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Torrance Memorial 39th Annual NICU Halloween Reunion Event



Joyce Payne (Joy the Clown) from Torrance Memorial Medical Center's Clowns on Rounds entertained the youngsters during the 39th annual Halloween-themed festivities last Saturday at the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The event was a reunion of former patients born prematurely or ill at birth who received care at NICU. Photo Courtesy of Torrance Memorial. •

Council Approves Agreement with New Vendor for Parking Citation Services

By Cristian Vasquez

Based on a recommendation from Finance Director Eric E. Tsao, the Torrance City Council on Tuesday approved a consulting services agreement with Data Ticket, Inc. in the amount of no more than \$130,713 for parking citation services.

This agreement will be in effect for a three-year period beginning November 1, 2017 and ending October 31, 2022, with the option of a two-year extension if the City of Torrance approves said option. If the extension is approved, the contract's price tag will increase at the beginning of each year based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Wage Earners Consumers (CPI-W) for the Los Angeles-Riverside and Orange County area.

"We have a contract currently with the City of Inglewood--Inglewood has a contract with Duncan Communications and so they are partners and they are providing the service for us currently," said Assistance Finance Director Ken Flewellyn. "We did reach out to them to make sure that they received copy and notice that we were going out for an RFP [Request For Proposal]."

Torrance's contract with the City of Inglewood for parking citation processing services dates back to 1988, but is set to expire October 31. The mandatory RFP was sent out July 14, 2017 to attract bid proposals for a new contract, and the City received seven responses--none from Inglewood. "I am not quite sure whatever the reasoning was, but they [City of Inglewood] wouldn't respond...but fortunately for us, we were able

to receive seven proposals," said Flewellyn.

While the City of Inglewood did not reply to the RFP, it did reach out to Torrance and agreed to work with the latter on the transition phase into the new vendor. Councilman Tim Goodrich had questions regarding the difference in pricing and what services the new vendor provided. Flewellyn assured the Council that the exact same services would be provided, with the additional benefit of having to use less staff, at a \$34,000 savings each year. Staff visited the City of Long Beach to

experience working with the parking citation system and left with a positive evaluation.

"I for one, am really looking forward to the technology that the new vendor, if we approve them, will provide for us," said Councilman Mike Griffiths. "Technology has really taken a hold of the ability to do this work and I think that is what has driven the cost down considerably."

Also on Tuesday, the Council approved a recommendation by Community Services

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School Board Approves MOU Between Torrance Unified and Counseling4Kids

By Cristian Vasquez

Members of the Torrance School Board on Monday unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) and Counseling4Kids. Through the MOU, TUSD will be capable of expanding mental health services to its students and their families with support from Counseling4Kids' services. The MOU will create the ability to "supplement services provided by District staff and interns in response to schools asking for additional support with behavioral and mental health issues," states the staff agenda presented to the Board. "The MOU will allow us to take direct referrals from school staff for clinicians

to provide counseling to students either on school campuses, in the student's home or in their clinics."

Counseling4Kids is a mental health services provider that works with children in the Los Angeles County foster care system. This non-profit found its start due to the lack of mental health providers available to treat children in need of healing. In the beginning, it provided 25 clients--through eight counselors--treatment to heal victims from the trauma caused by abuse and neglect. Today there are enough therapists to provide in-home therapy sessions on a weekly basis for kids between the ages of three and 18 who suffer from

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
76°/63°



Saturday

Sunny
78°/62°



Sunday

Sunny
76°/63°



Entertainment

Check It Out

Jack Death an Entertaining Read

Reviewed by **Katrena Woodson, Teen and Young Reader Librarian, El Segundo Public Library**

This week's review just in time for Halloween is a fantasy novel by M. L. Windsor called *Jack Death*. The book is narrated by



Jack Death by M. L. Windsor.

one of Death's minions and the protagonist of this story is a 10-year-old boy named Jack Hallows who just so happens to be Death's son. This fantasy is set in a world populated by humans and magical creatures. At the beginning of the novel a troll escapes and eats a boy in the middle school cafeteria, leaving Jack to try and solve the mystery of who let the troll out. But that's not all. The sinister Fixers show up and start separating the children into groups based on their bloodlines--Goldens and Blacks. Jack is a Black and his friend Nadine is a Golden. Can Jack use his sleuthing skills to get to

the bottom of this before the Fixers can carry out their evil plan?

This is an extremely entertaining read. It is funny, charming and tantalizing all at the same time. Windsor has infused the story with wit and humor that make it a great choice for reluctant readers. This book is perfect for readers ages eight to 13. The story has similar elements to the *Percy Jackson Series*--mainly the half-blood heroes that are the offspring of magical beings--but the tone has a quirkiness that can only be compared to the *Series of Unfortunate Events* series. Additionally, *Jack Death* would be a great choice to get readers into the Halloween spirit without being overly spooky. The book does feature some violent acts as well as death, but it is not gratuitous or gory. Finally the story wraps in in a quick-paced and action-packed conclusion that lines everything up perfectly for a sequel.

The El Segundo Public Library offers access to its collection of titles in a variety of formats, including traditional hardback, e-books and books on CD. To check out *Jack Death* by M.L. Windsor, or any other title on your to-read list, please visit the library to apply for your library card, or please contact the reference staff for further assistance. •



Katrena Woodson.

Film Review

A Twisted Journey of Revenge from Visionary Yorgos Lanthimos

By **Morgan Rojas for cinemacy.com**

Yorgos Lanthimos set the bar high after the 2015 release of his dystopian romance/drama *The Lobster* that landed on multiple "Best Of" lists and was considered a worldwide phenomenon for its originality and satirical tones. The Greek-born director takes the audience down a darker path in *The Killing of a Sacred Deer*. Rejoining forces with Colin Farrell, *Sacred Deer* is a destructive psychological thriller born out of revenge. It shows just how easily one's life can turn upside down when put in a desperate situation.

The film opens on an extreme close-up of an open heart surgery and a slow zoom out reveals Dr. Steven Murphy (Farrell) dressed in full-body scrubs. The renowned cardiovascular surgeon is meticulous about his work, both professionally and in his suburban home life. He criticizes his son Bob (Sunny Suljic) about the length of his hair and sets social restrictions for his daughter Kim (Raffey Cassidy) while admiring the perfection of his ophthalmologist wife, Anna (Nicole Kidman). All in all, life is good for the Murphys.

It's no surprise then that with his clout and status, Steven is happy to mentor and befriend Martin (Barry Keoghan)--a teenager being raised by a single mother (Alicia Silverstone) who has shown interest in becoming a doctor. Martin's oddness comes across through awkward social skills, but his intentions seem pure. Martin soon begins to infiltrate Dr. Murphy's life--after showing up at his work unannounced, displaying interest in his daughter, and a string of questionable acts, Steven begins to have reservations about his relationship with Martin. Only by that point, it's too late.

Lanthimos has an artful way of examining complicated relationships in his films, and *The*

Killing of a Sacred Deer pulls no punches when it comes to unnerving visuals. He subtly pushes the boundaries of reality until you realize the absurdity of the situation in which we find the characters. Adding to the eerie surrealism are sweeping one-takes and an observational style of filmmaking that his longtime collaborator, cinematographer Timios Bakatakis, has perfected.

Colin Farrell makes an exciting return to the big screen in *Sacred Deer* as Dr. Murphy. His levelheadedness as the protagonist living the picturesque American Dream does a complete 180 at the end of the film, and that transformation is mesmerizing. Acting opposite Farrell is Barry Keoghan, whose slow-boil performance as the brooding Martin is one of the most unsettling and villainous performances of the year. In true Lanthimos fashion, however, mystery provides a thick veil and situations are downplayed on the surface--resulting in a pulsating fear at the film's climax.

Winner of the Best Screenplay Award at this year's Cannes Film Festival, *The Killing of a Sacred Deer* is another twisted journey through the mind of modern-day visionary Yorgos Lanthimos. It is fantastical and darkly absurd--an uncomfortably hilarious and thoughtful look at relationships and the sacrifice one makes under impossible circumstances. While it may be difficult to overshadow the success of *The Lobster*, *Sacred Deer* will have no trouble solidifying itself as a successful entry in Lanthimos' expanding canon.

The Killing of a Sacred Deer is rated R for disturbing violent and sexual content, some graphic nudity and language. 116 minutes. Now playing at the ArcLight Hollywood and The Landmark. •



Nicole Kidman and Colin Farrell in *The Killing of a Sacred Deer*. Courtesy of A24.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 27

- 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, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Committee Meeting, 8:30 AM. – 10:00 AM., Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 2300 Crenshaw Blvd. #B.
- YMCA Halloween Carnival, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., for ages 5 & under, Torrance South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Call for more info & ticket prices: 310-325-5885 X 2736.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

- Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
- Pugtacular Spooktacular, 11:00 AM. – 4:00 PM., Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 children 12 & under, Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave., Dog Costume Contest, Food, Silent Auction.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

- Big River, (Metropolitan Educational Theatre Network), 2:00 PM. - The musical version

of Mark Twain’s, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, For tickets, Call: 310-781-7171. •

MONDAY, OCT. 30

- Hallowe’en Creepy Code, Visit all day and crack the code, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista Del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- Babytime at the Library, 10:30 AM. & 1:30 PM., free - no registration required, Ages 6-18 months, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- Pajama-Rama Evening Storytime, 6:30 PM., free, kids can wear pajamas, Wal-teria Library, 3815 242nd Street, Call: 310-375-8418.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

- HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!
- 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 Chambers, 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 Li-brary, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
- Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044. •

A Scary Thing Is Going to Happen on Halloween Night

By Rob McCarthy

Look for sinister clowns roaming the streets and driving around in cars on Halloween night, straight from the movie *It*. That’s the prediction from spirit stores that say Pennywise from the Stephen King novel and movie remake is hands-down the adult costume of the season. This clown doesn’t put a smile on the children’s faces.

Clowns appearing after dark and holding red balloons aren’t all that’s going to happen



This character from *It* should be busy on Halloween night, and so will local gas stations.

once the sun goes down on October 31. Gas stations must raise their prices at midnight when California’s gasoline and diesel excise tax jumps to begin paying to repair local roads and the state’s aging highway system and bridges.

Few things unnerve Southern California drivers like gas price increases, even if it’s just a few pennies.

Gasoline and diesel prices are headed higher on November 1, and motorists and truckers will pay the freight on a \$53 billion, 10-year deal that Governor Jerry Brown and Sacramento lawmakers inked in April. The ambitious plan shares some of the new tax proceeds with local cities and the county to fix roads.

What’s in it for South Bay drivers, truckers and companies with fleets of delivery trucks? Lanes of the 405 freeway are supposed to be in good or fair condition when the tax ends in 2017. Five-hundred bridges must be fixed, the plan guarantees the taxpayers. All but 10 percent of drainage culverts in the state will be rehabbed.

To reach those goals, the state is collecting an additional 12 cents on a gallon of gas at the pump and in higher vehicle registration fees. Truck drivers and diesel motor operators have an even higher buy-in than commuters. A gallon of diesel ranged from 2.93 to \$3.19 per gallon at Inglewood stations earlier in October.

Truckers and fleet owners will be paying between \$3.13 and \$3.39 on Wednesday with the new pump tax. That 20-cent jump in tax per gallon will hit the trucking and delivery services hardest, and it’s uncertain whether package delivery services like FedEx and UPS

will raise their prices. Shipping on Amazon could be affected too.

The new pump tax comes as Southern California gasoline prices were leveling off after a spike caused by Hurricane Harvey, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California. The club reported the average price of self-serve regular gasoline in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area was \$3.06 per gallon on October 12. That was four cents lower than the previous week, and 14 cents below September’s price, according to the AAA.

The decline in gas prices—which were 23 cents higher for a gallon a year ago—led Brown and Sacramento officials to act now to rebuild roads and infrastructure rather than wait. The supporters of the road improvement plan said the repairs to streets, highways, freeways and bridges were overdue, and delays would inflate the cost.

Normally on November 1, drivers start using a winter blend of gasoline that costs them less at the pump. However, the stations won’t be lowering their prices after Halloween, says a AAA spokesman. “We are not expecting that switch to drive down prices this year because taxes on gasoline will also increase by 12 cents a gallon on November 1,” said spokesman Jeffrey Spring.

The station owners will have to hustle to have the pump prices reset at midnight, said Ken Pellman with the Los Angeles Weights and Measures department. Changing the prices is almost a daily chore for Southern California stations, he said, and many of them have switched to electronic signs that advertise prices.

Fuel sold in California is taxed three ways: local sales tax, state excise tax, and a federal tax on each gallons sold. The tax rate change on Wednesday will look like this:

Gasoline: The state’s base excise tax increases to 30 cents per gallon on November 1. That doesn’t include local sale tax. That additional per-gallon tax is due to hit 47.3 cents by mid-year 2019. The current rate is 18 cents/gallon.

Diesel: The state’s base diesel fuel excise tax jumps to 36 cents a gallon on November 1. The current rate is 16 cents. California also collects 8.4 percent in state and local sales tax on diesel, and levies an additional 1.75 percent diesel-fuel sales tax on suppliers. That tax will more than triple to 5.75 percent on November 1.

Starting next year, vehicle owners will pay a new “transportation improvement fee” ranging from \$25 to \$175, depending on the value of their vehicle. Electric vehicle owners must pay a \$100 road improvement fee for their zero-emissions cars and trucks, but that fee won’t kick in until July 2020.

Pellman said inspectors with the Weights and Measures department won’t be out checking gas stations at midnight, however. Motorists usually call his office with complaints if a station’s price on the sign is lower than the actual price at the pump. When there is a discrepancy, he said the consumer is entitled to the lowest listed price. •

Community Briefs

Governor Signs Three Refinery Bills

Governor Brown recently signed Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s (D-Torrance) Assembly Bills (AB) 1646, 1647 and 1649.

• AB 1646 will protect communities surrounding petroleum refineries by requiring the development of effective community alert systems to notify communities—particularly schools, hospitals, and residential care homes—in the event of emergencies that may affect their lives and safety. The systems will utilize, as appropriate, the Emergency Alert System, text messaging, phone calls, social media communications, and audible alarms. Local first responder agencies will operate the systems, and refineries will pay for development, installation, operation, and maintenance.

• AB 1647 will provide vital air quality data to communities surrounding petroleum refineries by requiring installation of air quality monitors at refinery fence lines and in the communities. The law will require air

quality management districts and refineries to collect real-time data and to provide that data as quickly as possible in a publicly accessible format. Local air districts will operate the monitors, and refineries will pay for development, installation, operation and maintenance.

• AB 1649 will make all California refineries safer by requiring the California Environmental Protection Agency to work with specified federal, state, and local agencies to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries and to strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery emergencies. This new law is modeled on Governor Brown’s successful Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety, formed following the 2012 Chevron refinery explosion in Richmond, California.

– Source: Office of Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi

Torrance PD Gets Grant for Traffic Safety

The Torrance Police Department has been awarded a \$240,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries. The department will use the funding as part of the city’s ongoing commitment to keep roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

“The Torrance Police Department is proud to partner with the California Office of Traffic Safety. Funding from this grant will assist in promoting public awareness and creating special deployments to focus on traffic safety,” said Torrance Interim Police Chief Michael Browne.

After falling to a 10-year low in 2010, the number of persons killed on roadways has climbed nearly 17 percent across the state, with 3,429 fatalities in 2015. Particularly alarming is the rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities that now comprise nearly 25 percent of all traffic deaths, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies and the emergence of drug-impaired driving. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as speeding and crashes at intersections.

“Unsafe behaviors account for 94 percent of traffic crashes,” said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. “This grant emphasizes the two most effective ways to change behaviors – education and enforcement. The Torrance Police Department, with assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety, will use these tools to help keep Torrance streets safe.”

- Activities that the grant will fund include
- Educational presentations
 - DUI checkpoints
 - DUI saturation patrols
 - Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
 - Motorcycle safety enforcement
 - Distracted driving enforcement
 - Seatbelt and child safety seat enforcement
 - Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement

While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, The Torrance Police Department supports the new effort from OTS that aims to drive awareness that “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” Prescription medications and marijuana can also be impairing by themselves, or in combination with alcohol, and can result in a DUI arrest.

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

– Source: Torrance Police Department •



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“With the new day comes
new strength and new thoughts.”
— ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

City Council

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Director John Jones to allow the City to apply for the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program. These grant monies would allow for the development and enhancement of educational opportunities with the Madrona Marsh Preserve. In 2010, the City received an education grant allowing the creation of exhibits to inform visitors about the natural resources at the preserve--without needing to hire additional staff. Since then, the Marsh has been searching for similar grants in order to provide similar outdoor educational opportunities for visitors.

“Presently the City is seeking funding through a grant from the California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services, for Outdoor Environmental Facilities,” states the staff report signed by Park Services Manager Tracy Drake. “The purpose of this grant is

to provide outdoor environmental education facilities which are capital investments that will support programming.”

The amount of funds being requested is \$80,000 and would be used for two small-project proposals, including the development of a sitting and teaching area to be located south of the preserve’s maintenance shed. The second project would install a small 10’x10’ pond in the native plant garden. The pond would also include interpretive panels that will explain the program to visitors. If obtained, the staff will work with the South Bay Turtle and Tortoise in order to include a captive breeding program for the native Pacific Pond Turtle. Since the Pacific Pond Turtle’s population is declining, all turtles raised in the pond will be released into the Santa Monica and San Gabriel Mountain habitats. •

School Board

from front page

symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The services by Counseling4Kids are to be provided at no cost to District students eligible for or covered by Medi-Cal and they will also provide referrals for other necessary services, including: individual therapy, family therapy, psychological evaluations, medication support, case management and referral to community resources. The MOU will be in effect from October 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Also on Monday, Board members gave the go-ahead to guest speakers scheduled to visit three TUSD schools between October and January 2018.

Scheduled for October 27 at North High School are Nida Badour, Brandon Tanaka, Carey Gromis, Joey Mancarus, Robert Schulenburg and Aisha Mc Kinney. North students will learn about health and different disabilities and the effect that the environment has on everyone’s life. As part of the topic and presentation, adults with different disabilities will be invited to attend and share with the students the nature of their disability, how it affected their life after high school, and that it is not a barrier to a fulfilling and successful life.

“These speakers shed a light into the world of disabilities and how to not let it define you, but encourage you, to persevere through and make your goals and aspirations come true,” states the staff agenda. “By having our whole freshman class go through this informative week, we have tolerance for those that have a disability and it builds a culture of caring that

carries with them for the rest of their lives.”

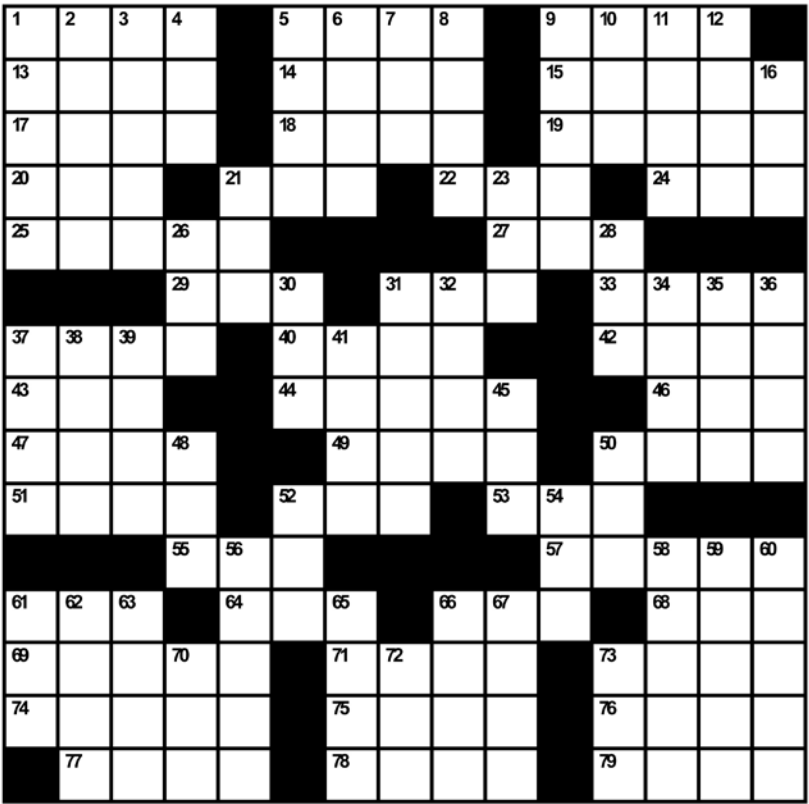
For November, the Board approved the Ozobot Electronic Robot’s visit at Riviera Elementary School during Science Lab. Students in grades K-5 will be part of a lesson presentation by Ozobot designers and Riviera’s Science Lab teacher. Students will focus on coding, with lessons tailored to teaching them how to calibrate an Ozobot for “proper functioning and how colors can be combined in a color code language that can be used to give the Ozobot commands.” Students will be capable of answering how Ozobot can sense its environment and move in it, and how they can tell Ozobot what to do? The science lab will also receive a five-device donation from Ozobot.

Also approved for next month is a visit from the Saturday Night Bath Musical Performance at South High. The performance will include a discussion with the school’s choir during third period. The agenda describes the group’s visit as one “to encourage the students to express themselves in a positive manner--perhaps becoming apprentice musicians themselves.” The performance will include original compositions, as well more traditional pieces such as “Oye Como Va” and “Stormy Monday.”

Lastly, to launch 2018, the Board approved a Madrona Middle School Skype session with Jordan Romero, author of *No Summit Out of Sight*, so that students can establish a relevant and real-world connection with their text by having direct interaction with the author. •

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See Answers Next Week



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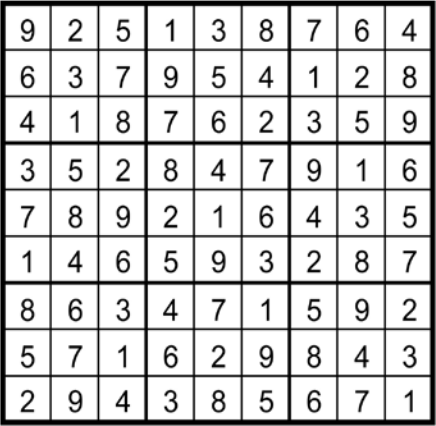
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18. Brain wave
19. Salad dressing
20. Arriving soon
21. “Chorus Line” song
22. Car cleaner
24. Blue hue
25. Scarecrow stuffing
27. Frisbee
29. Just produced
31. Miracle response
33. Blackhearted
37. Team up (with)
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42. Goodyear product
43. Tell a whopper
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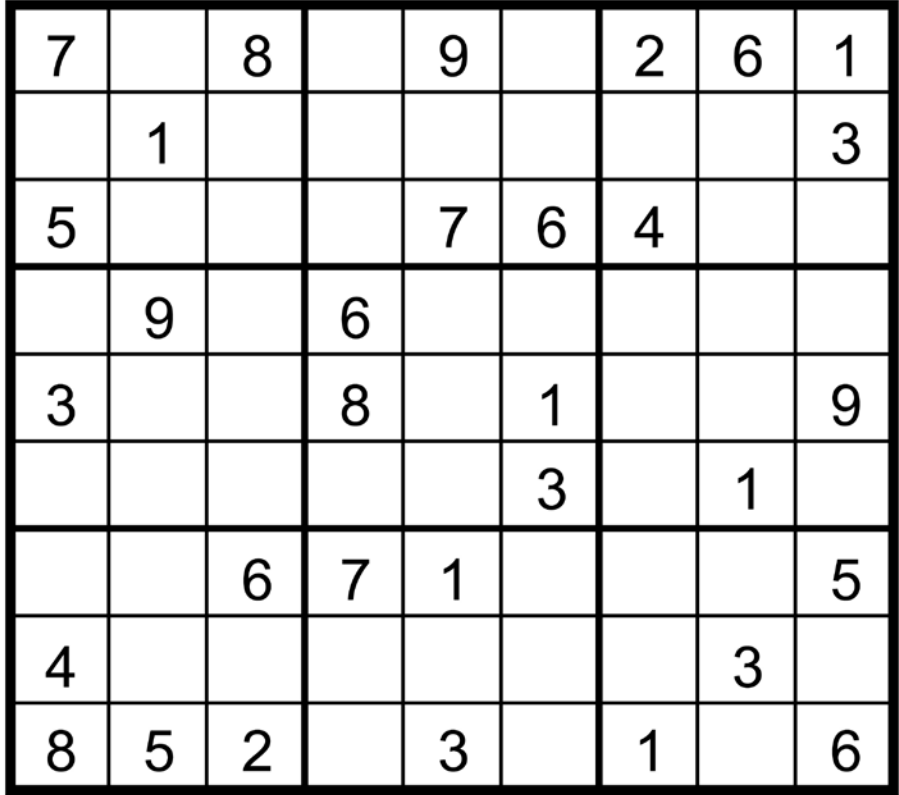
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4. Impart color
5. Waiflike
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10. The earliest films were from the Silent ___
11. Contact, e.g.
12. Dearth
16. Short
21. Have markers out
23. Spaghetti slurped

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31. Crumbling
32. Left
34. Creeper
35. Vitamin tablet supplement
36. “ ___ go!”
37. That too
38. Literary giant
39. Took a powder
41. Dope
45. Procreated
48. “ ___ bad!”
50. Restaurant warning
52. Santa’s little helper
54. “No ___!”
56. Actor, James
58. What you put in a martini
59. Creates
60. Invested
61. Relevant
62. Send
63. Michael Buble song
65. Financial penalty
66. Vamoosed
67. Some wines
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Sports

LA Dodgers Wave Pennant for the First Time Since 1988 Title Year

By Adam Serrao

The Los Angeles Dodgers are this year’s National League champions. A team that has been knocking on the World Series door for quite some time now has finally broken that door down and made their grand appearance on the world championship stage. That’s not to say that the Dodgers have necessarily won anything yet. They’ll still need a World Series banner to make their magical season turn complete—and by the time this article appears, two games will have already been played and we will have an early idea of how things are progressing towards that goal.

A three-game sweep over their hated rivals from Arizona followed by a 4-1 series victory over a Cubs team that kicked the Dodgers out of the playoffs last season finally gave all Los Angeles players and fans the opportunity that they have been craving for so long now. In just three games, the Dodgers scored 20 runs and showed a very loquacious Arizona team that the latter is nowhere near the level of L.A. Chicago quickly learned that fact as well. Last year’s “team of destiny” was quickly removed, as Clayton Kershaw and company made quick work of the Cubs—all while looking extremely powerful in the process.

“Up there with getting married and having kids,” Kershaw explained of his team’s NLCS victory, as he held back tears. “It’s right up there with one of the best days of my life. Winning the World Series is really all that we play this game for. All the individual stuff is great, but at the end of the day, I just want to win a World Series. If we win, I might retire, so I might just call it a career. It’s a special thing, and I know that I’m not taking that for granted.”

The sentiments that Kershaw echoed bring to light just how difficult getting to the World Series can be. The Dodgers themselves had been trying for years now, only to walk away at the end of their e postseason runs feeling disappointed and dejected. A loss to the Cubs last year in the NLCS. A loss to the New York Mets in the 2015 NLDS. A loss to the St. Louis Cardinals in the 2014 NLDS and again in the 2013 NLCS. All just mere steps away, knocking on the door. This year, the Boys in Blue finally put it all together and used their experience to knock the door down and become the 2017 World Series favorites going into the matchup with the Astros that kicked off this past Tuesday.

The most interesting part about the Dodgers making it to the World Series is the players on the roster that have helped get the team to this point. Every night, someone different has stepped up to the plate--literally and figuratively--to get the job done. Chris Taylor wasn’t on the team’s roster to begin the 2017 baseball season. He was a castoff from the Seattle Mariners and didn’t play in the outfield until the Dodgers moved him there. Next

thing you know, he was the NLCS co-MVP and a super-utility man who can easily be called the team’s engine. The other co-MVP, Justin Turner, was a castoff in his own right. Delegated to the bench in New York with the Mets, ex-Dodgers GM Ned Colletti saw something in Turner. Colletti brought him to the Dodgers, and like many other players on this team’s roster have done, Turner honed his craft and has now become one of the best players in all of Major League baseball.

Many of the moves that this Dodgers front office--and ex-front office mates like Colletti--have made were at first unpopular, but have built a foundation for a winning ball club that exhibits all of the qualities of the word “team” to a tee. Dee Gordon, the former beloved Dodger second baseman, was traded for a group of players that included now starting catcher Austin Barnes and the NLCS Game 5 hero, Kike Hernandez. The team traded away much coveted pitching prospect Zach Lee, which at the time was a controversial decision. Who did the Dodgers get back in that trade? Chris Taylor. Moves like those, among others, that may have been unpopular at the time are paying dividends now and have proved to put the puzzle pieces together that have been necessary in forming this year’s World Series team.

“We’re right where we wanted to be since the start of the year,” Taylor said of the team that finished the season with the best record in the MLB. The Dodgers, who had previously lost 16 of 17 games in September, never doubted themselves. Their losing was more of a factor of getting roles set for the postseason than it was of being a bad baseball team. In the same amount of time that everyone began to write the Dodgers off and wonder if they had what it took to be competitive in the playoffs, Roberts and the team learned that they could not trust Pedro Baez and Ross Stripling in high-leverage situations. They learned that they could rely on Brandon Morrow in the eighth inning and bring in Kenta Maeda in the middle innings to get out powerful right-handed bats. Adam Liberatore, Grant Dayton and, to an extent, Luis Avilan all fell off the board while Tony Cingrani and Tony Watson stepped up to form one of the best postseason bullpens baseball has ever seen through the first two rounds.

Every move by this Dodgers team has been calculated from the start with the intent to form one of the best ball clubs in team history that has begun its first World Series since 1988. While Dodger teams of the past may not have had what it took to get the job done, this team can never be counted out. The Boys in Blue may not have won anything yet, but this 2017 Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team could go down as perhaps the best that any of their fans has ever seen.

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Up and Adam Tartars Quickly Fall from Grace

By Adam Serrao

The Torrance Tartars football team has reached the point in the season where every single game has become extremely important to their Pioneer League prospects. Coming off of two incredible shutout victories over their rivals from Centennial and South high schools, the Tartars had been sitting pretty at the top of the divisional standings. When Torrance took to the road against the Leuzinger Olympians, however, the Tartars’ prospects went from bright and sunny to dull and dreary in the matter of minutes. With a 20-7 loss at the hands of the Olympians, Torrance took a significant slide in the standings with only two games remaining on the regular season schedule.

The story of the game for the Torrance Tartars was perhaps less about their lack of offense and more about the stout defensive effort brought on by the Olympians. That being said, Torrance not only had a rough time scoring the ball, but also found it difficult to even move the ball down the field. Two forced turnovers in the first quarter of play not only put the Tartars behind the figurative eight ball, but also gave the team into a huge 14-0 deficit. The second quarter didn’t bring much more luck to the Torrance sideline, as head coach Rock Hollis and company found themselves attempting to dig out of a 20-0 hole to start the third quarter.

“We started off tough with a fumble on the second play of the game and then a bad snap puts you down quickly,” Hollis explained of his team’s rough first half luck. “We played much better in the second half and we held them defensively--we just need to capitalize.” Hollis was right. His defense did step up in the second half, holding Leuzinger’s offense scoreless in both the third and fourth quarters of play. Unfortunately for Torrance, the offense didn’t have enough firepower to overcome what was a three-score deficit.

The Tartars eventually found it within themselves to show some signs of life when in the second half, quarterback Nathan Gottlieb connected with wide receiver Jerome Duhon for a touchdown pass and the team’s first and only points of the game. That brief moment of joy was quickly overcome by sorrow when the game clock reached zeroes and the harsh reality of Torrance’s fifth loss of the season had finally set in.

Opposing linebacker Vance Yetts put his team’s victory and Torrance’s loss into perspective. “This was a very important win to stay in the race for league,” he explained. “We might be out of that, but we still are trying to make the playoffs.” Currently, the North High Saxons are the only remaining undefeated team in Pioneer League play,

with a firm grip on the number one overall spot in the standings. The Tartars, Leuzinger and West are now all tied for second place, with the Olympians holding the tiebreaker over Torrance because of their victory last week. The Tartars (3-5, 2-1) have two games remaining on the regular season schedule with matchups against North High and West High respectively. Torrance will have to win out in order to remain in contention for the second place spot in the standings.

West High vs. South High

The good news for the South High Spartans in their matchup with the West High Warriors last Friday night at South is that the team finally put points on the scoreboard for the first time in six straight games. The bad news? The Spartans still lost by a final score of 48-9 to their Pioneer League rivals.

As most teams have done against South this season, West took to the ground to score points and run out the clock against the Spartans. With one six-yard rushing touchdown and another run into the end zone from three yards out, the Warriors took a 14-3 lead after one quarter of play. If that production weren’t enough, West quarterback Brandon Poffenbarger poured it on even more in the second quarter. An 18-yard touchdown pass to begin the quarter was followed by a huge 52-yard touchdown on the ground by Venture O’Neal. Poffenbarger connected on another 13-yard TD pass to end the third quarter. With South unable to stop any part of the Warriors’ offense, West ran out to a 35-3 lead at the half before eventually taking a 48-9 victory.


The Warriors (3-5, 2-1) will have a huge battle on their hands when they welcome in the Leuzinger Olympians this Friday night for a matchup that will have second place implications on the line in the Pioneer League. South (0-8, 0-3), on the other hand, will have its best opportunity of the season to record a win when it travels to Centennial to take on the 0-5 Apaches.

North High

The North High Saxons made quick work of the Centennial Apaches last Friday night at North. The final score of 62-0 says it all. North not only won its fourth game in a row, but also took over sole possession of first place in the Pioneer League standings. The Saxons and head coach Todd Croce will look to close out the season with two wins and take home a divisional championship for what would be the second time in the last three seasons. North (6-2, 3-0) travels to Torrance High to take on the Tartars this Friday night before finishing the year off against the South High Spartans.

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TerriAnn in Torrance

Mortuary Mystery: South Bay’s First Non-Profit Escape Room in Torrance

By TerriAnn Ferren

Are you a mystery fan who enjoys the likes of Agatha Christie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, James Patterson, John Grisham or Sue Grafton, where you figure out the clues as you test your intuition and puzzle skills? Well, do I have a surprise for you! The Volunteer Center in Downtown Torrance has created the very first non-profit escape room in the South Bay, entitled *Mortuary Mystery*. Can you hear the creepy music playing already? Since I had no knowledge of how these escape room puzzles worked, I ventured into Downtown Torrance and visited with Sara Myers, President/CEO of the Volunteer Center.

Simply put, an escape room is a room where you and a team of maybe four to six people voluntarily agree to be locked into, and together you interact solving clues, puzzles, mathematics and hints of all kinds to find the solution to the puzzle--which is the key that gets you out of the room. It is a real-life problem of being locked in a room where you work together to get out within a certain period of time.

Sara Myers was born to Steve and Beth Wilson at Little Company of Mary Hospital and grew up in Torrance, graduating from West High School. Her mom, Beth Wilson, served on the Torrance School Board and worked at the Torrance Library as a librarian. This year, Sara’s nephew, Nyle Wilson who just turned five years old, started school at Towers Elementary, where Sara attended, and had his first field trip to the Torrance library where Sara remembers checking out her books long ago. Sara smiled and said, “It is all coming full-circle. [We are] definitely a Torrance family through and through!”

I asked Sara how she got the unique idea for this very successful fundraising escape room, and she told me, “It’s [escape room] pretty unique. To our knowledge, we are actually the first non-profit in the country to attempt this.” Sara told me that the popularity of escape rooms first started in 2007 in Japan and spread to Europe, coming over to the United States in 2012 and really taking off by 2016. I learned that escape room locations all across the United States are listed online. Sara told me when she travels, she checks if the city she is visiting has an escape room nearby. “A normal person has probably done between 15 to 20 rooms – they would be called an ‘escape room enthusiast,’ which means they enjoy this hobby and they do it on a regular basis...but my brother, Matthew Wilson, has actually done upwards of between two and three hundred rooms. He’s been on the news on the East Coast and has been like a beta tester. They had a Washington, D.C. room, and he and his wife were like testing it and they were on the news. He is the one who got me into this.” Wow, this can be a great challenge for individuals and groups

interested in honing their communicative and investigative skills.

Sara told me that she and her two younger brothers, Matthew and Luke, have always enjoyed spy games and puzzles, so it was no surprise when her brother Matthew (who now lives in Virginia) introduced her to her first escape room in Downtown Los Angeles. Sara explained, “We went to a room that is actually owned by Russians. We showed up and they had thick accents and they took our cell phones and took our keys and locked us in this room. And it was late at night. And I always joke, you know this is what your parents tell you never to do.” Sara laughed and then confessed, “If he had not been with me, I wouldn’t have known what to do, or how to do it.”

Sara told me you must figure out the problem, whatever that may be, so you can exit the room in a timely fashion. In the room there can be a combination of word puzzles, magnetic clues, mazes, math problems, actual puzzle pieces, or it could be things you haven’t ever thought of, like finding clues in paintings in the room, or matching symbols. At this point I was beginning to think if I were put into an escape room, I would never get out--but Sara assured me that I would.

She explained the escape room is usually done with a team of four to six people. And teams that join together regularly get better and better as their experience in escape



Sara Myers, President/CEO of the Volunteer Center.

rooms grows. That makes sense. Sara told me it is great for team building. She took her team from the Volunteer Center to an escape room in Marina Del Rey and said, “You learn to appreciate each other’s talents. I can tell you I would still be locked in a room in Marina Del Rey if it were not for my employees and their different ways of thinking and looking at problems. You have 60 minutes, so you have to work very quickly together and there is a lot of stress. There is

a great example [of working together] in our very first room where someone was in one side corner and they are like, ‘I think I need diamonds for this puzzle’ and they happen to say that out loud. Then in a completely different part of the room, somebody says, ‘I’ve got diamonds.’ If they haven’t com-

is the only escape room in Torrance, but what makes the *Mortuary Mystery* Escape Room special are many things. Among them is the fact that the Volunteer Center was once a... mortuary. People have visited the Torrance Escape Room from as far as Santa Clarita, Irvine, etc. and they not only enjoy the game



The Historic Volunteer Center located in Downtown Torrance.

municated, they wouldn’t have known [it was a clue] and we could have wasted a lot of time.”

Sara went on to say the game sharpens skills in communication, reading instructions and following through. The Volunteer Center has set up their very successful fundraising escape room in the basement of their building--a former mortuary (perfect for this sort of event). Their escape room is very difficult, garnishing compliments by escape room enthusiasts who say they have been pleasantly surprised, considering it is a “fundraiser room.”

Sara and her staff have had the enjoyment of witnessing how groups figure out each puzzle and how they work together. Does the person who knows the answer actually share that knowledge? Sara said she and her team have gotten a lot of compliments from veteran players of escape rooms for one particular puzzle never seen before. They were excited about that compliment, considering they had never done anything like this before. Sara also told me that participants have even looked up at the security cameras complimenting the hosts and saying, “This is a really great puzzle.”

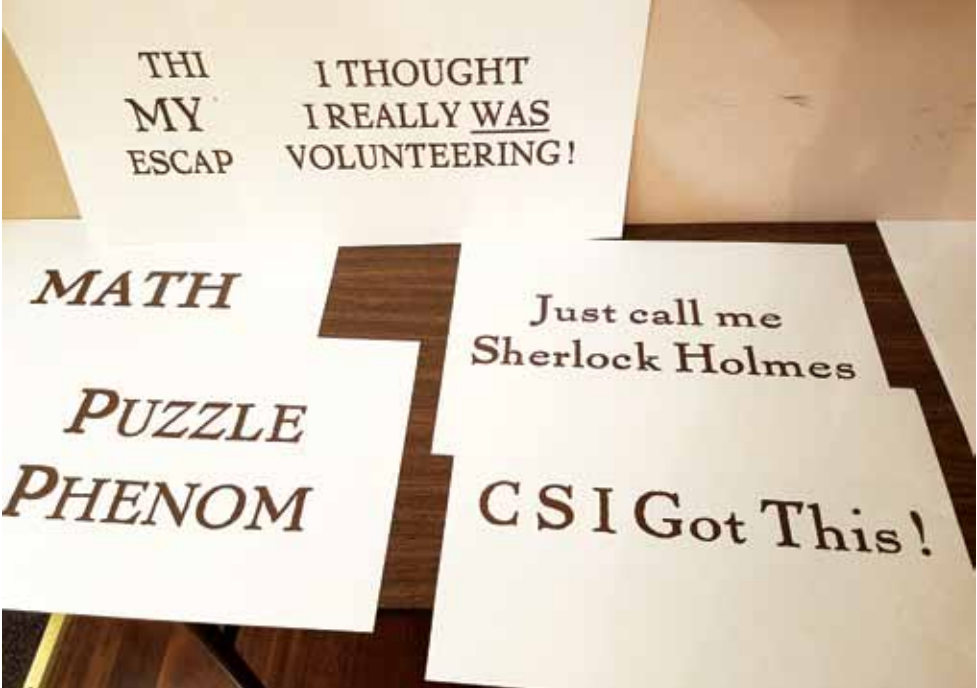
In the main room, where the experience begins, there is a leader board that lists the top groups that have figured out the secret and unlocked the room. At number one sits a team of five that exited the room with 12-and-a-half minutes remaining, plus two clues. “You are monitored and, especially if it is your first room, you can get clues. There is no limit to the number of clues you can get,” added Sara. Well, that gives me hope. I learned this

of the Escape Room, but they visit our local restaurants and businesses.

The Volunteer Center is a sterling non-profit that helps our community with their Operation Teddy Bear Program, Food for Kids Program, Adopt-A-Family Program, Volunteer Recruitment Services, and Court Referral Community Service Program. They also offer a Corporate Volunteer Council, Youth Volunteer Connections Program, and VIVA (Volunteer, Involvement, Voice, Action) Program. Truly President/CEO Sara Myers is continuing and building on the foundation and legacy left by her predecessor, former President/CEO DeDe Hicks.

“It took us nine months to plan out and build...we are thrilled because the real value of this has been making so many more neighbors aware of the Volunteer Center and what it does,” said Sara. “When they come in and find out about our Food For Kids Program and our Operation Teddy Bear Program--and we have had neighbors walk over from two blocks away and they are new to the Volunteer Center and its mission--that has been incredible.”

Interested in visiting and figuring out the *Mortuary Mystery* South Bay Escape Room at the Volunteer Center in downtown Torrance? Tickets must be purchased online in advance at www.volcenter.org/escaperoom. Hurry, because the *Mortuary Mystery South Bay Escape Room* closes October 29! If you miss participating in the Escape Room, there will be a party on November 9 and when you purchase a ticket, you get a peek inside this very special room. Oh, and Happy Halloween (creepy music still playing)... •



Problem-solving signs.



Stairway down to the entrance of the Mortuary Mystery Escape Room in the basement of the former mortuary.

Make Ahead Breakfast Bowls

Recipe content provided by BPT

Ingredients

- 2 slices of Arnold, Brownberry or Oroweat Whole Grains Oatnut Bread, toasted
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon harissa
- 1 tablespoon orange marmalade
- 1/4 teaspoon each of ground coriander and ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch each of salt and black pepper
- 3 medium assorted rainbow carrots, shaved into long ribbons with a vegetable peeler
- 1/2 cup loosely packed arugula
- 2 teaspoons fresh mint, chiffonade
- 2 tablespoons golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons chopped roasted pistachios
- 3 tablespoons crumbled feta
- 1/4 cup roasted garlic hummus



Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. On a large baking sheet, place potatoes, peppers and onions in a single layer. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with seasoned salt and ground black pepper. Toss until evenly coated.
3. Roast for about 30-40 minutes or until potatoes are golden brown and tender, stirring and rotating pan halfway through cooking.
4. Meanwhile, crack Eggland's Best eggs into a large bowl, then season with salt and pepper and whisk until smooth.
5. Heat a large skillet over medium heat then spray with nonstick spray and add eggs.
6. Scramble until the eggs are just barely cooked through and still slightly glossy, then scoop onto a plate and set aside.
7. Divide the potatoes and scrambled eggs evenly between the containers then set aside to cool.
8. Once cool, sprinkle with cheese and green onions, then cover and refrigerate. Freeze any portions that aren't eaten within three days.
9. To reheat from frozen: microwave for 1 1/2 minutes then stir and continue microwaving until food is reheated, stirring between intervals. Top with optional toppings, then serve.
10. Tip: Store in individualized microwave-safe containers with lids to make these bowls ready to reheat and go. •



Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

Another Man's Opinion

After Five Decades, What Do We Really Want to Know About JFK?

By Cristian Vasquez

Conspiracy theorists across the nation are probably salivating after the news that President Donald Trump is likely to allow the release of thousands of classified files related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The files regarding the November 1963 tragedy are scheduled to be made public next week by the National Archives, to which I say it doesn't matter. Releasing these files will only feed the many mistruths, theories and speculation regarding why President Kennedy was assassinated and who is responsible. The files being released will not prove that there was a second or third shooter, they will not identify who ordered Lee Harvey Oswald to shoot the President, they will not verify the existence of magic bullets and they will not directly connect the Russians, Cubans or the mob to the murder.

Had the files contained any information proving a direct link between the above-mentioned "theories" to the shooting, it would have been revealed. There was, and is, no reason to keep information classified regarding what happened that fall afternoon, unless you subscribe to the "the government had something to hide" fan club. I, for one, don't. If our own government wanted to "take out" its own president, I believe in its power to do it without creating a spectacle. These files remain classified because they very well could contain intelligence information regarding our national defense tactics, and that should remain a secret.

It's going to be 54 years since the nation witnessed one of its most tragic moments. If you still believe that the government is lying about what happened, how would releasing these files make things better? How does declassifying this secret more than five decades later prove transparency and gain trust? It doesn't. If anything, it should raise more questions. So before jumping for joy, just ask yourself: What does it matter? How will declassifying the Kennedy files change anything? Will it bring us a new truth? That is unlikely to happen.

If these files are declassified and released, then that would be great. I'm not going to lie and admit that I would read them. I would read them out of nothing more than a morbid curiosity. But should we excited that they will be released? Not at all. We don't go around demanding to know the details of every murder in our city, county or state, so there is no need to do the same in this case. Sure, it pertains to the assassination of a U.S. president, but the investigation is done--it was resolved more than half a century ago. There won't be a bombshell of truth in there. There won't be anything to change whatever your opinion on the matter is at the moment, so let's let it go. The only people with a legitimate interest in these files should be the family. The late Senator Ted Kennedy shared that he was "fundamentally satisfied" with the findings of the Warren Commission and if it the results of the investigation were good enough for the victim's brother, it's good enough for me. •

Indigenous Peoples Day? Really? Truth Is, We're All Immigrants?

By Duane Plank

So recently, we have apparently allowed the limousine liberal clowns--the privileged sect involving media elites, Hollywood sycophants, late-night talk show hosts and Blue state politicians--to take away Columbus Day!

Can you believe it? Christopher-bleeping-Columbus, who allegedly discovered this wonder that is America, has had his day ripped away from him. Which has ticked off more than a few Italians, including the obviously "worked up" has-been comedian Joe Piscopo, who on a recent segment of the venerable Tucker Carlson show on the fair-and-balanced FOX News Channel, basically said there will be heck to pay if the left wing vigilantes try to deface and or rip down statues of the great sailor Columbus.

Don't piss off Piscopo. With his last name ringing with vowels, one may assume he knows the whereabouts of one James Hoffa and may still have friends in the "industry" who are not too fond to be having their day of celebration, and their day of revelry and digesting of multiple Negroni beverages, curtailed.

Full disclosure: I have Italian heritage, passed down to me by my late, great father. Some say the last name of Plank does not shout Italian. I say, who the heck knows, right? Heck is not the word I normally use, but I shall be edited. Again. The great, great grandparents, who allegedly swam across the pond from the boot-shaped country known as Italy, may have ended up festooned on Ellis Island and may have deleted a few vowels from our last name. Let's ask the CNN Italian cry-baby

Chris Cuomo if he is not too busy trying to get a date with that gal I like on FNC, Maria Barroom--a shockingly beautiful paisa?

My column... I can reference my likes and dislikes even if I must wake up at 4 a.m. to watch her beauty shine.

I'm also Mexican, btw. Courtesy of my mom's family, the Samaniegos. I believe they entered the country legally way back in the day--at least that was always the party line. They claim someone in the family was a dentist, which was a necessary occupation here. Still is, looking at some of the hayseeds I meet out on the streets, but I digress. No DACA kid here. Least not that I know of.

So now the libs have gotten rid of Columbus Day. And, for the longest time, Christmas Day is no longer Christmas, but...blah, blah, blah. Or, more correctly, the day the bleeping NBA puts on a quad of games and tries to sell shoes and a bunch of crap to an incredibly gullible public, looking on their iPhone 8 for the iPhone 10.

So, we must thank the privileged elite at Harvard University, the latest of a growing number of colleges to add "Indigenous Peoples Day" to its calendar--an effort, proponents say, to reject colonialism represented by Columbus Day.

Yep! Columbus was a bad guy. Except, he helped form a nation in which liberal college professors pull down 500K to teach one class a week, and kids who have never worked a day in their life get to attend Harvard and play video games.

Goodbye, Columbus! •

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: LJE LAW, P.C., PRESIDENT, LIONESS J. EBBAY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on OCTOBER 4, 2017.</p> <p>NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on OCTOBER 4, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to OCTOBER 4, 2022. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). HAWTHORNE TRIBUNE: Pub 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9/17 HH-1702</p> |
| <p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017295089</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) DERRICO ENTERPRISES 2) CRANE OPERATORS FOR A CURE, 4001 INGLEWOOD AVE 101-634, REDONDO BEACH, CA, 90278, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PAUL ANTHONY DERRICO, 4001 INGLEWOOD AVE 101-634, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: PAUL ANTHONY DERRICO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on OCTOBER 12, 2017.</p> <p>NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on OCTOBER 12, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to OCTOBER 12, 2022. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). 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This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on OCTOBER 17, 2017.</p> <p>NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on OCTOBER 17, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to OCTOBER 17, 2022. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald Pub. 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9/2017 H-1705</p> | <p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017301040</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAWA MART, 5107 VENICE BL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): HAZEM SUAOOD, 3837 BRITTANY LN, GLENDALE, CA 91214. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2017. Signed: HAZEM SUAOOD, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on OCTOBER 18, 2017.</p> <p>NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on OCTOBER 18, 2022. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to OCTOBER 18, 2022. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16/2017 H-1706</p> | <p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2017306015</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LANDRETH PAINTING, 409 EAST MAPLE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): WILLIAM TERRY LANDRETH, 409 EAST MAPLE, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: WILLIAM TERRY LANDRETH, OWNER. 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Big, Smart Ideas For Renovating Smaller Homes

(BPT) - While newly constructed homes are bigger than ever, most Americans still live in modestly sized or even small houses - and many of these owners are choosing to remodel rather than move into a bigger home.

More than half of all American houses were built before 1980, according to the National Association of Home Builders. At that time, the average new home size was slightly more than 1,700 square feet, U.S. Census Bureau data shows. Meanwhile, interest in remodeling is at an all-time high, according to Metrostudy.

Homeowners looking to renovate their average-sized homes in order to get more living space don't have to build costly additions. Many modern remodeling tactics, tricks and tools are made to work well in smaller homes. Here are ways to get the most out of your home renovation:

Plumbing can be problematic in any renovation, but adding plumbing in certain smaller-house locations can be especially challenging. Traditional plumbing may require you to open walls and floors to connect to existing drainage lines, or break through concrete to add toilets, showers and sinks when finishing a basement.

Above-floor plumbing can solve a number of small-space challenges. For example, you may decide to add a powder room in the unused space beneath a stairway. However, if the space is very small, a standard toilet with water tank and traditionally plumbed sink might not fit. In such a situation, a compact, one-piece macerating toilet like the Sanicompact from Saniflo installs quickly,

easily and conveniently in tight spots.

Traditional plumbing can also be a challenge in renovations where you're adding plumbing below a main level, such as installing a bathroom with a shower or even a second kitchen in a basement setting.

However, a Sanistar one-piece, wall-mounted toilet with built-in macerator allows you to add a basement bathroom without cutting concrete. For adding sinks or showers, gray water pumps such as the Saniswift can be as compact as a small wastebasket, and can carry water away from new bathrooms or kitchens where no traditional plumbing exists.

If you're adding a bathroom or kitchen in your average-sized, average-age home, it may also be a good idea to replace the water heater - especially if it's 10 or more years old.

Modern tank water heaters are more energy efficient, but also larger as a result of the insulation needed to achieve greater efficiency. Tankless water heaters require

less room, solving space problems. Plus, they're more energy efficient because they heat the water only when you need it, rather than using fuel to maintain the temperature in a large tank.

If your home is older, it may have fewer or smaller windows than newly constructed homes. However, if you crave more natural light, you don't have to sacrifice wall space to windows or incur the expense of opening a wall.

Skylights and tube skylights can bring more natural light into a home. Modern skylights are energy efficient and far less prone to leaks than older models. A standard skylight can easily be installed in rooms with direct roof access, and tube skylights can even bring natural light to ground-floor spaces. Plus, skylights allow you to preserve privacy in settings where it matters most, such as bathrooms.



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Leonard is a super chill, friendly, social guy who is okay with other mellow, beta cats.



He is a precious, gentle, sweet, loving guy. His last family abandoned him after declawing him, which is unconscionable. Luckily, he was taken in by a rescue volunteer and has since been in a safe, loving foster home. Leonard looks forward to his human pals coming home after work, and loves getting petted and having dinner before bedtime. Playful and adventurous, he is an explorer at heart. Leonard is also expressive and loves attention. Getting petted and brushed is his number one favorite activity. You will *love* this cat. He is truly amazing.

Higgins was a kitten just last year and hasn’t quite accepted the fact that he’s now a 12-pound adult. He still overflows with energy and absolutely *loves* playtime. His favorite thing is a fishing pole toy that his person can operate while he chases, leaps and pounces. Since he is such a little “helper,”



Higgins.

you have to be sure you check before closing that drawer, or the closet...or the refrigerator. Higgins is generally a confident guy and would be a great family cat. He doesn’t live with children, but has had no problem letting



them pet him at adoption events. Higgins *is* an alpha. He shares his foster home with several other cats and gets along fine with most, but will bully a couple that don’t stand up to him. Higgins really seems to prefer his people, so he wouldn’t be the best choice if you specifically want a playmate for your resident cat. He has done well when briefly introduced to a dog.

Ivy is the adorable runt of her litter. She has consistently been the smallest, but that doesn’t stop her from playing just as tough with her siblings. This tiny girl is such a sweetheart and absolutely melts anyone who sees her. Ivy loves to curl up for naps on the couch with her humans and knows she has us wrapped around her little paw. Ivy has typical kitten energy and needs to be in a home where she will have another cat for playtime. Ivy would love to be adopted



Lucky.

with one of her siblings: Selina Kyle, Harley Quinn, or Bruce Wayne. However, she would be able to adjust to other cats as well.

Bruce is a very friendly, cheerful little guy who’s eager to be friends with everyone he meets. Bruce chirps rather than meows and he has a very robust purr. He will walk right up to you to ask for pets by rubbing against your legs. Bruce has typical kitten energy and needs to be in a home where he can play with another cat. One of his sisters, Selina Kyle, Harley Quinn, or Poison Ivy, would be a great playmate for Bruce if you don’t already have another feline friend for him.

Lucky has the sweetest face, with stunning light green eyes and a black smudge on his nose. He has an amazing personality and loves to play with tons of toys—especially wand and feather toys. A very curious and adventurous kitten, Lucky also loves to sit by a window and sightsee for a while. When he’s not exploring and playing, you may catch him relaxing with his back legs all stretched out. He is a purr machine who loves to snuggle, since he was rescued at only a couple of days old and was bottle-fed his entire life. Since Lucky is so young and playful, he would do best in a home with another kitten or young cat.

Sam has the cutest face, with little tufts of white in his ears. His favorite time of day is feeding time, and boy does he let his foster mom know it! He herds her towards the food in the morning and again at night. When the treat bag comes out, he’s beside himself with joy. He takes a minute to warm up to you... but when he does, he wants nothing more than to play. Feather toys are his favorite, followed by hugs and grooming from him. Because he’s young and likes to play, he would love a friend. Maybe check out one of his siblings: Arya, Aemon, Theon or Yara.

Yara is a dilute Tortie with the cutest pink nose, which is why her foster mom also calls her Pinky. She is Miss Tortie-tude upon meeting her. Don’t let her grumpy face fool you. Once she warms up to you, Yara loves to box with her paws, play with her mouse toy, and curl up on your lap for pets and a nap. At her young age, Yara likes to play. She would love a friend and any of her siblings, Arya, Aemon, Theon or Sam, would make the perfect duo.

As a young kitten, **Ellaria** was pulled from the car engine by a receptionist at a Kitten Rescue partner veterinarian. This little gem is very soft and incredibly affectionate with people. Her coat is unique and gorgeous and is pale and fluffy with adorable markings. Ellaria can’t wait to find a loving home where she can be someone’s spoiled little princess. She would be fine as a solo cat or with another kitty who lets her be the boss and gives her space as desired. Although Ellaria gets along with the other cats in her

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Ellaria.



Ivy.



Sam.