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Chevron Generously Gives to Local Education



At the joint Chamber mixer, on July 10, and attended by the El Segundo, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Chambers of Commerce, Chevron gave 1.6 million dollars to schools in the South Bay. Front row, from left to right: Edie Rice, El Segundo Unified School District; Carolyn Seaton, Manhattan Beach Unified School District; Dr. Bill Watkins, El Segundo School Board Member; Dr. Jeanie Nishime, Clerk, El Segundo School Board of Education; Robin Funk, Vice President, El Segundo School Board Member; Laura Gabel, El Segundo School Board Member; Frank Semancik, Chevron General Manager; Dr. Tom Johnstone, Wiseburn School District Superintendent; Nelson Martinez, Wiseburn School District Board President; Janice Filer, California Academy of Mathematics; John Jackson, Manhattan Beach Unified School District; Rod Spackman, Chevron's Manager of Policy, Government and Public Affairs; Back row, left to right: Geoff Yantz, El Segundo School District Superintendent; Carrie Watkins Schat, Wiseburn School District, Dr. Matthew Wunder, Executive Director Da Vinci Schools; Dr. Mike Matthews, Manhattan Beach Unified School District Superintendent; Dr. Steven Keller, Redondo Beach Unified School District Superintendent Israel A. Mora, Wiseburn School District Board Member and Da Vinci Schools Board Member.

Hawthorne Considers Uses for Common Core Funds

By Dylan Little

During the Hawthorne School Board's July 10 meeting, a public hearing took place to discuss what to do with proposed additional funding for Common Core implementation. Hawthorne School District Superintendent Helen Morgan heralded the additional resources as welcome news. "The reason we are having this hearing is good news," said Morgan. "The State saw it important to provide some funding to do this job right, as it is a very big job."

Changing from the current statewide standards to the Common Core standards (and associated testing methods) being adopted nationwide is a costly proposition for many districts. To address these costs, the Governor is proposing special one-time funding to cover three areas crucial to the adoption. These include technology, to enable students to take the computer adaptive Smarter Balanced assessment; curriculum, to simultaneously meet demands of Common Core and meet the needs of all students; and professional development, to ensure teachers have the most up-to-date skills possible so they can do the jobs they need to in the classroom. Unfortunately, the District doesn't have a clear picture of how much money it will receive to cover costs of implementation. "At this point we aren't sure exactly how much money we will be receiving," said Morgan. "However at first glance, it looks like we will be getting \$1.3 million, which is a significant amount of money."

In order to decide how much to fund each of the three areas, District staff held meetings with stakeholders (teachers, classified employees and administration) to discuss what they considered priorities. A few parents were invited to these meetings, but according to Morgan, none attended. Still, she found the meetings helpful. "We had a good, lengthy conversation about how these

dollars should be used and we all agreed that all three areas are a priority for us," said Morgan.

While all three areas are important, the stakeholders were able to agree on some key points. One element is eighth grade math. Because of how old the current textbooks are for this grade level, the District has to look into Common Core-based books instead of adapting the current texts to the new standards. "In order to meet the needs of our eighth grade students, we will have to purchase materials that will match the Common Core standards," said Morgan. "That's priority one—to make sure we have materials in our teachers' hands so that they can teach our students."

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District teachers made it clear they held professional development time as a priority, though it's unclear how that will take shape. While last school year's furlough buyback professional development day worked out well for teachers, it is costly. Morgan is looking for an equally effective, yet more budget-friendly way to provide supplemental instruction for teachers. "What is going to give us the most bang for our buck, so to speak?" asked Morgan. "We all enjoy professional development days. However... to provide a professional development day costs us a significant amount of money."

Although the District has conducted meetings on spending Common Core implementation funds, the discussion isn't

over yet. More talks are required to set a concrete path for adopting these new standards. "We will have further discussion at the committee about how to move forward," said Morgan. "It's not that we are definitely going to buy Chromebooks because that's the path we've been leaning down, but we have to put something in the hands of our students to let them take part in the Smarter Balanced assessments. We're still having this conversation."

The Board also approved an increase in Morgan's salary. Starting this month, her pay will rise to \$200,000 per year. Board member Alexandre Monteiro said that prior to this raise, she was one of the lowest paid superintendents in the state. He also mentioned that she has earned this raise several times over due to her exemplary work, including being named Superintendent of the Year for her area by the Association of California School Administrators in 2012. "When we hired Dr. Morgan, we had the expectation that after one year we would give her an increase," said Monteiro. "She has been one of the lowest paid superintendents probably in the state of California for the past three years. She has done an outstanding job. I think it's well-deserved."

Board member Cristina Chiappe noted that she and her colleagues wanted to give Morgan a raise before, but budget constraints made it impossible. "We postponed this for a long time," said Chiappe. "We didn't want to take any action until we felt a little better economically."

Additionally, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Brian Markarian received a raise to \$132,553 per year. Monteiro said that like Morgan, he also long merited a pay increase, especially because of his diligence in planning for Common Core adoption. "This was another motion that was overdue," said Monteiro. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
74°/65°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
74°/67°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
76°/68°



Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

By now, even the casual observer knows that the Obama economy and Obamacare are as inextricably tied together as the front and rear wheels on a car--and right now, all the wheels are falling off. The June 24 Gallup Poll showed 60 percent of small businesses were either reducing staff or freezing hiring because of Obamacare. In the first quarter of the year, investment in office space and factories fell by 8.3 percent while projected economic growth for the year is expected to fall to 1.7 percent--a pace lower than the rate of inflation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since June 2009, payrolls have increased by four percent while food stamps grew by 130 percent. Predictably, of the 175,000 jobs created in May, 96,300 were in retail, temporary, leisure and hospitality--the lowest-paying segments of the economy. For rational businesses, it is unlikely they will pay high insurance premiums for low wage earners. Low wage earners must therefore face the prospect of buying insurance at the highest individual rates or pay government penalties.

Other results of the Gallup Poll showed 48 percent of businesses felt Obamacare would be bad for their businesses; 55 percent believed it would lead to higher healthcare costs; 52 percent believed it would reduce the quality of healthcare; and 24 percent believed they would drop employee healthcare coverage entirely. This is devastating news for an economy in which only 47 percent of adults have a full-time job (Labor Department).

Undoubtedly, these statistics impacted

the Administration's decision to push back the mandate that employers provide employee health insurance by one year to 2015. But such a decision carries several costs. First, the Administration had projected receiving \$10 billion in penalties from businesses for failure to provide insurance in 2014. That money is now gone, so the cost of Obamacare just rose by another \$10 billion.

Second, since individuals will still be required to buy insurance in 2014, they will be required to buy insurance without knowing whether or not their employers will cover them later.

Third, as the cost of healthcare rises, the government will have to raise the subsidies it must provide to the 20 million eligible buyers. These increased subsidies in turn raise the cost of Obamacare in a vicious, escalating cycle.

And what should healthcare providers do? In Indiana, St. Vincent Health, the operator of 22 hospitals, will eliminate 865 jobs because the government has pledged to cut Medicare hospital reimbursements by \$155 billion over 10 years. The Fiscal Cliff agreement and sequester cut another \$25 billion, so hospitals must cut employee costs by five percent to stay alive. The nexus between the economy and Obamacare damns us all.

So around and around the track the smoking jalopy goes--nuts and bolts flying off at weird angles, tires wobbling, brakes gone... With each turn, costs rise, personal income falls, tax rates rise, the economy lags and the quality of care diminishes. Such is the legacy of expanded government providing for each and every man's needs. •

Another Man's Opinion

By Cristian Vasquez

There has been much national attention given to the issue of bullying in our public schools. Sadly it takes stories like that of Phoebe Prince to draw attention to an issue that has been in our schools for years. Bullying is nothing new to our society, let alone our schools. However, the methods of harassment have changed to such a degree that old solutions to the problem are no longer efficient. Recently Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia authored a bill that would allow schools to discipline students for cyber bullying even if it occurs from outside campus or on a smart phone. I'll be the first to admit that punishing a child is the best and only way to change a behavior. However, it is a big part of the solution and as long as kids have a legal loophole to bully others, these mean-spirited acts will never go away.

Growing up for me, 32, was different. If I was bullied, I had a few options: I could get in a fight and hope that my willingness to throw a punch would convince my bully to leave me alone. Or, I could have lunch at a different table or spend recess in a part of the playground and avoid trouble. Unfortunately, smart phones and social media don't give victims of bullying that option today. A victim of bullying can be filmed, with a smart phone, eating alone and have that video put out on Facebook and Twitter to ridicule the victim. Social media gives the victim no privacy and the aggressor an infinite amount of tools for torture. Having a bill introduced that would hold these bullies accountable is a great step toward curbing such cruel and aggressive behavior.

In many instances these bullies are not evil or bad kids. Even the most mild-mannered child will test the limits of their power and they can caught up flexing their leverage over someone else. With the way cyber bullying laws are written there aren't any consequences associated with such behavior hence, there is no incentive for the aggressor to change their behavior. Fortunately there are programs available to schools and children that help change the culture that leads to and allows bullying to thrive, such as Challenge Day; however, in the interest of teaching accountability for one's actions we do need laws like that proposed by Assemblywoman Garcia.

If a child bullying a classmate in school uses his smart phone to record and then post the video on social media, there needs to be consequences. Also, if the bully records his actions off campus and proceeds to make them public on social media, there needs to be a consequence. The reason: while the actions are occurring off campus or being documented on a child's private property, the act of putting it out on social media is for the sole purpose of torturing the victim in school. It is a form of public shaming that allows the bully to ridicule the victim in front of the entire school and anyone associated with students in that school.

Bullying has always been a problem. However, in today's high-tech society there are too many tools to be a bully. As a result there should be rules and laws that will hold bullies accountable for their behaviors. Maybe then we will no longer have to report on tragic incidents like that of Phoebe Prince. •

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HAWTHORNE

SATURDAY, JULY 20

• Good Neighbors Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Hawthorne Civic Center, 126th St. between Hawthorne Blvd and Grevillea. For more information call (310) 349-2906.

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SATURDAY, JULY 27

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INGLEWOOD

THURSDAY, JULY 18

• Using Census Data for Grant Writing Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Inglewood Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For more information call (310) 412-5380.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

• Movie in the Park, gates open at 6:30 p.m., Edward Vincent Park Amphitheater, 700 Warren Lane. For more information call (310) 412-8880.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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ONGOING

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People

Congratulations

Faviola Salcedo, of Hawthorne, earned a Bachelor of Science with a focus in

Child Development, from Union Institute & University. •

Finance

Credit Access for Stay-at-Home Spouses and Partners Expanded

By Jason Alderman

One of the pitfalls of Congress passing complicated, sweeping legislation is that sometimes provisions designed to protect one group unexpectedly create hardships for others. That's what happened with 2009's Credit Card Accountability Responsibility Disclosure (CARD) Act, which was hailed as legislation that would protect consumers from misleading credit practices.

Among other things, the CARD Act requires that people under 21 must have an adult co-signer in order to open a credit account unless they can prove their ability to repay their account balance. This provision was designed to prevent young adults from assuming more debt than they can afford and then being unable to pay it off, thereby ruining their credit standing.

So far, so good.

Then, in 2011 the Federal Reserve finalized rules around the CARD Act's "ability to pay" provision. It stated that credit card issuers generally could only consider an applicant's independent income or assets before issuing a new card or increasing a credit limit, not his or her access to the household's overall income.

An unintended consequence soon emerged: As a result of the ability-to-pay rule, many spouses or partners over age 21 who don't work outside the home suddenly found they were unable to open separate credit accounts in their own name, regardless of whether or not they had access to their working spouse/partner's income.

Establishing one's own credit history is crucial to gaining favorable interest rates and access to credit, especially when non-working spouses get divorced or their spouse dies unexpectedly. Thus many consumers (and their Congressional representatives) were upset. Their displeasure reached the ears of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).



Fast forward to October 2012, when the CFPB released a proposal that was expected to ease credit rules for stay-at-home spouses or partners. After six months of public review, the CFPB issued a formal amendment to the ability-to-pay rule that essentially says credit card applicants who are at least 21 can factor in a third party's income or assets when applying for credit card accounts if there's a reasonable expectation they'll be able to access those funds to make payments. (This includes income of a spouse or partner, although the rule applies to all applicants, regardless of marital status.)

Speaking of unintended consequences, however, remember that even though having at least one credit card or loan in your own name can help you build a strong credit history, it's important to carefully manage all credit accounts on which you're named – whether as an individual, cosigner or authorized user – to prevent damage to your credit score.

Having a poor credit score can cost a small fortune over a lifetime. You'll pay higher rates and have a harder time qualifying for mortgages, car loans and credit cards. To maintain – or improve – your credit score:

Always pay all bills on time.

Never exceed credit limits.

Try to keep your credit utilization ratio (the percentage of available credit you're using) below 30 percent.

Don't automatically close older, unused accounts; 15 percent of your score is based on credit history.

Each time you open a new account there's a slight impact on your score, so avoid doing so in the months before a major purchase like a home or car.

Bottom line: Make sure you have credit in your own name, in case you ever need to open a new account based on your own credit history. Just make sure you don't overextend yourself or mismanage credit you currently have. •

Police Addresses Shooting of 'Max'

To All the Members of our Community

As our public safety service demands, we have continued to address critical aspects involving the highly-publicized officer-shooting of a Rottweiler dog 'Max'. As our City's intrinsic citizens, you know that this Police Department remains accountable to any and all actions we undertake. Accordingly, that legal work began in the days immediately following the incident and has continued through, customarily. In my efforts to ensure findings are factual and not perceived as biased or premeditated, I have already engaged the following processes:

I have made request to the Sheriff of Los Angeles County to have his Department conduct an administrative investigation into the formal complaint of actions committed by my officers related to the incident in question.

I have begun assembling a 'Use of

Force' analysis group focused on how to best deal with animal encounters and threats. In this, early collaboration offerings will include major stakeholders such as 'splaLA', 'The Humane Society of the United States', the Department of Justice's 'Community Oriented Policing' Office and the 'National Canine Research Council'. Methodologies, prevention and force options will be assessed and implemented to offer both officers and animals alike, safer outcomes.

Concurrently, our City Attorney's Office will be forwarding the criminal charge filing related to the dog's owner to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for their separate review and determination.

Continue to be assured that even through this trying and scrutinizing period, our commitment to professionalism, accountability and optimum public safety service remains preeminent.

- Robert Fager, Chief Of Police

Wisburn Unification Passes State Board of Education

By Dylan Little

The Wisburn School Board announced last week that both the Environmental Impact Report and narrow area vote plan were approved by the State Board of Education during the latter's May 9 meeting. These approvals are a major victory for the Wisburn School District as it continues to attempt to unify.

Superintendent Tom Johnstone was present at the State Board meeting and said both items were easily accepted. Both were approved 10 to 0. "We got through both issues in about 15 minutes," said Johnstone. "The Board was very, very complimentary."

The District previously had approval to build a high school, but a lawsuit sent the Board back to square one. "We were out there in the exact same situation back in 2004--the situation was even better, but it wasn't one that had the infrastructure in place or the foundation in place necessary to prevent it from being undone," said Johnstone. "We were happy for a week or two. Then we had a big lawsuit and everything kind of unraveled."

However, Johnstone expects this decision to be a more permanent resolution. Part of the reason is that Wisburn has worked to secure the support of the other districts that feed into Centinela Valley Union High School District "I think the foundation that we built this time prevented it from unraveling," said Johnstone. "The relationship between the five districts is better now than it's been in decades. This is a win-win for everyone."

According to Johnstone, the approval of the other elementary feeder districts was a key part of getting the State Board's approval. "We've been working hard with the other districts over the last two years and that was the key," said Johnstone. "[It has been] obviously a critical factor. If it continued on an adversarial track, we wouldn't have been [before of the Board of Education]."

Another factor in Wisburn's legislative victory was the patience and support of the community surrounding the schools. The Wisburn community has been working towards its own unified school district for 30 years, which Board president Nelson Martinez recognized is a very long time to stick with any kind of movement. "This community has waited a long time for this. It's fantastic [to see us come this far]," said Martinez. "When you talk about perseverance, when you talk about sticking with it, this is

what it's about. This has been a movement that has gone on for 30 years."

Both the Board and Superintendent recognized that without the dedication and support of the community, the unification process wouldn't have made it this far. "It's a testament to the preparation that we did and all steps that we went through to make this happen," said Johnstone. "It's been a 12-year process and it's a testimony to the perseverance of the community and the perseverance of the people involved in making this happen."

Board member Roger Banuelos acknowledged the unification supporters that have come before him and the rest of the currently sitting School Board members. "I would like to publicly thank everyone working on unification," said Banuelos. "It obviously didn't start with us. There's been a lot of people--prior boards, administration, community members... they're part of the whole effort. They've never given up--and having seen this stage, it's fantastic."

For Banuelos the question of whether Wisburn would unify arose as soon as he moved to the community. He said he is proud to be part of laying those questions to rest. "When I moved into the community, it was one of the big questions, 'Would we have our own high school?'" said Banuelos. "Here we are 13 years later seeing the unification vote will happen in November. We have a bond to build the new school. Talk about a momentous place to be in Wisburn. I'm very proud to be part of it."

With these approvals, one of the last hurdles facing Wisburn's unification bid is an election in November. While the District made the election narrow in scope, it also faces the additional challenge of ensuring that voters understand the issue at hand. Johnstone explained that the ballot will have voters select members for the Wisburn Elementary School Board (in case unification does not pass) as well as vote on whether to allow unification and who will be on the Wisburn Unified School Board. He added that while informing the voters will take effort, it is something the District has been successful with in the past. "We're going to have to run an effective campaign of information to make that whole thing very clear to people, because it could be very confusing," said Johnstone. "The Wisburn School District has had a very good run these last few years, so we should be in very good shape." •

Peace is its own reward.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Sports

Joe's Sports

Holly Park Minors Roll to District 37 Crown



The Holly Park Minor Little League All-Star baseball team from Hawthorne captured the District 37 championship with an 18-4 win over host Westchester on July 10. Photo by Joe Snyder

By Brian Simon

The Holly Park Minor (age 9-10) Little League All-Star baseball team from Hawthorne rolled to the District 37 title after routing host Westchester 18-4 in the final on July 10 at Carl Nielsen Youth Sports Park. After a 2-2 tie through two innings, Holly Park went to work with nine runs to turn the contest into a blowout. Holly Park added seven more runs in the top of the fourth and finished off Westchester in the four-inning mercy rule contest.

When Holly Park had the nine-run third, there was no stopping from there. After one out, Attin Wright was hit by a pitch, went to second base on a passed ball and stole third base. He scored on a double from Martin Pelayo. Francisco Drosco followed with a single, bringing home Pelayo. Then there was a walk to Thomas Thompson before he and Pelayo scored on a triple by Justin Rouston.

Jordan Heath followed with a walk and then scored on a double by Wright. Wright went to third on a passed ball and scored on an error. Pelayo then walked, stole second and scored on a single from Drosco, who had two hits and two runs batted in that inning. He finished with three RBIs. In that inning, Holly Park sent 13 batters to the plate. Holly Park led 11-2 after that inning, before Westchester scored once in the third when Michael Mulligan came home on a passed ball.

Westchester's pitching continued to be in trouble as Holly Park added seven runs to build an 18-3 bulge. Four straight singles by Jonathan Rivas, Jacon Doss, Wright and Pelayo, followed by a two-run double by Drosco scored all of the runs.

Westchester managed one run in the bottom of the fourth, but Holly Park was able to win it to advance to the Section 3 Tournament that began last Saturday at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Park in Ladera Heights. Results of Saturday and Sunday's games were unavailable. It opened Saturday against District 27 champion Torrance.

Holly Park scored twice in the top of the second on a single by Pelayo, followed by



Attin Wright of Holly Park slides home safely in last week's District 37 Minor Little League All-Star Baseball championship game against host Westchester. Holly Park won the title with a four-inning 18-4 mercy rule win. Photo by Joe Snyder

four consecutive walks. Westchester tied the game in the bottom of the second behind a run-scoring hit from Payton Liberman.

LENNOX 50/70 IN DIVISIONAL FINAL

The Lennox 50-70 Little League baseball team (age 11-13) team is seeking to make its first appearance in the World Series since its Major team advanced to the one in Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1975. Lennox romped through District 37 and Section 4 and already won by five-inning mercy rules in its three games to advance to last Sunday's championship contest in Moreno Valley.

The California Division III (Southern California) All-Star Classic began with Lennox crushing Burbank 18-1 on July 7. A day later, Lennox rolled over Metro Pioneer from Whittier 17-3 and on July 10, it blanked Arroyo Grande from San Luis Obispo County 18-0. It was to take on either Burbank or Arroyo Grande for the championship on Sunday.

If Lennox wins the divisional, it would be vying in the Western Regional Tournament in Irvine this week, in quest of making the World Series that begins Saturday in Livermore. Lennox had District 37 wins over Tri Park, 10-0, Inglewood Sportsman, 11-1, and Tri Park, 18-0, in late June.

Two weeks ago in the Section 4 Tournament, Lennox downed District 27 champion San Pedro Eastview 12-1 and 16-5 for the crown

to advance to the Southern California Division III Tournament.

TRI PARK JUNIORS, LENNOX SENIORS WIN

The Tri Park Junior (ages 13-14) Little League All-Star baseball team slipped past Lennox 6-5 to win the District 37 title on July 10 at Jim Thorpe Park in Hawthorne. Tri Park and Lennox had to play a double final after Lennox outlasted Tri Park 7-6 in 10 innings in the first contest.

Tri Park was unbeaten entering the final after defeating rival Holly Park 14-9 on July 8. Lennox eliminated Holly Park in the losers' bracket final by a 12-2 score in a six-inning mercy rule game a day later. Tri Park began the Section 4 Tournament at the Henderson Youth Sports Complex in San Pedro last Saturday.

Lennox's seniors (ages 15-16) rolled to the District 37 crown with an 8-2 win over Tri Park-Wiseburn last Thursday at Thorpe Park. Lennox began play in Section 4 at Marine Park in Manhattan Beach last Saturday.

HOLLY PARK MAJORS LOSE DISTRICT FINAL

The Holly Park Major (age 11-12) Little League All-Star baseball team was routed by Del Rey 11-0 in the District 37 championship game on July 9 at Nielsen Youth Sports Park in Westchester.



The Del Rey American Major (age 11-12) Little League All-Star baseball team takes home the District 37 championship banner with a victory over Holly Park on July 9. Photo by Andrew Uy

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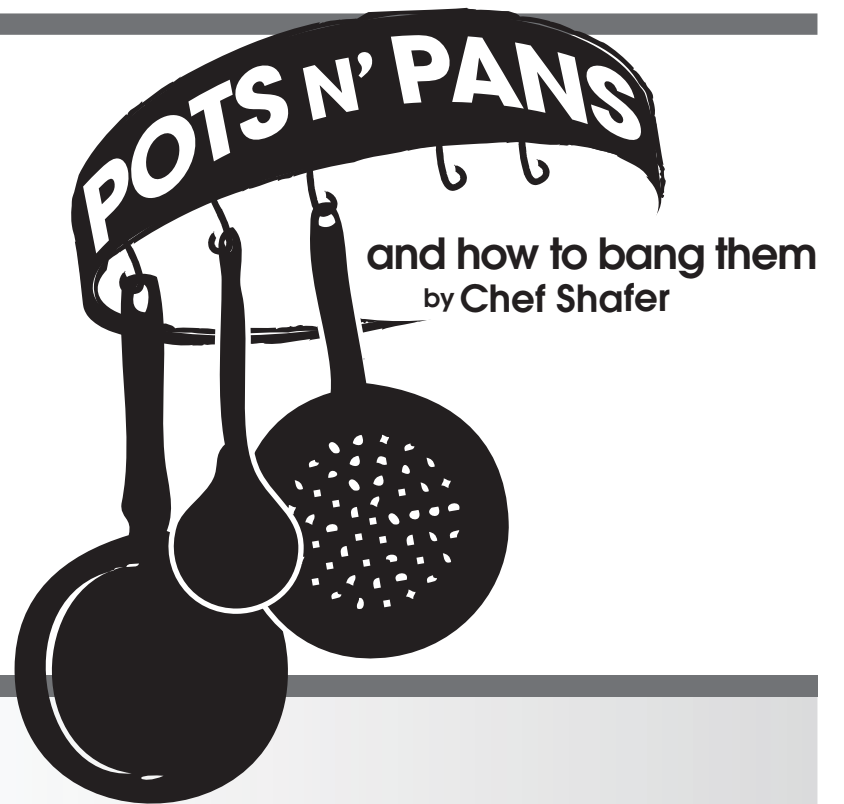
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Just got back from the Farmers Market and bought some summertime beets. This is the time to be at the market. The California season is at its peak. The fresh tomatoes, corn, and beets called to me and said, "make a salad for us to have for a light lunch or dinner." So here we go...

The Chef



Fresh Roasted Corn, Beet, and Tomato Salad



- 2 ears of corn, remove the husks and cut the corn off the cob
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 2 pounds of beets (if the greens are still on, make sure you get 2 lbs of the actual beets)
- 1 pound tomatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon red miso paste
- 1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- chopped Serrano or Jalapeño peppers (optional)

Cook the beets in boiling water till you can stick them with a tooth pick and it comes out easy. When they are done, strain off the water. Let them cool for 5 minutes then run them under a little cold water and the skin will peel off easily. Let them chill.

In a hot sauté pan, place the olive oil and brown off the onions and corn 2 minutes. Then chill.

When the beets are chilled dice them in 1/4 inch cubes.

Mix the miso with the vinegar.

Add the chopped cilantro.

Add the chilies if you want to spice it up.

Mix together the beets, corn, tomatoes and the vinegar miso mix and serve over greens. Or you can use as a salsa or relish for grilled chicken, seafood or a nice piece of seared Ahi tuna like in the photo.

Live, Love, Laugh, Eat

Chef Shafer, Owner/Chef of Depot, Buffalo Fire Dept., and the Downtown Torrance Market Place.

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Pets Without Partners

Adopt a “pet without a partner” and give a homeless pet a second chance in life

Pogo Joe is one of our medical needs dogs whom we pulled out of a county shelter. He has demodex mange (non-contagious) and did not stand a chance of making it out of

when he walks and his little docked tail never stops wagging. This is a *lovely* dog you will not want to miss. Pogo Joe will be neutered after his mange goes away, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with other dogs.



Pogo Joe

the shelter alive if we did not pull him out of there. With his current medication, his coat will be back to normal in no time and he otherwise has a clean bill of health. We named this circus clown Pogo Joe. What a personality! Absolutely hilarious! He is an English Bulldog mix who is four months old and already 40 pounds, so he is going to be a big boy when he grows up. Pogo Joe *loves* everyone, is sweet, kind, tenderhearted and funnier than a barrel of monkeys. Pogo Joe loves all other dogs big and small. He also loves the water and bites the hose when we have it out. He waddles like a little duck

Little **P'Diddy** was pulled out of another county shelter where he was a favorite. The volunteers there named him and it fit him so well that we kept the name. His photo does not do this little dog justice. P'Diddy is absolutely darling and has a matching personality. His little tail is always wagging and he comes when called, running all the way to you. He is *tiny* at only 3.8 pounds and a total love of a dog. P'Diddy has very friendly play manners, loves all people and is good with children. However due to his extremely small size, children need to be over the age of 10. This little guy will win your heart over in a split second when you meet him—he's that endearing. P'Diddy is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with other dogs.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



P'Diddy

Happy Tails

Lexi Finds Furever Family

Lexi, through a sad set of circumstances, found herself looking for a new home. She kept her head held high and found a family to call her own...

“Greetings! Thank you for your e-mail and the pictures of Lexi! I think we have been settling in with each other very well. With the exception of her being a chow hound and a ‘dumpster diver,’ we’ve had no issues. She’s probably frustrated that she’s not getting the food she wants when she demands it (knocking her dish around, which is hilarious!)...she’s learning to enjoy treats of cherry tomatoes and frozen peach pieces and blueberries for those times. We’ve relocated wastebaskets and close bathroom doors routinely to prevent her explorations. We also try distracting her by

playing tug of war or throwing a ball. She responds beautifully. Since we live on a hill, she comes back from her walks pretty tuckered out, which is good for all of us!

She has no problems riding in cars or being in crowds. We’ve taken her on a couple of quick errands to test her ability to ride without getting sick or anxious and recently we took her to a music concert in the park, meeting friends who also have a dog. There were at least 1,000 attendees and probably 200 dogs and Lexi was completely unfazed! Our friends took both dogs for a walk and to visit the vendor booths and reported back that Lexi was very well-behaved and good on the leash (we’ve been working with her, but we’re not being obsessive about it--just consistent). She has only had one accident in the house, which

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Jaspurr

loves to be petted and will be your best buddy. Highly energetic and playful, Jaspurr would love to be adopted with one of his foster mates or go to a home with an energetic cat or kitten that you already have. He is great with kids and is really a bundle of love. Jaspurr is loving and playful with other kittens and cats. He also loves to play with his mice toys and juggle his “Da Fur Thing,” batting it around with his sisters and his foster mates.

Sweet Pea is the team leader of her litter. She’s the first to try new things...climbing the cat tree, meeting the big cats in the house, and exploring new places. She is also the chatty one in the bunch. Sweet Pea loves to chase the crinkly ball and hide under the ottoman to jump out and chase her sisters. She also loves a good cuddle and will stare up at you with

tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

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Sweet Pea



was on her first day. Since then, she has been using the puppy door with no problem.

We’re really happy to have adopted her, but we frequently think she feels she has adopted us! She keeps us chuckling every day! We’re not changing her name--she seems to like it and so do we. Last night we were concerned about how she would react to all of the fireworks, but she sat with us looking at them, listening to several neighbors having holiday parties with different kinds of music and food smells and she was content curled up and napping between us. We’re good and plan to keep it that way! Thanks!”– Deborah E.

When you adopt a “pet without a partner,” you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

Hawthorne Walmart Neighborhood Market Grand Opening

Photos by Charlene Nishimura

Walmart Neighborhood Market hosted a grand opening ribbon-cutting at its new Hawthorne store located at 14441 Inglewood Avenue at the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue. The store, approximately one-fifth the size of a Walmart Supercenter will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will offer a full grocery department including fresh produce, prepared food options, fresh-baked breads, a self-serve deli and bakery and will

also have pharmacy services.

“I’m pleased to see that Walmart is coming into our city, creating jobs, and opening their doors in Hawthorne – we appreciate good corporate neighbors and look forward to a great partnership with them,” said Mayor Danny Juarez. The new Walmart Neighborhood Market hired about 65 people and will bring viable tax revenue to our city so we can enhance our public services. •



Walmart folks joined in the Hawthorne store opening celebrations including (left to right) Director Javier Angulo, VP Chad Donath and Regional Manager Vanessa Smith.



The Hawthorne High School Color Guard prepares to perform at the opening ceremonies.



Assistant Manager Lance Akana cheerfully assists customers.



Some of the 65 newly hired Walmart Neighborhood Market employees proudly pose at the Hawthorne store’s grand opening event.



The grand-opening celebration included presentations of up to \$8,000 in grants from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation to local community groups including Billy Mitchell School, Hawthorne School District, Hawthorne Navy Jr. ROTC, Hawthorne Kiwanis, South Bay Soccer Foundation, Hawthorne Police Department and Wounded Heroes.



Walmart Store Managers who joined the festivities in Hawthorne included (left to right) Andre DeJesus, Ryan Seman, Steve Matthews and Marvin Armstrong.