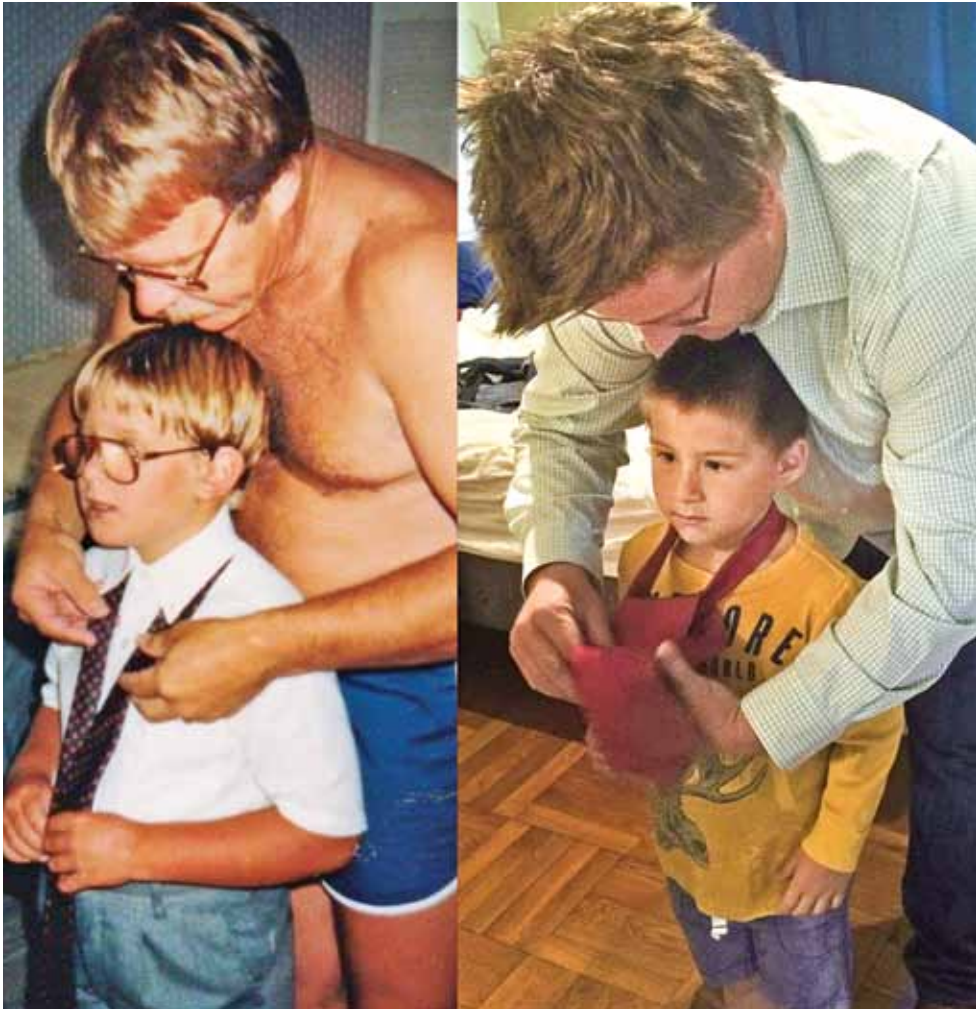
Happy Father's Day to all the new dads, mature dads, soon-to-be dads and fill-in dads! Thank you for all the wonderful, giving, nurturing and strong examples of what it means to be a dad.

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(L) Stephen with his dad when he was small; (R) Stephen with his five-year-old son John today.

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 - 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
 - 2 teaspoons honey
 - Pinch cayenne
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Preparation

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and cook until browned and crisp, removing pieces as they brown with a slotted spoon, about 2 minutes altogether. Pour the oil into a heatproof cup.
2. Sprinkle the chicken with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Transfer 2 tablespoons of the garlic oil back to the skillet. Heat over medium-high until almost smoking and add the chicken. Cook until golden on the bottom, about 7-9 minutes. Turn and cook another 7-9 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Remove to a cutting board. Let stand 5 minutes.
3. Whisk the lemon juice, vinegar and honey into the remaining garlic oil. Season with 1/4 teaspoon each kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper and cayenne.
4. Combine romaine, radicchio, cabbage, grapes, celery and mint in a large bowl. Chop the chicken and add to the bowl along with the dressing. Toss to mix and serve sprinkled with the crispy garlic.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories 360; Protein 22 g; Carbohydrate 25 g; Fat 21 g (50% Calories from Fat); 2.5 g Saturated Fat (6% Calories from Saturated Fat); Cholesterol 60 mg; Sodium 290 mg; Fiber 4 g.

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Never Condone Censorship—Just Deal With the Consequences

By Cristian Vasquez

It's not popular to defend a person(s) whose speech is filled with hate. For the majority of decent Americans, it is difficult to listen to hate-mongers spew messages of intolerance with the intention to divide. However, these orators of ignorance deserve the same First Amendment protections that the Constitution grants us. The biggest mistake we can make as a society that values free speech is to censor expression of any kind. We must let the messenger fail, or succeed, based on what they are delivering.

In today's social media culture and 24-hour news cycle, any incident is made into "breaking news"—which is later followed by two or three days of mindless coverage. Plenty of times these incidents stem from a "did you hear what so-and-so said?" or a "look at what so-and-so tweeted" situation. Almost immediately we can see demands for an apology by one side and messages of unwavering support by the other. Recently comedienne Kathy Griffin was the trigger for one of these social media/24-hour-news cycle headaches when she posted a tasteless and violent image involving President Trump. While her attempt to be politically enlightening lacked effectiveness and taste, we should defend her right to portray such grotesque images—but let her deal with the consequences. Since that infamous picture, Griffin has lost endorsement money and was canceled from several performances, including the New Year's Eve program with CNN host Anderson Cooper.

In other instances the speech is so vile, hateful and repetitive that the messenger becomes branded by the sickness of their words. For instance, Neo-Nazi figurehead Richard Spencer has made no effort to hide his feelings of superiority based on race. In essence, the guy wants the United States to be a white-ethno nation and he used his quasi-celebrity profile to share his message. In April that message was taken to the Auburn campus, where as a result protestors came out and arrests were made. The irony in being arrested for practicing your First Amendment right in an effort to deny another that same exact right seems to be lost on many. In any case, censoring people like Spencer isn't going to kill their message of hate. Anyone willing to attend his rallies is not likely to be dissuaded by protestors.

These fringe Spencer supporters don't represent America and they don't represent her peoples' values. They are merely a small group of people taking advantage of a spotlight being shone on their message by those attempting to censor their messenger. The reason people like Spencer fail and stunts like Griffin's fall on their face is because what they are giving us is hollow. Our freedom of speech comes with consequences and in Griffin's case the backlash has affected her bank account. In Spencer's case, he was recently kicked out of a D.C. area gym that refused to have a hatermonger among its patrons. Instead of censoring speech, we should be mindful and respectful of each other. It may result in everyone getting along better. •

Another Man's Opinion

Let it Go, Let it Go! Comey, Trump and Climate Change

By Duane Plank

What a politically charged week we witnessed, topped by nearly three hours of riveting testimony in open session by the canned ex-FBI Director James Comey. Welcome to Trump's World!

It looks like the Comey/Trump stand-off will come down to a "he said, he said," steel cage match, with Comey reporting that Trump asked him to "let it go" regarding investigating the already jettisoned national security advisor James Flynn. Something else to "let go." The alleged, imminent, catastrophic effects of global warming.

Hopefully you will have the opportunity to read this, unless the icecaps have already melted, the streets are awash with rotting fish because of rising water levels, and the ozone has been pierced because of the tons of nasty things that we continue to do to the environment.

Folks became unhinged, all because Mr. Trump did what he said he was going to do, and hightailed the US of A out of the non-binding, symbolic Paris climate deal. A deal that was never ratified by any legislative body, but rather executive-ordered by Mr. Obama—one of the many executive orders that he signed during his tenure in the West Wing.

The mainstream media and "sky is falling" folks have been decrying the debatable alternative fact that the planet is in danger of imploding because of global warming. Or global freezing. Take your pick. We as human beings, who have definitely added to the degradation of our environment, seem hosed either way, according to the climate alarmists, who have been in full meltdown mode ever

since President Donald Trump acted.

As far back as 1895, according to the always accurate Internet, the esteemed *New York Times* posited that "Geologists Think the World May Be Frozen Up Again," mentioning the obvious, murderous impact of "perennial frost and snow." If the NYT screed was to be believed, extinct woolly mammoths would soon again roam the terra firma, supplanting all human existence. Humanity was doomed!

This opinion was printed post the great American Industrial Revolution, a period generally bracketed from 1820-1870 and a time in which American industry ratcheted up the impact of 19th Century technology with railroads being built and steamboats cruising pristine US waterways. Tons of money was made by prescient entrepreneurs, robber barons and other profit-mongers. Much like the very smart folks looting the American economy today, residing in Silicon Valley.

But the new modes of transportation did benefit the common man, allowing one to move about the country more expediently and not be beholden to the vagaries of traveling what is presumed to have been a miserable cross-country trip through Indian country in a state-of-the-art, covered wagon. Or, if you decided to travel via waterways, hope to catch a ride on a skiff piloted by Huckleberry Finn.

These new modes of transportation may not have been environmentally friendly, bellowing who knows what into the sky, as they moved their customers, and their wares, to and fro.

But that is, and was, the price of progress. Let it go, climate change scaredy cats. •

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Social Media

media content on a daily basis, experts in the field recommend a 70-20-10 ratio of non-promotional content, shared content from other websites, and the smallest amount being outright selling. The experts say that balancing relevant content and information with the occasional product pitch is a proven way to increase sales without annoying your online audience.

Coca-Cola has 104.5 million Facebook followers, making the soft drink company the most followed brand on the number one social media site in the world. YouTube is second with 82.5 million followers. Other brands attracting a large following on Facebook are Red Bull energy drink (48 million), Microsoft Windows (45.5 million), and Nike Football (44.5 million followers). Instagram, Oreo, PlayStation, Converse and Starbuck's Coffee crack the top 10, according to statistic.com, a data-collection service that covers American life.

Companies aren't the only marketing teams competing for fans in cyberspace. The Los Angeles Lakers are closing in on 21 million followers on Facebook. The team, which brought in Magic Johnson to oversee basketball operations and the upcoming NBA draft, offers diehard and casual fans updates about the draft, preseason games ahead of the next season, and a video interview with strength and conditioning coach Gunnar Peterson. There's an occasional promotion of Laker merchandise, but most of the content is basketball-related news.

Digital marketing and branding consultants see the evolution of business social media continuing as companies develop a fine touch that draws web traffic. This happens in several ways, starting with individuals clicking on a daily post sent to their email account. That can lead to a "like" and a suggestion to "follow us." This is how a social media relationship starts. When posts on a Facebook company or team page are shared, it creates greater awareness of products, promotions including sales and discounts, and charity and special events.

In general, today's web-savvy marketing team uses the Internet to inform, entertain and engage people around the globe. Advertising and promotional events are still a part of the mix. There are some advantages that social media has over broadcasted messages, such as print ads and billboards, because of the size of the web audience. Here are a few examples of how digital marketing using social media is a give-and-take proposition:

Social media generates up-to-date information about the customer. The data can answer such questions as "who's my customer", "what do they like" and "what is their opinion of our brand."

Greater brand awareness = more loyalty. When social media is balanced and puts the customer first, it creates an important bond. One study found that 53 percent of people who follow a brand online say they're loyal to it.

When you do advertise, choose the right time and place. Sharing content, such as a video or a newly published report, doesn't take a lot of time to distribute on social media. Also, a Facebook ad can be built and released so it connects with a target audience. For example, a clothing company can ramp up promotion of new snow boots as the first major winter storm of the year approaches.

Everybody's doing it, why aren't you? Customers will wonder why a company or brand isn't on social media nowadays. It's just the way business is done. You know what they say about keeping up with the Joneses. Plus, a study by The Aberdeen Group found that companies that interact with customers online have a financial advantage over competitors who rely on phone-based customer service, which consumers really dislike anyway.

The bottom line is the bottom line: Companies that use social media for marketing and sales say it's easier to spot the key decision-makers and get connected through sites such as LinkedIn, which is used by professionals. Nearly 75 of companies surveyed reported an increase in sales within the first year of trying business-to-business or business-to-consumer marketing online. •

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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Across

1. Communists in the 50's
5. High school class
8. Road sign
12. Nascar circuit
13. Vicinity
14. Gumption
15. Lateral place
16. Unstable
17. Meal request
18. Not here
20. Extends
21. Layers
22. Exclude
23. Fund-raising letter
26. Gloomiest
30. New Party
31. Wish undone
34. Runner's assignment
35. Narrow country roads
37. Wranglers alternative
38. Started
39. Sulphuric for one
40. Bicycle seat
42. Fired up
43. Came by
45. Display props
47. Play area

Down

1. Bette Midler song
2. "Resident ___" horror film
3. Fathers
4. Arm cover
5. Chartreuse
6. "The Wonder ___" Fred Savage sitcom
7. Over or shift
8. Disperse
9. It's crimson in the movie
10. Till compartment
11. Consistent with
13. How long one might stay
14. Heating or eclipse?

19. Puts on
22. Hanger-on?
23. World record?
24. Serenity
25. Jodie Foster's "___ Room"
26. Real estate paper
27. Golden or bald?
28. Symbol of slowness
29. Canvas shelters
32. Tickled
33. Scarlet
36. Trained
38. Hairy feature
40. Workout unit
41. Tilted
44. Judge's gowns
46. Stadium sections
48. Period
49. Movie shots
50. Farm division
51. Completely botch
52. Hang in there
53. True
54. Evidence
55. Foot impression
56. Function

Last Week's Answers

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Order to Show Cause
for Change of Name
Case No. YS029819**
Superior Court of California, County of
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Petition of: JENNIFER FOSTER for
Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JENNIFER FOSTER filed a peti-
tion with this court for a decree changing
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hearing indicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person objecting to the
name changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the reasons for
the objection at least two court days before
the matter is scheduled to be heard and
must appear at the hearing to show cause
why the petition should not be granted. If
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Notice of Hearing:
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The address of the court is:
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Date: APRIL 28, 2017
ERIC C. TAYLOR
Judge of the Superior Court
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City Council

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supplements the master agreement signed in 2016. The agreement formalizes the financial responsibilities and provisions for each specific aspect of the project.

“For the City to ensure eligibility for reimbursement of federal aid grant funds, the City must adopt a resolution and must execute and attest to the Program Supplemental Agreement,” states the staff report signed by Public Works Director Robert J. Beste. “This resolution is for the design funds only, and a separate Program Supplement Agreement for the construction funds will be brought to the City Council for approval at a future date once design is complete.”

While the City has four years to file for a reimbursement for the design, the staff report anticipates that the design will be completed later this year.

Council Approves Minimum Wage Increases, Complies With State Requirements

In compliance with the state’s minimum wage requirements, the City Council adopted a resolution to increase the local minimum wage. The changes were made along with resolutions pursuant to Memorandums of Understanding for employees represented by the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO) and the Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA), as

well as for part-time employees.

Since Governor Jerry Brown’s approval of SB-3 to raise the minimum wage from \$10 to \$15 per hour during a six-year period, the City has kept pace with the requirements. The first increase took place January 1, 2017 (\$10 per hour for employers with 25 employees or less/\$10.50 per hour for employers with 26 employees or more) and there will be a gradual rise in the wage every year until 2023 when they are all expected to reach \$15 per hour.

Identified in the staff report as positions having pay steps that remain below the new minimum wage requirement: box office attendant, environmental aide, facility operations attendant, library page, office aide, pool locker room attendant and senior aide.

“Staff is brining forward a recommendation to adopt revised pay ranges for each of these job classifications to meet the new minimum wage without increasing the top steps of the range,” states the staff report signed by Senior Management Associate Human Resources Kirsten D. Rowe.

In addition, as labor contracts expire in 2017, staff will incorporate the required minimum wage increase into their respective salary schedules for all positions that may fall below the state requirement at the time of the contract’s term. •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STORAGE ETC TORRANCE 1) 2545 WEST 190TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 2) 2870 LOS FELIZ PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90039, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
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2017133601**
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2017135524**
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Add Living Space with an Easy Patio Makeover

(BPT) - Everyone looks forward to a shift into summer mode, with its sun-soaked days, flower-scented breezes and velvety nights under the stars.

Now's the time to take advantage to celebrate summer and all it offers by recreating your outdoor space. Whether it's a balcony, a patio or a deck, a few touches are all you need to turn it into a highly functional living space.

When done right, a patio makeover is like a boost to your home's square footage of living space without straining your wallet. One approach to making your summer room perfect is to start by thinking of your needs and what you love to do. Then, turn to a resource like Big Lots, which offers everything you need to build that summer room, while keeping you within budget.

Your Summer Living Room

Transform any outdoor space into a relaxing oasis that's perfect to unwind and daydream. Your key piece is a comfortable outdoor couch to sink into.

An easy assembly gazebo, will keep the space cool and comfortable in the heat of the day.

Finally, if your patio faces an open or public area, a row of evergreens planted in large color-



ful pots will transform it into an intimate space with a perfect touch of nature.

Your Summer Party Room

With the right pieces, you can set the scene for gatherings of friends and family. Start with ample seating. Add to the traditional living room setup with an outdoor cushioned bench, and position some accent chairs and tables for conversation clusters.

A fire pit creates a natural centerpiece and gathering spot. Some designs incorporate the

soft glow of fire right into a tabletop, making it easy to talk long into the summer night. As a finishing touch, be sure to have a wireless speaker and playlist ready to set the mood with music.

Your Summer Kitchen

The downside of summer living is building up unwanted heat in the kitchen from cooking dinner. The best solution is to take it outside. Don't limit the grill to weekends and burgers and brats. Explore the many grilling recipes out

there to expand your repertoire.

Add some bright-colored pots that match your decor style. Plant rosemary, parsley, basil and other herbs to add fresh flavors to your grilled fish and chicken, as well as those tasty summer veggies. These potted plants also make for beautiful, easy centerpieces.

Your Summer Dining Room

Dining outside is a fun and relaxing way to enjoy food as well as the company of your family and friends. When you choose a patio table, choose one with ample seating, and keep things comfortable and colorful with waterproof cushions. Umbrellas can throw shade on a sun-drenched deck or patio, making daytime dining (or your morning coffee time) more pleasant and easy on the eyes. If you're looking for something different, a patio umbrella outfitted with lights on the underside will let you linger over dinner longer.

Creating beautiful outdoor spaces is easy, and it doesn't have to break the budget. Big Lots has a wide variety of affordable patio furniture and décor so you can create an outdoor scene with indoor style. Visit BigLots.com or a store near you for all your patio and outdoor accessory needs. •

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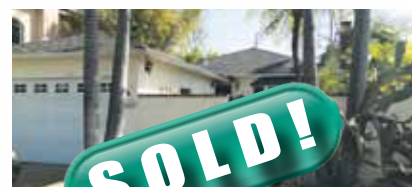


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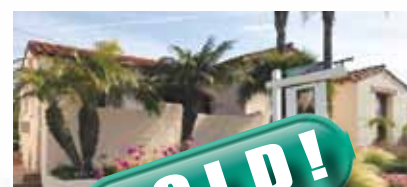
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