

**Truth**

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and the prime-time speeches.” The staff includes a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a Penn University professor in communication, and a science writer and researcher. The fact-check team investigates claims, some of which are suggested by the readers.

“We review transcripts of all Sunday talk shows (CNN, FOX News, ABC, NBC and CBS.) This is a staple of our coverage. We do this every year, not just presidential years,” Kiely said.

“The idea is to draw material from a select number of sources that provide an equal opportunity for review of claims made by Republicans and Democrats.”

Factcheck.org monitors the accuracy of political TV ads, debates, speeches, and news releases, too.

The team’s work follows the national news as the candidates descend on California, with 341 Republican delegates at stake and 548 Democrat delegates. Recent topics lend support to Factcheck.org’s assertion that it’s an equal-opportunity examiner of claims made on the political trail.

They include:

- “The Clinton Furniture Flap”
- “Trump on Hairspray and Ozone”
- “Harry Reid’s Wild Exaggerations”
- “Sanders False Income Claim”

The fact-check team also looked into the Zika outbreak in Brazil, a reported cancellation of National Prayer Day, and hotly contested Senate races in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In non-election years, the fact-check team reviews every speech and press conference given by the president, Kiely told the Herald.

Factcheck.org is a nonprofit and nonpartisan project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Editors and reporters from the Tampa Bay Times comprise the staff of PolitiFact, which checks claims made by elected officials and politicians. The journalists also serve as a watchdog on the political commentators, known as pundits, whose remarks wield considerable influence in the media.

PolitiFact rates the accuracy of statements made by the candidates, placing them in categories that range from “True” and “Mostly True” to “Mostly False” and their lowest rating “Pants on Fire.” It also investigates viral media and rumors on the web, and rates President Obama’s top 25 promises.

The web site lists the truthfulness of statements about the number of cancer deaths per



Vice President Joe Biden got it wrong about cancer deaths in America.

day in the United States (Joe Biden), the U.S. coal industry (Hillary Clinton), and Puerto Rico’s national debt (Bernie Sanders). Also, they rated Donald Trump’s assessment of the crime rate in Germany.

Biden misstated that 3,000 people in America die of cancer every day. That number of deaths includes Central and South America, PolitiFact noted in correcting the vice president.

PolitiFact’s team looked into a viral Facebook post that President Obama canceled National Day of Prayer, Olympic

gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt’s claims that Zika-carrying mosquitoes can’t catch him, and whether marijuana is a Schedule 1 drug that is off-limits for medical research.

So, who’s paying for these fact-check projects? The Annenberg Foundation originally was the funding source for Factcheck.org until 2010 when it began accepting donations from individuals. Factcheck.org says it has never accepted any funds from corporation, unions, partisan or advocacy groups. The average donation is \$55, and five donors gave \$1,000 or more last year, according to an annual statement from the group.

PolitiFact says its primary source of funding are the advertisers and subscribers to the Tampa Bay Times. It also accepted a grant from the Democracy Fund, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the group says on its web site, <http://www.politifact.org>.

Political researchers who accept corporate funding run a risk, as a 2015 UCLA-led study of media bias noted. UCLA political scientist Tim Groseclose and University of Missouri economist Jeffrey Milyo paid student researchers from their own salaries and some university funds. The decision to seek outside funding is rare in scholarly research, UCLA noted.

“No matter the results, we feared our findings would’ve been suspect if we’d received support from any group that could be perceived as right- or left-leaning,” Groseclose said in a press release from UCLA.

California’s presidential primary is June 7. The deadline to register to vote in the primary was May 23. The voter-registration deadline for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 24. The California Secretary of State’s Office accepts voter registration or re-registration for citizens who’ve moved at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration>.

**School Board**

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of San Diego for Rideshare Program incentives. The purchase is not to surpass the \$80,000 mark and will be in effect from July 1-June 30, 2017.

“Central to the program’s success are the rideshare incentives which employees receive for using alternative forms of transportation to solo driving including carpooling, walking, public transit, vanpooling, and bicycling,” states the staff report signed by Gibson. “Just Rewards provides incentives in the forms of gift cards from various companies most of which have locations in Torrance.”

Funds for these incentives are available in the city’s AB2766 [\$56,650] as well through Torrance’s Proposition C Funds [\$23,350].

AB2766 funds are made available to the city through the AQMD, which obtains vehicle registration fees. These funds are restricted for programs tailored to reduce vehicle emissions. Prop C funds are made available via tax-revenues “earmarked for use by cities in developing and/or improving local public transit, paratransit, and related transportation infrastructure,” which includes the city’s multi-employer vanpool program.

“The services provided by Just Rewards also reduce City staff time as the company procures, coordinates, and distributes the rideshare incentives,” states the staff report. “If City staff were required to take on these tasks it would cause the program to be too labor intensive to manage.”

**Torrance Cultural Arts Center Event**

**All Events Subject to Change by Presenters**

Box office hours are from 1pm-8pm, Tuesday-Friday, noon to 8pm on Saturday. Tickets may be purchased over the telephone (using a credit card) by calling 310-781-7171 or in person at the Theatre Box Office. For online ticket purchase: <http://www.TorranceCA.gov/TCACTickets>.

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 7PM**

North High School Dance Department presents their *Spring Dance Show* in the James Armstrong Theatre. Also on Friday, May 27th, 7pm, Tickets are \$10. For more information call 310-938-7033.

**SUNDAY, MAY 29, 11AM-4PM**

A Fairytale Wedding presents Bridal Expo LA “*Love is in the Air*” in the Toyota Meeting Hall. Tickets are \$10. •

**Community Briefs**

**The SBWB and Torrance Chamber of Commerce host iVET Job Conference**

The South Bay Workforce Board (SBWB) partnered with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TAAC) in hosted their Increasing Veteran Employment in Torrance (iVET) job Conference, at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum in Torrance, on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

The TAAC program is designed to help qualified Veterans in Torrance find a civilian career with employers who are looking to hire individuals with the skills that many Veterans already have.

Local, high-skilled veterans attended the conference, which saw the participation of nearly 30 local companies, including Kaiser Permanente, SoCal Gas, Sunrider International, Green Hills Memorial Park, Alcoa Fastening Systems & Rings, City of Torrance, AT&T and Torrance Tribune. A two-day Job and Interview Preparation Academy was offered to veterans prior to the conference, which enabled them to secure one-on-one interviews with attending employers.

The SBWB, through its One-Stop Business

& Career Centers, also has a Military Veterans to Civilian Career Pathways Program in place to assist military personnel with employment during the transition to civilian life. The program features partnerships with organizations such as Hire Heroes USA, Employment Development Department (EDD) and Chambers in four target growth industries in the South Bay Area; Construction/Utilities, Healthcare, Manufacturing/Transportation, Information Technology/Digital Media.

The SBWB provides human resource services at no cost to local business and job seekers and manages many labor programs to keep people employed in the Los Angeles South Bay area. The Board is comprised of 56 members representing business, labor, education, government, economic development, One-Stop partners and other local workforce system stakeholders. It serves 11 cities located in southwest Los Angeles County, including Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Carson, Lawndale, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lomita and Torrance. •

**Police Reports**

**Burglary-Auto** 5/14/2016 8:30:00 PM  
4200 BLOCK REDONDO BEACH BLVD  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/purse

**Robbery-StrongArm** 5/14/2016 7:04 PM  
171ST ST & CRANBROOK AVE  
Suspects push victim off of his skateboard, punch and kick victim in the head and body and take his property from his pocket/cell phone

**Burglary-Auto** 5/14/2016 3:30:51 AM  
23900 BLOCK OCEAN AVE  
Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/gym bag, clothes, Bluetooth,

key, registration  
**Theft** 5/13/2016 9:56 PM 3400 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD

Suspect(s) enters unsecured business and takes property/purse

**Burglary-Auto** 5/13/2016 9:00:00 PM  
17400 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE

Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, rips out console, ransacks and takes property/cash

**Burglary-Commercial** 5/13/2016 7:00:00 PM  
3800 BLOCK DEL AMO BLVD

Suspect(s) rams roll-up door in an attempt

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