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The Aerospace Players Bring *Seussical* to Armstrong Theatre



A wildly talented cast of 45 community members accompanied by a live orchestra present *Seussical* at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, with a six-night run that began last weekend and will continue on July 27, 28 and 29. The show highlights many beloved Dr. Seuss characters as they sing and dance through whimsical lands. In this photo from "Notice Me Horton," Angela Asch portrays Gertrude McFuzz and Matt Garber is Horton the Elephant. Photo by John Nolan (cast member).

SBCCOG Membership Dues Covered for Three More Years

By Cristian Vasquez

A recommendation by City Manager LeRoy Jackson to approve payment to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) membership in the amount of \$132,025 was approved by the Torrance City Council during Tuesday night's meeting. The membership will cover a three-year period and funds will be provided by the City Council Operating Budget as follows: \$41,464 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, \$43,958 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and \$46,603 2019-2020 fiscal year.

"The mission of this organization is to improve the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region," said Councilman Kurt Weideman. "As cities we value what makes us unique and independent, but often we need the combined endeavors of all the cities--and it's proven a productive matter such that there are problems that don't stop because it's the city boundary of Torrance."

Created in 1994, the SBCCOG has functioned as a joint powers authority consisting of 16 localities. Torrance has been part of the authority from day one. The City of Torrance has taken a leadership role and addressed regional issues that include improving transportation and infrastructure, sustainability, green environmental initiatives, homelessness and livable communities, legislative issues, as well as strengthening economic development," states the staff report signed by Jackson. "The City of Torrance continues to strive to maximize the productivity and improve the quality of life of the South Bay region through its continued membership and participation in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments."

However, Torrance resident Perry Johnson expressed his disagreement and distrust of the SBCCOG. Johnson, who quietly waited for his turn to speak, used his time at the podium to describe the SBCCOG as a political regionalism that is the "antithesis of political, representative government" and which lays the foundation for serfdom. Johnson accused the group effort of being a competition for money and resources that would affect services such as land use systems, the transportation of water and farming.

"The South Bay Council of Governments is a regional government and is not authorized under the California Constitution and is not authorized under the county charter or the Torrance charter," Johnson said. "They invented themselves and no one is elected to the South Bay City Council of Governments. I have not seen it on my ballot ever and I have been here since 1969."

Through the Joint Powers Agreement that authorizes the establishment of SBCCOG, the cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne,

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
73°/66°



Saturday

Sunny
75°/67°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
75°/67°



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Police Reports

Sunday, July 9

Auto Theft-All Betw. 7/9 11:00:00 PM & 7/10 11:00:00 AM 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Stolen vehicle: '99 Ford E250.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 7/9 10:00:00 PM & 7/9 10:20:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST. Stolen vehicle: '95 Honda Civic.

Theft Betw. 7/9 4:00:00 PM & 7/11 4:00:00 PM 4100 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from victim's hospital room/purse.

Theft Betw. 7/9 12:01:00 PM & 7/9 2:00:00 PM 18600 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Suspect(s) takes locked property from location/bicycle.

Monday, July 10

Robbery-StrongArm Betw. 7/10 10:54:39 PM & 7/10 10:54:56 PM 23700 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Suspect pushes victim to the floor and rips property from her neck/ jewelry.

Theft Betw. 7/10 9:30:00 PM & 7/10 9:45:00 PM 25300 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property forgotten in shopping cart by victim/purse.

Theft Betw. 7/10 7:30:00 PM & 7/11 1:00:00 PM 4900 BLOCK GARNET ST. Suspect(s) takes property from front yard/solar lights.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 7/10 7:00:00 PM & 7/10 8:30:00 PM 100 BLOCK VIA RIVIERA. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/cell phone.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 7/10 5:00:00 PM & 7/11 6:45:00 AM 4000 BLOCK EMERALD ST. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Commercial Betw. 7/10 3:40:00 PM & 7/11 7:50:00 AM 2000 BLOCK 231ST ST. Suspect(s) pushes open window for entry, ransacks, tags white board, urinates on floor and takes property/bottles of water.

Theft Betw. 7/10 12:52:45 PM & 7/10 12:39:06 PM 300 BLOCK CALLE MAYOR. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/license plate.

Robbery-StrongArm Betw. 7/10 11:45:00 AM & 7/10 11:45:55 AM 17500 BLOCK

CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect aggressively grabs at wheelchair user-victim's pockets/no loss.

Burglary-Commercial 7/10 5:37 AM 21300 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, forces open safe and takes property/cash.

Battery-Simple Betw. 7/10 4:08:31 AM & 7/10 4:08:41 AM 3500 BLOCK 170TH ST. Suspect punches victim in the arm.

Auto Theft-All Betw. 7/10 12:53:47 AM & 7/10 12:54:11 AM 19900 BLOCK PRAIRIE AVE. Stolen vehicle: '17 Dodge Challenger.

Tuesday, July 11

Burglary-Residential Betw. 7/11 6:18:00 PM & 7/11 6:25:00 PM 19900 BLOCK PRAIRIE A VE. Suspect(s) forces window for entry, ransacks and takes property/liquor, paperwork.

Vandalism Betw. 7/11 4:55:00 PM & 7/11 5:05:00 PM 22600 BLOCK ELLINWOOD DR. Suspect's fireworks damage victim's gate and wall.

Theft Betw. 7/11 2:50:00 PM & 7/11 3:30:00 PM 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) takes property from victim's purse as she shops/wallet.

Wednesday, July 12

Vandalism Betw. 7/12 8:00:00 PM & 7/13 5:00:00 AM 1200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) scratches victim's vehicle's paint and cuts /flattens one of its tires.

Battery-Simple Betw. 7/12 4:38:31 PM & 7/12 4:38:36 PM 1700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE. Suspect throws empty plastic bottle at victim's head.

Theft Betw. 7/12 4:35:00 PM & 7/12 4:40:00 PM 1500 BLOCK HICKORY AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from doorstep/ delivered parcel.

Theft Betw. 7/12 4:00:00 PM & 7/12 6:30:00 PM 20000 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from victim's wallet/cash.

Theft Betw. 7/12 1:31:00 PM & 7/12 4:45:00 PM 1600 BLOCK GREENWOOD AVE. Suspect(s) takes property from doorstep/ delivered parcel. •

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, JULY 27

• 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.

• SEUSSICAL (The Aerospace Players), 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$24/\$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

• Reading By Design: Marble Mazes, 2:00 PM., free, Waleria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

• Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. – 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.

• Shakespeare by the Sea, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., free, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Call: 310-217-7596.

• Friday Fun for Kids, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.

• Toddlertime, 10:15 AM. and 11:00 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.

• Reading By Design: Prismatic Laser Spectacular, 3:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

• SEUSSICAL (The Aerospace Players), 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$24/\$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

• Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.

• SEUSSICAL (The Aerospace Players), 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$24/\$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive,

Call: 310-781-7171.

• Reading By Design: The Crafting Hour, 2:00 PM., free – registration is required, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-781-7599.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

• SEUSSICAL (The Aerospace Players), 2:00 PM., Tickets: \$24/\$22, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

• Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., Waleria 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.

• Reading By Design: Kaleidoscopes Craft, 2:00 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 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.

• City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.

• Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.

• Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.

• Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.

• Pajama-Rama, 6:30 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

• Reading By Design: Buster Balloon, 2:00 PM., free, North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

• Toddlertime, 11:00 AM., free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922. •

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Community Briefs

Providence Little Company of Mary Receives Record \$20 Million Gift from Donald and Priscilla Hunt



Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance has received a \$20 million gift from long-time supporters Priscilla Hunt and the late Donald G. Hunt. This transformational gift is the largest in the history of Providence Little Company of Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt directed their gift to support the medical center's ambitious Cardiovascular Center of Excellence Campaign, which is investing \$35 million in new facilities and technology, and the creation of premier patient care rooms that complement the expert compassionate, quality nursing and medical care patients experience every day. This successful campaign solidifies Providence Little Company of Mary Torrance's leadership in South Bay cardiovascular care. The hospital's Heritage Tower will be renamed the Donald & Priscilla Hunt Tower in honor of this landmark donation.

"This extraordinary gift to Providence Little Company of Mary is an inspiring demonstration of how donors throughout the years have transformed this hospital through their generosity," said Sean Armstrong, chairman of the Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation

Board of Trustees. "The Hunts believe that everyone in our community deserves access to the highest quality health care, and this generous gift ensures that South Bay residents will continue to receive world-class cardiovascular care right here in the community."

The Hunts found inspiration in Sister Terrence Landini, LCM, and the Providence Little Company of Mary promise to each patient to "know me, care for me, ease my way." "Your core values of respect, compassion, justice, excellence and stewardship are also our core values," stated Mrs. Hunt.

"Donald and Priscilla Hunt are true visionaries whose generous support is positively impacting the health of all of our cardiovascular patients," said Mary Kingston, chief executive, Providence South Bay Community. "This medical center pioneered advanced cardiovascular care beginning in the 1970s, and that legacy continues to this day. Thanks to their benevolence, Providence Little Company of Mary continues as a national leader in cardiovascular care."

— *Content and Photo Provided by Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation*

Storytime in Celebration of Pop Culture at Barnes & Noble

On Saturday, July 29, all young superhero fans are invited to their Barnes & Noble Del Amo for a special 11 a.m. Storytime in celebration of pop culture. Featured stories include Good Morning, Superman!, Be a Star, Wonder Woman!, and Bedtime for Batman. This Storytime event will include engaging activities to go along with each featured story, including a temporary tattoo giveaway, while supplies last. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite superhero, villain or character to show their fandom. The store will also be hosting a cosplay

celebration at 2 p.m. where customers are invited to showcase their cosplay creations. Activities during the cosplay event will include a "how to" workshop for novice cosplayers, a cosplay parade and a costume showcase.

Customers should visit Barnes & Noble Del Amo or go online at BN.com/getpopcultured for more information. They are encouraged to post pictures of themselves having fun at Get Pop-Cultured events to their social media channels using the hashtag, #GetPopCultured.

— *Content: Barnes & Noble*

El Camino, Northrop Grumman to Sponsor "Global Innovation Summit"

The El Camino College Industry & Technology Division is partnering with Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems (NGAS) to sponsor an exciting morning of innovation, science and creativity.

The Northrop Grumman Global Innovation Summit is an intern and student demonstration activity similar to a live-action video game. The summit is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon July 28 in El Camino College's Murdock Stadium. The event is free and open to the public--everyone is encouraged to attend!

Five teams of ECC/Hawthorne High School students and Northrop Grumman interns will battle together to save the world from simulated wildfires ravaging the planet. They'll accomplish this feat using RC planes, quad copters, and rovers (with silly string!) they have spent their summer designing, building and flying.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to incorporate their technical skills and critical thinking, along with communication and

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Sports

Up and Adam

North High Saxons and Torrance Tartars Round Up Boys Volleyball Season

By Adam Serrao

The North High Saxons and the Torrance Tartars boys volleyball teams both came into this year's regular season knowing that they would have a lot of work to do if they wanted to catch up to the perennial superpower of South High. While Torrance came close to catching South last year and finished in second place in the Pioneer League standings, North finished all the way down in fifth place and wound up winning just one interdivision matchup. This year it was the Saxons who made the playoff push, though, while the Tartars floundered early--and in doing so, lost their season completely.

The North High Saxons lost their final five matches last year and knew that there should be a certain amount of change after what was ultimately a disappointing season. Enter new head coach Jonathan Kaneshiro. Kaneshiro certainly did his part to bring change to a struggling Saxons squad, but that change would take a while to manifest. North wound up losing its first five matches of this year's regular season. What was worse was that in every single match, the Saxons got swept. Whether it was against El Segundo, Paramount or Bishop Montgomery, Kaneshiro and North simply could not find a way to win a set.

About midway through the season, something clicked for the Saxons. The team finally got its first victory of the year over Chadwick and went on to win four of its next five matchups heading into league play. North was beginning to feel good about its performance, but still couldn't find a way to get past West High and South High. The Saxons lost all four matchups against their rivals from those schools.

North was able find success against Torrance High and Leuzinger this year, sweeping each series against both divisional rivals without even losing one set. The relative success within their own division was enough to bring the Saxons to a 3-4 record in league play (10-13-1 overall), which was good enough for a third place finish in the Pioneer League and an entrance into this year's CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs. Unfortunately for the Saxons, their seed in the playoffs landed them with a matchup against the Crean Lutheran Saints (20-12, 10-0) from Irvine. The match was short-lived, to say the least, as the Saints rolled over the Saxons in straight sets (25-10, 25-16, 25-16) to win the match and knock North High out of the playoffs.

While fans of North High volleyball may think that it took their team a while to get going with five straight losses to open the year, fans of Torrance High must have been begging for a win. The Tartars volleyball team opened this season by losing their first 11 matches of the year, including every match the club competed in before league play began. Out of those 11 losses, Torrance was swept eight times to open an extremely difficult season that saw coach Nathan Jones and his team take a deliberate step back from the 17-win club of a year ago.

While last year's club may have been good, Jones and the Tartars wound up losing 10 players to graduation, including Captain Kyle Nakahira. Torrance may still have had expectations coming into this season--but with only three returning seniors to head the team, those expectations were likely going to be hard to meet, to say the least. The Tartars did finally get on the board with a win, though it took the team almost one whole month to do so with a 3-0 victory over the Leuzinger Olympians. Two victories over Leuzinger accounted for Torrance's only two divisional wins of the season. The team wound up going 7-20 on the year for a fourth place finish, just one spot above the Olympians in the standings and well out of this year's playoff race.

It wasn't long ago that Torrance beat out the South High Spartans and took home a Pioneer League championship in the 2015 season. That Tartars team went undefeated in league play under Jones, but wound up losing in the second round of the playoffs. Every team goes through its peaks and its times of disappointment. This year was simply a rebuilding year for a Torrance High team that will inevitably be back to make some noise in the Pioneer League sooner rather than later.

The Saxons, on the other hand, have gone through their low times--especially within their own division--over the past several seasons. The team's three victories in league play this season matched their overall win total in the Pioneer League from the previous two seasons combined. This year was also the first time that North High made the CIF Southern Section playoffs in the sport of volleyball since the 2010 season. All in all, things are looking up for Kaneshiro and his Saxons squad as the young team will look to take one step further in the right direction when they step foot on the volleyball court next season. — *Asixlion@earthlink.net* •

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.

REAL ESTATE ADS: Monday at noon.

AD CANCELLATIONS: Prior Thursday.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

The Manfred Wörner Seminar Fellowship: A Visit With Jonathan Beutler

By TerriAnn Ferren

Most people would probably agree our lives changed on September 11, 2001. The security of the world, our nation, our state, our community, and our town became a topic of conversation everywhere, and for me Rockwell’s song “Somebody’s Watching Me” took on a whole new meaning after that fateful day.

The subject of security bubbled up again when I discovered South Bay resident Jonathan Beutler had been chosen from 400 applicants for participation in a fellowship under *The German Marshall Fund of the United States* (GMF), which strengthens transatlantic co-operation between Germany and the United States. GMF is a Washington, D.C.-based, non-profit organization. Jonathan explained that the organization strengthens transatlantic cooperation on regional, national and global challenges, and provides opportunities in the spirit of the Marshall Plan (an economic support recovery plan to help rebuild Western Europe after WWII). Jonathan was chosen to participate in the Manfred Wörner Seminar Fellowship. Manfred Wörner was Chancellor of Germany, and later Secretary General of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). “The program was named after him because of his vision of strengthening German/American relations after the war [WWII] and into the future and he saw that as the crux of transatlantic relationships...I should also note that this particular fellowship is organized on the US side by the German Marshall Fund, and it is also partially organized by the German Ministry of Defense,” said Jonathan.

Jonathan has always been focused on public affairs and the political aspect of diplomacy--not necessarily national security--but was extremely pleased when he was selected from hundreds of applicants for this prestigious fellowship. Jonathan is currently Director of Public Affairs for Sunrider International. Selections were announced in March, and at the time, Jonathan was acting as Chairman of the Board of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Speaking with Hans Jorg Newmann, (German Consul General here in Los Angeles), and with former participants helped prepare Jonathan for the June trip to Germany. The chosen 15 Americans gathered together in Washington, D.C. at the German Marshall Fund Headquarters prior

to departing the United States for Frankfurt, Germany. It was there the group met their 15 German counterparts.

The majority of the United States group was from the Pentagon, those had served in the military, those who had worked on security alliance policy, and military contract



Jonathan Beutler.

people. Jonathan was the only one selected from the West and also the only one from our own backyard.

“There was a lot of touring around and getting briefed by different officials and different agencies, and organizations, and members of Parliament. There were a lot of opportunities for us as a group to sit down and hash out our ideas about lots of different things,” said Jonathan. Conversations ranged from politics and differing opinions to security issues. Core discussions centered on the national security partnership between the United States and Germany and how it plays out through NATO and the European Union.

At this point, I asked Jonathan about cyber-security issues and how they differ, if they do, in Germany. “I think Germans prioritize personal privacy maybe a little bit more than Americans do in general. This is not the case for all Germans... but you will see Germans are more careful as to what they are sharing online via social media. There is more of a preference for platforms

such as Whatsapp, which is an encrypted, more secure, direct, peer-to-peer contact as opposed to Facebook, where you are sort of pouring it out to a more public space,” said Jonathan. That is interesting to me. Do any of you have Facebook? What do you share and if so, how much?

Jonathan shared that most of his personal information had been hacked by the Chinese Military when he was in the State Department. All of his personal files were taken when he was in the Diplomatic Service of the United States Foreign Service assigned in Washington, D.C., and then in Tokyo, Japan. His time in Tokyo was memorable on many levels. Jonathan told me, “There was a sense of mission within the State Department of strengthening the United States’ position in Asia and our relationship with our partners in East Asia. Being in Tokyo was wonderful for me. I worked very closely with the Ambassador...we had constantly interesting visitors and I was in charge of the visits.”

As far as defense, Jonathan told me that the Germans, generally, have a much harder time recruiting for their military than we do and he thinks that might reflect leftover feelings from WWII. As a matter of fact, Germany is just developing a Veteran’s Program because currently, one barely exists. Security in Germany is focused more on national security, according to Jonathan.

Headquarters in a briefing room, with the Acting Representative from the United States (a permanent one hadn’t been appointed as yet), who was sitting next to the German Representative from NATO. The Acting Representative shared his experiences about being able to count on NATO partners and friends in the aftermath of 9/11. “Then the German Representative recounted her experience. She talked about how this all came about--and the foundation of all of this is because there was a generation of young Americans willing to put their lives on the line [they still had acne] for Europeans they did not know because they believed in freedom. They wanted to deliver freedom...and this is a high-ranking German diplomat... Wasn’t it Condoleezza Rice who said, ‘It is nice to know we have friends,’” said Jonathan. It was a highlight of the trip and a moving moment for Jonathan, impressing upon him the importance of countries working together.

So, how does that help us here in Torrance? To begin with, Jonathan told me we first need to be proud of our heritage as Americans, and what the “greatest generation” has been able to achieve in the post-WWII, 20th Century in creating a strong, peaceful international system where the United States has taken a lead and been proactive in creating a security framework. “I think it [security] is important to all of us here in California.



The 2017 The Manfred Wörner Seminar Fellowship Group in front of The Federal Chancellery (equivalent to the White House).

The fellowship visited the NATO AWACS (Airborne and Early Warning Control System), popularly known as *eye in the sky*. “They are the fleet of NATO aircraft. There are 16 planes equipped with a very specialized AWACS radar system...so it is a huge surveillance system NATO employs to ensure security,” said Jonathan.

On one visit, while having lunch in the mess on a base, Jonathan told me he saw every nation represented with soldiers wearing their national uniforms. However, they are all in cooperation with the NATO flag and all under Major General Dawn M. Dunlop.

Then I asked Jonathan what he learned on this trip and how as citizens we can apply his experience in our personal lives. First, he told me that he saw how valuable and important it is for the United States to continue moving forward hand-in-hand with other countries by strengthening alliances.

“I asked one of the senior advisors in Brussels about Article 5 of NATO – which in essence says any attack on one country is an attack on all--which has only been activated once--and that was on September 11, 2001, after the attacks in New York and Washington... President Trump had visited the memorial two weeks before we were there, because the site was under construction--there is a memorial to 9/11. It is very important to the alliance because it is the only time it was activated,” shared Jonathan.

On that note, one of the most moving moments for Jonathan happened at NATO

I remember asking someone at NATO [he was a British attorney--legal counsel at NATO], ‘Would Article 5 be activated if North Korea struck Guam or Hawaii with a missile?’ It was interesting to me, as we are in the Pacific theatre and he said, ‘That is a contingency. I don’t know how Article 5 would be interpreted legally.’” Jonathan also shared, “Surveillance is happening everywhere. Cameras are everywhere...I see us in a very strong position in terms of security, but you can never rest on your laurels.”

“Torrance came up a few times. I consider it to be my hometown now in a lot of ways. It’s a place I care a lot about and I would love to see Torrance engage more in terms of trade and foreign investment with Europe. If we can get more Europeans to pay attention to Torrance, that would be good. We are perfectly located between the most important, busiest ports in the Western Hemisphere, and the busiest airport when you talk about destination origin passengers in the world. We are in this amazing location. We are in this bubble in the South Bay. We have this beautiful climate, so many amenities, with such an interesting, diverse community,” said Jonathan.

Well said, Jonathan. You have inspired me in many ways--not the least of which is gently using social media and taking precautions on the computer in this age of technology. Thank you, Jonathan, for a peek into organizations we only hear about on the news, or in civics class. •

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1. About 30 minutes before baking the pizza, preheat the oven to 500 F and place a large, rimless baking sheet in the lower third of the oven; for the most even cooking and optimal heat distribution. Place a large sheet of parchment paper on a work surface and dust the parchment lightly with flour. Stretch dough using hands or rolling pin. Pierce the dough firmly all over with the tines of a fork.
2. Slide pizza with parchment onto a baking sheet, then slide it onto the hot rimless baking sheet in the oven.
3. When the dough is slightly puffed, at about 7 minutes, take out of oven and spread on pesto mixture, top with mozzarella cheese, cherry tomatoes, Parmesan and ham. Place back in oven for another 3 minutes until cheese is melted. Slide pizza out, crack four eggs (one on each quarter of pizza), place back in oven and broil for about 4 minutes or until egg cooks to over easy.
4. Grab the edge of the parchment and transfer the pizza from the oven to a cutting board. Drop ricotta cheese by rounded teaspoonful over top, sprinkle with salt and pepper. cut and serve.

Politically Speaking

One Man’s Opinion

There Are Some Comparisons That Should Just Never Be Made

By Cristian Vasquez

People, please stop comparing your political struggle to slavery. It’s a pathetic and lazy attempt at garnering support for your side that is not only morally repugnant, but also flat out wrong. With the ongoing debate about repealing Obamacare and approving the American Health Care Act, supporters of universal healthcare have raised their voices in favor of such a system. Whether related or not to the discussion, an old video of Senator Rand Paul equating one’s belief in healthcare as a right with believing in slavery has made the rounds on social media. Thinking it was taken out of context, because no logical-thinking human being would compare slavery to anything other than bondage, I searched for and found the video of the Senator’s asinine comments.

Sadly, Senator Paul’s claim that a person who believes in healthcare as a right is equivalent to support for slavery isn’t the first time a politician stoops that low in the name of political gain. Before being appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Ben Carson said Obamacare was the worst thing to happen to America since slavery. As disgusting, misguided and reprehensible as that comment is, even worse is that there are people who agree and defend this statement. For all the anger and resentment that Obamacare caused conservatives--despite the fury and frustration that the thought of universal health care causes in supporters of right-wing politics--this in no way comes close, even remotely close, to slavery.

Now, there will be all sorts of brain yoga and Pilates done to justify this ridiculous claim, but none of it is true. If you have a cause you adamantly support, then use facts--not feelings based on pretzel-formed logic. Maybe I haven’t read the articles that describe how doctors in countries with universal healthcare are taken from their land, shackled, beaten and forced to work for absolutely zero pay. And to argue that the financial restrictions of a healthcare provider make for demoralizing conditions is still not slavery. Before the accusations come, I’ll be clear about where this is coming from: the need for human decency. This is not an attempt to be PC, but more of a demand for respect. It’s a plea for people to stop comparing one of America’s biggest crimes to whatever political cause they are trying to promote.

To Dr. Carson, and anyone who is passionate about their position on any issue... instead of desecrating the memory of every soul lost to the savagery of slavery, do some actual work to defend your position. Relying on inflammatory rhetoric to scare people into a position is a disservice to the cause being promoted. In the end, no matter the outcome of the healthcare issue, it is not going to result in the separation of individuals from their homeland and family. It will not lead to the deliberate physical restraining, mental abuse and moral torture of individuals, nor will it be followed by a century of Jim Crow laws. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Trump Continues On-the-Job Training: Is Lucky that Jerry Brown is 79 Years Old

By Duane Plank

Was listening to the radio in early November of 2016, a few days after the shocking victory of Donald Trump over the beleaguered Hillary Clinton. One of the talkers, Leo Terrell, said that “Trump will either be the best President ever, or the worst President ever.”

What say you? According to certain cherry-picked polls, Trump’s approval rating is hovering around a sad 36 percent.

With the lefties still on full-frontal assault leading the impeachment brigade--along with the political fossils Pelosi and Waters high-fiving each other as the Trump administration continues to implode while committing unforced errors that derail their attempts to get things done--the Dems still have no apparent policy agenda other than to disrupt and obstruct. And they have no candidate perched to carry the mantle in 2020. If only Jerry Brown were 10 years younger.

My task is not to champion Democrat Brown, the four-term Governor of the Golden State. But what type of credibility would I have as a political opiner if I looked the other way regarding his successes, his cleaning up the mess left by the Terminator? Could Brown garner similar accomplishments if he were residing in the White House?

The Trump administration is now six months in, and the revolving door at the White House is still spinning. Sean Spicer, embattled press secretary and SNL pincushion, is out and Trump buddy Anthony Scaramucci is now the new communications director. With Spicer out, who will actress Melissa McCarthy make fun of next season on the suddenly relevant late-night TV show? Some of the folks who participated in her multiple box office bombs?

Trump has continued running amok, unrestrained, bad-mouthing his own selection for Attorney General, Jeff Sessions. For those of you new to the political game, Sessions was one of the first people, back when he was a Senator, to put on one of those Trump hats and champion the soon-to-be President. He became AG after a couple of others, apparently Rudy Giuliani and Chris Christie, turned down the job.

Apparently Sessions talked to a Russian comrade and is now in the scope-sights of the Trump firing line. Sessions partook in a little chit-chat, caviar and vodka. And who amongst us wouldn’t have done the same?

Trump did accomplish something positive recently. He nominated Jon Huntsman, the very well-respected ex-Senator, as the ambassador to Russia. Not sure how much Trump had to do in championing the nomination. Reports mentioned that the press release touting the appointment of Huntsman, who has sparred with the Donald in recent years, had his first name misspelled by a bumbler in the Trump administration.

With all the slings and arrows Mr. Trump has taken because of his alleged Russian contacts, with the Kid, Jr. ducking in and out of clandestine meetings, with CNN 24-7 pushing impeachment, one can only wish Huntsman good luck and godspeed.

If Trump makes it to the 2020 election cycle unscathed, he will be fortunate that Mr. Brown considers himself too old to make his fourth run at the presidency. •

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“I am represented by Mr. Weideman on the South Bay Council of Governments. He has been elected and because of that, he represents us and I happen to be the alternate. The people that comprise that group happen to be elected officials for their office, so in my book that is elected,” said Councilwoman Heidi Ann Ashcraft. “If we disagree with something, or Mr. Weideman does, or brings back, then we tell him and he then takes it to the Council of Governments.”

In the staff report’s supplemental items, the SBCCOG is credited for helping the South Bay region obtain \$906 million from Measure R, as well as \$850 million from Measure M, during the first 30 years of both measures, and which will fund “highway and mobility” improvements. Described as money outside of local return and transit operations, Measure R funds were not in the initial Metro Plan until the SBCCOG became involved and ensured that funding would be controlled locally. Through these funds Torrance was able to fund local endeavors such as its Transit Center Project, along with the PCH/Hawthorne Intersection and 405/Crenshaw Intersection improvements. Furthermore, the SBCCOG is credited with providing \$1,152,024 in annual energy efficiency savings dating back to 2010.

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Across
1. Lasting impression
5. Basis of some divisions
8. This season's carrots
12. Hourly pay
13. Latitude
14. Origami bird
15. Ripens
16. Romantic flower
17. Hand over (to)
18. Cures, hopefully
20. Munches
21. Christmas carols
22. World wide web
23. Lyrical
26. Democratic
30. Not well
31. Bee food
34. Reddish
35. ____ and breathes
37. Black gold
38. Words
39. Balance
40. Address
42. ____ milk?
43. Damage beyond use or repair
45. Horsemen
47. Wasn't colorfast

48. Flat surface
50. Comparison connector
52. Indistinct delivery, of speech
56. Offspring
57. Utter
58. Robber's loot
59. Weight measure
60. Grills
61. Java is in it
62. Feel the ____
63. Oui
64. Season of fasting

Down
1. Did laps, say
2. "National Treasure" star
3. Worn
4. Protest
5. Lengthwise
6. Some are inert
7. Looks at
8. "____ from the Black Lagoon"
9. Flat floater
10. Wallet wad
11. The "p" in r.p.m.
13. ____ Edward Island
14. Grovel
19. Nickels and dimes

22. Fish-fowl connection
23. Loaded, baked potato?
24. Green shade
25. Little people
26. Wan
27. Supersized
28. Combat gear
29. Lies
32. Replica
33. Place for a clasp
36. Beguile
38. Ponder
40. Father's pride
41. Breaks up
44. "Oh home on the ____"
46. Kind of practice
48. Cycle
49. Chain sections
50. Rock band's travel
51. Undecided, of a jury
52. Flat, shallow container
53. Free from pain
54. Epidermis
55. Airplane assignment
56. One to thank

Last Week's Answers

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6	2	5	4	9	8	3	7	1
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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.

Real Estate

Water Conservation Tips

(BPT) - Researchers predict that rising water prices could mean within five years a third of American households will not be able to pay their water bills, despite the replenishment of water reserves around the country.

What's more, the National Weather Service warns that drought could increase or reoccur if the country experiences a period of sustained heat and dryness.

Fortunately, there are many ways for you to reduce the amount of water your home uses each year. One of the best places to start conserving water is in the bathroom, where toilet flushing, long showers and deep soak baths account for the largest portion of a home's water consumption, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Flushing the toilet accounts for about 30 percent of a home's annual water consumption, making it the largest user of water in the home, according to the U.S. EPA. Prior to 1994, most toilets used 3.5 or more gallons of water per flush (gpf).

Toilets

Replace dated, older toilets with ultra-high-efficiency models like the American Standard H2Optimum ultra-high efficiency toilet, which uses an average of 1.1 gpf - that's 31 percent less than federal mandates. Exclusive PowerWash siphon-jet bowl cleaning technology drives this water-saving toilet to remove every trace of paper and waste, while its EverClean antimicrobial finish helps it stay cleaner, longer.

Faucets

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Showerheads

A significant source of water usage in a home can be attributed to showerheads, pouring up to 40 gallons per day down the drain for an average family, according to the EPA. Since showers account for 17 percent of a home's water use, replacing an older, less efficient showerhead with a WaterSense-certified one can curb waste in the shower.

Replacing inefficient fixtures is an investment that will pay off over time. However, there are simple habit changes that are free and will produce results right away. Your family can easily reduce water use in the bathroom by:

Turn Off the Water

Running the tap while brushing your teeth can waste as much as 3,000 gallons per year, the EPA says.

Take Showers

It takes an average of 36 gallons to fill the bathtub. Plus, if you take baths less often, when you do indulge in one it will feel like a treat.



Take Shorter Showers

The longer the shower runs, the more water goes down the drain. Never turn on the shower and walk away to do other things while the water warms. If you get delayed or distracted, the water could run for a long time before you actually step into the shower.

Hand Washing

Use cold water with soap, rather than let-

ting the water run until it gets hot.

Shave at the Sink

Shaving in the shower extends your shower time, unnecessarily consuming more water. Just don't forget to turn off the water while shaving at the bathroom sink.

Taking steps to reduce bathroom water usage can help save you money in the short term and benefit the environment in the long run. •



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