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Sixteen Candidates Run for Four Torrance City Council Seats



Four Torrance city council seats will need to be filled in the upcoming June 3rd election. Pictured (L to R) are City Council Candidates Aurelio Mattucci, Mike Griffiths, Heidi Ashcraft, Tim Goodrich, Milton Herring, Geoffrey Rizzo, Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino, Alex M. See, Charlotte Ann Svolos, Kurt Weideman, Clint Andrew Paulson, Omar Navarro and John Paul Tabakian. Three candidates (Rahmat H. Khan, Ryan H. Mand and Norm "Opa" Segal) were not present for this April 17 forum photo. Additional photos on Page 2. The Torrance Tribune continues its election coverage with a third mayoral and city council candidates Q&A, starting on Page 3. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Council Delays New Street Sweeping

By Dylan Little

After public outcry and over two hours of debate, the Torrance City Council voted unanimously to defer parts of the Optimized Weekly Street Sweeping Program to seek more public input. The April 22 (and early April 23) meeting saw the Council approve grates in the city's storm drains and "optimized" street sweeping for areas already subject to parking restrictions while postpone installing signage and new street sweeping schedules for the rest of the city.

Optimized street sweeping is planned to roll out to all residential areas of the city. This would change parking restrictions from their current form, which prevents cars from parking on both sides of a street, to instead affecting one side of the street on one day and the other side on the following day. The changes were initially to roll out between May and August this year in the area roughly from the city's southern border to Sepulveda Boulevard in the north and from Western Avenue in the east to the Hillside neighborhood in the west before the Council delayed the action. This area drains to Machado Lake in Harbor City, which the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has set a limit of zero on trash discharge and the city obtained a grant to make this tough goal into a success.

The area includes the Seaside neighborhood, which is known for its impressive holiday light displays. A contingent of Seaside residents asserted that the signs could be an eyesore in their community. Resident Kurt James even provided photographic evidence that currently without signs the streets are empty on street sweeping days. "I think everyone would agree that we feel we do live in a special area . . . especially around Christmas time when we have white lights in the trees," said James. "The trees need to be the focus of our area,

not sign pollution."

The Council was sympathetic to the concerns of the neighborhood's residents. Council member Pat Furey said that perhaps one solution would be to only install the bare minimum of signage and based on the outcome in regards to street sweeping effectiveness set a level for the number of signs in the area, although he admitted that the goal of no signs was probably not viable. "The goal is to clean up the bay, that's why this is happening," said Furey. "In the Seaside area . . . we could do . . . a study to see how effective they are at getting the streets clear. If there's no issue then the least amount of signs as possible will be inflicted on those people. I think we

all agree at the end of the day we are going to have some kind of signage in our city."

The original plan for the signs with new street sweeping times called for over 5,000 signs, which the city's contractor had already started to mark out with orange spray paint. However, the number of signs was an overestimate on the part of the city. Because the city is seeking grant funding for the signs, city staff wanted to include the maximum number of possible signs to avoid having to pay for signs needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

City Engineer Craig Belezerian said the goal has always been to make the signage unobtrusive, **See City Council, page 14**

TUSD Extends Donations to Payroll Program

By Dylan Little

On April 21, in a split decision, the Torrance School Board voted to continue allowing school site booster clubs and "alliances" to use donations to hire staff specifically for their school. The Torrance Teachers Association has concerns that the practice might skew personnel funding in the district, while a vocal group of parents see it as a valuable avenue for the community to invest in education. The Board decided in a 3-2 vote to continue allowing parents and community members to donate towards additional staff at individual schools for three more years before revisiting the issue, despite concerns of supplanting traditional funding methods and creating inequitable situations.

Torrance Teachers Association (TTA) president Julie Shankle expressed the union's problems with allowing communities to pay for staff at schools with donations. TTA is chiefly concerned with potentially reducing funding for teaching and aide positions, creating a system where schools rely on donations and hourly contract teachers instead of salaried full-time professionals.

"We at TTA initially opposed this move because we felt it would create inequitable situations," said Shankle. "Now our fear has moved to a different area. We fear that now this is actually supplanting money that would go to the schools instead of supplementing. These positions were

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
64°/52°



Saturday
Few
Showers
65°/52°



Sunday
Sunny
68°/55°



Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- “Marshmallow Madness”, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information please call the Henderson Library 310-371-2075.
- South Bay Ostomy Support Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 3300 block Lomita Blvd., West Tower building, 2nd floor in # “C”. For more information call Carol Hubert (310) 378-5331 or Anne Marie Knudsen (310) 548-8558.
- Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce 100th Year Celebration event, 12 p.m., Torrance Marriott. For more information call (310) 543-3113 or visit TorranceChamber.com. Reservations must be made in advance.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- Hardback Booksale, 2-6 p.m. also 4/26 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5959.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- 42nd Annual Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural

Festival, (also April 27), 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Boulevard.

- Free YMCA Healthy Kids Day®, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Torrance-South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 325-5885.
- Money Origami Saturday, 2-4 p.m., WALTERIA Library, 3815 W. 242 St. Participants must register and bring four dollar bills to the workshop. For more information call (310) 375-8418.
- Mother’s Day Bouquet, 10 a.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- BubbleMania: Comedy with a Drip!, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.
- Torrance Antique Street Faire, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1317 Sartori Ave. For more information call (310) 328-6107.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- TeenZone: Juggling With David Cousins, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- National Day of Prayer breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Torrance Marriott (3565 Fashion Way). Tickets are \$30/person. For more information call (310) 541-8108 or visit www.stpeterspres.org.
- Torrance “State of the City” mayoral address, Torrance Marriott (3565 Fashion Way). Check-in at 5:30. Tickets are \$75/person. Reservations are required: please call (310) 543-3113.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- “May is for Memories” Genealogy Seminar, 9 a.m.-1p.m., Torrance Stake, 22605 Kent Avenue. Classes and registration form (due April 26) at rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casbcgs.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Bl. For more information call (310) 618-2870.

- Artful Days: Aztecs Before The Spanish Arrived, 12:10-1 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 618-2326.

- “Breaking Through” (West High School Dance Department), 7:00 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- South Bay Republican Women Monthly Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Double Tree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call Gloria at (310) 326-9349 or Vera at (310) 320-1431.

ONGOING

- Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.
- “Happy Hats for Kids In Hospitals” hosts workshops to decorate or sew hats for hospitalized children every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30 p.m., 923 Van Ness Avenue. For more information call (310) 787-0970. •

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Hosts Council Candidates Forum

By Charlene Nishimura

TACC hosted a City Council Candidates Forum on April 17 where 13 of the 16 candidates were present to address questions including what their top priorities would be, how they would work with the Chamber, how capital improvements can be funded and their thoughts

on other economic challenges facing the city. The forum was coordinated by TACC’s Government Affairs Coordinator Brandon Matson with Board Member Karl Schmidt serving as moderator. The event sponsors included All Yellow Taxi and South Bay Board of Realtors. •



Torrance City Council Candidates Geoffrey Rizzo (left) and Tim Goodrich.



Council Candidate Milton Herring (left) and Realtor Frank Allen.



City Council Candidates John Paul Tabakian, Clint Andrew Paulson and Mike Griffiths. All photos by Charlene Nishimura.



Current Councilwoman and Council Candidate Heidi Ashcraft (left) and Candidate Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino.



(L to R) City Council Candidates Omar Navarro and Aurelio Mattucci with Bob Brandt, Co-owner of the Red Car Brewery.



Current Councilman and Mayoral Candidate Tom Brewer (left) and Council Candidate Alex M. See.



The quick paced forum was timed and the candidates were allotted an opening and closing statement along with a minute to address each question.



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Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

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Do you feel that the current city administration has done a good job?**What would you do the same and what would you like to change?**

Tom Brewer: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Pat Furey: Considering the economic climate of the country, state and region in the last six years, I believe the current administration has done a fantastic job. Cutting tens of millions of dollars from the budget took some strong leadership. And, we accomplished that without laying off employees and with minimal impact to municipal services that are required and expected by residents and businesses. I refuse to second guess what was accomplished by the present mayor and council, because we worked as a team. I am, however, concerned that some members of "the team" now contend there is an issue with employee pensions. One should ask, did that

only recently come to light? And, now that member of "the team" promises to resolve the issue in the next negotiation process. If it is such a great issue, why did "the team" recently give raises to the employees? And, why wasn't that his priority in that negotiation process? The truth is that the pension debt issue was addressed and concessions were made by the employee groups. And, "the team" - in its entirety - voted to ratify the contracts.

Bill Sutherland: Yes, they have done more than a good job. It is said that the cost of perfection is prohibitive but as a city we continually strive to do the best possible job within the constraints of a balanced budget. I am proud to have been the chairman of the Government and Finance Committee that has kept a balanced budget during these difficult economic times. This administration has done a great job of prioritizing with a limited budget and as I've said at every forum, as the economy improves, so will our ability to do long postponed projects such as infrastructure repair. I have a concern that we are not as user friendly as we could be. I propose we put additional effort in improving our interface with all who use city services. If it comes to be that we need to appoint a new City Manager, the standard set by LeRoy Jackson

has to be an essential criterion.

Mayor Scotto believes it takes a "coalition" of people in city government to make things happen. Do you agree? If so, what relationships would you like to forge?

Tom Brewer: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Pat Furey: I agree that building coalitions is most important to any organization including local government. When more people are included in the decision making process, there is more opportunities for success. During my four years as president of the Torrance Education Foundation, building coalitions amongst teachers, administrators, parents and local businesses resulted in an ability to raise more than \$1 million to enrich the educational experience of the children in the Torrance schools. Only by building coalitions was I able to raise more than \$300,000.00 in just two weeks to maintain smaller classes; create a business plan for a vehicle raffle, that continues to raise money for our schools, and create a summer school program that continues to provide an enrichment program for our local children. My goal as mayor is to build a business development team - adjunct to the city's efforts - comprised of successful local

business people to do outreach to businesses that should be in Torrance. And, to embrace those that are already here, so that we do not lose them. Too many other locations - both in state and out of state - are making efforts to steal away some of our better performing companies.

Bill Sutherland: I agree, beyond working with the new council people to show them the resources within the City to assist them, I believe a coalition tends to be a temporary relationship and I prefer a partnership with the broader community. It goes far beyond just residents; we have a daytime population that includes business, industry, visitors, and those who come to use our sports and entertainment facilities. We have an active and effective Commission system, volunteers for various committees. We have a group of former elected officials that I would engage. They are a wealth of knowledge that is untapped and extremely valuable. I would like to meet with every Home Owners Association on their own turf not only to build a rapport, but also to also let them know that as the Mayor; I am here for them. Perhaps most importantly is to grow and reinforce a partnership with our School District to maximize the potential of our most important resource, our children.

Thank you Candidates! •

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Do you feel that the current city administration has done a good job? What would you do the same and what would you like to change?

Heidi Ashcraft: Eight years ago the voters of Torrance elected Frank Scotto by a huge majority along with Bill Sutherland and Tom Brewer to change the direction the City of Torrance was going. I do feel the current city administration has done the job they were elected to do and have done it well. The format of Council meetings was changed. Now 30 minutes at the beginning of the meeting is devoted to residents so they can speak on non-agenda items instead of having to wait until the end of the meeting to be heard. There is a Commissioner Certification Training program to help people be involved in city government. Transparency with the Council had been a problem with the previous administration. An automated voting system has been installed, which eliminates the perception of gamesmanship that was created through roll call voting. This helps with keeping the public's trust, which is essential. The addition of the Economic Development Department is another positive move that has happened. These are all areas I would keep and enhance, especially the Economic Development Department. In addition I would like to see the Torrance City website be more user friendly, I've had many comments about how difficult it is to navigate.

Tim Goodrich: While the current administration has weathered us through the difficult times of the Great Recession, I believe the actions of the next administration will be equally vital. As a Councilmember, I will undertake a "Back to Basics" approach and focus on the areas where government is inherently most efficient; public safety, infrastructure, and open and transparent government. In regards to public safety, I think it's important the City provides a

dedicated emergency operations center as our current lack of one comprises the safety of our residents. In regards to infrastructure, I will work to ensure we focus on repairing our roads, curbs, and gutters, as well as finishing the traffic light synchronization program. Finally, in regards to open and transparent government, I will work to apply today's technology, where appropriate, to make government more accessible for all. As we emerge from the Great Recession and revenues start to return, we only have once chance to get it right. Let's do it by focusing on the basics.

Michael Griffiths: Overall, I would have to give high marks to our current city administration for how they have handled issues, especially considering the difficult economic times we have been through. Everything is a matter of priorities, so one of the priorities of the current administration was to not have to lay off City employees. We did lose employees via attrition, and some services had to be cut, but without the required revenues, some things had to go. I'm impressed at the diligence of staff to seek out alternative funding methods to get some of our needs paid for, via grants and other monies available through various measures and existing tax revenue sources. So that is something I would continue, and increase if possible. I would change areas where we can increase efficiency and duplication, which is something that happens between the City and the School District. I would also like to see the City invest in things that will lower our costs in the long run, like installation of solar generation capabilities onto City-owned buildings, which has a very short ROI before we would see savings.

Milton Herring: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Rahmat H. Khan: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Leilani A. Kimmel-Dagostino: Yes, I feel the current city administration has done a good job considering the current economic environment. Although some City recreational activities have been cut, the unions and city personnel have foregone raises in order to maintain a balanced budget and a safe and secure community. People have had to do more with less and still sustained an excellent service level. I liked the remote City Council

meetings that were held in order to give residents in all areas of the city a chance to participate. I would like to continue this practice and also add a City Council meeting during the day time so senior citizens can participate. Many of our seniors cannot attend

a City Council meeting in the evening because they do not drive at night or wish to be out late in the evening. This would give them a chance to voice their concerns.

Ryan H. Mand: Answer not submitted
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Metro Briefs

SOUTH BAY

Celebrate Union Station at 75

Historic LA Union Station has served Los Angeles County for 75 years. Join Metro, in partnership with National Train Day, Amtrak and Metrolink for a fun-filled day of train exhibits, entertainment and other family activities on May 3 from 10am to 4pm. More at metro.net/unionstation.

Bike Week LA May 12-19

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Crenshaw Boulevard Closed May 2-3

A temporary closure of Crenshaw Boulevard between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Stocker Street will be in effect from 10pm on Friday, May 2 to 1pm on Saturday, May 3. This closure is part of work on the future station at Martin Luther King Boulevard on the 8.5 mile Crenshaw/LAX light rail line planned to open in 2019. For more information, visit metro.net/crenshaw.

Turnstiles Latched on Green Line

Metro is latching the turnstiles at the entrances to several Metro Green Line stations as part of the TAP fare payment system. Before entering, tap the target on the right side of the turnstile with your valid TAP card in order to pass through. All Metro Red/Purple, Blue and Gold line stations equipped with gates are now latched.

Blue Line Getting \$1.2 Billion in Upgrades

Metro is committing more than \$1.2 billion over the next few years to rehabilitate and modernize the nearly 25-year-old Metro Blue Line, one of the most heavily-used light rail systems in the nation. Upgrades include purchasing 78 new rail cars for \$739 million.



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by deadline.

Aurelio Mattucci: I don't think the current administration has put much time in informing themselves as to what people want, need, deserve and paid for. We have had a complete failure in maintaining our streets and sidewalks. The current administration, which includes two appointed incumbent candidates, have failed to deliver a plan that would put Torrance back on track to maintaining the infrastructure. I am tired of hearing about the "5 year plan". They keep on telling us that the budget is tight... My question is, "What happened to the tax dollars that have been paid by the citizens over the decades?" There are many streets in Torrance that have not been repaved in 50 years, yet some streets have been repaved several times in the last few years. It's time Torrance leaders stop the favoritism and start working on our failing system. The only way I see this ever working is that we eliminate the Political Connections to current and past Politicians and start fresh. I am tired of hearing who endorsed whom and who is their number one fan. This is my opinion, if a candidate is being pushed by our current administration, what makes you think anything will ever change? I personally have not asked, nor do I want any political endorsements, and I owe no political favors. My loyalty is with the people of Torrance. This is your chance to elect individuals that will represent you. No political puppets, no political favors. Vote Aurelio Mattucci, a truly Independent candidate.

Omar Navarro: I really don't think the current city administration has done well. I think the current insiders in city are not accountable and not transparent enough with the constituents within the city. They avoid major issues like Pensions which can bring this city into a financial calapse and bankruptcy. They also don't focus on other issues like fixing the streets and other major issues. I would like to see more accountability and transparency and less insiders that run our great city we also need more diversity in the city council the Latino community is not represented on the council and I plan to be the first Latino/Hispanic to get elected and represent a growing community.

Clint Andrew Paulson: I think we have a lot of good people in our current city administration and they have done a lot of positive things to move the city forward. That being said, I would not have entered this race if I didn't feel I could offer the voters something more. At one of our recent forums, a sitting councilmember was asked how they saw their role as a councilmember. What I understood from the response given was that this person would hire key city administration officials such as the city manager and

then rely on them to manage the day to day affairs of the city. I got the impression this person saw themselves more as a figurehead. Someone that would be there to take a photo at the next ribbon cutting ceremony, but not necessarily someone that would be engaged in the nuts and bolts of running the city. That's where I differ. If elected, I want to be completely engaged and involved in the nuts and bolts as much as possible. I think the current council relies too heavily upon the City Manger to set the course of the city. This is evidenced by the City Council approving 499 of approximately 500 motions brought before them in 2013. I don't want the City Council to be nothing more than a rubber stamp of the City Manager. The City Manager should execute according to the vision the City Council sets for the city, not the other way around.

Geoffrey Rizzo: Answer not submitted by deadline.

Alex M. See: The current city administration has done an outstanding job of ensuring that our essential city services and quality of life for our residents was maintained during a recession in our city. I would continue to ensure that our police and fire departments have the resources necessary to provide first-class services to our residents and that we invest in rehabilitating and replacing our aging infrastructure and water mains. Current Councils and economy development department have done a tremendous job of attracting more business to the city and brings more jobs to our community. However, I believe in the sustainability of small business and helping those businesses thrive as they bring revenue and jobs into the community. As a local business owner, I know how frustrating the delays can be when trying to start a new venture. I will work with businesses, residents and staff to remove unnecessary barriers that impede economic growth, and provide a stable and predictable business-friendly environment. And continue to improve our business center and make Torrance the first destination for any business or company.

Norm "Opa" Segal: I would give the current City Council, to include the Mayor, very high marks. They have been super business-friendly and have run balanced budgets. They have probably addressed the Pension problem as well as any other municipality has. I am very sad to see Mr. Scotto leave his position. He will be missed. I would like to see the Council continue the efforts to attract and retain high quality businesses in the City. I would like the new Council to take action to trim the city's employee count. I don't think that a city of 150,000 should have almost 1,700 employees. This trimming would include all levels of man-

agement. The only untouchables would be police (sworn officers) and fire. Trimming the employee count would also help with the pension issue.

Charlotte Ann Svolos: Overall the current administration has done a good job. Due to economics, capital improvements and non-vital services had to be cut. We also took some actions that I do not believe we should have. We played favorites in business in the name of revitalizing downtown. We took property and relocated a business just to sell the property and build apartments which are just now being completed some two years later. This was a poor use of time and money at a time when we did not have it to spare. As we begin to recover, I would like to look at whether we simply restore programs or use the opportunity to innovate. I want to return a Fourth of July celebration to Torrance but I think considering cost effective alternatives is wise. Perhaps we host a smaller fair and a laser light as opposed to a regular fireworks display. We should also consider doing this in conjunction with a corporate sponsor. To solve the downtown parking problem we could work with Wells Fargo to create a parking structure where their lot currently sits or discuss a valet parking program with a private enterprise. Many solutions are out there if we only have the courage to seek them instead of doing things the same old way. We need someone who is not an insider to bring these ideas but also someone who still possesses leadership skills. I believe I am that individual.

John Paul Tabakian: The current administration has not done a good job. Past incompetent financial policies coddled union bosses, to the point where our city, like many others in the state, is under real threat of bankruptcy. Some candidates gloat that Torrance has never missed a pension payment. Awesome! I appreciate our commitment every time I drive into a pothole! Is that why some candidates are floating parking meter installations? Torrance Police and Torrance Fire Department endorsements do not mean that the candidate supports public safety. It means that the candidate will do the bidding of union bosses. Some union blessed candidates are floating a .25% sales tax. Why? Greater pension obligations! When candidates say people have to pay more for protection, I am reminded of mafia hoods extorting money from good citizens. When did Torrance become a mafia town? I refuse to allow Torrance constituents to be held hostage. The foundation of our problems is our pension and benefit obligations to legacy employees. We must place every employee on the same even playing field. Union backed candidates define benefit packages as a sacred covenant comparable to the

10 Commandments. If you vote for these people, then add an 11th Commandment: "Thou city shall face economic collapse." Just ask Azusa, Stockton, Bell, and El Segundo (very soon).

Kurt Weideman: Torrance is a well-run City; the residents appreciate it and are proud to live here. This was confirmed during the preparation of the latest Strategic Plan, whereby data was gathered from the community via statistically valid telephone surveys and community focus groups. The citizens of Torrance feel that their city leaders are doing a good job and we're moving in the right direction. But it's not just the residents that recognize the value and experience of the current city administration – outside, independent agencies measure Torrance against other cities of the same size: Torrance consistently ranks in the top 5% in Los Angeles County as a "Business Friendly" City. Torrance is ranked in the Top Ten for "Livability" in many nationwide surveys of similar sized cities. Torrance regularly ranks as one of the "Safest" cities in the United States. Torrance is the third largest generator of Sales Tax revenue in Los Angeles County. I believe that I have the experience and leadership qualifications for what Torrance needs to continue to move forward.

Mayor Scotto believes it takes a "coalition" of people in city government to make things happen. Do you agree? If so, what relationships would you like to forge?

Heidi Ashcraft: I do believe it takes a "coalition" of people in city government to make things happen. I've seen businesses struggling to "stay alive" with many having to close their doors in Torrance. I believe a strong partnership with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the enhancement of the Economic Development Department would be extremely beneficial to both the business community and the city. Fran Fulton in the Economic Development Department has done an excellent job reaching out and helping business to flourish in Torrance but she needs help to expand this effort. Also, the partnering with residents who want to be involved with volunteering by serving the city in the many areas which are available, such as commissions, the libraries, schools, police department, Bartlett Center, Torrance Historical Museum, Madrona Marsh, Farmer's Market, just to name a few, is essential to "make things happen". The strength of Torrance is found in the volunteering spirit found in its amazing residents.

Tim Goodrich: Yes, I believe it takes a coalition of people to make things happen. This is why, if elected, one of my three priorities is to

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Rivalries Living Up to Hype

By Adam Serrao

The Torrance Tartars have had a seemingly tough schedule towards the middle of the season this year, jumping right into rivalry games even before league play had a chance to get started. The Tartars showed their strength by defeating the West High Warriors two weeks ago by a final score of 11-1. While that victory was dominant, however, Torrance knew that there would be many more close and heated games to come. Last week at South High in Torrance, those close and heated games began against the South High Spartans.

The first game between Torrance and South to open up league play for both teams this year wasn't a spectacle on the scoreboard, but it was an interesting game for pure baseball enthusiasts. A pitchers' duel in the most unadulterated sense, both Kyle Smith of Torrance and Matt Mogollon of South went at each other last Wednesday afternoon at South. Mogollon and Smith are two of the most highly touted pitchers in the Pioneer League, and maybe the entire area, this year. That fact certainly showed, as each team remained scoreless through six full innings of play. It came down to the seventh inning when Mogollon was finally hit and gave up two runs at the hands of junior JD Kruger and senior Tyler Martizia to give the Tartars their lead and ultimately the 2-0 victory on the day. Smith was brilliant for Torrance, giving up just one hit and one walk while striking out seven. Mogollon dazzled in his own right, striking out nine opposing batters and giving up just four hits and two walks on two runs to give the Tartars bragging rights in round one.

Round two came down to the bats of the two teams, as it should have with the two ace pitchers having already gone in the series. After being held scoreless and almost hitless in the first game of the two-game set, the Spartans got all of their frustrations out in the first inning of this one. "We had to have it," South head coach Grady Sain explained. "We felt good about how we played at our place. We just ran into a darn good pitcher. We felt if we made a couple of adjustments, we'd be okay." Those adjustments came early on, as back-to-back-to-back singles by Kyle Henmi, Kawika Hubbell and Taylor Carmona led off the game and were followed by an RBI single by David Popovich and back-to-back RBI groundouts by JB Guyton and Matt Mavrosakis to give South a 3-0 lead in just the first inning. The Spartans were held scoreless for the rest of the game and were left hoping that those three runs would be enough with starting pitcher Drake Pingel on the mound.

Sean Trevino led the comeback attempt for Torrance in the third inning when he singled and eventually came around to score to cut South's lead to 3-1. Ryan Eastburn was the next player to make some noise for Torrance,

coming off of the bench in the sixth inning for head coach Ollie Turner to rip an RBI double to cut the South lead to 3-2. The seventh inning was the final chance to tie things up for Torrance when Michael Strosnsider came through with a two-out pinch-hit single for the Tartars. Turner put in pinch-runner David Aros, who later stole second base and made his way to third after a passed ball. Sain relied on Pingel the whole way through, however, and his starter got himself out of the jam with a pop-up out to end the game, securing the win for South at Kendall Field last Friday night.

"We weren't coming off this field without the W," said South's Sam Camacho, in what was South's 13th win of the season (13-6, 1-1) to pull into a tie for second place in the Pioneer League with the split series. "We made a couple of outs on the bases that could have been avoided," Turner explained. "But it didn't come down to one play. We had our chances." Torrance (11-8, 1-1) will face off against the first place El Segundo Eagles next in a series of two games that should certainly determine who will hold first place positioning going into the month of May.

North High

The North High Saxons have gotten off to a relatively slow start this season, but are hoping to turn their fate around in league play. This year's league play started off with a two-game matchup with the Lawndale Cardinals. After a close 2-1 loss in the first game of the set at Lawndale, the Saxons were able to rebound in game two at home. Starting pitcher Owen Canady was one big reason for that rebound game, as the staff ace threw a complete game four-hitter while striking out seven in the Pioneer League win. Armando Rodriguez was two for three with a double and an RBI for host North High while Nicholas Murphy was a huge spark on offense for the Saxons (8-9, 2-2), going two for two with two RBIs. The Saxons will move on to go up against South High in order to try to make up some ground in a tight Pioneer League this year.

West High

Now that a horrific beginning of the season is way in the past for the West High Warriors, they have focused on simply winning against their Bay League opponents. First up for the Warriors was Mira Costa. In a two-game sweep against their league rival Mustangs, West dominated with a 7-1 win on the road at Mira Costa in game one and came home with a 3-2 win in the finale. The Mustangs jumped out to an early two-run lead in the top of the second inning, but the Warriors (9-9, 2-0) were able to rally with two in the fifth and one in the sixth to take their second league victory in a row. Palos Verdes Peninsula is up next for West.

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Not Just a Game

By Adam Serrao

Most fans of the Los Angeles Dodgers know the player named Yasiel Puig as a young vibrant right-gielder who has indescribable talent, but has yet to conceptualize all of the rules of the game. While Puig is a treat for us as fans to go out and watch at the ballpark, there is much more to the 23-year-old Cuban defector than meets the eye. Sure, he has presented the Dodgers' organization and Don Mattingly with their share of challenges already in his young professional baseball career, but the challenges that have faced Yasiel Puig in his journey to America far outweigh the fundamentals of the game of baseball.

It's just as if it's out of a movie. The tale of Yasiel Puig involves many late-night meetings and plots to escape the island of Cuba, a speedboat ride done stealthily in the middle of the night, weeks held up in a Mexican motel and many drug smugglers forcing Puig to sign a contract that would ensure they receive 20 percent of the baseball star's future earnings as a price for his freedom. J.J. Abrams couldn't have written up a better script for an upcoming summer blockbuster, only this would-be bestseller is reality for both Puig and many other non-high-profile Cubans who wish to gain a share of freedom for themselves. Puig is just the latest and most high-profile case detailed in both *Los Angeles Magazine* and *ESPN The Magazine* investigative stories that detail his route out of Cuba and into Major League Baseball and a \$42 million contract.

Extorting Cuban baseball players like Puig is becoming an ever-increasing practice among shady characters in third-party countries nowadays. Like Puig, many Cuban-born baseball players cannot attain their own freedom and so must smuggle themselves, or find someone to smuggle them, out of the country. With enormous talent like Puig's, there is an ever-increasing market for these young, talented baseball players in America. Under MLB rules, however, Cubans fleeing directly to America would not be considered "professional" and would have to partake in the amateur draft, thus making it necessary for the player to work his way up through the entire minor league system with whichever team chooses to draft him. Fleeing to a third country like Mexico allows the player to become a free agent and sell his talents to the highest bidder, thus landing an exorbitant contract similar to that of Puig's. Those exorbitant contracts, however, raise the eyebrows of smugglers who look to benefit from them in whatever way possible.

According to reports, now that Puig has gained his freedom and made it to America as a professional baseball player, he now owes a

Miami businessman and small-time criminal 20 percent of all of his future earnings after the man orchestrated Puig's escape from Cuba to Mexico's eastern coast with the help of a Mexican drug cartel. Puig was held against his will at an island off the coast of Mexico, according to reports, until a rival ring, hired by the same Miami businessman, executed a late-night raid to get Puig safely to Mexico City. While there, he was granted residency by the Mexican government and later signed his contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "If it's true, it's a wild story," Mattingly said. "I'm sure it's like all of the other guys coming out of there also. I'll bet Yasiel's no different than anyone else out of Cuba."

It's scary to think about the danger that these Cuban-born athletes (and non-athletes alike) put themselves through for a chance at freedom--an idea that we here in America may take for granted on a daily basis. "If you care about Yasiel, you worry about it," Mattingly said. "There's some serious stuff that he has to deal with." If you ask Puig, though, he wants to keep all of the focus simply on his team and the game of baseball. "I'm represented on this matter and I'm only focused on being a productive teammate and helping the Dodgers win games," Puig explained. "I feel normal," he continued. "I'm focusing on baseball and I'm giving my best for my team so things go well on the field with the preparation I've had, so those things that are happening don't torment me." Mattingly has said that Puig will be given all of the support that he needs by the club and that his team will be his best support group. So far this season, Puig is batting .235 with one home run and 12 hits in 14 games (51 at-bats).

Other than his remarks about baseball and being there for his team, Puig has been ominously silent on the actual accounts of his harrowing escape from Cuba and arrival in the United States. Given the supposed details, it is understandable that Puig just wouldn't want to recall or bring such events back into focus. His escape from Cuba was only successful on his fifth attempt. His salary as a Cuban baseball player was \$17 a month. With all taken into account and put into perspective, Puig's delight in partaking in an American lifestyle doesn't seem as bad as maybe once it originally did. Hitting the cutoff man may not be such a big deal anymore. If Yasiel Puig's story can teach us all one thing, it should be to be thankful for our freedom and not to take for granted what we have in our lives every day. The great thing about sports is that central figures like Yasiel Puig can remind us all to be thankful on a day-in and day-out basis.

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Business Briefs

Andy and Renee's 24th Annual Dylanfest

Andy and Renee's 24th Annual Dylanfest is upon us once again and scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2014 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. For tickets and more information, access www.andyandreene.com. Put on your tie-dye shirts and grab those love beads and join in the fun for a full day of Bob Dylan music. Peace.



Andy & Renee performing at Dylanfest. Photo by TerriAnn Ferren.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce Network At Noon Luncheon

The Portofino Hotel & Marina's picturesque BALEENkitchen, located at 260 Portofino Way in Redondo Beach was the site of this month's Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's Network At Noon event. For future chamber event info, please visit www.torrancechamber.com.



Milton and Cinda Herring get ready for the Network At Noon luncheon event sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.



Enjoying the business networking are (L to R) Stephanie Yee, Convention Services & Catering Manager from the DoubleTree by Hilton Torrance - South Bay, Charlotte Melsh, Director of Sales and Marketing from Palos Verdes Bowl and Milli McFadden, Marketer from the Costco Marketing.



The BALEENkitchen's efficient staff included (L to R) Taylor Hill, Keith Wheatly, Director of Food & Beverage Poyan Shahmirzadi, Ashley Thompson, Nick Viera, Sous Chef Tristen Montalvo and Executive Chef Richard Crespin. Photos by Charlene Nishimura.

South Bay Regional Spring Mixer



The South Bay Regional Spring Mixer, hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong Association of Southern California and Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce was held on April 16 at the Holiday Inn in Torrance. Along with lots of business networking, a special "Hong Kong: America's Bridge to Asian Growth" feature presentation was given by Stella Poon, the Director of the Los Angeles Hong Kong Trade Development Council. Also, U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters made time in her busy schedule to attend the evening's event. Pictured (L to R) are Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman of the Board Sherry Kramer, U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters and TACC President & CEO Donna Duperron. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

New Merle Norman Spa Opens at Torrance Crossroads

A new Merle Norman & Spa has opened in the Torrance Crossroads, located at 24329 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite D. A Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting was held on March 27. This will be the third Merle Norman location for Owner Melinda Fox who thanked her family and Partner Selina Ortega for making it all possible. •



Merle Norman & Spa Owner Melinda Fox is flanked by her father-in-law Guy Fox and husband William Fox. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop Well-Attended in Torrance



Congresswoman Maxine Waters successfully held an Emergency Preparedness workshop for the city of Torrance on April 12th. She is shown (L to R) with Michael Rock, City Manager, Lomita, CA; Veronica Verde, External Affairs Officer, FEMA; Tom Bryan, Community Disaster Education Chairman, American Red Cross; Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43); Mona Bonitty, Regional Administrator, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; and Soraya Sutherlin, Emergency Services Coordinator, Torrance Police Department.

The New Time to Have Fun and Bond With Your Family: Breakfast

(BPT) - Families are always looking for new ways to celebrate and spend time together. Why not start your weekend off on the right foot with a little family time in the kitchen over a delicious hot breakfast?

Cooking in the kitchen is a great activity for families, including children of all ages. Consider the following ways you can get your children up and out of their nests each morning for fun family time together over a delicious breakfast:

- Little children - The youngest members of the family are excellent ingredient mixers and are really good at decorating the table. Give them a craft project to create a table placemat for each plate, or teach them how to fold the napkins in a pretty way.

- Older children - If you have kids in elementary school, ask them to put their math skills to use in measuring ingredients for the meal. They can also pour the milk or juice drinks and put the finished breakfast meal on a plate in a decorative way for serving at the table.

- Teenagers - Ask your teenagers to be responsible for cooking the food. Anything dealing

with the stove or oven is their responsibility, and they should also keep an eye out for younger siblings getting too close.

- Parents - You are the overseers of the entire kitchen project. You get to determine the final menu, and make certain that all the breakfast foods will be prepared for serving at the same time so everyone can sit down and enjoy the meal together.

Once the food is ready and plated, have everyone sit down at the table together to enjoy the creation. Soon it will become a tradition that you celebrate your weekend breakfasts together as a family, creating fun memories for everyone.

As you begin your family breakfasts together, try the following fun recipe your kids will love. Hungry Jack Hashbrowns are used to create nests, with some eggs and cheese in the middle for a creative spring-themed breakfast dish. Hungry Jack Hashbrowns are ready to use, fully seasoned and cook perfectly crispy every time. They are made of 100 percent Idaho potatoes and do not require refrigeration. This recipe also can be used for a brunch if you are having company over. •

Hashbrown Nests with Eggs



Ingredients

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| 1 carton (4.2 ounces) Hungry Jack Original Hashbrown Potatoes | 6 large eggs |
| 3 tablespoons cooking oil | 2 tablespoons bacon bits |
| 6 slices American cheese, each slice cut into four quarters | 1 tablespoon butter |
| | Cooking spray |
| | Salt |

Directions

Heat oven to 425 F. Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with no-stick cooking spray. Fill hashbrowns carton to fill line with hot water. Let stand 12 minutes. Drain very well. Transfer potatoes to a mixing bowl and mix in the oil. Scoop potatoes into each muffin cup, forming a nest. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven. Beat eggs in a mixing bowl. Heat a large non-stick skillet. Melt the butter in the pan, and gently cook eggs over low heat, stirring constantly and breaking up any large curds. Cook eggs for 5 minutes, or until creamy and soft enough to easily scoop with a spoon. Season to taste with salt. Place two small cheese squares in the potato-lined muffin cup and top with about a tablespoon of the scrambled eggs. Sprinkle each muffin cup with bacon bits. Bake for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Gently run a butter knife around the edge of each muffin cup, to loosen. Allow nests to cool for 5 minutes, then remove from the pan and serve. •

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TerriAnn of Torrance

Sculpting with Passion

By TerriAnn Ferren

Most of the time, I have to visit a museum or an art gallery when I want to soak in outstanding examples of creative minds expressing themselves. But last week I visited with a South Bay artist in our midst whose home rivals any posh gallery anywhere. Cinthia Joyce, artist extraordinaire, opened her home and allowed me to experience her world. From the moment she opened the front door, I knew I was in for a treat. I was greeted by a huge 7.5-foot bronze sculpture entitled *Atlas Upholding the Cosmos*, completed two years ago in Cinthia's studio, centered in the foyer. The statue stands majestically placed between two beautifully arched staircases. She told me that the model for the sculpture was Arthur Davis III, who is the twice number one acrobatic gymnast in the world. He has been on *Dancing with the Stars* and also worked for Cirque du Soleil. Although Davis' body is depicted in the piece, the face is not his. Cinthia explained, "It was kind of an interesting project to do 'cuz it made you really think. I looked up everything about Atlas and he is not holding up the world--he is holding up the universe. And then you understand that we think it is the world. As an artist, how are you going to make it the universe when it is all around you? So they made it into a globe. So, I tried to make this sort of like a nebulous mass. Then the other confusing part as an artist is...if he's holding up the universe, what is he standing on?" Food for thought is an understatement.

years ago. There is a bird between the mother and child and that makes this sculpture unusual. The expression on the Madonna's face is so different from that of the child. Truly lovely.

Next, Cinthia escorted me into a room to the

get to do art twice a week, but it depends if I am working on a commission. Then I really work a lot on that." Yes, you do. Then I asked if she has always wanted to be an artist and she told me a wonderful story: "I have always

doing abstract...sometimes it takes you just as long as doing a realistic painting 'cuz you have to build up with layers. I don't pre-design, I don't sketch first and then do the painting 'cuz I get bored and then feel as it's already done." In one of Cinthia's rooms that might be a den, she decided it needed some pictures, so she painted them. She finished the first one in one day and then painted the other one to complement it the next day. They not only balanced the room, but brought her unique color and inspiration into the room.

We then went into Cinthia's art studio, which is a treasure. She has 60 works in progress. One such work is *Joan of Arc*. She told me she had read a book about Joan of Arc written by Mark Twain. "He's actually the number one authority in the world on Joan of Arc. He wrote a book anonymously about her because he knew it would ruin his career--people wanted him to be funny. But he was totally fascinated with her and he went into the French archives--they actually had what her scribe wrote down. Everything down, it's all there, all real and so I really got into it so that's why Joan of Arc." I had no idea Mark Twain was a historian. At the moment, the beautiful sculpture of Joan of Arc isn't cast, but I hope it is done soon. That is one amazing piece.

The Autry Museum often asks Cinthia to host demonstrations, which she graciously agrees to, and she has been tapped to sculpt awards and medallions for the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium and many public commissions



A closeup of "Atlas Upholding the Cosmos." Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

right and my jaw dropped. The entire room was filled with paintings and sculptures, and beauty was everywhere. What I noticed about Cinthia's work right away was the vast variety of not just her styles but her media. "I like to try it all out

done art since I was a baby. My mom said when I was little, I'd lay down on a piece of fabric--I would draw around myself and I cut it out and I sewed it together and I wore it to the market! A dress. And I was only three years



The many sculptures-in-progress in Cinthia's studio.

As I turned around, I saw a piece entitled *Le Femme* and Cinthia told me, "Dr. Phil owns the first one. This one I just made out of my head. I had just finished traveling to Stanley Park in Vancouver and was by myself and it was a really hot day and I was sitting there in the park and they had these cedar trees and they had these really convoluted trunks and I was just so fascinated by them. They really, really held my attention." Well, Cinthia proceeded to tell me that the cedar is used to make totem poles because they are bug and rot resistant, they resist disease, plus they are thousands of years old. When she got home and began sculpting, she noticed she was making the dress of *Le Femme* down to the ground and she realized she was making the roots of the cedar trees. "I was thinking of her as a symbol of femininity and all the good aspects of women--not all the things you see in the news in exploiting women--the gentleness, kindness, nurturing and sweetness and at the same time the strength, because nothing can knock this over," Cinthia said. "Like the pyramid is the strongest shape and she is growing out of the ground like an 'earth mother' holding up who knows what on her shoulders. So I wanted to do an ode to femininity--a compliment to what true femininity is."

On the opposite corner in the foyer from *La Femme* sits the *Madonna and Child*, done eight

and I like abstracts, realism, animals and people," she said. "Sometimes I'll take the same model and I'll sculpt one abstract and one in the realistic style of the same pose because it's really interesting to me. Your brain completely changes directions." It is a mood thing, she explained to



Cinthia shows off the tools of her trade.

me, and she said lots of things influence what she does. It could be a demonstration she is giving that brings her an idea, or an idea that comes from just working on a piece.

I asked Cinthia if she worked every day and she told me, "No, because unfortunately, the way life is, marketing art, paperwork, applying to shows, driving to shows, teaching, and also teaching private lessons [is a lot]. So I only



Cinthia Joyce with her sculpture "La Femme," which celebrates femininity.

old. And I remember I was always painting and sculpting. I am a terrible doodler. I can't go to a lecture without drawing all over my stuff."

The hallways of Cinthia's home are lined with her work and each room is personally painted by her in a color that suits her art. This very accomplished artist has treasures around every corner. I felt as if I truly was in a special museum and being escorted by the artist herself was beyond wonderful.

Inside the next very colorful room sat a horse, *Spirit of the Wind*, that looked as if he was going to gallop right across the wall. She explained to me that she sculpted this particular piece in wax and left holes intentionally so when you walk around it kind of, as Cinthia put it, "looks like the eye is really looking at you and I really wanted the idea of merging the wall behind it with color ties in it." She also told me that the mood of the horse changes with the color of the wall behind the sculpture.

There is art everywhere and I couldn't possibly tell you about all of it, but her range is amazing. Sculpting lambs, horses, cows used in rodeos in Mexico, and surfers, not to mention her sculpted figures, this woman is quite multi-talented. When I asked about her painting, she smiled and told me, "I love using a whole lot of paint. I love just doing sensual...just squeezing straight out of the tube sometimes. Putting a ton on...it's amazing

including The Torrance Bridge Plaque, Peace Mandala, a bust of Dr. J. Milford Anholm for the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, and many more credits much too lengthy to list here. To learn more about this artist or to commission a work, simply access www.cinthiajoyce.com.

As I stood 'gob-stopped' in Cinthia Joyce's studio, her husband Peter came in. I asked him how he likes being married to an artist and he smiled, looked at his bride and said, "It's like living in an art gallery. Twenty-four years ago [when they moved into this home], she wanted one room for her studio. It's morphed in a good way." Indeed it has. As I walked out of the studio I saw a drawing pinned up on the wall and Cinthia told me her grandson Soren, age two and a half, drew that particular piece. She beamed and told me, "I have another one on the way--a granddaughter." Somehow I can envision her grandchildren in her studio playing with all the clay and paint! Living in an art gallery would be great. But then I thought each of us has our own personal art gallery surrounding us every day. That is the example Cinthia Joyce brings to us all.

Waving goodbye and making my way down the front steps, I was filled with awe at this beautiful, brilliant, bubbly artist who sees the world as a canvas waiting to be filled. Are we all artists of some sort? •

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Sadly, sadly, we have lost another war. Consider this:

- The 10 Most Expensive Wars in American History Are These:**
1. World War II: \$4.1T
 2. Iraq-Afghanistan: \$5.0T
 3. Vietnam: \$ 738B
 4. Korean War: \$341B
 5. World War I: \$334B
 6. Persian Gulf War: \$102B
 7. Civil War: \$79B
 8. Spanish American: \$9B
 9. American Revolution: \$2B
 10. Mexican War: \$2B

A total cost of \$10.7 trillion... But the list does not include the most devastating war of all, the War on Poverty. At age 50 and having already cost \$21.5 trillion, this war is five times longer than any prior war and has cost twice the amount of all prior wars combined. Since both physical wars and socio/economic wars bring casualties and death, it is appropriate to include this war on the list of wars.

Forbes Magazine said when LBJ declared war on poverty, 27 percent of Americans lived in poverty but by 2012 that percentage had grown to 29 percent. Moreover, after 50 years, this war shows no sign of abating--but in fact is growing. Concurring with the Forbes report, in April the House Committee on the Budget issued its report "The War on Poverty: 50 years later" in which it revealed that in 2012, there are 92 overlapping programs costing \$799 billion--all this in one year alone.

For Example, Three of the Most Egregious Abusers Are:

PROGRAM AREA	# OF ADMINISTRATING AGENCIES	2012 COST
Education	28	\$94.4B
Food Aid	17	\$105B
Housing	22	\$49.6B

The House report concluded "rather than provide a roadmap out of poverty Washington has created a complex web of programs that are often difficult to navigate... Some discourage families from getting ahead and many others, we just don't know. There's little evidence either way."

Forbes concluded that since people are nothing if not adaptive and flexible, as the welfare state grows, people find a smaller incentive to work. Despite the fact that the population has grown, there are fewer people working today than there were in 2007. The Cato Institute reported that welfare now pays more than the minimum wage in 35 states, so there is little incentive to take the first step up the economic ladder. Cato continued that in 13 states, welfare pays more than \$15 an hour--more than twice the federal minimum wage. In nine states, welfare pays more than the starting salary for a teacher. In six states, welfare pays more than a computer programmer.

Today, the war has brought us to a place where 46 million live below the poverty line, 49.7 million receive food stamps, 11 million are unemployed, and the number of employed people is lower than 2007. Measured against the LBJ statement of purpose in declaring this war "...not only to relieve the symptoms of poverty, but to cure it, and above all, to prevent it," it has failed.

Sadly, sadly, as we have done with Obamacare and in Iraq, Syria, Iran and Afghanistan, isn't it time to simply declare another war lost, admitting poverty has won? •

Another Man's Opinion

Politicians Making Reelection a Priority

By Cristian Vasquez

We are only four month into 2014 and already both the Republicans and Democrats are caught up in the hype of the 2016 presidential election. With more than a year before the election is in full swing and a little less than two years before we have to cast a ballot for the next Commander-in-Chief, both parties are busy creating and denying rumors about who should be their side's candidate. On the Republican side names like Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Rick Santorum and even Jeb Bush...yes, apparently the Bush family gets a free pass from the GOP for their ineffectiveness. Although in all fairness, Jeb is smarter than the last Bush we had in office and hopefully not as loony as Bush Sr., but I digress.

Then we have the Democrats and their potential candidate: Hillary Clinton...and pretty much that's all the noise the party is making. Unless they plan to run Vice President Joe Biden, the options for the Democrats are slim. Unless they are seriously considering Cory Booker, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren or Deval Patrick, the Democrats are in a bit of a panic. In all of this indecisiveness, it is the average American voter who gets to suffer. Instead of us reading about members in both parties spending their time in Washington passing necessary legislation, we get to watch both parties scramble to pick the next person to make a run at the White House.

The truth is that with two years still left before the current administration vacates 1600

Pennsylvania Avenue, both sides should focus on the task of running the country instead of the freak show that are our elections. I understand that elections are an important aspect of our democratic process. They are supposed to provide options as to who would be the best leader. Unfortunately, the options we are given are horrible and the effort in finding these candidates is intense. As a result, voters are left disappointed and the country's problems (financial, immigration, healthcare, etc...) remain unresolved.

The sad part is that our reality television, 24-hour newscycle-infused minds play to the tune of this inefficiency. Right now, as you are hopefully still reading this, should we be more concerned with the possible list of ego-driven, stubborn politicians looking to become President or with the current elected officials who continue to disappoint us? Elections allow us to remove incompetent politicians. One thing we know about the next election is that President Obama will not be coming back. So, why aren't we focused on the Senators and Congress members who have contributed to what is afflicting the nation?

Eventually we will have to pick the President, but we don't need to start investing time, energy and money into the process this early in the game. Still, it is happening and nothing will stop the way our election cycles work as long as voter apathy continues to thrive. As of now, I couldn't care less about the list of incompetent and lying politicians that either party produces. •

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- Deer sir?
- Short musical piece
- Small amphibians
- Designer Chanel
- Pondered
- Seed covering
- Caspian Sea feeder
- Stigmatize
- Fix up
- Get some shuteye
- Bounders
- Fool
- Prayer beads
- Medicinal balsam
- Mas' mates
- ___ and anon
- Dogma
- Hostile
- Call it a night at 9 p.m.
- "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
- Pronouncement
- Six-stringed instrument
- Big ___
- Plain and simple
- Talkative

- Bit of a draft
- Go parasailing
- Take a nap
- Natural emollient
- Accustom
- Meticulousness
- Computer list
- Recuperation
- Large-scale
- Chick's sound
- College leave
- Guff

Down

- Soviet ballistic missile
- Unit of pressure
- Berry
- Links sight
- Personify
- Racetracks
- One of seven: abbr.
- Nick's cousin
- Taro variety
- Noblemen
- Nonconformist
- Ocean motion
- Refuse

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- Brown
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- Like Bo-Peep's charges
- Unchangeable
- Coquette
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- In a playful manner
- Leader opposed by the Bolsheviks
- Exclamation of displeasure
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- Greeds
- Most demure
- Turn left
- Freeze
- Narrow groove
- Summer place
- On the calm side
- Smooth
- Cameo stone
- Diversions
- California county or its seat
- TV angel Munroe
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"Surgery is usually the solution to a problem, whether to replace a painful knee or repair a hernia, but there are always risks," says Dr. Jane C.K. Fitch, president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). "Physician anesthesiologists, surgeons and other medical specialists work with patients before, during and after surgery to help ensure a successful outcome. Patients can take control of their own health by having critical conversations with their physicians and getting healthy before surgery."

So, what can you do to get yourself in shape for surgery? The ASA suggests patients follow these tips:

- Eat healthy: Adjusting your diet to include

healthier choices in the weeks leading up to your surgery can help you become stronger and recover quicker. If you have a loss of appetite or recently lost weight without trying, be sure to tell your doctor, who might suggest you see a registered dietitian. The dietitian may prescribe a nutritional supplement to boost your immune system, help prevent infections and shorten your stay in the hospital.

- Stop smoking: Among the many reasons to kick the habit is that smoking and anesthesia - which you'll need during surgery - don't mix. If you smoke, your heart and lungs are compromised and don't function at full capacity. You are also far more likely to suffer breathing and lung-related complications during surgery and are more likely to need a ventilator after surgery. By quitting smoking before surgery, you'll not only decrease the likelihood of these risks, but you're also less likely to have a wound infection, heart attack or other complication.

- Boost your breathing: Taking deep breaths on a spirometer - a simple device that helps you exercise your lungs and improve their function - is a routine activity after most

surgeries. Doing these exercises before surgery can help strengthen your lungs so you're less likely to develop pneumonia.

- Control your blood sugar: People with diabetes whose blood sugar (glucose) is not controlled, are more likely to suffer potentially fatal complications following surgery. If you have diabetes, make sure your blood sugar is controlled. If you don't, your immune system may be weaker, making you more vulnerable to pneumonia and other infections. Controlling your blood sugar will help you heal faster and you'll likely spend less time recovering in the hospital.

- Disclose medication use: Prior to surgery, be sure to tell your surgeon and physician anesthesiologist what vitamins, supplements, as well as prescription and over-the-counter medications you are taking. You may need to stop taking some of them until after your surgery because they make your blood less likely to clot and increase the risk of bleeding. The long list of risky medications includes blood thinners such as aspirin, pain relievers such as ibuprofen and common supplements such as St. John's wort and vitamins C and E. Do not

stop taking any supplements or medications without asking your physician first.

- Get (or stay) active: If you exercise, keep it up, and if you don't, try to responsibly increase your activity level in the weeks before surgery. The sooner you begin to move around after surgery, the less likely you are to develop blood clots and pneumonia. Consider getting into an exercise program - it can reduce complications and shorten hospital stays.

- Reduce consumption of alcoholic beverages: People who have more than two alcoholic drinks a day are more likely to suffer complications after surgery than light drinkers and those who drink heavily are more than twice as likely to suffer complications that can result in death. Heavy drinkers are also much more likely to get an infection after surgery, have difficulty breathing, and be admitted to the intensive care unit than non-drinkers.

Be your own advocate by following ASA's tips for improving your health, safety and surgical outcomes. For more information about being prepared for surgery and anesthesia, visit www.asahq.org/WhenSecondsCount/patientsafety.aspx. •

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while still enforceable. "It is our intention to install the fewest signs possible and use existing posts and streetlight poles wherever possible," said Bilezerian. "It's important to note that we do not think enforcement of no parking without the signs will be possible. The signs will be installed based on line of sight visibility . . . However, intention is . . . to, wherever possible, minimize the number of signs."

Residents argued that street sweeping is an ineffective inconvenience, and that grates on storm drains would be sufficient to eliminate the presence of trash and toxins heading to the ocean, Machado Lake or the Dominguez Channel. City Manager LeRoy Jackson disagreed, saying that unless the city can prove it's making a "good faith effort" (which city staff believes includes street sweeping) to eliminate those pollutants, the city could face \$10,000 in daily fines. He mentioned that cities throughout California have tried to seek exemptions or to overturn the regulations and none have been successful. "Cities have filed appeals across the state on this matter," said Jackson. "The state water board has been very definitive in saying they have to comply."

Overturning the regulation might not be the best course of action for Torrance anyway. Bilezerian said the program has a number

of upsides including increasing the amount of available parking on street sweeping days and protecting the environment and the water supply. "The project is going improve water quality in the environment both locally and outside the city in the surrounding area," said Bilezerian. "It will allow us to optimize street sweeping effectiveness such that it will provide us unobstructed access to gutters. It's going to improve on-street parking availability in neighborhoods that currently have signs that limit parking and also reduce the period from four hours to three. And ultimately we're going to have cleaner streets and cleaner water."

Because of a series of other high profile meetings and Council dark nights in the near future, the earliest the Council could likely revisit this issue is after the upcoming Council elections. Mayor Frank Scotto said he felt that pushing off the hard questions concerning the street sweeping plan to the new Council was a mistake, albeit once that wouldn't affect him as he isn't seeking re-election. "We will delay this but it's really the wrong thing to do," said Scotto. "Kicking the can down the road is really not fair to [the new Council] who will have to be the ones taking the blame for this. It's OK with me because I won't be sitting up here." •

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A Sure-Footed Way to Choose New Flooring

(BPT) - When spring-cleaning uncovers a worn floor it may be time to consider purchasing a new one, especially if you're selling your home in the near future. A new floor, like refreshed paint and updated fixtures, makes a home more enjoyable to live in as well as more marketable.

Floor purchases are often postponed because homeowners are confused about how to make a selection. But Erinn Valencich, celebrity designer and contestant on NBC's reality home design show, American Dream Builders, says choosing a floor is easier than you think.

"Selecting new flooring may seem like a momentous task, but it doesn't have to be," she says. "If you approach it understanding the selection process, bringing in images of spaces you like for color reference, it's not intimidating ... but really quite fun."

When considering new flooring you should evaluate your lifestyle. Many people prefer hard surface floors for high traffic areas of the home and carpet for bedrooms or dens.

Valencich is a fan of the warm look of wood in her designs and often uses premium laminates in place of hardwoods for active families.

"With all the new options of laminate available today, I often use it in place of real wood," says Valencich, "The primary reason - durability. Laminates simply can withstand more punishment. And seriously, with quality laminates like the Reclaime Collection from Quick-Step, it's next to impossible to tell the difference."

So how do you choose your new floor? Valencich offers three easy steps to help guide

you through the process.

1. Think color first.

When redoing a room, Valencich always starts with fabric swatches to determine a color palette. So if you're refreshing a room, you'll want to select a floor that will complement the new color palette of your fabrics and walls. Valencich recommends finding a floor color that contrasts with the walls and furniture in the room. If you have rich, dark walls, a lighter floor creates a dramatic difference. White and light walls may look more dramatic when paired with mid-tone or dark floors.

The popularity of gray-toned furniture hasn't faded and you'll be seeing these rich patinas for

some time into the future. Likewise gray floors remain hugely popular because they create an amazing foundation for a room.

2. Choose your style.

With the resurgence of vintage looks in furniture and accessories, reclaimed, time-worn and rustic textures are extremely popular while smooth surfaces are always a classic.

Valencich often combines a rustic textured floor with the clean lines of a contemporary space. "I like to pair a warm rustic texture with a variety of smooth finishes. They create a nice contrast in a space and make a more modern look feel warm and accessible," she says.

Of course rustic floors are the perfect fit for

the contemporary cottage look and smooth surface floors work well in any decor. There's no right or wrong, so choose what speaks to you and your style.

3. Visualize your floor in your home.

Once you've narrowed your choices, it's best to see actual flooring samples in your room with available light. Samples can either be ordered online or checked-out from your local retailer. It's wise to involve your retailer early on in the process; he can provide great information on product specifications, durability and maintenance. Your retailer will also measure the room, order flooring and arrange installation. •



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NASA Cassini Images May Reveal Birth of New Saturn Moon

By Bob Eklund

NASA's Cassini spacecraft has documented the formation of a small icy object within

estimate it is probably no more than about a half mile in diameter. Saturn's icy moons range in size depending on their proximity to the

"Witnessing the possible birth of a tiny moon is an exciting, unexpected event," said Cassini Project Scientist Linda Spilker, of

on the night of April 14? Enough to write a poem about it? Why not try one and email it to the Astronomers Without Borders (AWB) AstroPoetry Contest? This international astronomy-outreach organization is presenting the contest as a feature of Global Astronomy Month, April 2014.

The contest has separate divisions for children grades one to six, young adults grades seven to 12 and adults. For contest rules and the entry form, see: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2014-programs/program-schedule-2014.html?id=1467>

In addition to the contest, you can also send your poem to the AWB AstroPoetry Blog, where we post poems daily. Your blog poem can also include a picture, if you have one. See the blog at: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/blog/astro-poetry-blog.html>

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the rings of Saturn that may be a new moon, and may also provide clues to the formation of the planet's known moons. Images taken with Cassini's narrow angle camera on April 15, 2013 show disturbances at the very edge of Saturn's A ring—the outermost of the planet's large, bright rings. One of these disturbances is an arc about 20 percent brighter than its surroundings, 750 miles long and six miles wide. Scientists also found unusual protuberances in the usually smooth profile at the ring's edge. Scientists believe the arc and protuberances are caused by the gravitational effects of a nearby object. Details of the observations were published online today by the journal *Icarus* [<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2014.03.024>].

The object is not expected to grow any larger, and may even be falling apart. But the process of its formation and outward movement aids in our understanding of how Saturn's icy moons, including the cloud-wrapped Titan and ocean-holding Enceladus, may have formed in more massive rings long ago. It also provides insight into how Earth and other planets in our solar system may have formed and migrated away from our star, the Sun.

"We have not seen anything like this before," said Carl Murray of Queen Mary University of London, the report's lead author. "We may be looking at the act of birth, where this object is just leaving the rings and heading off to be a moon in its own right."

The object, informally named Peggy, is too small to see in images so far. Scientists

planet—the farther from the planet, the larger. And many of Saturn's moons are comprised primarily of ice, as are the particles that form Saturn's rings. Based on these facts, and other indicators, researchers recently proposed that the icy moons formed from ring particles and then moved outward, away from the planet, merging with other moons on the way.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. According to Spilker, Cassini's orbit will move closer to the outer edge of the A ring in late 2016 and provide an opportunity to study Peggy in more detail and perhaps even image it.

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