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Holly Park Hosts Third Annual 'Movie in the Park' Event



The Holly Park Homeowners Association hosted the third annual Movie in the park event where community members gathered to watch Madagascar 3 and enjoy music, face painting and jumpers. Seen here are members of the Hawthorne High school band under the direction of Band leader Anthony Hughes. In the center, Katrina Manning, founder of the "Movie in the Park" and association president. Photo by Shon Smith.

Council Directs Staff to Solicit Responses for Outsource Services for Parking Enforcement

By Cristian Vasquez

In a 4-1 vote on Tuesday, the Inglewood City Council authorized staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit responses to possibly outsource services for parking enforcement and meter operations. The RFPs will be issued and staff will return to the Council with evaluations, recommendations and proposals.

The vote of dissent came from District

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No. 4 Councilman Ralph L. Franklin, who emphasized the importance of parking and meter enforcement personnel in the city. "They are assigned to do things other than enforce parking violations. Twice a day, they are responsible for the crossing guards at various campuses on our streets," Franklin said. "Second, they have been known repeatedly to be the ones who respond to emergency situations in traffic control."

During the 2010-11 fiscal year budget review process, the Council requested that all departments and divisions look into their operations in order to define core services and identify the potential reduction in staff and resources to help reduce costs. This advice was accompanied with a recommendation to find ways to increase recurring revenues. In June 2011, staff completed a feasibility study and concluded that "outsourcing parking enforcement, parking meter operations and reorganizing operations" would lead to a \$1.2

million in net improvement to the general fund.

"Based on that request, staff made several recommendations to increase the current fees, fines and penalties for parking citations to increase meter rates on streets both in downtown and industrial areas as well as implement convenience fees for Internet for people who pay citations via Internet," Parking & Enterprise Services Department Dean Manager Viereck said. "As part of that, the staff looked at the feasibility of outsourcing our parking enforcement and meter operations. Based on that report, there were two options that we looked at--a staffing-only component and a concessions-only component. Based on the staffing-only component, we looked at the possibility that operating expenses could be reduced by approximately \$425,000 on an annual basis and revenues be increased by \$800,000 if the operation was outsourced."

The concessions component would require an upfront payment that would allow the

concessionaire to take over the operation of parking enforcement and meter operations. Under a concessions contract, the outsource service provider pays all operating expenses, retains parking revenues and will have greater control over staffing and operating procedures. The outsource service provider would also be allowed to use existing parking enforcement equipment and supplies. However, the contractor will pay for all maintenance, repair and replacement expenses. Viereck's staff report indicated that on December 14, 2011, there was a workshop conducted to allow comment from the public and employees regarding the feasibility report. By January 24, 2012, the Council received the feasibility report and recommendations that an RFP proposal be released. The RFP was completed and released June 14, 2012. On June 19, 2012, the initiative was put on the agenda by Councilwoman Dunlap--but based on the initiative, the RFP was recalled. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
73°/65°



Saturday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
72°/63°



Sunday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
69°/61°



Pet of the Week

Aria

Born May 15, 2010
Boxer mix
56 pound / Female

To learn more about Aria, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org.

Aria has always been an inside dog and at her home lived with a one-year-old toddler and another female dog who has already been placed. Aria is a striking girl with a gorgeous face and a loving, playful personality. She is completely housebroken and not destructive in the home.



Calendar

ONGOING
 • Recovery International Meetings, Fridays at 10 a.m., South Bay Mental Health Center, 2311 El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 512-8112.

HAWTHORNE
SATURDAY, JULY 27
 • Summer Reading Program: Lizard Wizard, 2-3 p.m., 12700 Grevillea Ave. For more information call (310) 679-8193.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
 • City Council Meeting Council, 6- 10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2915.

INGLEWOOD
 Quarterly Meeting of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project Community Leadership Council (CLC) on Thursday, July 25th from 6-8pm at the First Church of God...Center of Hope located at 9550 Crenshaw Bl. For more information call (310) 308-2136.

SATURDAY, JULY 27
 • Library Program: "Super Size Me" and Healthy Eating Discussion, 12 p.m., Lecture Hall, Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. For

more information call (310) 412-5380.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
 • Movies In The Park, gates open at 6:30 p.m./movie at 8 p.m., Rogers Park, 400 W. Beach Ave. For more information call (310) 412-8880.

ONGOING
 • Free Summer Food Service for Youth (18 and under), Jun. 21-Aug. 30, Mon-Fri. For more information call (310) 412-8750.

LAWDALE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
 • Free Bicycle Safety Class (18 yrs+), 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Center Annex. Advance registration required: la-bike.org/bicyclingontheroad.

ONGOING
 • Lawndale Farmers Market, every Wednesday, 2-7 p.m., 147th St. in front of the Lawndale Library. For more information call (310) 679-3306.

• Commodities Free Food Program, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Community Center, 14700 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 973-3270. •

Classifieds

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

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

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

Schofield Realty

We receive 50 phone calls a month for rental units in town. We need homes & apartments to lease. Call KEN about our Mgmt. program for Homes & Apartments.

310-322-4660

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Exceptional, ultra-lux 1 bedroom unit w/exquisitely landscaped private outdoor space. Private front entrance & walk-thru to private garage & storage. Full-sized kitchen w/granite countertops, custom alderwood cabinets, ss appl. & refig, front loading W/D, walnut flooring & Italian tile, crown molding, ceiling fan, recessed "can" lighting with dimmer switches, satin-nickel Baldwin locksets, cable-ready for flat screen T.V., and more! Pet okay upon review. \$2,475 rent w/1-year lease minimum. Avail. 8/1/13. Call for appt. (310) 721-3625.

1BD/1BA. Duplex, HW floors, W/D, fridge & Stove included, w/garage. \$1,300/mo. Single occupancy only, NS. Call (310) 678-6765.

2BD/2BA. X-Large Deluxe 2 story town house style. Laundry hook ups, gated parking, fireplace, 2 patios. \$1,895/mo. Call (949) 878-1678 or (310) 615-0974.

AUTO FOR SALE

2007 PT Cruiser, 31,000 Miles - \$8,500 obo. (310) 256-0439.

EMPLOYMENT

Accounting/bookkeeping Assistant, Local General Contractor seeking a responsible person to fill a part time position requiring between 16 and 32 hours per week. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Excel and general office duties. QuickBooks knowledge is a plus. Please call 310-321-5901 or fax your Resume to 310-640-2907.

Display Ad Sales Position. We need an experienced Display Ad Salesperson for Herald Publications. Territories include Torrance, El Segundo and Hawthorne. Full or part-time positions are available. 20% commission on all sales. If interested please email your resume to management@heraldpublications.com. No phone calls please.

FOR SALE

Thule Roadway 2 - Hitch bike Carrier, never used, \$200. Call (714) 771-2993.

GARAGE SALE

St. Anthony Church Rummage Sale. O'Grady Hall, 220 Sierra St. ES. Sat., 7/27 & Sun., 7/28, from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Collectibles, jewelry, electronic, antiques, etc.

713 Redwood Ave. ES. Sat., 7/27, 7:00 a.m.- Noon. 25" TV, Solid Oak wall units, toys, clothes, collectables and more.

HOUSE FOR RENT

2BD/1BA. ES. W/D hook ups, private yard, off street parking, wood floors, recess lighting, new paint, six panel doors. Near parks, shops, beach. \$2,000/mo. (310) 322-4848.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Coming Soon! 2BD/1BA. Rear House \$2450. Hardwood floors, new bath, open kitchen with dishwasher, fireplace, W/D, no garage. Lots of unique cosmetic qualities. Call for details, won't last! S & L Property Mgmt. (310) 350-4096.

HOUSE FOR RENT

4BD/2.5BA. ES. Eastside. With new amenities. Enclosed patio + bonus room. \$3950/mo. Discount for long term. (310) 345-8013.

SEEKING ROOM FOR RENT

Clean, older married male, infrequently in town, seeking shared apartment with own bathroom in El Segundo. Roommate reference available. (661) 618-8866.

WANTED

Single Room w/bath & kitchen privileges. Female licensed P.I. will run errands/do pet sitting. In El Segundo area. \$500 - \$650. email: murphypi@yahoo.com. (213) 804-8484.

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

Hawthorne Happenings

News for the City of Good Neighbors

Filing Period Continues

The four week long filing period to pull papers to run for public office in the City of Hawthorne continues through August 9. The deadline to return papers is 5 p.m. on that day. You must be 18 years of age, a resident of Hawthorne and be a registered voter in Hawthorne to qualify to run for an open office. There are two councilmember seats, the mayor's position, the city clerk and city treasurer's positions all up for grabs this coming November. If you intend to run, don't wait till the last few days. It takes a little time to collect 30 signatures and fill out all the required paper work. Besides our voting rights, running for office is one of the greatest privileges we have as citizens in our democracy. A large number of candidates will show that there are a lot of people who care about their city.

A "GOOD" Good Neighbors Day

The weather was great, the musical talent was super, the cars in the car show were amazing, and all in attendance had a wonderful time at the 3rd Annual Good Neighbors Day took place last Saturday at the civic center. The theme of "good old fashioned main street fun fair" was present with the watermelon eating contest and bingo games being played. Most of all, the event brought the community together. Many people saw old friends and made new ones. The Hawthorne Museum was a popular place last Saturday to trigger memories of days gone by and familiar sites of when we were a little bit younger.

We would like to thank the volunteers from the Hawthorne Historical Society who worked so hard to make the event successful. They would include: Tom Quintana, Rosalinda Martinez, Renee O'Neill, John Baker, Bob and Karen Fraser, Lee Lenard, Dick and Alice Huhn, Don McIntire, Al and Betty Richards, Thierry Lubenec, Jose Gutierrez, David Barger, Bill Schultz, Doug Wingo, Frances Stiglich, and Ron Yates. Thanks



also goes to Olivia Valentine and Mayor Juarez for their generous support of the event. Every day can be a good neighbors day if we simply reach out to respect each other as we work and play in Hawthorne.

City's Website Back Up and Running

At the special City Council meeting of July 16, the city council approved the expenditure for a firewall to protect the city's website from any future crashes like the one experienced recently. With the restoration of the site, we were able to post the agenda and have a council meeting. Hopefully, with the new protections, this will not happen again.

Cool Drinks With the Clerk

With the warmer, humid weather that we have been having, I have decided to switch from "coffee with the clerk" to cold drinks with the clerk prior to the city council meetings. No, not the adult beverage type of "cold ones", just water, sodas or lemonade. We will still have a sweet cookie or two to appease your craving for sugar. Come on in to the city hall a little bit earlier to cool off before the council meeting.

Nice Guys Sometimes Do Finish First

As I wrote several weeks ago, Phil Mickleson is my favorite golfer. In addition to being a great golfer, he seems to have a personality that is humble and respectful of the game of golf. If you follow sports, you saw that he came from five strokes behind on Sunday to win the British Open, the oldest of the major golf tournaments.

In life, sometimes the person who works hard, humbly accepts set backs and keeps on trying eventually experiences that thrill of victory. I think the young people of today can learn many "lifetime" lessons by participating in youth sports from coaches, parents and role models that teach them respect and perseverance. It's not always that nice guys win, but we know that by being nice, we all can be winners. •

People

Congratulations

Nicole Rommero, of Inglewood, graduated in Law at the conclusion of the spring 2013 semester. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013138578
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as S1 HELMETS, 13210 ESTRELLA AVE UNIT A, GARDENA, CA 90248. Registered Owner(s): Concrete Distribution, Inc. 13210 Estrella Ave Unit A, Gardena, CA 90248. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: June 01, 2013. Signed: Concrete Distribution, Inc, President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 03, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 03, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 03, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Lawndale Tribune: July 11, 18, 25, 2013 and August 01, 2013. HL-949.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013131919
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as A1 CLEAN CARE, 21111 DOLORES ST SPC 80, CARSON, CA 90745. Registered Owner(s): Roberta K. Jones Ortiz, 21111 Dolores St Spc 80, Carson, CA 90745. This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Roberta K. Jones Ortiz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 24, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 24, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 24, 2018. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Lawndale Tribune: July 04, 11, 18, 25, 2013. HL-948.

2013133317 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 Current File #20081277899
 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: BEVERLY DELIVERY SERVICE, 404 N. OAK STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles ON JULY 17, 2008. Registrants: BILTON ARTS, INC., 404 N. OAK STREET, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. This business was conducted by a CORPORATION. Signed: KEVIN F. BRADY, ASST. SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on July 3, 2013.

INGLEWOOD NEWS: July 25, 2013 and August 01, 08, 15, 2013. HI-950

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Sec. 6104,6105 U.C.C.) and B & P 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 1060-TS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: ADVANCED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC AND CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM EXCHANGE LLC, 8600 AVIATION BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: 30423 CANNWOOD ST #234, AGOURA HILLS, CA 91301 As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: NONE The name(s) and business address(es) of the buyer(s) are: EL MONTE GREEN PETROLEUM, 6100N.CAMDENDR, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210 The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIP-

MENT, AND GOODWILL of a certain MARKET GAS STATION business known as AVIATION 76 and which are located at: 8600 AVIATION BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 The anticipated sale date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 12, 2013 at the office of: SHAMROCK ESCROW SERVICES INC, 2700 E. FOOTHILL BLVD, STE 301, PASADENA, CA 91107 and upon transfer of the Liquor License number 514308. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2 and B & P 24073, if so subject the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: SHAMROCK ESCROW SERVICES INC, 2700 E. FOOTHILL BLVD, STE 301, PASADENA, CA 91107 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be AUGUST 9, 2013, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above. Dated: JULY 14, 2013 EL MONTE GREEN PETROLEUM, Buyer(s) LA1323423 INGLEWOOD NEWS 725/13 Inglewood News Pub. 7/25/13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2013 to consider the following:

Workshop for Proposed Annual Budget including Projected Revenue and Requested Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Any person may appear at the public hearing on August 6, 2013, and offer written or oral information, or may prior to the hearing, direct written communications to the Hawthorne City Clerk Department, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, Ca 90250. Citizens may view the proposed document beginning June 10, 2013 at the City Clerk's Department, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California, or purchase a copy of the propose document from the Finance Department. Hawthorne Press Pub. 7/25, 8/1/13

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This world is but a canvas to our imagination.

~ Henry David Thoreau

Lawndale JAZZ BLUES and Music Festival

September 14, 2013 - 1 pm
 Lawndale Civic Center Plaza
 (147th Street & Burin Ave.)

FEATURING: Howlin' Blues Boogie Band
 Pat Chartrand and Friends
 The Lawndale Blues Boys
 Kastro Band
 J. Boykin

Sports

Joe's Sports

Fired Up Lakers Pick Up Youth Basketball Wins

By Joe Snyder

In the age 12-14 division, the Lakers remained in first place in the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Basketball League at 5-1 after rolling over the winless Air Force (0-6) 63-28 last Saturday at the Betty Ainsworth Gymnasium. The Lakers had little trouble with the Air Force in jumping out to a 28-12 halftime lead and led 48-22 after three quarters.

The Lakers had four players scoring in double figures, led by Brandon Lopez with a game-high 14 points. Eddie Kemp and Ryan Jateo each added 12 points and Andre Jones chipped in 10. Terrance Smith sparked the Air Force with 12 points. Geordin Smith and Yvan Sission contributed five and four points respectively.

In a tight contest, Fired Up moved into second place with a 38-34 win over Action. The contest was a seesaw battle, although Fired Up led most of the game and held a slim one-point margin at 15-14 at halftime. Fired Up continued to lead 26-23 after three quarters.

Richard Harris led Fired Up with 17 points. Rodrigo Saldana had 15 points and Martis Jones put in five, including a key basket that broke a 33-33 tie late in the game to give Fired Up the lead for good. Semise Taufa scored a game-high 18 points for Action. Raymond Meza tallied six points and Jordan Dennis totaled four. The Air Force fell to 0-6.

AGE 10-12 PISTONS TOP HARD WORK

The Pistons were able to work a little harder than Hard Work with a 26-22 win in the age 10-12 division of the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball on Saturday. Leading 15-12 through three quarters, the Pistons were able to keep the lead in holding off Hard Work.

The Pistons' balanced scoring attack was



Nile Aldredge of the Harlem Stars shoots above Thunder defenders in Saturday's Hawthorne Youth Basketball Summer League game. Stars won 36-25. Photo by Joe Snyder

led by Seifyan Suliman with a game-high nine points. Bruce Tucker, Kamilie Aretaga and Kenneth Hill each added six points. Hard Work also had balanced scoring led by Emanuel Smith and Damien Reigs with four points apiece. Wayne Webb, Will Villanueva and Josh Alvaiez chipped in two points each.

STARS DOWN THUNDER

The Harlem Stars started fast to gun down the Thunder 36-25 in 10-12-year-old basketball play on Saturday. The Stars surged out to a 12-1 lead after the first quarter and



The Lakers' Eddie Kemp shoots a basket in Saturday's Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division IV basketball action against the Air Force. Photo by Joe Snyder

continued to dominate most of the game. The Thunder managed to get as close as six points on several occasions before the Stars put the contest away.

Nile Aldredge led the Stars with a game-high 16 points. Kyrillos Armanyors contributed eight points and Theo Taylor had four. The Thunder was led by Eric Banuelos with 12 points. Daniel Gil put in seven points and Jordan Murray tallied four. The Stars are 5-1, while the Thunder fell to 2-4.

BULLDOGS ROLL OVER LAKERS

The Bulldogs dominated the Lakers 27-10 in Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Division II (age 9-10) play Saturday. The Mosely brothers proved dominant for the Bulldogs. Imari Mosely led all scorers with 14 points and Mahlik added 10. Cristobel Hernandez scored nine of the 10 Lakers' points.

SOUTH BAY SWIM TEAM GEARS FOR PIER TO PIER

The Hawthorne-based South Bay Swim Team enjoyed some success in past meets and is gearing for the popular International Surf Festival Hermosa Beach Pier to Manhattan Beach Pier Two-Mile Ocean Swim on August 4. The event is one of the most popular of the Surf Festival, which will be held for the 52nd time. There are events held in Hermosa, Manhattan, Redondo and Torrance Beaches. For those wishing to compete in the Pier to Pier Swim, you may log on at <http://www.surfestival.org/SwimIndex.htm>.

Other public events at the Surf Festival include a two-mile beach run in Hermosa Beach on August 3 and the Charles Saikley Beach Volleyball Tournament at Manhattan Beach Pier from July 30 to August 1. More information is available at <http://www.surfestival.org>.

A week later on August 11, the South Bay Swim Team plans to compete in the Naples Island Swims in Long Beach. Races for youth and adults include the one- and three-mile swims, as well as 200-, 500- and 1,000 meters. For those interested, log on at www.naplesislandswims.com.

PARK PROGRAMS

Six different Hawthorne parks will have various programs for youth, including team sports, recreational games and arts and crafts. Hawthorne parks include Eucalyptus, Holly Park, Holly Glen, Jim Thorpe, Memorial and Ramona.

The summer program began on July 2 and runs through August 24. Children ages seven and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Hawthorne Recreation and Parks Department at (310) 349-1640. •

Lakers Rebuilding to Rebuild

By Adam Serrao

It is now a time of uncertainty for the Los Angeles Lakers. For the past two years, fans across Los Angeles have been witnessing their professional basketball club that wears the purple and gold fall downhill. After getting swept out of the playoffs in Phil Jackson's last year, the Lakers proceeded to lose Andrew Bynum in a trade that brought in Dwight Howard. The move looked good at the time, but after another unsuccessful season and Howard's recent departure to Houston, the once proud franchise of 16 NBA championships now finds itself poised to start Pau Gasol at the center position. This is a player Lakers' management had been fervently trying to trade. Joining Gasol are the old and not fleet-of-foot Steve Nash and a presently handicapped Kobe Bryant. The future for this team looks bleak indeed. Though the Lakers' front office won't say it, the team is positioning itself for the 2014 season. With every contract but Nash's coming off of the books, that will be the year of free agency when the Lakers attempt to regain their royal status amongst the league's very best teams.

In the wake of losing Howard, the Lakers actually haven't done a bad job at all in the free agent market. Just days after Howard signed with Houston, L.A. signed Chris Kaman. Although not one of the most athletic big men in the league, Kaman will bring interior defense and rebounding and fits into coach Mike D'Antoni's offensive system as a big man who can shoot from the perimeter. Another player the Lakers pulled for the veteran's minimum was Nick Young. Formerly of the Wizards, Clippers and 76ers, Young brings athleticism and youth to a ballclub that formerly had none. With the same size and body type as Kobe Bryant, Young has the ability to light up the box score on certain nights, though he has never proven to be completely reliable. The Lakers also brought Jordan Farmar back into the mix and are flirting with the idea of re-signing Lamar Odom to bring some familiarity back to the bench. Though it is sad to see Metta World Peace go, the Lakers saved about \$14 million in luxury tax costs, further clearing the books and saving money for what stands to be one of the biggest off-seasons in recent history for the Lakers come 2014.

Though these moves can be graded on a scale of decent to good, there is no doubting the fact that they have been made simply to pass time. To think the Lakers will contend

this year for a title, let alone a top five seed in the Western Division, barring a miracle, would be next to preposterous. Among elite teams like the Oklahoma City Thunder, San Antonio Spurs, Los Angeles Clippers, Golden State Warriors and now Howard's Houston Rockets, the Lakers this season may be hard-pressed to make it into the playoffs at all. Should they fail to gain at least an eight seed, it would be just the sixth time in their 65-year history that the team has missed the playoffs. Unless Kobe recovers in an extraordinary amount of time and is ready for the preseason, Nash stays healthy and regains the form from his Phoenix Suns days, Gasol dominates inside and the team actually finds an identity for itself, the Lakers should be anticipating a subpar season, to say the least. So where's the silver lining?

The silver lining, for the Lakers, arises from the fact that the draft class of 2014 figures to be the deepest and most talented group in at least the last 10 years. Andrew Wiggins highlights the draft class, but unless the Lakers drastically fail next season and enter into the lottery, they won't be seeing him on their radar. Instead, they will have a group from the 2003 draft class to pursue. LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony are both obviously on the Lakers' radar, though James is a long shot to come to Los Angeles. Should they fail in their attempt to land either of those two free agents, there is still a crop that includes Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and possibly Paul George, John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins and Derrick Favors, depending on what their current teams do with their contracts.

While it is nice to imagine a team with Kobe, LeBron and Carmelo all wearing the purple and gold, the chances of it actually happening are slim to none. Carmelo might be the biggest hope for the Lakers in 2014, but if he falls through, one of the most successful franchises in all of basketball may be in for some major hurt in the near future. Could the Lakers possibly decide to tell Kobe to take his time getting back from injury and "tank" the upcoming 2013-14 season in order to get a better draft pick? It may actually not be the worst idea. Mitch Kupchak, the Buss family and the Lakers are too proud of a franchise to do that, though. While the front office has done a great job of finding talent to get the team past this season with one-year contracts, the books will be clean come 2014. It is still unclear as to what the Lakers will actually do to turn themselves into contenders once again, but it looks as if we will all have to wade through one more excruciating season in order to find out. •



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The weather is hot and I'm sick of turning on the oven at home, so I'm making

a chilled chicken and penne pasta salad with a twist!

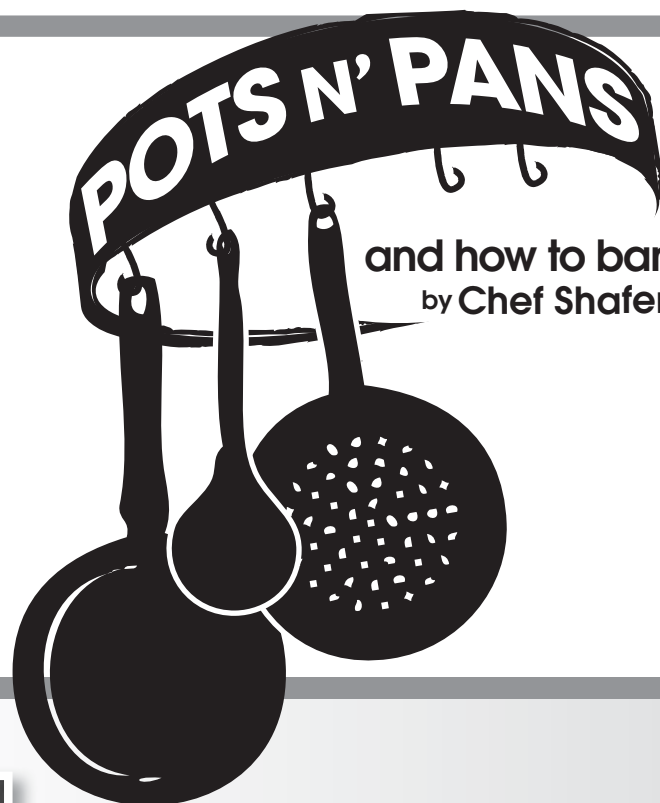
The best part is that I'm going to buy the chicken from

Costco and chill it down then pull all the meat of the

bones and chop it up for the salad.



The Chef



and how to bang them
by Chef Shafer



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

Cold Chicken and Penne Pasta Salad

- 1 pound penne pasta blanched in water, then cooled down
- 1 cup of diced tomatoes
- 1 cup of diced bell peppers
- 1 cup of diced celery
- 2 cups of diced cooked chicken
- 6 basil leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup chopped olives
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

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Live Well, Love Much, Laugh Often

McCormick & Schmick's Gets the Seasoning Right With Summer Seafood Menu

By Brian Simon

Despite a recent spell of atypically dreary weather for late July, summer in the South Bay still has plenty going for it. Perhaps no one realizes this more than the local McCormick & Schmick's, which recently unveiled its "Summer

vegetables atop very good mashed potatoes. Cara Cara oranges are a hybrid of two navel varieties noted for their slight sweetness and low acid content. They make a perfect base for a citrus relish to accompany the salmon.

A favorite dish of Herald CEO Heidi Maerker,

the "Chocolate & Decadent" category, this dessert is not overly sweet. Circles of strawberry sauce surround the mouse cake and provide a wonderful dipping complement for the chocolate.

The kitchen has taken presentation to the next level with all of these dishes. Executive chef Joe Gonzalez, sous-chef Stephen Rodriguez and the rest of the staff deserve kudos for their plating expertise and top-notch knife work. They make it look a lot simpler than it actually is, as it's no piece of cake to julienne vegetables using a mandoline.

McCormick & Schmick's has also unveiled a new lunch menu, with debuting items including Shrimp and Bay Scallop Fettucini, Crispy Fried Cod Sandwich and Chicken Portobello Sandwich. Those looking for a refreshing beverage can also order one of many excellent Summer Refreshers. The non-alcoholic options (each \$5.00) include Strawberry Lemonade (with homemade simple syrup), Sunset Punch (with strawberry, pineapple, apple, orange and grapefruit juices), and Blackberry Splash (with simple syrup and lemonade). Drinks with alcohol include the Mango Mojito, Perfect Patron Margarita and Prosecco Sangria.

not one, but two such events. Starting August 5, happy hours will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and then again from 9-10 p.m. on weekdays in the bar and lounge area. Menu choices run from \$2.99 to \$5.99 with a minimum beverage purchase of \$3.25 per person. Meanwhile,



Wild Alaska Duo

Seafood Limited Catch" menu to showcase several new items that represent the season to a tee with the emphasis on light, fresh, crisp and colorful—not to mention flavorful.

An ideal remedy for the heat and humidity, the Heirloom Tomato Gazpacho (\$6.99) is a particularly refreshing starter. A cold soup of Spanish origin, gazpacho in questionable hands can sometimes taste too much like a nondescript mild salsa. The McCormick and Schmick's version is tangy and vibrant. Topped with lemon crème fraiche and also featuring chopped onion and cucumber along with several shrimp croutons (similar in texture if not in sweetness to hushpuppies), this is one of the

the Alaska Halibut With Clams & Succotash (\$34.99) features a lovely piece of the prized white fish along with fresh clams. The kitchen's creamy rendition of succotash replaces the usual lima beans with Edamame (the Japanese name for soy beans) and also includes corn, onions and bell pepper. The flaky and moist halibut is perfectly pan-seared.

Both the salmon and halibut join forces on the Wild Alaska Duo (\$32.99), with the two grilled and plated side by side with yellow summer squash, watermelon relish and heirloom tomato salad and drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette. It's a great option for those who can't decide between one or the other.

The Seared Steelhead With Artichoke Ravioli (\$27.99) is another well-executed pairing. Though almost identical to salmon in color, taste and texture (since both fish eat the same krill-based diet and behave identically in the wild), steelhead is a kind of rainbow trout and not quite as rich as its counterpart. The fish is pan-seared and comes with sautéed squash ribbons and ravioli tossed in a lemon-thyme cream sauce.

With these entrees, diners have the option to add a three-course enhancement for \$10 by selecting a soup or salad (clam chowder, walnut mixed greens or Caesar salad with garlic croutons) and dessert (upside down apple pie, vanilla bean crème brulee or seasonal cheesecake). One additional dessert is available a la carte and should not be missed if you have anything left in the tank after your meal. The three-layer Bailey's Chocolate Mousse Cake (\$8.99) doesn't skimp on portion or flavor. The bottom is a dense and rich strand of chocolate cake, followed by individual layers of Irish cream-laced mousse and white chocolate mousse. Though aptly listed under



Alaska Halibut with Clams and Succotash

patrons who order any item from the Summer Seafood Menu also receive a Scratch and Win card, with prizes including free entrees and \$25 reward cards, among other possibilities. Every card is a winner.

Still going strong 15 years after opening on Rosecrans, McCormick & Schmick's remains a winner in its own right with a large and diverse menu that continues to evolve while never resting on its laurels. It helps to have the same general manager--Joe Garcia--since 2000. The man runs a tight ship and seamless operation--and also mixes a mean cocktail...

McCormick & Schmick's is located at 2101 Rosecrans Avenue across from the ArcLight Theatres. Diners can enjoy a meal in the main dining room, in a secluded booth, in the lively bar area, or on the outdoor patio. Two large rooms are also available for private dining with combined seating of up to 70 perfect for birthdays, business meetings or other events. For more information, call 310-416-1123. •



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A pioneer in the world of happy hour, McCormick & Schmick's has always featured



Wild Alaska Salmon with Cara Cara Orange

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It's an especially good year for heirloom tomatoes and McCormick & Schmick's is taking advantage of that fact by featuring them in two other starters. The Heirloom Tomato Carpaccio (\$6.99) features multi-colored "toybox" heirloom tomatoes sliced thinly with fresh basil and a balsamic reduction. The Summer Salad (\$6.99) places mini heirlooms with mixed greens tossed in an inspiring orange dill vinaigrette, with fresh watermelon and feta cheese to provide flavor and textural contrast.

The one warm dish in the "Fresh & Crisp" section of the new menu is the engaging Grilled Summer Flatbread (\$11.50) enlivened with basil pesto, Fontina cheese, prosciutto, arugula, marinated tomatoes and a sprinkling of Romano cheese for good measure. Thin and with the perfect degree of crunch, it's perfect for two to split.

On the entrée side, three notable fish play starring roles—including Copper River salmon, Alaskan halibut, and steelhead. Sockeye salmon make their annual spawning journey through the cold, turbulent 300-mile Copper River that flows through Alaska before emptying into Prince William Sound. To store up for the long trek, the fish must build up healthy reserves of fats and nutrients and the end result is one of the richest, moistest salmons you can order—but availability is limited, as most restaurants only serve it for a brief period during the summer. The Wild Alaskan Salmon With Cara Cara Orange (\$34.99) features a perfectly grilled, well-seasoned piece of fish with seasonal

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

It was a warm summer day and I was half-napping and half-reflecting on a couple of news stories that I thought could provide an exciting and revolutionary opportunity. You may remember that the NSA has been bragging about the fact that its spying capacity is so great that it can store one billion stolen phone conversations each day. Moreover, it can spy limitlessly on foreign governments directly or indirectly. For example,

"According to the July 12 Associated Press release, a multi-million dollar profit center has emerged from government spying."

we could spy on China directly or spy on Brazil's contacts with China. Either way, we can spy on China. Bravo for us! That's American knowhow for you. Is this a great country or what?

Now here's the opportunity. According to the July 12 Associated Press release, a multi-million dollar profit center has emerged from government spying. AT&T charges Uncle Sam a \$325 activation fee and a \$10 maintenance fee for each wire/phone tap. The always expensive alternative, Verizon charges the government \$775 for the first month's snooping and \$500 per month for each subsequent month's invasion of privacy. Facebook says its services to the NSA are free, while Microsoft, Google, and Yahoo won't disclose its fee structure.

AT&T employs 100 people to hand over private data, while Verizon says its 70 employees work 24/7 to field the quarter-million government requests it gets each year. For this, AT&T receives \$6 million per year while Verizon receives \$3-\$5 million per year. Sprint has been receiving eight million government requests for snooping each year and has therefore upgraded its equipment to assist the government's invasion

into our lives. Imagine that! Our government and communications companies have entered profit-driven agreements to expedite privacy invasions.

So here's my suggestion: Why don't the conspirators up the ante? Raise the wire taps and conversation invasions to the limit of the government's capacity--one billion calls per day--and charge accordingly. The communication companies' profits would explode, so they would not have to charge the rest of us for

using their systems. Voila! A win-win situation! The government will have access to everything about everyone, in exchange for which we will have free phone service.

You see, there is a precedent for this. Obama has given free phones and free minutes to the needy, so what I suggest is only an extension of his free phone service program. Clearly it is constitutional or the President would not have initiated it.

For those who are concerned about privacy, the Russians have led the way. They've gone retro and are using typewriters to defend against the insecurity of the Internet. Presumably, carrier pigeons will convey their written messages. Perhaps too, Native Americans can get into the private communications business with smoke signals for short range discourse. That would bring a whole new meaning to communications "in the cloud..."

Ahhh, well, maybe the afternoon sun has gotten to me. I'd better get into the shade and make some phone calls the government can tap. The NSA and AT&T folks need something to do. •

Another Man's Opinion

Bill Seeks to Ensure Funding for Domestic Violence Shelters

By Cristian Vasquez

When convicted of a crime, it is common that the guilty party pay a fine in which the total sum is split into different parts and used for a variety of reasons. Assemblyman Chris Holden's AB 139, which passed the Senate vote, seeks to ensure that money paid by the guilty party will go to a worthy cause--to fund domestic violence shelters. The bill would require that the penalties paid by abusers be strengthened to ensure that more funding is made available for such shelters. Having people who are guilty of violence against their domestic partners (i.e., wife or husband, girlfriend or boyfriend) pay a sum of money that will fund a local domestic violence shelter is an idea that is long overdue.

Unlike many fines that go to different departments and end up being split into several different portions for a variety of reasons, AB 139 allows more funds to go directly to local domestic violence shelters. The bill would require that anyone convicted of domestic violence must pay a \$500 fee after being granted probation. The \$500 is a fee--not a fine--and ensures that the money is used to directly help the victims of the crime. Unfortunately, the victims of domestic violence have a tendency to return to their abusers. Whether out of fear or due to a lack of resources, these victims are many times left with limited options and preyed upon by their abusers. By having a law to ensure that money is directly routed to these

shelters by such criminals, there would now be a more readily available network for these victims.

The bill was born after a 2012 State audit revealed that the distribution of payments used to support domestic violence shelters in various counties leave a significant portion of said payments uncollected. The bill will ensure this is no longer the case, hence ensuring that the funds get to their destination. It is already a challenge to convince victims of domestic violence to seek the support and resources available to get away from their abuser. The challenge is significantly magnified when the funds that are supposed to fund these resources fail to make it to their destination because of the wording of old laws.

While AB 139 still has to go back to the Assembly floor in August for language changes, having the Assembly and the Senate moving in the same direction on this topic is encouraging and long overdue. The victims of domestic violence, in their majority women and children, should not be made to wait or go without resources. Not all victims have family close to them to seek refuge from an abusive partner. Furthermore when children are involved, it becomes more difficult to find shelter. Ensuring that these shelters are funded and available to victims will help the latter take control of their lives and transition out of that violent relationship in a faster and more effective manner. •



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