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Torrance Police Department Visits with Residents on National Night Out



On August 1, over 70 officers from the Torrance Police Department participated in "National Night Out." Department personnel visited 25 different locations throughout the city to interact with the community. Torrance PD has promoted this event for over 16 years. This year's theme focused on the expansion of social media, and its use in law enforcement. The photo shows Officers Conner, Besse and Wessels at the block party in the 5200 block of Vanderhill Road. Photo Provided by Torrance PD. •

Local South High Heroes Recognized During City Council Meeting

By Cristian Vasquez

For Sebastian Gutierrez, Sean Hamilton and Ryan McLernon, saving people from drowning wasn't about heroics--it was about doing the right thing.

On Memorial Day Weekend, the three South High students were enjoying their three-day weekend in Kernville when the fun took turned into a life or death situation. The teens noticed a group of five people who were river rafting had been thrown off their raft and were now struggling to stay above water.

"Now that I look back at it, it was dangerous...but if I had to, I would do it again and still think it wasn't that big of a deal," Gutierrez said. "I think it was completely worth it."

The Torrance teens immediately called 911, but were told that emergency services would take a while to arrive. It was then that the trio decided that the people in the river didn't have the luxury of waiting.

"At that point one person started drowning and they went under, so we immediately ran over to the other side and caught up to them--That's when we knew we had to help," said Hamilton, who is also a Boy Scout and had his emergency supplies equipment with him. "I bring it everywhere with me if I am going camping because it's always good to have. We just lucked out that we had it with us."

With the warm weather and flowing river, the area was filled with vacationers. During the summer kick-off weekend, three people were reported dead and 24 had to be rescued along the Kern River.

"People should really pay attention to the local advisories because they were saying that the water was the highest that it has been in 20 years," McLernon said. "People just need to really pay attention to what the professionals say, especially if they give you a tip as to what to do if you fall in the water."

During the City Council meeting, Mayor Patrick J. Furey and his colleagues recognized the South High sophomores with a certificate and City pin, and thanked them for their selfless act. "You guys are a reflection of the youth in our community, members of

the Torrance family and students of South High School," said Furey.

City Moving Forward With Project to Replace Downtown Street Light System

The Mayor and City Council voted in favor of awarding a consulting services agreement for design services to replace the Downtown street light system. The agreement with Albert Grover & Associates is not to surpass \$118,726 in cost, and will fund the replacement project for a two-year period,

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School Board Approves New Courses For Torrance Adult School's Fall Term

By Cristian Vasquez

Members of the Torrance School Board this week approved a list of new courses for the Torrance Adult School (TAS) for the 2017 fall term. The school board must approve TAS courses, but those come at no cost to the Torrance Unified School District.

"Staff members continually revise the curriculum and develop new courses to meet the needs and interests of the community," states the staff report. "Prior to seeking Board of Education approval for addition of new courses to the curriculum, administrators have established course content and recruited instructors."

Two of the approved courses are part of the Adult Secondary Education Programs and include the High School Equivalency

English Language Arts Preparation Course and a College Math Preparation Course. Both courses are electives worth five credits and are tailored to help students better prepare to pursue and complete higher education goals.

The High School Equivalency English Language Arts Preparation Course emphasizes "the development of critical thinking, comprehensive reading skills, test taking strategies, and the development of written full-length essay responses," states the staff report. Through course completion students will be able to develop and enhance their reading competency, while developing more advanced critical thinking skills as well

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
75°/67°



Saturday
Sunny
78°/67°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
79°/67°



Construction Training Program Launched to Meet LAX Demand

By Rob McCarthy

The building industry and Los Angeles International Airport need construction workers to complete the airport's \$14 billion facelift. The partners have launched a free training program that offers South Bay residents a gateway to a career in the building industry and a little piece of history. The Apprenticeship Readiness Program is open to residents of Inglewood, Hawthorne and Lennox who are at least 17 1/2 years old and have a strong interest in the construction industry. A California identification card and a Social Security card are required to join the program.

The eight-week training program, provided through HireLAX, offers job-seekers an introduction to construction careers, union rules, safety, basic on-the-job math skills, and first aid training. The classes at Los Angeles Southwest College will offer hands-on training with construction materials and tools, and assistance with creating a resume and preparing for job interviews to land a construction job.

The classes begin September 11 at the college, 1600 W. Imperial Avenue in Los Angeles. The instruction will take place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Participants must attend a mandatory orientation meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19. Register online at <https://hirelaxorientation2017-08-19.eventbrite.com>. Eligibility is limited to residents of the South communities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lennox, Gardena, Westchester and Harbor City.

"The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness program is a first of its kind collaboration, providing the local community with specialized training, and connecting participants with the contractors who will hire them to be part of the construction teams modernizing

LAX," said Samson Mengistu, Chief Operating Officer for Los Angeles World Airports. The project's partners include Los Angeles Trade Technical College and Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

Participants in the program will receive "everything they need" to begin a union construction job, according to the organizers. Jobs will be waiting for those participants who complete the courses in November. Los Angeles County is facing a severe labor shortage in construction, and the upgrades at LAX are expected to strain local construction manpower even further.

"With the HireLAX program, we provide a new way for the local community to take a key role in the re-imagining of LAX, by linking workers to immediate and long-term skilled jobs, and making available the training they need to be successful," the airport's COO said.

The ongoing LAX modernization project encompasses terminals, runways and parking facilities and includes a proposed people mover that will connect off-site parking near the 405 freeway with the nation's second-busiest airport. Projected to last through 2023, the program is considered the largest public works project in the history of Los Angeles. It began in 2009 with the expectation it would create 121,000 construction jobs annually over the project's 14-year span, according to the Los Angeles World Airports website.

The Southern California construction business is booming with major improvements at Los Angeles International Airport expected to take years to complete and the Los Angeles Rams football stadium project in Inglewood breaking ground after a rain delay. Now,

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Community Briefs

Torrance Memorial Earns Honors as a Top Nurse Employer in California

Nurse.org, the web's leading career site for nurses, has recognized Torrance Memorial Medical Center as one of the best hospitals for nurses to work for in California. During the past two years, Nurse.org has collected more than 1,854 reviews by nurses at 314 California hospitals about their workplace satisfaction. Reviews in California have revealed Torrance Memorial Medical Center has one of the highest levels of satisfaction among its nurses.

Reviewers cited friendly employees, high-quality care, and feeling valued and respected by management as the basis for the 4.5 star rating. Among nurses surveyed, 93 percent recommended the hospital as an employer.

"After analyzing surveys from over 300 hospitals in California, we're excited to

recognize Torrance Memorial Medical Center as one of the best workplaces for nurses in California," Phillip Lee, Nurse.org's product manager, said. "They've done an excellent job creating a culture that provides nurses with a high level of job satisfaction."

Nurse.org provides a safe and completely anonymous platform on which nurses leave honest workplace reviews. Nurses share their opinions about culture, nurse-to-patient ratios, and other matters important to them.

The full rankings of the Best Hospitals for Nurses in California is available to view at <http://nurse.org/articles/best-hospitals-california/>. To see all of the Torrance Memorial Medical Center reviews, see their facility page on Nurse.org.

— Source: *Torrance Memorial Medical Center*

Torrance Detailer Gets to Polish Up Air Force One



Late last month, Kike Sanchez from the Torrance-based South Bay Detailing spent a week in Seattle, Washington to work at the Museum of Flight as part of the Air Force One detailing team. Along with other top professionals in his industry, his job was to protect and maintain the original presidential jet on display at the museum. The photo above shows Sanchez polishing the Air Force One as part of the finishing team. The group also worked on a number of historic aircraft. They cleaned the Concorde Alpha Golf, polished the aluminum on the World War II B-52 Stratofortress and detailed the first "jumbo jet" Boeing 747 including polishing its engine rings for the first time. Sanchez also had the opportunity to work on the B-29 Bomber that was used during World War II.

— Source: *Kike Sanchez*, Photo by *Ryan Doyle*

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- 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.
- Biography and Memoirs Book Discussion Group, 10:30 AM. – 11:30 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Call: 310-618-5959.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 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.
- Toddlertime, 10:15 AM & 11:00 AM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
- Educational Night Gala, (The Tongan Alliance of America) 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$25, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 951-545-2116.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- Torrance Certified Farmers' Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- 2017 Back to School Fair (Faith School

Ministries), 9:30 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 424-263-4276.

- Sister Act (Torrance Theater Company), 8:00 PM., Tickets: \$35/\$30, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- The Crafting Hour, Felt Pins, 2:00 PM., free, registration is required, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-781-7599.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- Sister Act (Torrance Theater Company), 2:00 PM., Tickets: \$35/\$30, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- Wayback Wednesday, 10:30 AM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-781-7599.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 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. •

School Board

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as test-taking strategies. Students will also develop and practice argumentative writing that will allow them to pass the High School Equivalency subset exams in reading, social studies, science, and English Language Arts.

TAS's College Math Preparation Course helps students develop fundamental math knowledge, build basic math skills, and learn and master elementary and intermediate algebra. Students are also taught reasoning skills, test-taking strategies and problem-solving skills and applications. The course was developed to prepare students for the transition from fundamental-level mathematics to college-level math. Furthermore, upon course completion, students will have math knowledge equal to college elementary algebra courses. They will be ready for college-level Intermediate Algebra and be prepared for the Accuplacer math test.

As part of the TAS's English as a Second Language Program, the School Board approved the non-credit course Pronunciation for the Workplace. This class was made for students already working, seeking to enter the workforce or those already enrolled or ready to register in CTE courses. Through this course, students will also be expected to walk away with an understanding of what is expected of employers and employees in the American workforce. "The course will assist participants in exploring current trends and issues in the U.S. workplace and expose the students to potential work scenarios and appropriate responses," states the staff report.

Lastly, the School Board approved Dried Flower Arranging (In a Small Basket), a non-credit, community education program. In addition to learning about proper tools, supplies and techniques for dried flower arranging, participants gain an understanding of which flowers keep their vibrant color as

they dry. While the arrangements made in this class will be in small, palm-size baskets, students will be capable of transferring their skills to create larger-scale arrangements.

School Board Approves Instructional Service Agreements for Pre-Engineering Programs

Members of the School Board also approved a recommendation by the Director of Curriculum and Senior Director of Secondary Schools to approve an Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) with El Camino College during the 2017-2018 school year.

As part of the District's Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum, Board members have previously approved the High School Course Outlines for "Principles of Engineering," "Introduction to Engineering Design" and "Aerospace Engineering." Through the Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) approved during Monday night's meeting, students enrolled in the Principles of Engineering, Instruction to Engineering Design and Aerospace Engineering courses will be eligible to receive college credit via examination at El Camino College.

PLTW works with K-12 students and teachers throughout the United States to create an engaging classroom environment not seen through any other program. Among the programs offered by PLTW are its K-12 Computer Science Pathway, the K-12 Engineering Pathway and K-12 Biomedical Science Pathway. Students from North, Torrance or South high schools will be eligible for testing at El Camino through the approved ISA.

All costs associated with expanding and sustaining PLTW will be covered through the SB-70 Grant from the State of California, AMETLL Consortium/California Career Pathways Trust Grant and the El Camino College Foundation. •

Sports

Up and Adam

South High School Football Looks to Take Playoff Leap

By Adam Serrao

The South High Spartans football team has struggled to rediscover its glory days in recent years, but hopes that the 2017 season brings with it a bit more success. Head coach Matt Mishler will be back at the helm for the Spartans in what will be his second season in charge of the team. Mishler should be able to get a better grasp of a team that will be returning many key starters from one year ago. It has now been three seasons since South High tasted the playoffs and seven years since the Spartans were at the goal line of a CIF championship victory. Mishler and the rest of the South High football team will look to put those streaks to rest when they lace up the cleats and put on the pads for this year's regular season that will be underway in just three short weeks.

To say that the Spartans football team went through various periods of struggle last season is perhaps putting it a bit too lightly. A team that finished the season with a 4-6 record overall and a 2-3 record inside of divisional play got things started off slowly from the get-go. A 28-3 loss to the Lawndale Cardinals on opening day may have been a bit of foreshadowing for South High fans who hoped their team would take the next step toward success. Unfortunately for those fans, that 25-point loss to the Cardinals turned out to be just the beginning of what was a rollercoaster season that featured various amounts of frustration.

If Spartans fans thought that a 25-point loss was bad, they must have really cringed when what happened next took place. South hit the road for a trip to Santa Monica to play the Vikings and managed to only score three points in what was eventually a 53-3 beat-down. The Spartans scored their field goal in the second quarter, but were already down by 19 points after the first quarter and by 29 points at the half. Things didn't get much better for Mishler and his team after that either. South continued on a three-game losing streak that also saw the team take a 52-7 loss at El Segundo and a 56-7 loss at home against the eventual Pioneer League champions, the Leuzinger Olympians. Needless to say, defense has been something that Mishler has been stressing all offseason long.

Last season wasn't only filled with disappointment, though. The Spartans did enjoy various key victories like a 24-20 victory over their inner-city rivals from Torrance

High and a 37-20 victory over their league rivals from Centennial. The teams victories may have been few and far between, but those two wins alone managed to get South out of the gutter of the Pioneer League standings and into fourth place, where they eventually finished, ahead of both Torrance and Leuzinger.

This year's Spartans team will be looking to get the job done after saying goodbye to some key players from last year. Most notably, senior starting quarterback Anthony Bjazevich has graduated and opened up a spot at what might be the most important position on the South High roster. Two-sport star Javin Fish will presumably take over that position for the Spartans once the season gets underway. At 6-foot-5 and 215 pounds, Fish would certainly prove to be a difficult catch for opposing defenses.

South will also be forced to say goodbye to key players like wide receiver Carl Richardson and running back Jeremiah Narvaiz, to name a few, but will enjoy the benefit of a deep and young roster to fill those holes left by graduating seniors. Another multiple-sport athlete in Kohl Kutsch will take the field and look to make a difference in his senior season after dominating on the volleyball court. A backfield filled with the likes of seniors Anthony Rugnetta and Julian Chavez should also give the Spartans a formidable running game.

Mishler and South High will get this year's regular season started with a game against Fountain Valley on Thursday, August 31. The team will also have to revisit a brutal stretch of games from a year ago that somewhat demoralized the team. This year's Spartans will be looking to rebound, however, when they invite Santa Monica and El Segundo to their home turf before traveling to Leuzinger to take on the Olympians in the first Pioneer League game of the season.

A new season brings with it new opportunity and Mishler and the rest of his Spartans are ready to snatch that opportunity from their opponents' hands this season and make a run at the CIF playoffs. Another year of experience in the books for Mishler and his young team should mean much more success than one season ago. Follow South High all season long to see if the team can make a run at what would be its first postseason appearance in what has been a very long three years running now.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

The Magical Dodgers Season: One for the Books

By TerriAnn Ferren

It's the bottom of the eighth with two outs, one man on base and the Dodgers are behind by two and the rookie phenomenon Cody Bellinger comes to the plate. The wide eyes of the fans can't even glance away from the batter because this year they know, at any moment, the comeback Dodgers could roar from behind and win the game. That is the kind of magical season it has been so far. I asked a few Dodger fans what they think

can't be sure. He remembers when the teams were chosen--one from the American League and one from the National League--and because they had won the pennant in their league, they were destined for the World Series.

"It's so confusing this whole playoff thing. When I was a kid, the team that won the most games won the pennant and went to the World Series. It's not that way anymore. You have to go through all these playoffs. A couple games here and there can decide and it negates the

attributed the success of her boys in blue, as she calls them. "The Dodgers are electrifying and as Vin Scully would say, they are 'magic.' Their success begins with our fantastic manager Dave Roberts, his coaching staff, and continues with each and every member of the team, especially the 'new kids' and 'The Silver Fox' [Chase Utley] who have all stepped up to the plate. We have the best pitcher in baseball [Clayton Kershaw] and the best closer in the National League [Kenley Jansen]."

Run Derby) had hit 28 home runs so far--first rookie in the majors to do so, and has already hit for the cycle (single, double, triple, home run) in a game. Wow, when I asked Carolyn for specifics, she gave them to me in spades. The woman knows her baseball!

Carolyn told me she is delighted that the MLB (Major League Baseball) finally wised up and changed the policy so the league that wins the All Star Game will *not* have home field advantage in the World Series.



Opening Day 2017.

about the team this year and, not surprisingly, everyone had an opinion.

"Ever since I have been following the Dodgers since I moved out to California in the very early 1970s, there has never been a season like this. This is unbelievable. They just keep winning and winning. It is really incredible. It is really one of the most exciting baseball seasons that I can remember," said South Bay resident Ronnie. He went on to tell me that the last time he remembers being this excited about a season was when he was a boy in New York watching the Yankees win all the time. He said this season reminds him of the time when he was a kid when baseball was exciting and the "stuff dreams were made of." He told me he expects the Dodgers to win every single game. Then I asked him if he thinks the Dodgers will be in the World Series and he said he didn't know. Because the way the World Series teams are chosen now, Ronnie

entire season. It doesn't matter that you win 100 or 110 games in the season. It all comes down to these playoff games and I don't think it is fair. Baseball has really changed," said Ronnie. He told me that he liked the way the teams were selected for the World Series before the change.

I asked another avid baseball fan and Torrance resident Kris Lynch what he thought about this year's Dodgers season and he told me, "They are breaking records left and right. And I would say they are one of the best, and the top five of all time since the Dodgers have been in existence, like 120 years. And I would say the top three this year, they are doing so well." I asked Kris if he thinks the Dodgers are going to go to the World Series and he said, "Yeah, I said that back in February."

Then I asked famed Dodger fan and Torrance resident Carolyn Weyant about her thoughts on this year's Dodgers team and to what she



Carolyn Weyant on the Jumbotron in Dodger Stadium.

Asking if the Dodgers will go on to the World Series this year was like asking a Dodger staff member what they thought. Carolyn knows the Dodgers inside and out and I consider her analysis brilliant. She listed eight reasons the Dodgers will advance: 1. At the time of writing this (July 30), the team had 74 wins and 31 losses, which equals 42 games over .500, and they are 13 games ahead of the second-place team in the standings. Remember that each win equals plus one-half game in the standings. 2. They have 11 (or 12) series wins so far. 3. They have 31 come-from-behind wins so far. 4. Justin Turner (third base) has the best batting average in the majors! 5. They have nine walk-off wins so far (even including one walk-off walk). 6. They had won 39 of their last 44 games. 7. Six Dodgers (three first-timers, one seventh-timer, and two second-timers) participated in the All-Star Game this year, with one who also participated in the Home Run Derby and climbed to the second round. 8. Rookie Cody Bellinger (All Star Game/Home

I asked Carolyn about the Wild Card games and hearing her answer was interesting. "Even though having the Wild Card gives me more baseball to watch, I have never been a fan of the Wild Card. I want to go back when only the teams in first place at the end of the season play off for who in the National League and the American League will play in the World Series," she said. Well, that opinion echoes from nearly everyone and I found it unanimous among baseball aficionados.

This Dodger baseball season definitely deserves the word "magic," as Vin Scully and Carolyn Weyant would say. These days, when the Dodgers are playing, I visit friends' houses because I don't have cable and can't watch the games, except for the few broadcast on regular television. But I am excited about the team winning and anxiously wait for the end of the season, fingers crossed, for a Dodger entry into the World Series. Can't wait! Go Dodgers! •

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Construction Training *from page 2*

comes word the Los Angeles Clippers and their owner Steve Ballmer plan to build his team its own arena nearby in Inglewood, adding to the South Bay's pro sports presence. The basketball arena, which Ballmer says would be built near Century Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, could seat 20,000 fans and be finished in time for the 2023 season, according to published reports.

Southern California is the epicenter for the construction boom that is raising workers' take-home pay as union and non-union tradespeople find themselves and their skills in demand again. The building boom has created a labor shortage, which the construction industry says could be alleviated by more emphasis by local school officials on career and technical training programs. Jobs at construction sites offer good salaries and require only a high school diploma or the equivalent to land them. A national building trade recently called on lawmakers and labor and education officials to address the shortage of qualified construction workers by funding and reinvigorating career and technical education programs.

America. With more major building projects in the pipeline in the Los Angeles area, his group is worried that high school and middle school students aren't aware of the career opportunities in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, concrete and other skilled labor for home and commercial construction jobs.

The Apprentice Readiness Program at Southwest College is designed to help entry-level workers overcome barriers to employment, including lack of transportation or past troubles with the law. Other barriers to full-time employment will be addressed, such as lack of a high school diploma or GED, childcare, homelessness, and an inability to afford tools.

The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness program will prepare a diverse group of local community members for placement into union apprenticeships, according to its organizers. Once hired, the recruits will continue to receive training both on-the-job and in the classroom, while earning prevailing wages and receiving health and retirement benefits. South Bay residents interested in the mandatory program orientation and registration on August 19 should contact Christina Watkins at (424) 646-7192, or email her at cwatkins@lawa.org. More information is available at http://lawa.org/welcome_lawa.aspx?id=2398. •

"It is time for elected officials to get the word out to students that construction offers high-paying jobs with upward mobility," said Stephen E. Sandherr, chief executive officer for the Associated General Contractors of

Blueberry Hand Pies



Ingredients

- 2 9-inch, store-bought, ready-to-bake pie crusts
- 1 pint fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose, unbleached flour
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg yolk, lightly beaten with 1 teaspoon of water
- 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar
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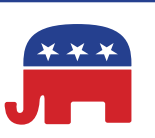
Preparation

1. In a medium bowl, toss blueberries with flour. Add sugar and vanilla extract. Toss to combine. Set aside.
2. Allow store-bought crust to come to room temperature. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
3. Flour a work surface and roll out the warmed pie crust to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into eight rectangles about 3-by-4 inches in size. Scoop a scant 1/4 cup of the blueberries into the center of four dough rectangles. Place the remaining dough rectangles over the top of each blueberry filling. Use a fork to seal the edges of each pie and transfer pies to the prepared baking sheet.
4. Pierce the tops of the pies with a paring knife a few times and brush with egg wash. Bake for 30 minutes or until dough is golden brown. Allow pies to cool completely before icing. Use a fork to stir together the confectioner's sugar and 1 tablespoon of milk. Drizzle over cooled hand pies. Serve with a glass of cold milk. •

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Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

Law Enforcement, Criminals Must Be Accountable For Their Actions

By Cristian Vasquez

A video of two U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers encouraging a drug smuggler to drink out of a bottle filled with liquid methamphetamine has caused the smuggler's family to file a lawsuit against the agency. Before getting into the core of this piece, it must be stated that in this case I in no way supported any type of lawsuit against the agency--nor am I in favor of the \$1 million settlement that the family received. In a video from 2013, Cruz Marcelino Velazquez Acevedo is recorded in the process of committing a crime as he crosses the border into the United States. Due to his initial decision, the 16-year-old died. Hence, there is no agency to blame for Velazquez Acevedo's death other than that of the individual. Was death the appropriate consequence to a horrible decision being made by a teenager? Absolutely not. Velazquez Acevedo made two horrible choices that day: smuggling drugs across our borders and drinking liquid meth in hopes of not being detained by customs.

Having said that, the two agents who encouraged and allowed for the smuggler to drink this poison should face consequences. As a country that prides itself in law and order, and that has a fundamental belief in due process, this death at the San Diego/Tijuana border is untimely, unfortunate and should have been prevented. In the video released by CBP, officers Valerie Baird and Adrian Perallon are seen engaging with the teenager. Velazquez Acevedo, who was carrying a backpack, had two bottles of tea-looking liquid that soon after tested

positive for methamphetamine. After a brief dialogue between the agents and Velazquez Acevedo, the agents begin making gestures for the teen to drink from the bottle. After a few sips Velazquez Acevedo is directed to second inspection where he is asked to take (and does) two drinks from one bottle. Two hours later he was dead.

Did Baird and Perallon really force him to drink? Not at all. These officers did not hold a gun to Velazquez Acevedo's head, nor did they funnel the drugs down his throat. However, they behaved in a manner that lacks not only human decency and common sense, but they displayed an absolute lack of professionalism. CBP released a statement through its Office of Professional Responsibility and declared that no additional action was needed, so the officers involved would not be disciplined.

Again, I'm not defending the smuggler or the family's absurd lawsuit. It is not CBP policy to force smuggling suspects to consume the substance/s they are alleged to be trafficking, nor does CBP force accused smugglers caught with white powder to snort the substance. Thus, the agency should not have to pay for the actions of two reckless officers. There is an operating procedure in place for a reason. We have due process--but because these two officers failed to uphold those standards, their actions contributed to the death of a teenager. Not one penny should have been paid out to the family, but CBP Officers Baird and Perallon should have been reprimanded. These officers upheld their commitment to vigilance and service to country, but they failed at integrity. •

Another Man's Opinion

Lefty Media Launches Feeble Attack on Trump Immigration Strategy

By Duane Plank

As unemployment continues to plummet, as the stock market surges, as the corpulent little lunatic in North Korea remains covered by America's overwhelming military power, what was the big angle CNN followed last week? One of their pompous, look-at-me reporters, White House guy Jim Acosta, started whining like a little petulant child at a White House press conference. The Trump administration had rolled out new strategies--not laws--to parse legal immigration.

Acosta bumbled about the inscription on the Statue of Liberty and immigrant rights, engaging White House adviser Stephen Miller in an uncomfortable tit-for-tat exchange. According to the unelected reporter Acosta, we shouldn't limit illegal immigrants and lessen their opportunities to troll the streets, at times preying upon and murdering American citizens? And we can't limit legal immigration either. Open borders for all. And we can't limit the gang member thugs from the gang MS-13 from entering this country to mingle with our citizens. In Acosta's world, we should accept them all, with some adding nothing, taking everything...because not allowing them in, or to stay, would "tear apart families."

There is no solid proof that stopping illegals from entering America, or shipping illegal criminals back is "tearing apart families." Just another page out of the lefty playbook, a playbook that has one theme: obstruct the Trump administration.

Failed presidential candidate Al Gore, who has his own leftist playbook chapter, is pushing a new film about climate change, and that the

world will soon be over unless we conserve, conserve, conserve. Some have been promulgating this charade for decades, and the planet is still thriving. According to published reports, Gore's mansion in Tennessee consumes 30 times more energy than the average person's abode. How does that rate on the conservation scorecard?

Gore is a first-rate hypocrite. And now Gore has come out and likened climate change issue to the civil rights movement. Really?

This past week, some southpaws were still pushing the Cal-Exit scenario. They posit about our big economy, our big this, big that, and that we need to be our own country. A sanctuary country, not just state, where illegals are more than welcomed.

To the do-gooders proposing California's exit from the United States...do we the people of Cali have a vote? I have no interest in leaving the U.S. of A and becoming some third-world country.

Finally, did you happen to hear about the unhinged one, Congress lady Maxine Waters, who went on her typical impeach rant about The Donald, and then segued right on to her impeach Putin diatribe? Now Max is a tad bit up there in years, as are, seems to be, a lot of Dem politicians in California. She apparently meant that after Trump was impeached, convicted and cast back to one of his golf courses for good, she would set her sights on getting rid of VP Mike Pence. Not Rasputin Putin.

Putin, Pence. Easily confused by the veteran Congress lady. What's the difference? Don't ask the producers at CNN. Shockingly, they didn't play up Waters' faux-pas. •

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Across

- 1. Conception
- 5. Horse-drawn vehicle
- 8. Monopoly piece
- 12. Chair
- 13. Hamster's home
- 14. Theatre form
- 15. Place that allows "eggs-tradition"?
- 16. Length x width
- 17. October 31 option
- 18. Literary handling
- 20. Ant abode
- 21. Pirate's treasure box
- 22. Fellows
- 23. Pen
- 26. Dreariest
- 30. Generation
- 31. Cottontail
- 34. Ancestry
- 35. Crop up
- 37. Musical gift
- 38. Got going
- 39. Misplace
- 40. Substance
- 42. HRH part
- 43. Jersey
- 45. Bad sound in the engine

Down

- 47. Day
- 48. Defeat utterly
- 50. Low pair
- 52. Greco-Roman
- 56. Are not
- 57. Croupier's tool
- 58. Face feature
- 59. Pass on
- 60. Finished
- 61. Jack-o'-lantern feature
- 62. Rat
- 63. Singly
- 64. Limitless quantities

Across

- 19. "So ___!"
- 22. Sumo wrestling ground
- 23. Rings
- 24. Cupid's weapon
- 25. Buoy
- 26. Gossip
- 27. Prime-time time
- 28. Type of mail
- 29. It may be perfect
- 32. Big game
- 33. Be up
- 36. Like some resorts
- 38. Chutzpah
- 40. Collected
- 41. Desk item
- 44. "Yum!"
- 46. Objects
- 48. Captive
- 49. Creator
- 50. Evergreen
- 51. Water source
- 52. This season's carrots
- 53. Apple throwaway
- 54. Largest of seven
- 55. Fishy
- 56. Simon's singing partner

Last Week's Answers

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City Council

from front page

from August 8, 2017 to August 9, 2019.

"This is part of the Downtown Torrance Rehabilitation of Site Amenities/Street Furniture, Street Lighting and Signage Program, A-158 to upgrade and replace existing site amenities in Downtown Torrance," states the staff report signed by Public Works Director Robert J. Beste. "Downtown Torrance has a unique character that lends itself to a distinct signage program separate from the citywide signage program."

The project only received one bid, which was an issue of concern for Councilman Mike Griffiths, who encouraged staff to be as diligent as possible so that qualified vendors submit bids for future City projects. "I am pleased that we have a vendor that we have worked with in the past that did bid, so that makes me feel a little more comfortable," said Griffiths. "I am also pleased to see

the project move forward for the benefit of Downtown Torrance."

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Real Estate

DIY Pressure Washing: How to get Great Results

(BPT) - Clean siding and trim can do as much for a home's curb appeal as fresh flowers, neatly trimmed hedges and a repainted front door. You could scrub for hours trying to remove dirt, mold and mildew, or you could do the job more quickly and easily with a pressure washer.

However, if you decide to pressure wash your home's siding, trim, fence or other surfaces on your own, it's important to choose the right equipment for the project, and to know the basics of good pressure washing.

Pressure washers use powerful pumps to boost water pressure and force water through a special nozzle. The intense spray powers away dirt, grime and debris, and depending on the type and size pressure washer you choose, they can be great for both major and minor home cleaning projects. While professionals often use gas-fueled versions for home renovation projects, electric versions like those from Karcher are affordable, convenient, and easy to use and maintain for most around-the-home applications such as siding, driveways, fences, patio furniture and vehicles.

Pressure washers use less water and complete cleaning jobs more quickly than simply scrubbing by hand. Generally, the higher the PSI (pounds of pressure per square inch) the greater a pressure washer's cleaning power. However, PSI is not the only consideration



when choosing a pressure washer.

You should also look for ease of setup and use, and availability of accessories like extensions and wands for the different projects you might want to complete with your pressure washer.

It's also important to understand the type of detergent the washer will use in addition to water. Some cleaners might be too harsh for certain applications. Never use bleach with a pressure washer, as this can permanently

damage the pump.

Pressure washers are powerful pieces of equipment, and you should always follow basic safety practices, such as using eye and face protection, and the manufacturer's instructions for use. Be aware that using too high a pressure setting or holding the nozzle too close to surfaces could cause damage. Further, there are some things you should never do with a pressure washer, including:

- Never point the jet at people, animals,

windows or the pressure washer itself.

- Never stand on a ladder when using a pressure washer. The kick from the wand could cause you to lose your balance. Instead, use an extension wand or second-story nozzle to clean overhead areas.

- First, place drop cloths over nearby shrubs and greenery to protect them from the spray and detergent.

- With the washer set at low pressure, apply detergent, moving from top to bottom.

- Use clean water and a higher pressure setting to rinse off detergent, again moving from top to bottom.

- Use a sweeping motion to clean, and keep the nozzle at least 6 inches from the siding.

- Whether it's a cement retaining wall, a brick path or a patio of stone pavers, first rinse the surface to be cleaned using fresh water.

- If you're using detergent, apply it at a low pressure and work in smaller sections of about 25 square feet.

- Using a rotating turbo nozzle and a sweeping motion, clean by holding the nozzle 3 to 6 inches from the surface.

Before tackling any project with a pressure washer it's a good idea to test the unit in a small, out-of-the-way spot to ensure you won't damage the surface you want to clean. To learn more about pressure washers and how to clean items around your home, visit www.karcher.com.



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