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SoCal ROC Serves South Bay Students with Job Training, Employment



Despite having served the South Bay with career technical education for 46 years, the Southern California Regional Occupation Center finds the status of its services and resources in an uncertain situation. Read more on page 5. Photo courtesy of SoCal ROC. •

Hawthorne Middle School Seeks Safe Harbor

By Dylan Little

At its most recent meeting, the Hawthorne School Board heard a presentation by Hawthorne Middle School Principal Rudy Salas on what his staff is doing to bring his campus out of Program Improvement and raise both test scores and student achievement. Salas said that his primary goal is to get at least 89.2 percent of the students to score proficient or advanced on the State's standardized test, which would take the school out of Program Improvement. However, because of the gap between the current percentage of students achieving those scores (57.5 percent) and the goal Salas and the State have for the school, the Principal is investing time in meeting the "Safe Harbor" goals. This means that certain significant sub-groups (such as English language learners, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, and disabled students) would need to make gains that would show the school is on its way to getting a large and diverse group of students to be proficient or advanced in math and English language arts. Salas acknowledges that even making the Safe Harbor targets will be a challenge, but he believes that the teachers and students are up for the challenge. "It's something difficult, but attainable," said Salas. "Yes, I know the mountain is steep, but we can do it."

One way Hawthorne Middle School teachers are working to increase student achievement is through collaboration with each other and instructional coaches. The facility is taking part in professional development and studying subject-area coaches and each other to become more effective instructors. During first period, teachers work together to examine how their students are doing and how best to reach them. "This is where we do our data analysis and where we establish our best practices," said Salas.

One key concern for Salas is the pace teachers move through their material. He would like teachers to find a balance between dedicating too many hours to concepts student easily grasp and moving quickly over topics students might need more guidance. "Are we moving too slow--painfully slow--or are

we moving too fast and brushing over key points?" asked Salas.

The Board members supported Salas's methods and said they believe he can bring up the student body's standardized test scores. Board member Cristina Chiappe said that with the support of the teachers, parents and the Hawthorne School District, the Middle School could pull its way out of Program Improvement. "When you have all this support behind you... it's doable," said Chiappe. "You have a lot of work ahead of you."

The Board also approved sending out layoff notices for several teachers, counselors and education coaches in anticipation of budget cuts. Superintendent Helen Morgan noted that what was once a rare occasion for the District has become an unfortunate yearly exercise. "This had become routine in the last few years, which is really sad," said Morgan.

George Amaya, President of the Hawthorne Elementary Teachers Association, said that while his group doesn't blame the Board for the layoffs, instructors were hoping to be spared layoff notices because of a rosier outlook after Proposition 30 and Measure CL passed last year. "Because of Prop 30 and other things that have happened this year, we thought we saw the sunshine at the end of the tunnel," said Amaya. "But apparently--and at no fault of anyone here--it looks like that sunshine has dimmed a little, making it hard for us."

Currently, educational funding is in a state of flux because of both Governor Jerry Brown's

proposed Local Control Funding Formula, which would change how some educational programs (known as categorical programs) are funded, and the fiscal cliff, which could significantly impact education programs in California. These issues have made it nearly impossible for Morgan to assess how much staff the District can maintain next year.

"We are so uncertain about the categorical funding," said Morgan. "I am worried that this list didn't go far enough. We sat and looked very carefully to try and keep staff. I am hopeful that at the next meeting, we won't have additional names on the list... but I'm just not certain."

While maintaining teaching positions is important to the Board, Morgan noted that keeping the District from financial insolvency is also a very serious matter and that finding a balance between the two is essential. "This Board has made it very clear to me that maintaining positions is important," said Morgan. "But fiscal solvency is also important. We need to find a balance."

Board member Alexandre Monteiro urged teachers to stay positive about the notices. He mentioned that rarely does the District have to cut as deeply as the number of layoff notices would imply. "One thing to keep in mind is that history has been on our side," said Monteiro. "We call almost everybody back... last year we gave notices to 45 teachers and called 41 back. There are good signs out there. We should stay positive about this. It's not a death sentence." •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Chance of
Showers
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Saturday
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62°/49°



Sunday
Sunny
67°/57°



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Calendar

ALL CITIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

• Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, M5 Building Parking Lot, Aviation Blvd. and Marine Ave.

HAWTHORNE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

• City Council Meeting Council, 6- 10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2915.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

• CERT Community Emergency Response Training, Mar. 16, 23 & Apr. 6. 9a.m.-4:30 p.m., Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. To Register contact Claudio Taniguchi at (310) 349-1687 or email ctaniguchi@cityofhawthorne.org.

• "Start Climbing Your Family Tree"-how to begin researching family heritage, 7 p.m., Hawthorne Memorial Center (Palaris Room), 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne. www.hawthornehistorical.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

• Continental Bunny Breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. All children must be accompanied by an adult. \$3 per child/\$5 per adult. Seating is limited. Register at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, M-Th 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

• Community Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Del Aire Baptist Church, 4951 W. 119th Pl. For more information call (310) 676-8352.

INGLEWOOD

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

• St. Patrick's Day Craft, 4 p.m., Children's Room, Inglewood Public Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5645.

UPCOMING

• Citywide Yard Sale & Recycling Event, April 20, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Hollywood Park Gate 8 off of Pincay/90th Street. For more information call Joi Aldridge at (310) 412-5333.

LAWDALE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

• Floral Design Class: Hawaiian Lei Making, 12-1:30 p.m., Boulevard Florist Wholesale Market, 14507 Hawthorne Boulevard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

• Spring Clean Up Day, 9 a.m., Wienerschnitzel, 14900 Hawthorne Blvd. Volunteers needed. Students can get service hours for school. For more information call (310) 973-3220.

ONGOING

• Clean Up Week, Mar. 16-24. For more information call (310) 973-3220.

• Lawndale Certified Farmer's Market, 2-7 p.m., every Wed., lawn of the Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave.

• Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission looking for South Bay bands for Annual Blues and Music Festival in the fall of 2013. For information call (310) 973-3272.

• Food Truck Fridays for LESD Ed Foundation, every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Mark Twain School, 3728 W. 154th St. •

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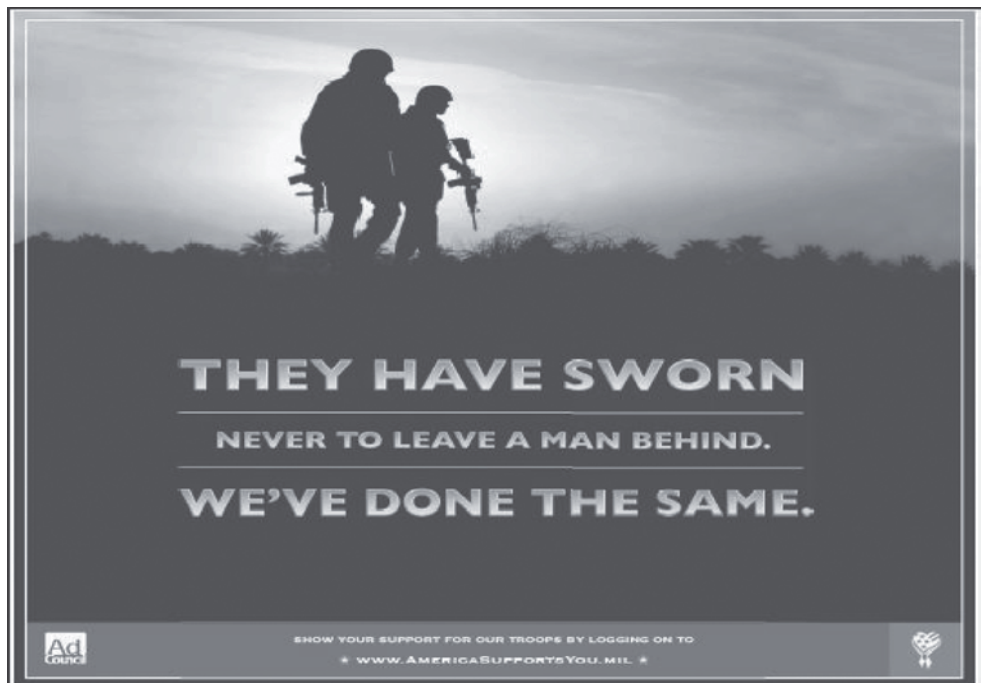
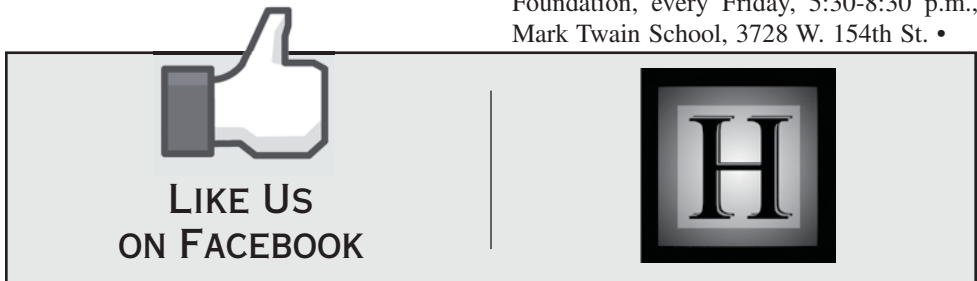
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Hawthorne Leaders Host Deferred Action Event

By Cristian Vasquez

With the help of 30 volunteers, Hawthorne City Councilmember Alex Vargas, his brother and School Board member John Vargas, and the Southeast Leadership Network hosted a free workshop providing information to local families about deferred action. The February 22 event attracted more than 200 people seeking guidance and assistance from the lawyers present who volunteered their time to provide the free service, as opposed to

arrived early to ask about the options for her 14-year-old son Carlos Gomez, who was brought to America as a baby. "More than anything I want to ask for information to see if they can do anything for my son, who is still in school," Rodriguez said. "I would like for him to obtain his documents so that he won't have to struggle to go to college."

In promoting the workshop, Alex Vargas and his colleagues did everything they could to raise awareness, including appearances by the

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the fee which ranges from \$250-\$500 per applicant.

"The workshop allowed people to ask questions and more importantly to have assistance in properly filling out their applications [deferred action]," Alex Vargas said. "People were guided step-by-step by expert immigration lawyers. These lawyers were talking people through this process while avoiding the high cost that some of these predatory law firms out there are charging and taking advantage of the community. Everything was free for the applicant. It feels wonderful being able to just connect people and seeing the joy in their eyes knowing that there are people out there willing to help and give them the information that they need."

Deferred action is a process introduced by the Department of Homeland Security in which certain young people who were brought to the United States as young children without proper documentation but who do not present a risk to national security or public safety can have their deportation deferred for a period of two years. If the individual meets key criteria, they will be considered for relief from removal from the country or from entering into removal proceedings.

"It is very important that the readership out there realize is that this is not amnesty--there are detractors out there, but the truth is that this is not amnesty," Alex Vargas said. "It is not a pathway to citizenship. All of that has to be determined by Congress. What deferred action is doing is that it is deferring dislocation and allowing for those students that were brought here to this country by their parents, through no will or fault of their own, to be able to continue studying and to work legally for at least two years."

Hawthorne resident Maria Rodriguez found out about the workshop at her church and

Councilmember on television. "The Southeast Leadership Network, which is a collaborative of leaders, instituted about 25 workshops and they were able to have a collaborative of immigration lawyers," Alex Vargas said. "So I and my brother John Vargas, through our networking abilities and with friends like Vice Mayor Pedro Infanzon from Bell Gardens, decided to put together a program like this. We spoke to him [Infanzon] and collaborated with him and we went all out promoting this event in the City of Hawthorne. This was a free workshop and the first time something free like this comes to Hawthorne and people were very appreciative."

For Alex Vargas the immigration issue is one that is yet to be determined by the leadership in Washington, but he believes that at the local level more can be done with the resources being made available by the federal government. "I think it is very important and we have to really see the makeup of our community and that there is a need for these things," Alex Vargas said. "Immigration reform is something that has been brought up nationally, statewide and locally. While Congress, Republicans and Democrats in the Senate and in the House of Representatives are battling it out, they are still using immigration reform as a form of political football. We have something that could benefit the community--so while they duke it out politically in Washington, we need to do what we can to benefit our community. It is about actions and not just words and this is simply delivering what has already been mandated. Congress has to take care of this [immigration], but it would be a travesty if somehow those students and youngsters that have been in this country their whole lives were to be uprooted. This simply provides a two-year incremental relief for them." •

Police Report

MON 2/18/13 TO SAT 2/23/13

ROBBERY

Robbery 11500 S Van Ness Av House
Date/Time Reported Mon 2/18/13 02:26
Crime Occurred: Mon 02/18/13 02:26
Property Taken: white gold 20" chain necklace w "krystal" pendant
Vehicle: SUS - CA 0000NISSALT 2DGRY
Robbery 14100 S Cordary Av Street, Highway, Alley
Date/Time Reported Mon 2/18/13 17:27
Crime Occurred: Mon 02/18/13 17:10
Property Taken: Purses/wallets
Property Taken: CA ID D8553055, beige, 8 \$1 bills
Robbery 3300 W 135th St Street, Highway, Alley
Date/Time Reported Tue 2/19/13 17:05
Crime Occurred: Sun 02/19/12 15:30
Property Taken: Currency, credit card
Property Taken: 2-\$20 bills, 1-\$5 bill & 4 \$1-bills from wallet
Weapon: Handgun

BURGLARY

Burglary 11500 S Menlo Av Apartment/Condo
Date/Time Reported Thu 2/21/13 08:21
Crime Occurred: Wed 02/20/13 11:00 To: Thu 02/21/13 01:30
Property Taken: Black Samsung 50" plasma television, LG 46" television plasma
Method of Entry: Unknown
Res Attempt Residential Burglary 12200 S Cedar Av House
Date/Time Reported Thu 2/21/13 11:00
Crime Occurred: Thu 02/21/13 11:00
Method of Entry: Opened
Comm Burglary - Commercial 14600 S Ocean Gate Av Department Store
Date/Time Reported Thu 2/21/13 16:19
Crime Occurred: Thu 02/21/13 16:19
Method of Entry: Other
Arrest
Burglary 12300 S Gale Av
Date/Time Reported Sat 2/23/13 17:59
Crime Occurred: CAD: Sat 02/23 17:59--No R MS Ent •

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors

From City Clerk Norb Huber GOOGLE YOURSELF

Have you ever typed your name into a Google search? What did you find? It's interesting what you find sometimes. Any time your name or someone with your name is posted on the Internet then it is out there for the world to see. Norbert Allen Huber is my full, given name. Both my first and last names are common in Germany. My father's classmate throughout his college and seminary schooling was Norbert Becker, so I was named Norbert. It's a little unusual. For the past 58 years I've been called a lot of different names. Zorb or Herb or Norm are just a few of them. Some people have trouble pronouncing Norb. When I do a Google search for Norb Huber, of course it comes up as City Clerk of Hawthorne. But, there is a Norbert Huber that is an Olympic gold medalist in the bobsled event. I found the above photo when I Googled "Old Man Huber". So, I guess that's how I'm going to look in my old age. It's fun to see what comes up when you do searches. The Internet is an amazing advancement that has increased the speed of knowledge tremendously in the past two decades.



Speaking of doing research, ancestry research of our family trees is the topic of Heritage Night to be held on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Center. If you want to know more about your roots and your family heritage then make plans to attend. (See the article below for details concerning this Hawthorne Historical Society sponsored event.)

CLIMBING YOUR FAMILY TREE

If you ever have wanted to research your family's heritage or find out if you are related to some famous person in the past, the Hawthorne Historical Society is going to help you out. On Monday, March 11 the Society is hosting a special presentation on "Climbing Your Family Tree". Dr. Eric Seiss from El Camino College will be speaking on how to and where to go to start your family research. The meeting will be held at the Memorial Center in the Palaris Room starting at 7 p.m., with social time and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Annual membership in the Historical Society is only \$10 per individual and \$15 for a family.

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BUNNY BREAKFAST

The Hawthorne Parks and Rec See *Hawthorne Happenings*, page 5

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Sports

Turning Their Season Around

By Adam Serrao

Some say it may be a little too late. Others say that should they make the playoffs, and that they are a squad that no other team would want to face. No matter what the people are saying, however, it is evident that the Los Angeles Lakers are turning their season around. Perhaps the team has been inspired by the unfortunate passing of Dr. Jerry Buss and the emotional tribute that was paid to the man who built the team before they went out and dismantled the Boston Celtics. Perhaps the increase in intensity is due to a more active and healthier Dwight Howard who has finally looked like Lakers fans have expected him to look all year long. No matter what the real reason is, it is clear that a motivated Howard, Kobe Bryant and Lakers team as a whole is a team to be reckoned with going forward. With just about 20 games left in the regular season, the Lakers may be catching

Jamison have all come alive since the All-Star break and are settling into their roles as the big three off of the bench. "This second group..." Blake continued, "We're settling in to know our roles and the things we can get and how to play with each other." That fact perhaps became most evident in last week's game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in which the Lakers won by 22 points. The Lakers' bench, which has consistently been the weak point of the team over the past few years, finally showed up by scoring 52 of the team's 116 points. Jamison led all reserves with 17 points, while Meeks tallied 16. Both Meeks and Jamison gave Blake credit, however, saying that his 13 points, seven rebounds and six assists was the main reason for their own individual successes. "I've settled down with these guys and given them rope to play," said head coach Mike D'Antoni. "Before we were trying to find who could do it, who can't. I

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their groove at precisely the right time.

We see it in sports all the time. Teams get hot at the right time and go on to enter into the playoffs, make a run and win a championship. The Baltimore Ravens just did it this past year in football as they too battled through injuries all season long suffered to key players on their roster. Once the team was finally healthy, however, they went on to beat Peyton Manning and Tom Brady, amongst others, to eventually win the Super Bowl. The Lakers look as if they may have a chance to follow that same script. Steve Nash is finally healthy and looks as if he will be a key contributor for the Lakers during this stretch run. Howard looks more energetic and is playing with more intensity and as much as everyone has overlooked him, Steve Blake has come back and given the Lakers an extra shot of strength off the bench. "I feel really good out there," Blake said. "I think my teammates make me feel that way and Coach does, so I'm excited with the way things are going right now." Lakers' fans are excited too. Blake is averaging a Lakers career high 5.3 points and 3.4 assists this year. Beyond that, he is shooting nearly 47 percent from the field and 45.5 percent from three-point range while averaging almost six points in under 20 minutes per game in the month of February.

While it may seem a bit silly to attribute the Lakers' recent success to Steve Blake, doing just that is not actually so much of an exaggeration. Blake, Jodie Meeks and Antawn

didn't know everybody and how they would fit, but with Steve Nash coming back and now Steve Blake, it helps these guys."

Clearly, it has been helping the entire team. In the first five games after the All-Star break, the Lakers put up an impressive 4-1 record while scoring just over 110 points per game. Those numbers are certainly more of what Laker fans were expecting out of D'Antoni once he took the lead in L.A. But the bench is just one factor in the Lakers' success. Of course there is Bryant, along with Nash and Howard who are continually getting healthier. One other main reason the Lakers are finally finding success, however, is because of their head coach. No one in Los Angeles will ever be quick to give D'Antoni credit for turning around the Lakers, especially after the city could have had Phil Jackson back. But considering the little amount of time with the club that he has had, zero preseason and a group of athletes who have never played together in their lives, D'Antoni is actually doing a good job. All of the tumultuousness of the Mike Brown regime, the drama between Kobe and Dwight and a failed offensive system seems to be behind the club now. D'Antoni is now more familiar with his personnel, knows their strengths and weaknesses and is using them effectively. Currently, the eight-man rotation that D'Antoni has settled on is paying dividends for the club. "It really helps out, especially on the bench, knowing when you're coming in, knowing what your role is," Jamison said. "You're not worried about shots or minutes or, 'If I make a mistake, I'm coming out.'" That comfort within the system is perhaps the entire reason why the Lakers are now comfortable with each other and in turn succeeding.

What lies in store for the Lakers, especially considering their tendency to be consistently inconsistent this year, remains a mystery. The only thing that is known now is that the year is slowly getting better for the purple and gold. Still without a playoff spot intact, there is a lot of work to be done, to say the least, with many tough teams remaining on the schedule. But the Lakers themselves are turning into a tough team to beat and should only continue to get better as they get more and more comfortable with each other. Kobe Bryant predicted that these Lakers would indeed make it into the playoffs. When they get there, as Kobe said himself, they will "have no fear of anyone--Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Denver ...whoever." Maybe those teams should start thinking about fearing the Lakers. •

Joe's Sports

Local Small Schools Capture CIF Soccer Titles

By Joe Snyder

Two local smaller high schools in Animo Leadership High of Inglewood and Lennox Academy won CIF-Southern Section crowns last Saturday at Corona High. Animo won its fourth Southern Section crown, but the first in six seasons with a 3-1 victory over top-seeded Carter High from Rialto to win the Division VI.

Juan Arellano gave the Aztec-Eagles (24-2-1) the lead for good with a goal in the 48th minute. Arellano scored on a pass from the left side by Jesus Gutierrez. Arellano then added an assist when he cross-passed to Alfredo Lugo, who scored the match's final goal.

Animo's first goal came in the 28th minute, when Arellano passed to Lugo, who failed on his shot, but Anthony Martin came in and headed the ball into the goal. It was Martin's 20th goal of the season. Two minutes later, Carter tied the game at one when Heriberto Lucero scored on a rebound after a near goal from a free kick from 24 yards out that was saved by Aztec-Eagle goalkeeper Celesto Cruz. Cruz had five saves. Sparking Animo's defense were Edgar Gonzalez, Frank Duran, Ernesto Lopez and Brandon Ramos.

Animo's Southern Section title and outstanding overall record earned the team a top seed in the Southern California Regional Division III playoffs that began last Tuesday. The Aztec-Eagles hosted CIF-San Diego Section Division IV runner-up Mater Dei Catholic High from Chula Vista. If Animo wins, it will be at home in the semifinals today at 3 p.m. The finals are on Saturday at a site to be determined.

Lennox Wins Division VII

The Lennox Academy High boys' soccer team won its first CIF-Southern Section Division VII championship by shutting out Nuvview Bridge from Nuevo (Desert area) 1-0 last Saturday. The Panthers scored their only goal in the 12th minute by Michael Adeniyi on a head in. It came after Aaron Avila had his attempt hit the crossbar on a header.

Despite winning by one goal, Lennox Academy, which improved to 19-6-1, dominated Nuvview. The Panthers had outstanding defensive plays by Eduardo Campos, Eric Robles, Oswaldo Robledo and Angel Orozcn.

In the semifinals on February 26, Lennox blanked California Academy of Math and Science 2-0 at the Home Depot Center on the Cal State Dominguez Hills campus. Lennox moved on to the Southern California Regional Championship Tournament, but is the eighth seed in the eight-team tournament. The Panthers will travel to Chavez High to take on number two seed Sun Valley. Behind top seed Inglewood Animo Leadership, Sun Valley is undefeated at 24-0 and captured the CIF-Los Angeles City Section Division III crown.

Powerful Mater Dei Erases Inglewood's Fast Start

Inglewood High's boys' basketball team,

which captured the CIF-Southern Section Division IIAA championship last season, advanced to the semifinals of the prestigious Division IAA where it visited powerful Mater Dei in Santa Ana on February 26. The Sentinels looked good by taking a 19-9 lead early in the second quarter, but the top seed Monarchs got serious and dominated the remainder of the game.

When premiere head coach Gary McKnight, who has an inspiring 956-85 record over his 30-year-plus stint despite being upset in the finals by Etiwanda 54-51 last Saturday at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena, switched from a man-to-man to a match-up zone, Inglewood was badly thrown off.

Mater Dei finished the first half with a 19-5 run to grab a 27-23 halftime lead. The Monarchs stretched their lead to 33-23 third period lead behind back-to-back three-point baskets by senior guard Elijah Brown, son of former Los Angeles Lakers head coach Mike Brown. Randy Onwuasor then scored six points to help the Sentinels cut their deficit to 33-30 with 5:42 left in the third quarter. From there, though, Mater Dei proved too much as it went on to lead by as many as 22 points and coasted to a 65-48 victory.

For the game, Inglewood shot just 25 percent from the floor, including going two for 17 from three-point range. Onwuasor was the Sentinels' only player to score in double figures with 16 points. Brandon Randolph added eight points.

Despite the semifinal loss, Inglewood is in the Southern California Regional playoffs where it began play at home against Fresno Central last night. The Sentinels will not have to worry about premiere teams Mater Dei, Etiwanda and Long Beach Poly since they are all playing in the new Open Division.

The Sentinels are seeded seventh and the top seed is their Ocean League foe and champion Santa Monica, which captured the Southern Section Division IA title with a 66-56 victory over El Toro last Saturday at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena.

Hawthorne Routs Stars, Falls to Heritage: Hawthorne High's baseball team routed San Pedro Mary Star of the Sea 10-1 on Friday before falling to Heritage Christian 7-5 in the Southern California Invitational Saturday at home. Against the Stars, winning pitcher Mark Lafoon limited them to just two hits and blasted a two-run home run to lead the Cougars, who are 2-2. Jose Sandoval sparked Hawthorne with a bases-clearing double in its loss to Heritage Christian. Chris Robles went two for three.

The Cougars resume the tournament through this week before hosting cross-town rival Leuzinger in non-league action next Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. The Olympians are 1-3 after getting blasted by Simi Valley Grace Brethren 13-1 Friday at Leuzinger. Angel Villa went two for three for Leuzinger. •

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~Martin Luther

SoCal Regional Occupational Center: Impacting Lives for More Than 45 Years

By Cristian Vasquez

Providing career technical education has been the mission of the Southern California Regional Occupation Center since its inception in 1967. However, the status of services and resources provided by this unique educational resource is in an uncertain situation.

Based on Governor Jerry Brown's recent budget proposal, regional occupational centers across the state would receive zero dollars in funding, putting at risk the continued existence of places like SoCal ROC.

"The unfortunate part where we are right now is that programs like ours, regional occupational centers, and other career technical education programs have no budget," SoCal ROC Superintendent Christine A. Hoffman said. "For the past 30-plus years, the State has always funded ROC/Ps in the state of California. You can imagine that is very disconcerting to us because this place has been here for 46 years and it is really an icon in the South Bay in terms of providing career technical education to more than 9,000 students and adults."

The courses provided by SoCal ROC

the courses offered at SoCal ROC also meet the University of California's A-G entrance requirement courses, which appeal to many of the high school students.

"I really enjoyed it here. I took the fundamentals of nursing class two semesters ago and I found out the differences between medical assisting in nursing, which doesn't seem like much but there is a major distinction," El Segundo High School senior Kyra Noel Wopschall said "The people you meet here are great. It takes about a week or two to get comfortable with the class, but once you do you make a lot of good friends. I have also had some really excellent teachers that I have connected with and one of them actually wrote me a letter of recommendation. Also, I really wanted to be in the medical field. I don't have straight As and I'm not a 4.0 student, so I found a way of getting ahead in my medical field career. This really helps."

Wopschall, who will be attending Mt. St. Mary's College in the fall to complete her BSN Nursing Program, has known she wanted to be in the medical field since she



to be in," Wopschall said. "It is very broad and there's so much out there. I knew that I didn't want to be a doctor. At first I thought I would be interested in doing the lab work, but I don't want to do that either. So I decided to do nursing because that within itself also has a lot of different options."

Through pathway courses, SoCal ROC links students with experiences as close as a work environment setting in the field in which they are interested. For instance, students interested in sports medicine can have first-hand exposure to physical therapy aid

clay models that are used in the videogame designs," Hoffman said. "For those students that are part of that JPA, they are coming here after the regular school day. If there is room in our classes after we address the needs of our students in the JPA, any high school student can come here from wherever. They have to get here on their own and we do have students coming from places like Long Beach, Orange County and we even have somebody coming from the San Bernardino area. Why? Because they can't give these programs at the high school campuses."

"Status of services and resources provided by this unique educational resource is in an uncertain situation."

or personal training and decide which route they want to take when in college. Every academic program has pathway courses where the student can decide to continue pursuing additional courses within a given field.

"Some of the programs are an extension, a pathway, that maybe they started at the high school. They can come here and they can take anything from videogame design, animation--there is of course in that pathway a course called creature sculpting where they do the

SoCal ROC also has courses for adults, at a nominal fee, looking to enter a new field, or for those who simply want to move ahead in their current career. Through the help of more than 250 partners, many of them local, SoCal ROC tries to continue having a strong impact on the lives of the students that walk through its doors.

"Not to have money budgeted is a real shock because the State budget begins July 1, so we are very, very much involved right now with our local and State elected officials from around the area," Hoffman said "They are the ones that for the next two months will debate and discuss all of the parts of the State budget and what we wanted to remember is that SoCal ROC as of now has zero dollars budget and it needs to be fixed. We think, as well as they [elected officials] at this point, that this is an oversight. There is a lot of details to the State budget, so we believe that is an oversight and we just want to make sure that there's enough time in order to get the information to them--to get information out to the whole South Bay to let them know where things are right now, but that there is enough time to fix it before a final State budget is adopted."

For more information about SoCal ROC or to register, persons interested can visit: <http://www.socalroc.com/index.php> or call 310-224-4200 •



reach high school students in six of the surrounding school districts (Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and Inglewood), which agreed to participate as a consortium under a joint powers authority. As a result, all high school students in these districts have priority registration for the courses offered at the SoCal ROC location.

"Guidance specialists are assigned to work with the high schools within those districts and they will go out and talk with the students about what their future career interests are," Hoffman said. "Whether they want to be engineers, doctors, welders, work in construction or fashion design, the guidance specialists are there to speak with students and to help them."

These guidance counselors emphasize to students that they can study classes pertaining to any career interest they might have while in high school so that the student can obtain a better understanding of what the career entails and what type of schooling will be involved. In addition, more than 20 percent of

was in the fourth grade, but being at SoCal ROC gave her a better sense of direction. "I realized my freshman year that I should take this and visit the medical field that I wanted



Photos courtesy of SoCal ROC.

Hawthorne Happenings

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Department will be holding our annual Bunny Breakfast for the kids on Saturday, March 23 starting at 9 a.m. Bring all the little ones down to see the Easter Bunny and hunt some Easter eggs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 7 – Holly Park Homeowners Association Meeting – Pacific House 7 p.m.

Monday, March 11 – Heritage Night at

Memorial Center – 7 p.m Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12 – City Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Coffee with the Clerk – 5:30 p.m.)

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

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This week we are going to talk about BBQ. Ever since I was young I have always loved the taste of BBQ. Whether it was chicken pork beef or even vegetables. The taste and smell of the grill is intoxicating.

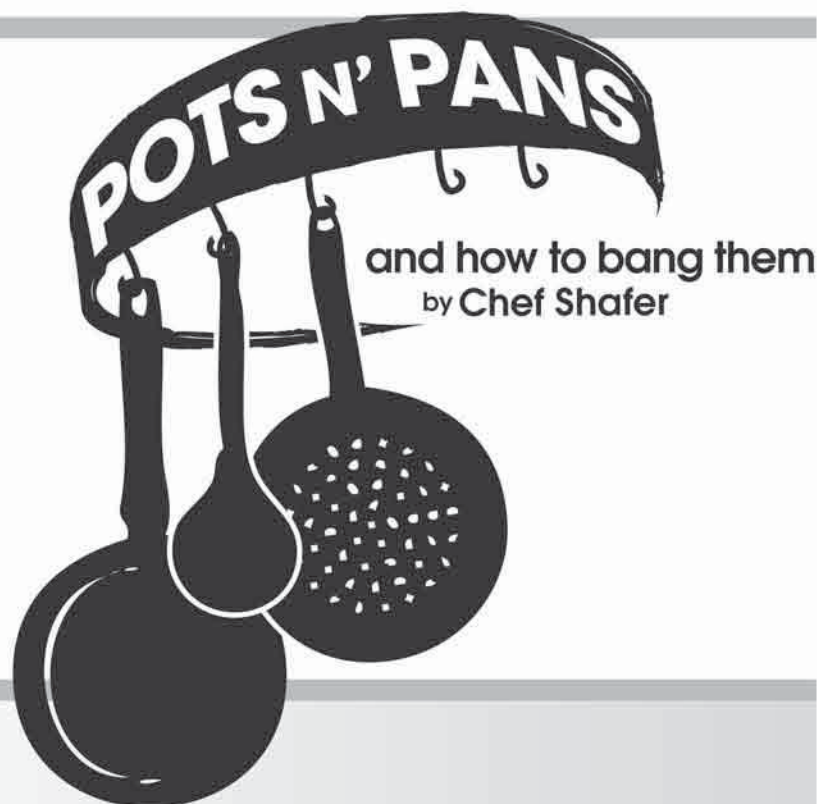
First Rule of Grilling is to get the grill hot. Those grill rods need to be both clean and hot before you even think about placing anything on the grill.

Next is what flavor you want to get out of the grill. All regions have a special style of their own. There is Southwest, Thai, Cantonese, Mediterranean, Moroccan, Indian etc.

My favorite is Asian. This is a blend of the flavors of the far east without the over powering heavy sauce.

Hope you like it.

The Chef



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Asian BBQ Sauce

- 1 cup oyster sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped pickled ginger (the kind you eat at a sushi bar)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 to 4 tablespoons hot chili sauce depending on how spicy you want it (like sambal oelek or sracha sauce/ both can be found at your local super market)

Mix together all ingredients.

If using as a marinade, add a cup of chicken broth to thin it out

Get your grill hot then start by brushing your meat, fish or vegetables with a little vegetables oil. Place it on the grill and proceed to mark off or get some color on the product. Then as it cooks, baste the stuff with the sauce until you have cooked to the degree you wish. The sauce has sugar in it so you have to be careful that it doesn't burn so flip it repeatedly. Have fun and don't forget BBQ is for finger licking!

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