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SBJA Dodger Blue Dress Day



In honor of the Los Angeles Dodgers winning the National League pennant against the Chicago Cubs and making it to the World Series (the final results of which were not known at press time), students at South Bay Junior Academy in West Torrance were encouraged to wear Dodger Blue on October 24—and that they did! The day was celebrated with a stadium-style lunch menu of Dodger Dogs (aka veggie dogs), nachos, vanilla ice cream and churros. Photo Provided by SBJA.

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
66°/58°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
66°/58°



Sunday
Mostly
Cloudy
65°/59°



Survey Enables Employees to Reveal How Much They Loaf

By Rob McCarthy

Once as a supervisor, I reprimanded a young customer-service rep in our office who was checking her smartphone every time I looked up from my desk. She was the niece of a good friend, so I persuaded HR to hire her.

My request seemed reasonable. However, it went over as well as a burp in church. Another manager in the office later told me that I was wrong to single out one employee for something everybody in the office was doing. That our staff goofed off was hardly a revelation. I just didn't know how much or exactly why--until now.

White collar employees admitted to a Bay Area staffing firm that they goof off 10.5 hours a week. Millennial males say they're the most bored in offices and cube farms. They estimate playing on their phones, surfing the Web and--get this--working on their unfinished novels almost 14 hours per workweek.

The survey sample wasn't huge, for what it's worth. The OfficeTeam, based in Menlo Park, says that the researchers took responses from 380 adult workers and 300-plus senior managers at companies with 20 or more staff.

This project calls to mind screenwriter Mike Judge's 1999 film *Office Space*, about a group of restless tech workers. The leader of the group, named Peter, spends his day in a cubicle updating banking software ahead of the Y2K changeover and watching out for his boss who's going to ask him to work the weekend.

Another writer who has explored the topic of slacking on the job is Bloomberg View columnist Noah Smith. He penned an article in May about "Goofing Off at Work Masking

Rising Productivity," in which he opined that companies are getting their money's worth even if today's employees are shopping online at their desks.

The average working American puts in roughly a 34-hour workweek. Work output is rising even though the actual effort is declining, meaning "more is being done with less," according to Smith. That's a good thing.

"If I can complete a task in two hours that used to take four, and spend the extra two hours surfing Twitter, it means that technology, management or some other aspect of the economy has gotten twice as good," Smith writes.

He adds, "Even if slacking off is a bad thing, it could be good news for technological progress."

And, Smith writes, it would explain why the adoption of information systems technology in U.S. companies hasn't lifted the nation's productivity over the past 30 years. Why productivity is flat has stumped economists.

The OfficeTeam's examination of employee habits found that management underestimated how much paid staff time is going towards non-work activities. They guessed too low.

Some the managers--39 percent--thought their people had too much work to complete. Others acknowledged the lack of motivation to get things done, saying that employees didn't feel challenged enough by assignments. While slacking off is a year-round habit, office workers reported feeling the most bored in the winter months.

What are these people doing instead of work? One answer: Trying to look interested

and engaged at meetings. Employees admit to putting on appearances at their desks, too, in case their supervisors pop in unexpectedly. "Let's face it, the workday isn't always filled with excitement," said Brandi Britton, district president for OfficeTeam. When it comes down to it, the responsibility for staying busy and not pushing back from work is on the employees themselves, she said. Managers and supervisors can check in with staff to make sure they are engaged and staying on track too.

The question, "What do you do when bored in the office?" brought some garden-variety answers. People said they browse the Internet, check personal email and social media, pay bills and talk to co-workers. A few talked about waging "rubber band battles" and working on an unfinished manuscript.

Britton with OfficeTeam offered some career advice for those who find their work dull and uninspiring. "When boredom strikes or there's a lull in activity, individuals should proactively ask to help with projects that challenge and interest them," she said.

Some creative ways people say they dodge work are:

- Learning a language
- Doing crossword puzzles
- Doodling
- Daydreaming
- Making videos
- Watching TV shows and movies
- Playing online games

Asking for extra work, cleaning their desks, and looking for another job finished near the bottom of the list. •



Entertainment



Film Review

Oscar-Worthy *The Square* Is a Satirical Look at Affluence Through Modern Art

By H. Nelson Tracey
for www.cinemacy.com

About once a year, if we're lucky, a movie comes along that transcends the labels of comedy, drama and other classified genres. It will also prove that with top-tier filmmaking, you can utilize a full emotional range to tell a story. It is safe to say we have an entry for this year in Ruben Östlund's *The Square*.

A modern art museum in Sweden, vying to be cutting edge while also needing to sustain its overhead and encourage people to actually visit, is getting ready for its newest, boldest exhibit: *The Square*. At the helm of the museum is Christian (Claes Bang) who lives in a swanky apartment, drives a Tesla and has no trouble scoring beautiful women. Because this new exhibit is almost entirely focused on helping people and trusting strangers, Christian presents himself with the challenge of upholding the artistic vision of altruism throughout the rest of his life.

In reaction to his generally self-serving behavior, the new exhibit pushes Christian out of his comfort zone. Yet in every earnest (or disingenuous) attempt to help other people--his co-workers, the homeless, family members--there is a bitter, comical pushback. The results are absolutely hilarious, perhaps because of how cringe-worthy and honest the situations are as people react while trying to fall into societal norms.

By using the world of modern art and affluence as its backdrop, *The Square* allows for bizarre features to be fair game while also utilizing cinematic artistry when necessary. Most importantly, this film is a satire of the wealthy do-gooders who reek of hypocrisy without even realizing it. In most American films when we see characters who are wealthy, it is typically

either glamorized or normalized. Here, as was true of his last film, Östlund takes a critical examination of wealth in a way in which we all can take a lesson.

To English-speaking audiences, a trio of recognizable faces each play a supporting role: Elisabeth Moss as a naive reporter, Dominic West as a self-serving artist and lastly, Terry Notary--whose name doesn't carry star power, but whose resume includes doing motion capture for the *Kong* and *Planet of the Apes* movies. Here, Notary plays a controversial performance artist and I'll only say his animal motion capture work gets to play off extraordinarily. The star of the film remains Claes Bang, whose deadpan delivery as Christian, no matter what scenario he finds himself in, is both endlessly relatable and at times hysterical.

It is not required that you see Östlund's last feature, *Force Majeure*, before you see this film. However, it does prime you for what to expect from his particular style. His preceding film also deals with painfully comedic scenarios of an affluent family set in a ski resort. That being said, the ideas and aspirations that Östlund introduced in *Force Majeure* are delivered in greater extremes in *The Square*.

It's too early to see what the competition will be for the Best Foreign Language film Oscar. History has proven that this specific category has some of the most misguided of the already fallible awards, but my reaction would be that this film is a shoe-in. *The Square* represents the first truly amazing movie of the fall awards season.

The Square is rated R for language, some strong sexual content, and brief violence. 142 minutes. Now playing at *The Landmark* and *ArcLight Hollywood*. •



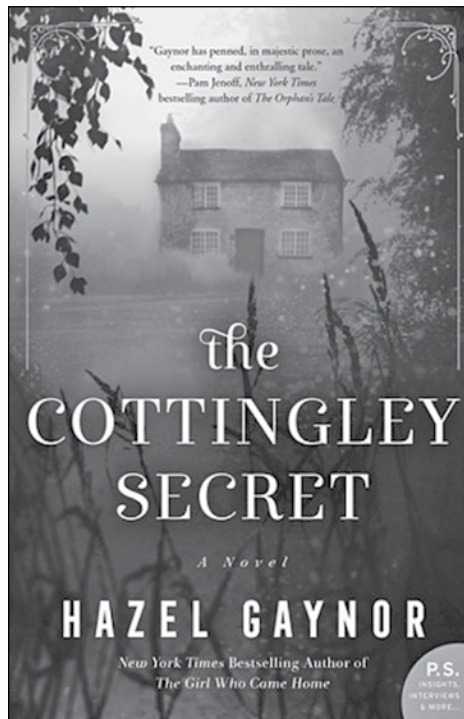
Elisabeth Moss and Claes Bang in *The Square*. Courtesy of Magnolia Pictures

Check It Out

Hazel Gaynor's *The Cottingley Secret* Delves into Fairy and Family Mystiques

Reviewed by Roz Templin, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

Olivia Kavanaugh inherits an old bookshop when her beloved grandfather passes away. She's in the midst of wedding plans,



The Cottingley Secret by Hazel Gaynor.

engaged to a distant (both physically and emotionally) businessman. She takes leave of her job and plans to travel from London to Ireland to investigate her inheritance and settle her grandfather's affairs.

Not only does she fall in love with the old shop, but Olivia finds there is a cottage to empty and sell as well as financial woes to address. Her grandmother is in a nursing home, suffering from Alzheimer's, and she doesn't know which way to turn.

She finds an old manuscript that describes the famous Cottingley Fairies--the photographs taken in the Yorkshire village of Cottingley by two young girls in the early part of the 20th Century. People (including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) believed they proved that fairies really existed. "Notes on a Fairytale" is an important part of Olivia's story and *The Cottingley Secret* reveals some history of her own family that she didn't know was missing.

During the months she spends in Ireland, trying to make a go of the bookshop and

ensure her grandmother's medical bills are paid, Olivia must face up to some hard truths and make difficult decisions. There is a bit of romance that presents itself unexpectedly, as well as some unexplained phenomena that occur in her bookshop's window display.

Fairytale stories and verse shed some light on the basic questions of belief. If you can't see or touch something, does that mean it doesn't exist? During the original Cottingley fairies incident, the United Kingdom was reeling from the injuries and loss of life. The First World War Spiritualism (which included belief in fairies or "elementals") was very popular and gave hope to survivors that they may see their loved ones again in another realm. Olivia also experiences quite a few deaths in this story, and we come to understand her growing attachment to the fairy manuscript and to those persons involved in the event. She has recurring dreams of a little red-headed girl that get resolved as she nears the end of the forgotten manuscript.

Author Hazel Gaynor did some extensive research into the real story of those famous fairies and she adds some extra information at the back of the book that's pretty interesting. In a section she supplies for further reading, there are titles she used as well as some that might add some insight to a curious reader.

The El Segundo Public Library offers inter-library loan services for titles that we don't own in our library, but that might be found in another nearby. Please stop in and let us help you locate that special search item. •



Roz Templin.

Seniors

Turning 65? Choosing The Right Medicare Part D Plan Starts With 4 Simple Rules

(BPT) - If you're turning 65 in 2017 or 2018, you're one of 10,000 people who become Medicare-eligible each day. Choosing Medicare prescription drug coverage can be confusing, especially for the first time. You may have questions about which plan fits your healthcare needs and budget or how to enroll. The good news is, it doesn't have to be overwhelming if you know these four rules.

Rule #1: Lower premium plans may mean higher costs. Plans with a lower premium may end up costing more in the long run if they have higher drug copays, which can really add up.

Rule #2: Not every plan covers every drug. Drug lists (formularies) can change every year and so can the drugs you take. Be sure to check your plan's formulary each year to make sure any medications you take are covered.

Rule #3: Check that there are pharmacies close to you. That way, it's easier to fill your prescriptions. Select a plan with a wide range

of "preferred" pharmacies, which typically offer lower co-pays than standard pharmacies in the network. Also, see if using a home delivery pharmacy or a 90-day supply could lower your costs even more.

Rule #4: Look for 24/7 access to pharmacists and Medicare experts who can answer questions about your medicines and offer drug safety tips, money-saving alternatives and expertise in drugs to treat specific conditions.

Also, remember to check the Medicare Part D plan's Star Rating. This is the overall quality and performance rating (out of 5 stars) based on member satisfaction surveys and other measures by The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

For more information, please visit www.Medicare.gov or www.RoadmapForMedicare.com. To talk to an Express Scripts Medicare adviser, call 1.866.544.3794, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week (TTY users: 1.800.716.3231). •

Finance

3 Steps To Help Freelancers And Gig Economy Workers Avoid A Tax Blunder

(BPT) - More and more people are earning extra cash by freelancing in the sharing economy. That may mean writing on the side, playing music on the weekends, driving for ride-sharing services like Uber or Lyft or selling handmade jewelry on Etsy.

"While it's easier now than ever to earn extra cash, it's important for freelancers and independent contractors to get smart about their tax responsibilities," said Mark Jaeger, director of Tax Development for TaxAct, a leading provider of affordable do-it-yourself tax software. "Gig economy earners must remember they are responsible for paying federal and state income tax on any income earned. And, they're also subject to self-employment tax, to cover Social Security and Medicare taxes."

If you're one of the 55 million Americans who chooses to freelance, it can be difficult to correctly calculate and report to the IRS how much tax you owe. In fact, a recent

survey conducted by the National Association of Enrolled Agents found that, "independent contractors participating in the gig economy were cited as among those most at risk of failing to accurately report all of their income."

Taxpayers who miscalculate taxes owed are likely to get a form called a CP2000 from the IRS. Whether you work full time and earn a little extra cash from a side hustle or you're a full-time contractor, meticulous record-keeping is a must. Once a quarter, as you determine what you'll owe for quarterly tax payments, make note of which of those receipts are deductible.

When you're freelancing, you're your own accounting department. Not only are you responsible for generating invoices and collecting payment, you must also keep track of all income earned and accurately report it to the IRS.

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Classifieds

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

Errors: Please check your advertisements immediately. Any corrections and/or changes in an ad must be requested prior to the following Tuesday deadline in order to receive a credit. A credit will be issued for only the first time the error appears. Multiple runs will only be credited for the first time the error appears. No credit will be issued for an amount greater than the cost of the advertisement.

Beware: Employment offers that suggest guaranteed out-of-state or overseas positions may be deceptive or unethical in nature. If you have any doubts about the nature of a company, contact the local office of the Better Business Bureau, (213) 251-9696. Herald Publications does not guarantee that the advertiser's claims are true nor does it take responsibility for those claims.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

1BD. Upper unit. Bright and cheerful, Deluxe w/hdwd floors, SS stove, D/W, Micro, refrig, granite counters, stack W/D, A/C, 1-car garage w remote. \$1,950/mo. Avail now. 774 Main St. (310) 963-7653.

GARAGE FOR LEASE

Garage for Lease in El Segundo: 40x40 Garage w/office/loft & bathroom (parking & storage); \$2000/month - Contact 310-647-1635

YARD SALE

7am-12noon. 711 W. Sycamore Ave. Clothes/Shoes, Bikes, Furniture, Computer Equipment, & so much more great items.

HELP WANTED

Hiring Electrical Journeyman/Apprentice. Must have own transportation. Send resume. pcepowerline@gmail.com.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 Bed/1 large Bath. Enormous Yard, 2 Car Garage, Updated, W/D hook-ups, Pet Friendly. 1041 E. Acacia \$3,700/month water incl. 310.460.6300

EMPLOYMENT

Part-time Sales. Looking for motivated part-time workers. Inside sales: work from home and make sales calls. 15% commission on all sales. Outside sales: territories are Torrance and El Segundo. Includes walking and interacting with business owners. 20% commission on all sales. Seniors and students welcome. Send resume to management@heraldpublications.com.

HOUSE FOR RENT

EL SEGUNDO 2 story. 4BD/3BA, 2 car garage, new paint, HW floor, sound proof system, walk to beach. \$3,900. 310-663-9898.

MOVING SALE

Moving Sale: 8 ft couch, loveseat, chair. Grey color. \$375. 310-322-5926.

ROOM FOR RENT

Room for Rent: 1BD/1BATH \$1200 includes utilities. No first or last month required. 310.351.7464

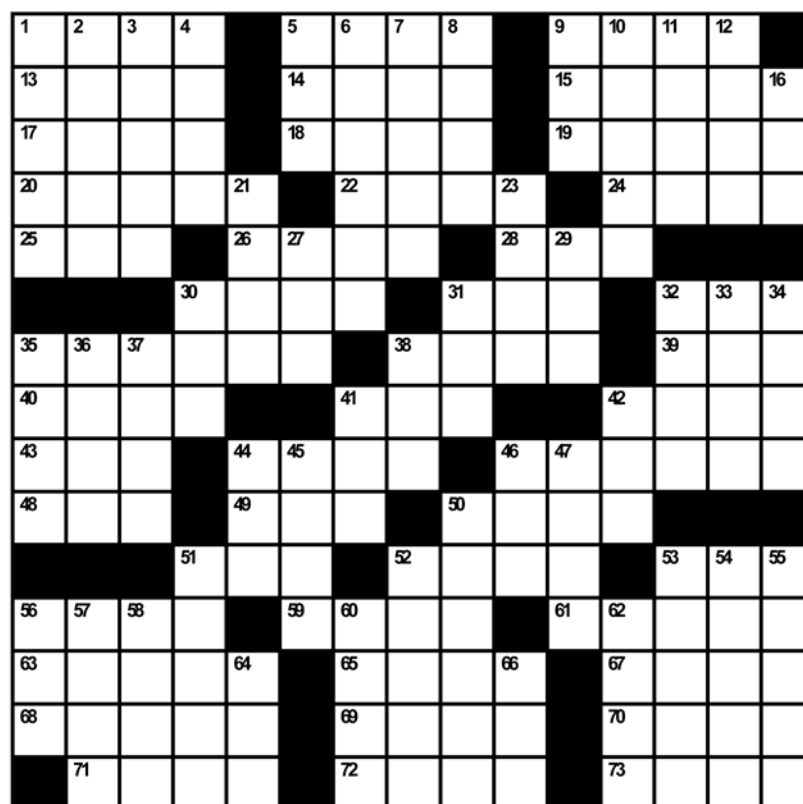
ROOM FOR RENT

Room for Rent, 1 private BDRM. 346 Virginia. \$750. For Rent, 1 BDRM. 707 E. Grand. \$1750. 310.365.1481 or 310.641.2148.

To appear in next week's paper, submit your Classified Ad by Noon on Tuesday.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



Across

- "From ___" Van Halen track
- Puppy sounds
- Hops to it
- Fairy, in Disney's Fairies
- Cruel person
- Pass on
- Insects
- Squad
- Hindu dance motion
- Start
- Not round
- Deli loaves
- Informant
- Ethereal
- Put to work
- Car bar
- Don't just sit there
- Chia pets, e.g.
- Someone who is a boring pest
- Deep black
- Big club
- Spew
- Hallucinogenic
- Sea foam
- Recede
- Nasty ending
- Hypocrite
- Computer program
- "___ to worry"
- Soft bread

Down

- Shady recess
- Wildlife
- Apprehensive feeling
- Sprout
- "Close to ___", Bacharach song
- Snub
- Hush-hush
- Bristles
- Skirt's edge
- Accustom
- Whirling water
- Tender
- Extinction verb
- Checker, perhaps
- Fortune

Across

- BPOE part
- Shoat cote
- Small insect
- Also
- Goat hybrid
- Ranch unit
- Fight against
- Requisite
- Knob
- First-come first-serves
- Philosophy, for short
- Auction unit
- Relative
- CSI evidence
- Cry over spilled milk
- Dance step
- Abhor
- Type of music
- Quieted down
- Wheels setting
- Brilliance
- Piece of history
- Get to
- Crowd noise
- "My name is ___" show
- The East
- Northern constellation
- Yard pest
- Rocky actor
- Hem and ___

Police Reports

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Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/sunglasses, gift cards, tools.

Battery-Weapon/Agg 10/20 5:05 PM 2000 BLOCK SANTA FE AVE. Suspect stabs victim in the torso.

Auto Theft-All 10/20 3:18 PM 21600 BLOCK MADRONA AVE. Stolen vehicle: '28 Ford Model A.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 10/20 3:00:00 PM & 10/23 2:00:00 AM 23900 BLOCK OCEAN AVE. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry, ransacks and takes property/skateboard.

Auto Theft-All 10/20 6:25 AM 1200 BLOCK EL PRADO AVE. Stolen vehicle: '06 Suzuki GSXRMK.

Theft Betw. 10/20 & 10/23 11:30:00 AM 3900 BLOCK 183RD ST. Suspect(s) takes property from locked safe by unknown means/wallet.

Saturday, October 21

Theft Betw. 10/21 7:00:00 PM & 10/21 9:00:00 PM 21800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from stroller as victim shops/wallet.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 10/21 6:10:00 PM & 10/21 6:42:26 PM 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry

and takes property/purse.

Burglary-Auto Betw. 10/21 5:00:00 PM & 10/22 8:45:00 AM 23900 BLOCK OCEAN AVE. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/remotes, sunglasses.

Burglary-Residential Betw. 10/21 4:15:00 PM & 10/21 5:05:00 PM 4300 BLOCK 182ND ST. Suspect(s) possibly uses a key for entry and takes property/laptops.

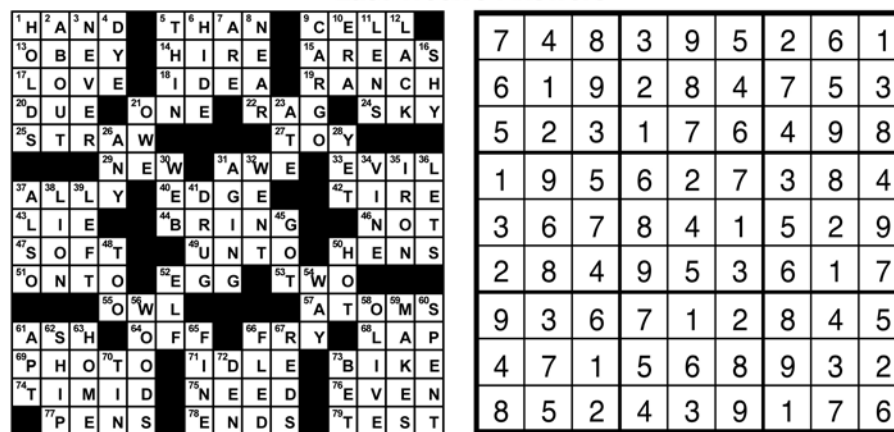
Vandalism Betw. 10/21 2:45:00 PM & 10/22 12:10:53 AM 2200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes vehicle window/ no entry, no loss.

Robbery-Weapon Betw. 10/21 10:58:00 AM & 10/21 11:01:51 AM 3700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspects enter open business, brandish a handgun and demand property/cell phones.

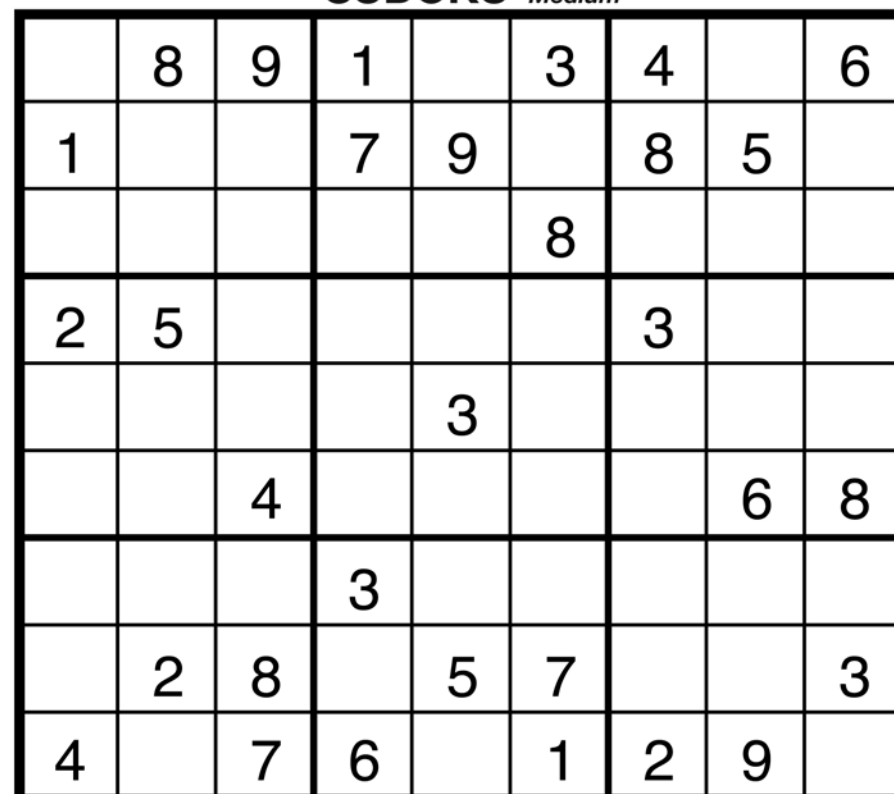
Theft 10/21 8:50 AM 20600 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property off of parked vehicle/license plate.

Burglary-Commercial 10/21 3:55 AM 17200 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) smashes glass door for entry and takes property/cash register. •

Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU Medium



Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

DENTAL Insurance

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company



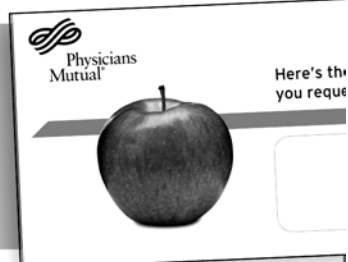
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Sports

Up and Adam

Warriors Win Biggest Game of Their Season

By Adam Serrao

After losing a decisive Pioneer League battle to the North High Saxons, the West High Warriors have been nothing short of impressive as they've battled back in the standings with incredible victories week after week. After being shut out by the Saxons in a 3-0 football equivalent of a pitchers' duel, West wiped the floor with their next two opponents by a combined score of 100-9. Last Friday night at West High, the Warriors welcomed the Leuzinger Olympians to town in a divisional game that was sure to decide second place in the standings. Head coach Juan Cueva and West High may have gotten off to a slow start in the contest, but an incredible comeback 42-41 victory eventually put the Warriors in prime position for a playoff push.

The night didn't get off to such a hot start for Cueva and his club against Leuzinger. Before his team knew it, they were down 28-14 at the half and 34-14 midway through the third quarter. "We showed that even though we got down in the first and second quarters, we wanted to finish out the game and that's what we did," explained Warriors wide receiver Dutch Silverlake. Silverlake was the hero of the game, coming away with an interception in the final seconds to ultimately seal Leuzinger's fate.

West High quarterback Brandon Poffenbarger could very well take home offensive honors as well. Poffenbarger kept his team in the game all night long, beginning with a 25-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter to tie the score. Poffenbarger threw four touchdown passes in total on the night, but perhaps none more important than his last. The Warriors never lost hope and battled back into a game that saw the team down by 20 points with less than eight minutes to play in the fourth quarter. Two touchdowns in four minutes of play put West down by just six points with two minutes to go on the game clock. The Warrior defense came up with a stop--and after the Olympians punted, Poffenbarger came to the rescue. His 16-yard touchdown pass to Venture O'Neal not only allowed West to take its first lead of the game, but also left Leuzinger without enough time on the clock. The Warriors successfully overcame a 20-point deficit to capture what became their third victory in a row.

"Coach told us to never give up," Silverlake went on to explain. "We finished out the game and got the W." Both West's strong defensive effort in the second half and Poffenbarger's confidence led the Warriors from behind and to victory. "When our defense stopped them there and we got the ball back, I knew I could step up and make the big play," the quarterback said of the final two possessions of the game. Leuzinger jumped out to a huge lead on the back of running back Elijah Miles, who ran for three touchdowns in the first half

and 252 total yards. West's (4-5, 3-1) win not only instills even more confidence in a team that now controls its own fate in the race for second place in the Pioneer League standings, but also gives it tons of momentum heading into the final game of the season this Friday night at home against the Torrance Tartars.

North High

The North High Saxons have officially hit their stride under head coach Todd Croce and with a 21-0 shutout over the Torrance Tartars on the road, they have all but wrapped up a Pioneer League championship this season. The victory was North's fifth in a row and the team's third shutout in the last four games. Though the Saxons must still fend off the pesky West High Warriors in the standings for an outright league title, a matchup this week against the South High Spartans shouldn't provide much resistance for a team that is playing at the top of its game.

The North High defense is perhaps even more impressive than the offense lately. An interception for a touchdown by Mehki Jordan set the tone for the Saxons and led the team to a 14-0 halftime lead. North dominated the pace of play throughout the entire game and eventually tacked on another touchdown on the Tartars' defense in the fourth quarter to cruise to an easy 21-0 victory. The Saxons will welcome the South High Spartans to their home field this Friday night. The Spartans are a team that just received their first victory of the year with a 41-0 shutout over the last place Centennial Apaches. With a victory, North (7-2, 4-0) will capture the Pioneer League championship outright. Torrance (3-6, 2-2), on the other hand, will get a matchup against its rivals, the West High Warriors. A victory for West will give it sole possession of second place in the standings and an at-large bid into the playoffs.

South High

The South High Spartans finally received the matchup that they had been waiting for all season long and took full advantage of it. A game against the Centennial Apaches was sure to decide last place in the final Pioneer League standings this season. Head coach Matt Mishler made sure that he had his guys ready to hit the field and play.

After returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown, Mishler knew that his team was likely destined for a high-powered night. Starting quarterback Drew Nash didn't let his head coach down either. Two touchdown passes by the sophomore, in addition to running back Anthony Rugnetta's two touchdowns on the night, eventually led the Spartans to a 41-0 victory for the team's first win of the season. South (1-8, 1-3) will get a matchup against the first place North High Saxons this Friday night in the team's final game of the regular season.

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Surprising Rams Catching NFL by Storm

By Adam Serrao

Maybe it took a trip to London to finally get the world to realize that the team is for real. Maybe it's just a new head coach and an explosive offense led by second-year quarterback Jared Goff that has the Los Angeles Rams sitting tied for first place in the NFC West standings. Either way you spin it, the Rams have won four of their last five games and are now 5-2 heading into Week 9 of the NFL season. After 10 long years of a tumultuous, losing brand of football, who would have thought that the Rams would have had what it takes to be a competitive team in the NFL in what is now just their second season in Los Angeles?

The outlook for the Rams is currently as sunny and bright as the typical seven-day forecast in Los Angeles. The last time the Rams finished the regular season with a winning record was in 2003, when they also won five of their first seven contests of the year. New head coach Sean McVay certainly hopes that this season ends in the same successful way that the 2003 season did, when the Rams took home the NFC West title and lost in the divisional round of the playoffs.

"He has a standard and it's pretty high in terms of precise football execution," Rams general manager Les Snead said of McVay, who is currently the youngest head coach in the NFL. "We needed a culture change," star defensive tackle Aaron Donald added. "You just want to bust your butt for him."

McVay's youth and exuberance can certainly be said to be one reason for Los Angeles' stark turnaround from a 4-12 finish just one season ago. Another reason can be what he and the rest of the coaching staff has done for an offense that is one of only two in the league to score over 200 total points in the season dating back to last week. Jared Goff, the quarterback who looks like a new man now that Jeff Fisher is gone, has the Rams offense leading the league through their bye week in scoring, averaging 30.3 points per game. Goff's nine touchdown passes to just four interceptions gives the Rams a distinct weekly advantage on the offensive side of the ball that the team has not experienced since the glory days in St. Louis when they were nicknamed "The Greatest Show on Turf."

Instead of Marshall Faulk, who occupied the backfield in those days some 18 years ago, now resides Todd Gurley. Gurley, like the Rams as a whole, is also enjoying a resurgent season in which he has averaged 4.3 yards per carry and gained 627 yards on the ground. Gurley has also been getting it done as a receiver, compiling a total of 293

yards and three touchdown catches thus far, giving the team a potent, dual-threat offensive weapon to line up behind Goff.

No team is complete without an elite defense and although the Rams began the year slowly on that side of the ball, new defensive coordinator Wade Phillips has now seemingly turned things around. While the Rams may have given up a total of 96 points in weeks two through four of the regular season, they have only allowed a total of 33 points in the three games since then. Currently L.A. is allowing 19.7 points per game, which ranks the team as the league's 10th best scoring defense. Coming off of a 33-0 shutout over the Arizona Cardinals at Twickenham Stadium in London with Donald now back from his holdout and fully integrated into Phillips' system, that shutout may be a sign of things to come. It also certainly bodes well for a Rams team that is headed into a mixture of tough matchups against the likes of the Houston Texans, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks, among others.

It may be an understatement to say that the Rams are the biggest surprise of the 2017 NFL season so far. What's even more surprising, though, is that the young team is finding ways to get the job done on the road too. Four of the team's five wins entering the break have been away from the Coliseum in Los Angeles (counting the game in London), as a variety of players continue to get the job done in the face of adversity. "We've got a lot of good contributors who understand their importance and their role, and you just try to make a habit of pointing them out" McVay explained. "That lets them feel appreciated because it is recognized and that credit is well deserved."

It's not just the Donalds, Goffs and the Gurleys who are getting the job done, but also the Matt Longacres (who leads the team in sacks), Malcolm Browns (backup running back) and Marqui Christians (special teams ace) who are flying under the radar, giving the Rams a fully balanced attack. That fully balanced attack is precisely what Los Angeles will need as it gets into the part of the schedule that will see the team take on many of the NFC's elite line-ups. Through the first half of the season, Los Angeles already has more wins than it had all of last year. While only time will tell if they can hold onto the first place spot in their division, it has become overwhelmingly clear that this young Rams team is certainly headed in the right direction.

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Finance

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For example, gig economy workers who make money freelancing for multiple clients while also moonlighting as an Uber or Lyft driver should track all income and expenses separately. That means keeping accurate records of any money paid directly by clients and keeping track of income reported on documents such as Forms 1099-MISC and 1099-K. These forms are issued when self-employment income exceeds \$600 (1099-MISC) and when a contractor is paid through credit- and debit-card payment processors (1099-K). Come tax time, fill out a Schedule C for every company or client who has paid you to report all of the income you earned.

The IRS requires independent contractors to

file and pay taxes on a quarterly basis, even if you anticipate getting a refund at the end of the tax year. Use a tax calculator to help determine whether you should make estimated tax payments. You can also use Worksheet 2.1 in IRS Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals, to figure out whether you must pay estimated tax. Whatever method you choose, make sure you calculate adjusted gross income, taxable income, taxes, deductions and credits.

As a rule of thumb, if you will owe at least \$1,000 in taxes, you should plan to pay estimated taxes during the current tax year. Jaeger added, "If you owe estimated quarterly payments but don't pay them in full, you could face an underpayment penalty by the IRS." •

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TerriAnn in Torrance

The Mayor's Well Kept Secret in Torrance--At Least for Awhile, That Is...

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

Tuesday evening October 10, I attended the Torrance City Council meeting where Ghislaine Davis and Debbie Hays were receiving the Citizen of the Year Award. The chambers were abuzz with excitement and a large crowd had shown up for the festivities. Family and friends eagerly waiting for item #6C on the agenda, which read, "Recognition of Ghislaine Davis and Debbie Hays."

Ghislaine (Ges) Davis was first to receive her award, Citizen of the Year. Mayor Patrick

I love this, I love the seniors, especially here in Torrance and they need us..."

Next, the Mayor began to introduce the second award. But he made a turn. The second recognition wasn't an additional Citizen of the Year Award. It was a surprise, as he began with the words, "And now, for our second honoree tonight. The City has a prestigious award that recognizes citizens for sustained service to the community. The Jared Sidney Torrance Award was established in 1984. The Torrance City Council presents

Debbie then spoke, after a standing ovation and thunderous applause. "Thank you very much...oh, my gosh, I can't believe it," she said. "Wow. I want to thank you for this award. I feel kind of guilty for getting an award for doing what I love because that is my reward and since Dee Hardison, our late Dee Hardison, began shaking my world in elementary school--and since I hang out with the likes of Janet Payne, also a Jared Sidney Torrance Award recipient, it was in the stars that I was to live a life of community service. My mom used to ask me, 'Do you ever go to sleep the same day you wake up?' You can tell by my dark circles, that answer is no." Debbie then told the story of her eldest son who once mentioned to her that she wouldn't be so tired if she didn't volunteer so much--to which Debbie responded, "Then who would do it?"

Saying Debbie was surprised is a huge understatement. A recess was called while the crowd congratulated both honorees. Everyone was congratulating the award winners. Then I asked Ghislaine Davis how she felt about receiving her award. "I never expected it when they first called me," she admitted. "I said they must have made a mistake. The volunteers are the ones that really deserve the credit."

Making my way through the crowd, I asked Mayor Furey how he kept the secret about Debbie winning the Jared Sidney Torrance Award and he said, with a twinkle in his eye, "I told absolutely no one. I had staff involved and that was it. Everybody else was sworn to secrecy. I sent Debbie a letter that we were going to give her Citizen of the Year because we forgot to give one last

overdue. She has been the Energizer Bunny of Torrance, and she certainly is. Every time you turn around at an event, she is involved... that is what makes Torrance strong is the volunteerism."

When I asked *partner in crime* and now fellow Jared Sidney Torrance recipient Janet Payne how she felt about Debbie Hays receiving the highest award in the city she beamed and said, "Oh my. I am in the presence of a very special person and I love being her friend and partner in crime and I feel so lucky. It is about her, but she is on my speed dial! I was beyond feeling so happy for her because you know she is our Community Relations Committee and like the Mayor said, she was on social media before anybody was."

Councilman Tim Goodrich said, "Very happy that Debbie is the recipient of the Jared Sidney Torrance Award. It is very well deserved. I like her quote about never being bored."

Councilwoman Heidi Ann Ashcraft told me, "I think Debbie is one of the most deserving people for a number of years. Her energy makes me tired every single day and I look forward to her coming to City Council pretty much every week because of her energy and telling us all the things going on in the city of Torrance and why we should be there. Ghislaine Davis works so hard for our seniors. I can't believe what she has done and because I tend to be in that senior group, I look forward to the help I am going to get when I need it."

Former Mayor Frank Scotto said, "I am excited, because having received the award myself, Debbie is the person that I believe should have been before me because I think she is so much more of a volunteer--and I



(L-R) Debbie Hays' mom Patricia Simpson, Debbie, Grant, Jeff and Todd Hays.

J. Furey began with a quote from Anne Frank, "How wonderful it is that nobody need to wait for a single moment before starting to improve the world." The Mayor then reiterated the accomplishments of Ghislaine, Director of South Bay Village, a non-profit that helps seniors remain in their homes. She founded South Bay Village in 2014 and, along with an army of volunteers, does everything from assisting seniors with shopping to providing transportation to helping with minor home tasks. Before starting South Bay Village, Ghislaine worked as a program manager for RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). In addition to all this, Ghislaine maintained the Community Volunteer Alert Network, an independent radio program which functions as a self-activated emergency service. Ghislaine has also been appointed to the Torrance Commission on Aging, and served on the Disaster Preparedness Council for the City of Torrance. She has been recognized by the Los Angeles County Supervisor, Janice Hahn, former Supervisor Don Knabe, the SeniorServ Meals on Wheels Program, and the Switzer Learning Center. Last year, she received the 2016 AARP California Andrus Award for Community Service. After Mayor Furey completed the long list of accomplishments, Ghislaine received her award and said, "Thank you very, very much. Thank you, Mayor and City Council who have constantly supported the South Bay Village. I am here to accept this award, but I am moving forward.

the award to citizens who have served the community continuously throughout their lifetime of leadership and dedication." He then asked the shocked, and very surprised, Debbie Hays to join him as he read through her accomplishments, referring to her as the "Energizer Bunny of Torrance."

Debbie was born and raised in Torrance, lives in downtown Torrance and is immersed into every fiber of our town. She is the Community Relations Officer of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, and the First Vice President of the Torrance Historical Society. She served on the Centennial Anniversary Team and also on the Torrance High School Centennial Committee, among many other volunteer hats.

Debbie is married to Todd Hays and they have two sons, Jett and Grant. It is no surprise that Debbie finds time for the PTAs at Torrance Elementary, JH Hull and Torrance High School. She has also spent six years teaching art with the Adventures in Art Program at Torrance Elementary. Debbie is co-founder of Secret Hearts, a non-profit organization that adopts families during Christmas, and is an Ambassador for the Children's Hospital. "The list could keep going and going, just like the Energizer Bunny," said Mayor Furey, "Debbie, for all the ways you make Torrance a better place to live, work, study, gather and play, and on behalf of the Torrance Community, I am honored to present you with the Jared Sidney Torrance Award."



(L-R) Councilman Milton Herring, Councilwoman Heidi Ann Ashcraft, Councilman Mike Griffiths, Mayor Patrick Furey, Debbie Hays, Councilman Tim Goodrich, Councilman Kurt Weideman, and Councilman Geoff Rizzo.

year--and if she would forgive me and if she would be so gracious as to come."

Others weighed in on the Jared Sidney Torrance Award recipient. Councilman Milton Herring said, "... You mean the highest award? The highest honor that anybody can get in the city of Torrance--the one that everybody would love to have bestowed on them? That award? That award has just been given to an amazing woman, Debbie Hays. I think that phrase we used, the Energizer Bunny--she has a lot of energy and a lot of passion. She is just a wonderful person to be around and it couldn't have happened to a better person."

Councilman Mike Griffiths said, "Well, of all the people who have not received the award, I think that she is the most deserving person we have in the community that has worked tirelessly and knows everything in the community more than a City Council member. She is a fabulous asset to the community and deserves the accolades. Ms. Davis--I nominated her for Woman of the Year for the Switzer Center, and she is deserving for all the work she does with senior citizens. She is another great asset. We are lucky to have so many great assets in our community."

Councilman Geoff Rizzo said, "I think it is a great honor for her and I think it is long

am a good volunteer--but I believe when they call her the Energizer Bunny, that is truly a fact. I have many times called her to talk to her about something. She is right on it. If I had any event I wanted to do in the city of Torrance that I wanted volunteers, I would start with Debbie. In the dictionary when you see the word volunteer, they will have her face next to it." Cindy Scotto told me, "Debbie is the hardest working person I have ever known. Very deserving of this award. Congratulations!"

Former Councilman Tom Brewer commented, "She has so much energy and she gets so much done. You want something done, give it to Debbie."

Well, that pretty much sums up both awards and that very special evening with Ghislaine Davis receiving the Citizen of the Year, and Debbie Hays receiving the Jared Sidney Torrance Award. A double whammy, as they say. Sincere accolades, kudos, congratulatory words and hugs were the order of the night. The City of Torrance honors those who work diligently, without regard for awards or medals. Maybe that is the reason these two recipients are so deserving of their awards. Their love is freely given to others in the community. Congratulations! •



Mayor of Torrance Patrick Furey and Citizen of the Year Ghislaine Davis.

Corn and Cherry Tomato Salsa

Recipe content provided by BPT

A simple recipe sure to become a hit with the whole family this summer is Corn and Cherry Tomato Salsa. Once you stock your pantry with it, you can even get inspired with other fun recipes to add it to, like these 3 Step Skillet Tacos, found on FreshPreserving.com.

Ingredients

- 5 pounds cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 2 cups corn kernels
- 1 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup lime juice (about 3 large limes)
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 tablespoon chipotle chili powder (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro six pint-size canning jars with lids and bands



Preparation

1. Prepare boiling water canner. Heat jars in simmering water until ready for use. Do not boil. Wash lids in warm soapy water and set aside with bands.
2. Bring all the ingredients to a boil in a large stainless steel or enameled saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer five to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Ladle the hot salsa into a hot jar, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Wipe the jar rim. Center the lid on the jar. Apply the band and adjust to fingertip-tight. Place the jar in the boiling water canner. Repeat until all the jars are filled.
4. Process the jars for 15 minutes, adjusting for altitude. Turn off heat, remove the lid, and let the jars stand 5 minutes. Remove the jars and cool. •

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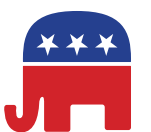
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Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

President's Voter Fraud Commission to Be Under Investigation in a Few Months

By Cristian Vasquez

The commission established by President Trump to investigate voter fraud after he was elected to office will soon be under investigation. The frustration with this investigation is that there is no need for it. Had the President not created a commission to "investigate" a non-issue, there wouldn't be this waste of resources. Last week the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) announced that it has accepted a request by Democratic lawmakers to investigate the Trump's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. While the investigation will not kick off for at least another five months, it will seek to determine if the commission is working in a manner that is transparent to the public, in a way that offers complete understanding of the commission's conclusions.

However, this commission is one of two things: a distraction by the President that will stroke his ego after losing the popular vote by three million ballots; or a coordinated effort with the GOP to suppress voting in predominantly minority regions where Republicans don't do well during elections. More likely than not, it's the latter. Without a shred of solid evidence indicating voter fraud, the President set up the commission to "study" a political talking point that will result in voter suppression.

At the helms of this bogus commission is Kris Kobach, who has worked tirelessly to suppress voters in Kansas. Fortunately at the national level his efforts have been delayed by court orders, fines and lawsuits, and now the investigation by the GAO will hopefully further derail his efforts.

As an independent, non-partisan agency, GAO is tasked with investigating issues such as the use of tax dollars, supporting Congress in meeting its Constitutional obligations and ensuring that the federal government is held accountable. Since its inception, it is reported that the commission has met less than a handful of times. The Democratic members of the commission also complained that they are kept unaware of basic information such as the type of research being conducted, future meeting dates and the deadlines for sending reports to the President. These allegations don't prove that Kobach and his GOP henchmen are in a mission to revoke every minority's right to vote--but given his track record and the unfounded claims of voter fraud, I wouldn't put it past them.

The truth is that our voting system is very reliable. In 2016 the Brennan Center for Justice studied 42 jurisdictions where officials oversaw 23.5 million votes, of which only 30 were linked to some type of voter fraud (0.0001 percent). So there weren't droves of people driven from one state to another to cast votes. No, millions of illegal aliens didn't vote either and no, voter fraud is not a big problem. The big problem for this president is everything that comes out of his mouth is a lie. His claims of fraud could have very well been the reaction of an egomaniac unable to accept not winning the popular vote. We'll have to wait at least five months, but this investigation will prove once more that our leader is no more than an insecure, uninformed man-child surrounded by enablers. •

Another Man's Opinion

Tumultuous Times in the Political World, But How Is Your 401K Doing These Days?

By Duane Plank

So, I grew up reading the paper. Every morning, grabbed the paper from the humble Manhattan Beach Pine Avenue domicile I lived in as early in the morning as possible. I still actually read the paper--not on my phone or some other time-wasting device, but paper. And don't take it into the potty. I kinda want to get in and out when I'm in there.

Anyway, back in the day, I was a slave to the reading of the great Alan Malamud, who wrote column styled "notes on a scorecard." A rat-tat-tat of events on the sporting scene.

Now, longtime readers of Plank, myriads that are out there, may remember the fantastic somewhat sports-related Frankly Plank diatribe, which is currently on hiatus. So, I like to write, and hope my tons of readers find it amusing. Occasionally I will throw a dot-dot-dot column at you. Indulge me?

The Dems and their lap-dog media outlets are still pursuing the Russia collusion frenzy... although it now appears the Russian collusion Bolshoi was instigated by the pathetic biggest losers on Hilary's team, as they tried to cull oppo research on the Saint Donald Trump.

...And the mighty continue to fall in Tinseltown, as lib actresses, wannabes and hangers-on continue to come out--way, way after the fact--and accuse some of the perverts apparently running rampant in the liberal bastion of Hollyweird of bad actions. Why did these ladies not report the bad actions of these powerful men when those occurred? As Dire Straits penned and crooned, and MTV put into heavy, heavy rotation back when they created

their empire, which by the way, doesn't seem to play any music, "money for nothing, chicks for free." Might have been these gold-diggers' thought processes. Just saying?

So, some of the Kennedy files have been released after a gad-zillion years. So much for full transparency, right? Plank has been a Kennedy-phile for a heck of a long time. The day JFK was nailed in Dallas, I was a four-year-old kid watching the soap *As the World Turns* with my sainted grandmother, Luz, in her LA domicile. And I still watched that soap until it was canned in 2010.

Anyway, I think my grandma was playing cards, or something similar, and did not see the great Walter Cronkite break through on the tube and intone that President Kennedy had been felled by a hail of bullets from...someone.

I went downstairs and informed my mom and aunt about the Kennedy shooting. They, of course, busy doing nothing, scoffed at my early reportage of the assassination. Maybe they were watching *Days of Our Lives*?

Watched with rapt attention, as rapt as a midget four-year-old could, the next couple of days, with the on-screen shooting of Oswald by the shady Ruby character ... and the sad, sad, funeral for JFK, which flashed on black and white on my granny's TV, featuring his very young children. JFK had mused that if some scumbag was willing to give up his own life, he could shoot the President. Just like if some scumbag wants to murder a bunch of concertgoers in Vegas, it is virtually unstoppable.

As the world turns... •

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(BPT) - The temperature may not have dropped just yet, but make no mistake, fall is coming. Soon enough, baseball will give way to football, green leaves will turn yellow and red and your lawn care routine will take on a whole new set of tasks. Fall lawn care isn't the long marathon of the summer yard season, but it packs plenty of work into a few short months before the winter. You can make this lawn care blitz a little bit easier by applying the following tips.

Stimulate Your Lawn

While your grass may no longer need its weekly mowing in the fall, you can't ignore it until spring. Look for brown, tan or white patches on your lawn, as this can be a sign of mold growth. Apply a lawn fungicide to halt this growth and an organic fertilizer to stop its spread and support future root growth.

Blow those Leaves Away

Raking leaves can be a Herculean task, so simplify the process by investing in a lithium-ion blower. The Greenworks 60-volt Backpack Blower is a heavy-duty solution perfect for homeowners with a quarter to three-quarters of an acre to cover. And for yard-lovers that prefer a handheld blower, Greenworks has you covered there too! Both solutions are lightweight and reduce noise



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Seed and Sod

If you do notice patches of dead grass in your yard - a common occurrence if fallen leaves have not been blown away - don't wait until spring to address the issue. Over-

seeding the area can rectify the problem if the spaces are small. If your lawn has significant portions that have died, it may be time to look into sodding options instead for more comprehensive coverage.

A Fresh Spray Clean

A season's worth of wind and rain can leave the sides of your home looking pretty

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A Hole in the Ground Supports Future Growth

Fall is arguably the best time of year to aerate your yard, allowing water, oxygen and fertilizer to more easily reach the root structure of your grass. Self-propelled aerators are relatively inexpensive, and you can also rent one if you plan to make this a once-a-year chore. Whatever you decide, tackling this chore now will allow your lawn to grow back thicker and fuller next year when it will be time to start thinking about spring lawn care once again. •

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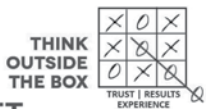


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Alma

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