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Laker Hall of Fame Legend Helps Celebrate Bowlero Opening



On June 17, Los Angeles Laker great James Worthy had some spare time to attend the grand opening of Bowlero Torrance where he bowled with a few lucky fans, signed autographs and—in this photo—posed with Bowlmor AMF VP of Food and Beverage Steve Bartek holding a five-pound Behemoth Burger. Photo by Bowlmor AMF.

Council Approves Sending RFP for New Emergency Operations Center

By Cristian Vasquez

A recommendation from General Services, Police and the City Manager to authorize a Request For Proposal (RFP) for the design and construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was approved by the Torrance City Council this week. Also approved was the appropriation of \$3.5 million of the 2016 Certificates of Participation (COP) fund to the Facility, Equipment, and Automation Plans (FEAP 569).

Charlie Wilson from General Services explained to the Council that through the approval of RFPs, they would begin the process for “design and construction of the Emergency Operations Center, purchase and installation of computers and audio, visual equipment, workstations at the EOC, furnishings at the new EOC.”

Staff, through the Council’s direction, issued the request to design and build a new stand-alone EOC to replace the current 960-square foot room located on the second floor of the Torrance Police Department. The current EOC requires rearranging office and training room space in order to establish the necessary communication and support infrastructure. While the City of Torrance is capable of documenting incoming field reports and tracking personnel deployment, it is predicted that in the event of a significant emergency, the City will face daunting challenges. The new EOC space will be an estimated 3,000 square feet and a stand-alone facility. Once equipment and command functions are established it will accommodate emergency personnel, along with any volunteer coordinators, during any given emergency and serve as an administrative boardroom.

“It will be operational and staffed 24 hours in the event of an emergency, designed to

be ‘at ready’ with back-up generator power, equipped with computers, monitors and printers, and will serve as a focal point for all mutual aid response agencies, and provide year round training opportunity for first responders and City staff,” states the staff report signed by Wilson.

With a new EOC, staff concludes that the City can count on a joint information center where communications can be disseminated across various platforms, while providing a “ready response” to any emergency or “hazardous” situation without losing time to setting up equipment. The new EOC will also allow for year-round training for City staff and first responders.

Since 2005, the City has been searching for funds to establish a new EOC. It was proposed by the Emergency Preparedness Team (EPREP) that capital funds resulting from the refunding to be partially used for the new EOC facility. In addition, the team determined that the plot of City land behind the police compound is spacious enough to accommodate the new facility. Designing and building the new EOC will cost \$2.4 million, but new equipment adds \$900,000 to the prices tag, as well as \$200,000 for new furnishings and \$105,800 for ongoing updates to equipment.

Bicycle Racks to Be Installed on City’s Bus Fleet

The Mayor and City Council have approved
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Patriotic Investors Bet on the Underdog in 1776

By Rob McCarthy

The Declaration of Independence that we celebrate on July 4 marks not only the birth of this nation, but the beginning of the national debt. Defeating the superior British army required money for weapons and to pay soldiers, and historians have credited two allies--the France and the Dutch--for backing the 13 colonies. The victory for independence was longer than expected and more expensive. Thus, the national debt was created.

From 1775 to 1783, the nation’s leaders used a variety of methods to pay for the war, some of which are still done today. The federal government printed money, and so did the individual states, because at the

time there was no U.S. central bank. To raise money for the war effort, states issued war bonds and sold them to wealthy landowners in the colonies who put up their land as collateral, according to author John L. Smith whose account appears at the *Journal of the American Revolution*. He notes that wealthy, patriotic Americans were bullish on George Washington’s underdog army and the state-funded militias, betting on them to defeat the British.

“Similar to World War II savings bonds, these war bonds paid about six percent interest--again, *assuming America won the war*,” Smith wrote in an essay entitled “How Was the Revolutionary War Paid For?” The

See Underdog, page 7

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
68°/62°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
70°/62°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
70°/61°



Police Briefs

Torrance PD Responds to Major Motorcycle and Vehicle Collision

On June 23, at approximately 10:16 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to a major traffic collision involving a motorcycle and a vehicle on 190th Street, west of Crenshaw Boulevard. On arrival, officers discovered that a green, 2009 Kawasaki motorcycle had collided into the rear of silver, 2011 Chrysler sedan in the eastbound lanes of 190th Street.

Based on witness statements, the initial investigation indicates the Kawasaki motorcycle was travelling eastbound on 190th Street at a high rate of speed, splitting between other eastbound vehicles when it collided into the rear of the Chrysler sedan. A third vehicle, a black 2010 Toyota Tundra pickup truck, received minor damage from flying debris.

The rider of the Kawasaki, a 25-year-old male resident of South Dakota, was treated by Torrance Fire Department personnel at the

scene and transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery for his injuries and is listed in critical condition. The rider of the Kawasaki has been identified, but his name is being withheld pending family notification. The driver of the Chrysler, a 31-year-old female resident of Long Beach, and her passenger were not injured in the collision.

Eastbound 190th Street was closed between Yukon Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard for approximately four and a half hours during the collision investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557. – *Content: Torrance PD*

Fourth of July Street Closures, Viewing Areas, Safety

In celebration of our nation's independence, the City of Torrance will be hosting its second annual fireworks Show July 4 at 9 p.m. at the Torrance Civic Center. There will not be a scheduled fireworks show at Torrance Beach.

4th of July Street Closures

7 p.m. – Maple Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and California Street

7 p.m. – Civic Center Drive between Madrona Avenue and Maple Avenue

7 p.m. – Maricopa Street at Maple Avenue

7 p.m. – Felbar Avenue, Fonthill Avenue, Kornblum Avenue, Teri Avenue, Cranbrook Avenue, and Hickory Avenue (open to residents only)

Designated Viewing Areas

Los Angeles County Courthouse Parking lot (825 Maple Avenue, Torrance)

Toyota Sports Complex (599 Maple Avenue, Torrance)

Safety Message

The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. And why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country's freedom with food, parades, parties, picnics and fireworks. However, there can be a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebration

includes alcohol, and the holiday can quickly go from festive to fatal when people choose to drive after drinking.

To crack down on drunk driving, the Torrance Police Department will be out in full force, aggressively targeting those who put lives in danger. If you're caught driving drunk or drug-impaired, you will be arrested. Aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences. A DUI arrest can mean time in jail, loss of your license, and steep financial expenses; the average DUI costs about \$10,000.

Fireworks

Selling or possessing fireworks is illegal in the City of Torrance. Any person caught with any type of firework or explosive device is subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00. As in previous years, the Torrance Police and Fire Departments will be conducting special enforcement operations with the sole purpose of identifying, locating, and citing all those who are in violation of any firework ordinance. For more information please visit: www.torranceca.gov/fireworks

– *Source: Torrance Police Department*

Calendar of Events

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- 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, JULY 1

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- "Out of the Wilds & Into the Garden, Magic Dragons", 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

- Mini-Train Rides (Public Run Days), 11:00

AM. – 3:00 PM., donations accepted, Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Ave.

MONDAY, JULY 3

- Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve - CLOSED, 3201 Plaza Del Amo.
- Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
- Babytime, 10:30 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!!
- All Torrance Libraries CLOSED – All Day for 4th of July.
- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

- Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Romance in the Stacks Book Group, 10:00 AM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., free, Torrance Public Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959. •

Police Reports

Sunday, June 11

Burglary-Auto Betw. 6/11 8:00:00 PM & 6/12 3:00:00 PM 3500 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) forces open window for entry and takes property/third row seat, welding mask, medication.

Vandalism Betw. 6/11 6:00:00 PM & 6/11 11:00:00 PM 236TH ST. & ARLINGTON AVE. Suspect(s) uses a pellet gun to damage victim's vehicle's windows.

Monday, June 12

Burglary-Auto Betw. 6/12 4:00:00 PM & 6/13 3:00:00 PM 2700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/backpack, weightlifting belt, gloves, lock, toiletries.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 6/12 7:30:00 AM & 6/12 9:00:00 AM 200 BLOCK PASEO DE LA PLAYA Suspect(s) takes property from unlocked vehicle/laptop, sunglasses, cash.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 6/12 4:31:00 AM & 6/12 4:39:17 AM 3500 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) pries front door for entry/no loss.

Tuesday, June 13

Theft Betw. 6/13 2:30:00 PM & 6/13 4:20:00 PM 23200 BLOCK DANA AVE. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/hubcaps.

Theft Betw. 6/13 2:00:00 PM & 6/14 1:30:00 PM 17200 BLOCK ILLINOIS CT. Suspect(s) takes property from mailbox/delivered mail.

Wednesday, June 14

Vandalism Betw. 6/14 11:18:00 PM & 6/14 11:18:01 PM CRENSHAW BLVD. & LOMITA BLVD. Suspect kicks victim's vehicle, denting it.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 6/14 11:00:00 PM & 6/15 8:45:00 AM 16900 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE. Suspect(s) smashes glass in door for entry, pries cash drawers, attempts to pry open office door/unknown loss at time of report.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 6/14 12:00:00 PM & 6/15 6:00:00 AM 4100 BLOCK ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/sunglasses, flash drive, paperwork. •

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Community Briefs

Torrance Police Department Conducts Shoulder-Tap Decoys

The Torrance Police Department recently participated in a “Decoy Shoulder-Tap” operation on June 12 within its city limits. During the operation, the Department utilized three decoys which resulted in the following:

- Three random locations visited/checked.
- Sixteen subjects contacted.
- Zero subjects were found to furnish alcohol to minors (an improvement from the one subject who opted to furnish alcohol to minors back on March 11, 2017).

During the operation, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase alcohol. If the adult agrees, and purchases alcohol for the minor, officers will arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty is a minimum \$1,000 fine and 24 hours community service.

The Torrance Police Department is one of several agencies to collaborate with the

California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The goal of this operation is to continually raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking, and also make it clear to any adults that buy alcohol for minors that there are serious consequences. The operation is also an effort to build safer and stronger communities by holding individuals accountable for illegal activity.

This local operation was funded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control through the Department’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP). The Torrance Department will continue to participate and support ABC in protecting communities through excellence in education and by administering prevention and enforcement programs designed to increase compliance with California’s alcoholic beverage laws.

This operation was conducted under the command and direction of Torrance Police Captain Martin Vukotic of the Special Operations Bureau.

– *Content: Torrance Police Department*

Bill to Streamline Construction of Assisted Living Facility Passes Senate Committee

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s (D-Torrance) Assembly Bill (AB) 994 unanimously passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee last week. The bill will allow a much-needed upgrade of the Beach Cities Health District’s (BCHD) campus to be built using a streamlined design-build construction method that will cut costs of construction by as much as 20 percent. The upgrades include much-needed maintenance on the original hospital facility, and construction of an assisted living center for the expanding senior population in the South Bay.

The construction of the facility will

also bring many well-paying, middle-class jobs to the South Bay. “The Beach Cities Health District campus is in urgent need of upgrades. This bill will enable campus construction of a much-needed assisted living facility for seniors to be completed utilizing a cost-effective construction method called design-build, that will save taxpayers up to \$20 million on planned projects,” said Muratsuchi. “This construction project will also create good, middle-class jobs for the South Bay.”

– *Content: Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s Office*

SBWIB Receives \$500,000 from EDD to Assist Veterans with Training and Finding Jobs

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded \$500,000 to assist unemployed and underemployed veterans with barriers to employment find rewarding civilian jobs. The funding was made available through a Veterans’ Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) offered by the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The SBWIB/VEAP program will focus on training and placing veterans into the construction industry, a sector projecting thousands of new job openings in the next few years, in particular surrounding the construction of the new Inglewood football stadium. For veteran job seekers that may not fit within the construction sector, the SBWIB will assist them to find jobs in other industries.

Training will be provided by local training agencies, community colleges and employers and will include pre-employment and job-readiness workshops, on-the-job training, paid work experience, and certified vocational

training leading to credentials and job placement. The program will service transitioning and recently separated veterans, veterans with service connected disabilities, eligible spouses, women and minority veterans, homeless veterans, veterans recently released from incarceration, veterans lacking a high school diploma or equivalent certificate and other veterans with barriers to finding employment.

Outreach and recruitment will be supported by existing partnerships with local area employers, the Los Angeles Air Force Base, the EDD (JVSG) (DVOP) (LVER) and other community partners such as U.S. Vets.

The SBWIB previously established the Military Veterans to Civilian Career Pathways program to assist with resources needed to secure gainful employment for vets and over seventy percent of veterans enrolled in the program find employment. The new SBWIB/VEAP program will open many more doors for veterans helping them to secure meaningful employment and successful careers.

– *Content: SBWIB*

Sports

Up and Adam

North High School Saxons Softball Slips to Second Place

By Adam Serrao

Expectations were high for the North High Saxons softball team coming into the 2017 regular season. A team that has been dominant in the Pioneer League lately, the Saxons and head coach Howard Miller had another championship on their minds from the moment that they set foot on the baseball diamond this year. Unfortunately for Miller and North, a few players from a successful season last year left the team and few rivals from around the league upped their game and got even better. The year didn’t necessarily end how Miller and the Saxons initially thought it would or wanted it to, but a record of prolonged success within their division will certainly lead to another great opportunity that is already currently in the works for North High.

Two seasons ago, the North High softball team finished the year off in first place with just one inter-division loss all season long. The fantastic season led Miller and his Saxons into the CIF Division 4 playoffs where the team won four games in a row to meet up with none other than their rivals from Torrance high in the CIF championship game. The North High defense was so good behind star pitcher Alyssa Loza that the team had only allowed three runs through four postseason games up until that point. Nothing changed in the final as Loza and the Saxons blanked the Tartars by a final score of 5-0 to take home the CIF championship trophy.

A lot changed over one offseason, but the biggest change was clearly the departure of Loza. In high school softball, pitching is everything. That was something that Loza taught the entire Pioneer League as she went through a dominant stretch during her senior season in the league. It wasn’t just Loza who left the team due to graduation, though. Loza was one of nine seniors to depart in the offseason, together with third baseman Shonnie Baker, outfielder Lexi Sargent, catcher Desiree Moreno and shortstop Alyssa Wing. Just like that, Miller was going to have to field an almost entirely new team for next season.

That next season came and went for Miller and the Saxons. Despite all of their offseason departures, the team was still successful. Kyndra Marzorini was next in line to take the mound and lead North High to victory on the defensive side of the field. Marzorini did an excellent job all season long, but it was the Saxons’ offense that had trouble getting going and ultimately led the team to take a step back from their championship year.

The offensive problems were evident for Miller and his team almost right out of the gate in the 2017 season. A 1-0 victory over Carson to start

the year had the team feeling optimistic, but three straight losses quickly followed. In those losses, the North High offense was only able to produce six runs while allowing a total of 20 to be scored against them. The problems with the bats that the team experienced would follow the Saxons all the way into league play when North started divisional play against its rivals from West High.

Once again, Marzorini was great against the Warriors. The right-handed pitcher had six strikeouts through the first three innings of play, allowing just one hit. The team’s inability to produce any offense at all, however, eventually came back to bite it. West scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning in the rivalry game. That’s all the inner-city and divisional rivals would need to beat the Saxons. “We had our chances, but couldn’t get the big hit,” Miller said after the game. “It was a classic pitching duel and was fun to be a part of.”

That game against West was a microcosm for how most of the season went for North. Big wins like a two-game series sweep over the Torrance Tartars and a victory over their rivals from South were sprinkled into the end of the regular season that even saw the Saxons accomplish a six-game winning streak down the stretch run. An 18-12 record with a 6-2 mark in league play had the Saxons sitting pretty at the end of the regular season. Ultimately, the record was good enough for second place in the Pioneer League standings and got the team a first round playoff matchup against the Warren Bears (21-9, 8-2).

Like the Saxons, the Bears entered the playoffs on a roll and as winners of five games in a row and eight of their last nine. Warren’s momentum eventually proved to be too much for North High in what was a 6-3 victory over the Saxons in the first round of this year’s CIF Southern Section Division 2 playoffs. Warren eventually lost and was eliminated in the next round.

Despite their early exit from the playoffs, Miller and his team will be back and rearing to go next season. Marzorini found great success on the mound this year as only a junior. She will be back for her senior year to prove that like Loza of one season ago, she too can lead North High to a CIF championship. Marzorini’s battery mate, Marissa Garza, should be back in the fold behind home plate to form a solid group of veterans to lead the team. North’s season may have ended much sooner than originally expected, but Miller has a way of rallying the troops. The Saxons softball team will be back and battling for another Pioneer League championship once against next year.

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DEADLINES

OBITUARIES: Monday at noon.
CALENDAR ITEMS: Monday at noon.
PEOPLE ITEMS: Monday at noon.
CLASSIFIEDS: Tuesday at noon.
LEGAL NOTICES: Wednesday at 11:00 am.
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Tailored To A ‘T’ in Torrance

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Finely tailored clothes are beautiful, but not easily found off the rack. Men and women’s suits, expertly tailored and using exquisite fabric stand out among a sea of ordinary. I remember on one visit to my grandparents’ house, Grammie and Bumpa (my grandfather) noticed I didn’t have a crease in my trousers and insisted on remedying the problem right then. He carefully pressed in a seam and told me that any slack that didn’t have a seam just “wouldn’t do.” That was my first lesson from a tailor. My Bumpa, whom I am sure learned a thing or two from my Grammie, an expert seamstress, taught me about paying attention to detail.

That lesson came to mind last week when I met (James Danny Babb), Daniel James, of Daniel James Custom Clothing--a tailor extraordinaire. Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Daniel is the son of fabric weavers. His parents met in the town factory mill where they worked for 10 cents an hour. They eloped, and later when Daniel was seven years old left the factory in 1951/1952--taking off from Greenville Airport via a prop engine DC-3, headed for a new life in Southern California where Daniel’s father got a job with Douglas Aircraft Company. Daniel told me, “My mom was very religious and we lived in North Redondo on Nelson Street. My sister, my mom and myself--we would walk to 167th and Hawthorne in Lawndale to the Pentecostal Church [Christian Heritage Church]. At this moment, since my sister [Jeri] just passed, I am the oldest member of the church...we walked Sunday, Sunday night, Tuesday prayer meeting, and Wednesday night--and a youth service for my sister on Friday nights.” Daniel said his family wasn’t rich, so being very industrious at a young age, he gathered the lawnmower, clippers and edger and went to work mowing lawns. He then said, “I thought...this is a lot of work! Then one day, I saw an ad in the paper about selling pop-up greeting cards that were very popular. I am fascinated with pop-ups, so I got 12, sold them and replaced it with 36. So I built a business. I had a greeting card business. I would get on my bike and ride from Lawndale to North Torrance one Saturday, South Torrance the next Saturday. The following week I would go to Hawthorne north, then I would go to Gardena east... I was 13, 14 years old and I made a lot of money and I had regular customers.”

This enterprising young man was also a star in High School Junior Achievement, having the “Company of the Year” two years in a row for the entire United States. Daniel graduated from Lawndale High School’s first graduating class in 1963. “My first savings account was at Hawthorne Savings and Loan...my father was very precise that every child had to have a savings account and money had to go in it,”

said Daniel. He also excelled at El Camino College, winning the award for the best display with McCulloch Motors Corporation.

Daniel was always working. He worked at Rancho Corner, Foods Co., and then was hired at May Company South Bay, which was the number seven store in the USA at the time. Starting out in the basement, working for Mr. Butterworth, Daniel organized all the irregular and imperfect clothing brilliantly. His eye for color, folding and organizing was a natural skill noticed by management immediately. He was moved to the first floor men’s furnishings and sportswear department, and began organizing and cleaning

and I would say, ‘I did, Mr. May,’ and he would say, ‘That is the best I have ever seen. Keep up the good work,’” said Daniel. Then Daniel told me about his displays with a sea of different-colored alpaca sweaters folded perfectly, rising to the sky and looking like a field of color. Daniel was a master at display, incorporating anything into his design that caught his eye. Considering the time and corporate hierarchy of the day, suffice it to say that Daniel ruffled a few corporate feather with his original, artistic, efficient displays. New styles were being developed and one manager, John Merton, who helped mentor Daniel, brought in a new line--a store

Mall. These two driven entrepreneurs, John and Daniel, opened up *John Merton’s*. They were very, very successful.

Where did these two go next? Alex Hagen wanted them to open up their flagship store in Manhattan Beach. They moved, but things weren’t what they might have been. In their heyday, Daniel dressed the “who’s who” of Hollywood, the sports world, the music world, and yes, even the political world. He knew/ knows his fabric, texture, fit, and can tailor a shirt and suit to make you look better than you ever have.

Their Manhattan Beach store was bought by a store in South Coast Plaza, but Daniel James continued to dress his clients. And now he conducts business by appointment either at his office or he will go to you. He will tailor men’s and women’s shirts, suits, etc. Daniel James lives and works in Torrance.

Daniel told me about a magnificent tailor, Lou Myles from Canada, who passed away in 2015, who inspired him, along with Mr. Richard Guy of Beverly Hills, who exposed him to an even higher bar in clothing. As time went by, Daniel met the best tailors and was exposed to the very best fabric in the world. At one time, he decided to work his magic at Bullocks Wilshire, Palos Verdes. He was again a rip-roaring success and sold more clothing than had ever been sold in the men’s department. Daniel’s style is gold. He turned the Palos Verdes men’s store into the number one store in the chain. Nobody does it like Danny...

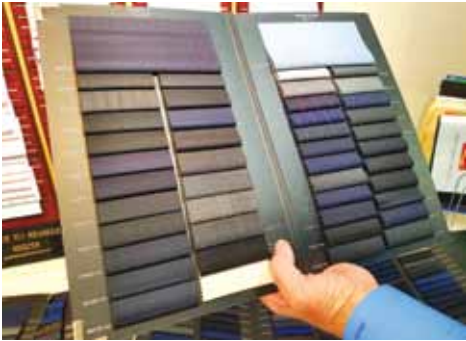
“When people come to see me today, it is an educational process,” said Daniel. And he is correct. As I was speaking with Daniel, I noticed his “collar wall” where every collar style was displayed. The opposite wall contained sample books, and the feel of the fabric was unlike anything I have touched or felt in any store. Daniel not only knows fabric and style, but teaches you how to wear a piece of clothing. For example, he taught me how to tie a tie! He showed me what a “good” tie looks like, and how a properly tied tie looks fabulous. He tied a tie around my neck (first time ever for me) and it was stunningly done. This artist knows his field.

Daniel James follows in the footsteps of his parents’ hard-working examples. They used to weave cloth for 10 cents an hour, and now their son expertly tailors fine fabric making clients look better than they can imagine. The knowledge and history of this artistic tailor are unsurpassed--and he lives in Torrance!

After spending time with Daniel James, I pine for a custom blouse and a phenomenal suit. If you too yearn for the best-fitting garment you have ever owned, contact Mr. Daniel James, South Bay Finest Custom Clothing, where you too can be “fit to a T” (or a jot or a tittle). Contact him at www.danieljames-custom.com, or call 310-791-8300. •



Daniel James showing a weaving machine still in use.



Fine suit fabric from Amadeus.

the department. In three to four weeks, his department skyrocketed to number one in sales! They carried 2,200 men’s suits on the floor at the time. From there, he moved to the young men’s department. Three to four weeks after working in the young men’s department, Daniel was moved to manage that very department downtown. Frankly, within three weeks, Daniel skyrocketed the sales at the May Company. Wow.

Daniel worked in downtown Los Angeles helping May Company become a huge success, opening 18 new stores. “Every day the door would open at about 11 o’clock a.m. and I would hear Mr. David May himself walking from his limo into the entry and he would ask, ‘Who did this wall here?’--



High collar (a la Coach Pat Riley).

within a store. The idea exploded and they instituted live models with innovative clothing in beautiful colors and styles--with flair. And then came the turtleneck craze.

As time went on, Daniel left May Company for the S. Harris Fabrics Company. It was there that Daniel learned about fabric, textures, blends, what looked good, pressed well, etc. It was through this move that another opportunity arose. John Merton, Daniel’s mentor at May Company, was interested in opening his own store. While looking for a storefront and driving toward Century City one day, John and Daniel took a wrong turn off the freeway and spotted a little shopping center at the corner of Motor Avenue and the 10 Freeway, called the Cheviot Hills



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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

Unqualified For The Job, Spicer's Antics No Longer Laughable

By Cristian Vasquez

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer has brought to the position a different kind of spotlight. From his first press briefing back in January, it was clear that Spicer was going to come out and twist facts in order to make the President happy. To be fair, that has been the job of every press secretary. He's responsible for delivering good PR on everything coming out of the White House. Spicer hasn't been the first, nor will he be the last, to have the daunting task of justifying whatever information comes from his boss' office, regardless of how absurd, outlandish, controversial or nonsensical. For that, Spicer has become the subject of mockery and ridicule by comedians and criticism by media outlets already unfriendly to the administration. Still, none of this is unwarranted. The truth is Spicer has brought a lot of this on to himself and he, or his boss, are only making the situation worse.

During the week of June 19, the powers that be decided that Spicer would conduct his press briefings in the absence of cameras. At this point it is easier to ignore the man's gaffes while at the podium given that he has proven to not be the most qualified for the position. When a difficult question is presented, or when his answers are challenged with pesky facts, Spicer falls apart. He trips all over his words and looks petrified. For the many gaffes committed by Spicer, it's easy to have sympathy for the man—but to deny cameras access to his briefings is truly

pathetic. The job has become too stressful for Spicer, or the administration is growing impatient with his poor performance. Either way, it's not the cameras that need to go but rather the messenger.

The truth is that press briefings are not mandated by law. Rather they are in place based more on a tradition, or practice, that allows access to the President. It is part of our nation's belief in a free press. For the past 25 years, secretaries from both parties have conducted on-camera press briefings on a regular basis. Is this something that should really change? Despite all of Spicer's shortcomings, his press briefings are highly rated. When he takes the stage, it is standing room only and everyone listens. Yes, many are just waiting for the man to crash and burn, but it's surprising to see that Spicer hasn't demonstrated a significant improvement in his job performance. It has been five months.

So, how much does banning recording devices really help the White House? It certainly doesn't help Spicer, who has already proven a grotesque lack of ability to be in that position. The President could shut down these press briefings and just rely on his comical, fact-deprived tweets at odd hours of the night to inform the nation. However, that's not transparency and that isn't access to the person elected to run the nation. Most importantly, it's not journalism. Either Spicer gets better at his job, or Deputy Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee-Sanders needs to get promoted. •

Another Man's Opinion

Watergate Redux? Trump and the Phonied-Up Russian Collusion Non-Story

By Duane Plank

I do appreciate you putting down, momentarily, your iPhone 12—or whatever level they are at—and perusing the paper. That is, unless you are reading this column on your phone. Then, as the great fictional character Emily Litella, played by the brilliant Gilda Radner, used to say on *Saturday Night Live* way, way before condescending Trump caricatures by Alec Baldwin somewhat returned the left-leaning show to water cooler prominence, "Never mind."

As Dick Nixon famously stated after he was forced out of the office of POTUS for his misreading of what was a two-bit burglary at the Watergate Hotel back in 1972: "It wasn't about the burglary, it was about the cover-up." Brilliant! And, if you follow certain media sites, we are amid another epic cover-up.

As the elected left-winger politicians, CNN shills and other media elites continue to go full throttle, pushing the Russian collusion theory, some elected officials have recklessly broached the "I" word. I bet Ms. Maxine Waters has mentioned that option more than a few times today as she continues leading the resistance?

Put up, or pipe down, collusionists. Flip a little (any) evidence out there, or move on. Maybe craft a coherent message that can energize your base, other than resist Trump?

We are almost a year into the investigation of collusion with the Roo-skies by members of the Trump campaign, with his minions allegedly clandestinely meeting with Russian operatives to derail the Clinton campaign express. With zero substantial evidence on the table.

Who amongst you thought that Trump had a snowball's chance in Hades of trouncing Clinton? Not I. Clinton was boat-raced into back-page oblivion. Don't posit the fact that Clinton won the popular vote. Newsflash to those of you who may not remember what they learned back in high school civics class. You win the presidency by winning what the founding fathers constitutionalized: the electoral college. She didn't lose because of the Russians!

The score was Trump 304, Clinton 227. Bam! An electoral college landslide. The Dems haven't rebounded too well with this year's special elections, have they? I believe they have a clean sheet on the books, proudly going 0-4, even after throwing a reported \$24-plus-million Benjamins into the recent congressional election in Georgia. A lot of that money was funneled into the congressional race from California liberal interests, attempting to influence an election thousands of miles away.

Maybe if some of the money that was sent out of state was applied to problems that we have locally, it might have been better spent?

Dems were so apoplectic after the Jon Ossoff loss (a candidate, by the way, who did not even live in the district he was running in) that they are considering jettisoning the venerable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Speaker of the House.

Enough time and money has been wasted considering this absurd conspiracy theory. There is no smoking gun, no Deep Throat. It is time to move forward and work on solving America's issues in 2017—not look into the past and try to topple another presidency. •

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Underdog

from front page

bonds weren’t a huge success, he believes, because private loans to fund the war effort paid higher interest and carried less risk. More than 240 years ago, smart investors hedged their bets on General George Washington and company.

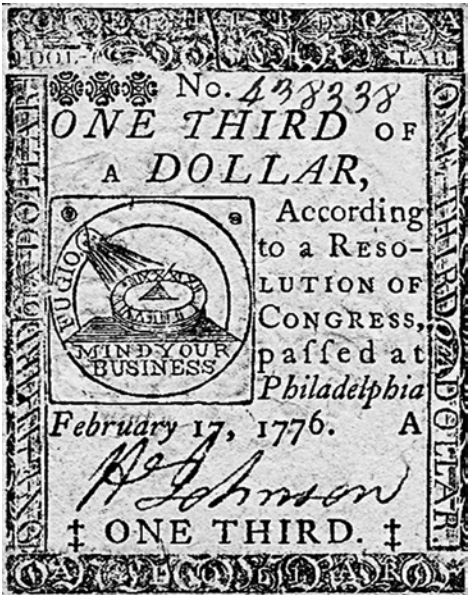
“If defaulted upon, [private loans] could at least be recovered in an English court even if America lost,” Smith wrote. “... The bonds were a bet that America would win the war. But if America lost, it was thought that just holding the bonds could indicate to the victorious British Crown that you supported the traitors.”

The opportunity to invest in the outcome of the Revolutionary War and the eventual independence for the 13 colonies came with considerable risk for all concerned, Smith notes. When the war ended in 1783, the newly emancipated country was between \$16 million and \$25 million in debt and needed to start paying back investors, including the French, Dutch and Spanish governments that backed the patriots. The private lenders and war bondholders expected to be repaid too, so Congress formed a central U.S. bank and assumed all of the war debts.

It was the start of two unpopular facts of American life: taxation and the national debt. The national debt grew for a half-century after the end of the war in 1783 and reached \$58 million (\$1.4 billion in today’s dollars) by 1835. Congress that year paid off the debt, accord-

ing to an article on the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting site Politifact, but not before racking up more unpaid bills from the War of 1812, also fought against the British.

To reduce the national debt and pay back



The Congress of 1776 issued currency to pay for the war. Source: Journal of the American Revolution.

private and foreign investors, the U.S. Congress after 1812 required debt reductions of at least \$10 million per year, according to Politifact. The financing plan worked, and the national debt that had ballooned to \$58 million (\$1.4

billion in today’s dollars) by 1835 was paid off that year.

Still, an expert in federal spending told Politifact that paying off federal debt entirely isn’t always a sound fiscal policy. Neil Buchanan with the George Washington University Law School said that immediately after Jackson’s presidency ended, “the country did eventually have the good sense to borrow again to finance the country’s enormous economic expansion” into the 20th century.

Even today, the U.S. government’s debt is tied to military campaigns and wars, according to federal spending data. Conflicts, starting with the eight-year war for independence, are associated with taxation and economic inflation, according to published sources. A history of America’s war debt published at Debt.org, a consumer-help organization for consumers with debt, shows that World War II put the U.S. government further in debt and warranted tax increases. Congress paid for the Korean War again by raising individual and corporate taxes.

“In the United States, conflicts tend to lead to the rise of both debt and taxes as the government struggles to fund its armed forces,” says the article “War Debt: America’s Cost of Going to War.” Recent conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan boosted the national debt without raising taxes, it noted.

As America liberated itself from King George

and fended off a series of military challenges from the British, the national debt grew with the military victories. When the Revolutionary War ended, the newly created Department of Finance reported the national debt at \$43 million. The government debt skyrocketed after the Civil War to \$2.6 billion, and today stands at \$19.95 trillion, according to the US Debt Clock.

New York investor and developer Seymour Durst created the clock on February 2, 1989. Durst said at the time, “If it bothers people, then it’s working.” The national debt on the clock’s opening day was \$2.7 trillion.

Durst’s debt counter is located in New York City, and though it has only been around for less than 30 years, the \$19.653 trillion number that flashes today at New Yorkers passing by at West 44th Street and Avenue of the Americas is a numerical reminder of the cost that came with declaring freedom from British tyranny.

One of the other takeaways as Americans celebrate the national holiday for the 241st time is that before there was Wall Street, there were investors who backed the dream of independence that the signers of the historic document unleashed on July 4, 1776. It took more than vision to create a new nation. There were lenders and individuals in the background, many of them silent shareholders in what would become the United States of America. •

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