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MCHS Orchestra and Band Raising Money to Travel to Carnegie Hall



JD Damarillo and George Rochelle held their first "Gig" at the office of Ignited USA, playing cello duets for an appreciative audience. Thus begins a joint effort between Mira Costa High's Orchestra and Band programs to send their 260 members to Carnegie Hall in May 2016. "Gigs4Carnegie" hopes to raise enough money to completely fund the trip: if you would like to get involved or support the program, send an email to costa2carnegie@gmail.com or make a donation of any size online at www.gofundme.com/qx36guw4. Photo by

Napolitano Hopes to Take Problem-Solving to Next Level

By Brian Simon

While still a college senior at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in 1990, Steve Napolitano opened up a newspaper and learned it was the last filing day to run for the Manhattan Beach City Council. Born and raised in the South Bay coastal community and a resident there to this day, the then-24-year-old had seen first-hand various changes over the years that didn't sit well with many of the locals. "We went from a little beach town with low-profile development to one where people were coming in and tearing down the old beach cottages and putting up huge homes that covered the entire lot that they would then sell on spec," Napolitano recalled. "I decided I had a choice to either just complain about the way things were going in the city or do something about it."

So with just two hours to get his paperwork together before the deadline, Napolitano scrambled to compile the minimum 20 signatures from registered voters required for him to make it onto the ballot. He managed to do so and filed in the nick of time—only to find out that one of the "voters" on the list was not registered after all, thus nullifying his submission. Rather than wait another two years to give it another shot, Napolitano opted to run as a write-in candidate. "That's not an easy thing to do when your name is Napolitano," he said. "People have to write your name down correctly on the ballot and punch the hole. A friend and I went door-to-door across the entire city—something nobody had done before—and spent about \$1,200. I had a whole lot of ballots thrown out for misspellings and hanging chads before anyone else knew what a hanging chad was. I beat one of the incumbents, but finished in third about 100 votes away from victory."

Undaunted, Napolitano joined a

commission soon after the election and ran again in 1992—this time garnering the most votes and becoming at 26 the youngest person ever elected to the Manhattan Beach City Council. He won again two more times before terming out in 2005. During his lengthy tenure, Napolitano initiated a number of "firsts," including emergency call boxes, campaign finance reform, a tree ordinance, required postings of construction site rules, and the volleyball walk of fame, among other items. "We reduced bulk and density in homes, protected our environment through our innovative 'Ocean Safe Campaign,' created a private/public partnership that resulted in the Metlox project, built a new public safety facility, redid The Strand, created playing fields out of TRW parking lots along Marine Avenue, and rezoned Rosecrans from industrial uses to allow commercial development. We were also one of only three cities in the state to achieve a AAA bond rating—and there is no better measurement of fiscal responsibility."

Now no longer the new kid on the block, Napolitano hopes to make a difference on a broader scope in his quest for a seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to serve the Fourth District. If he succeeds, his goal is to build on the legacy of Supervisor Don Knabe who will leave the County in 2016 due to term limits after 20 years. Napolitano has served as Knabe's long-time Senior Deputy, originally joining the team only a month after departing the Manhattan Beach City Council. "When I got the call from Supervisor Knabe, I saw it as a great opportunity to do what I had done in Manhattan Beach on a bigger scale—work to make a difference, make things better, and give a voice to those who felt they had none," he said.

Over the past decade, Napolitano has become a fixture at countless events in the

South Bay as the Supervisor's representative and point person for El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Marina del Rey, Playa del Rey, Redondo Beach and Torrance. More than that, though, he views himself as a problem-solver who oversees several departments (e.g. Beaches and Harbors, County Counsel, Arts, Museums, Libraries) for the Supervisor as well as economic development, transportation and environmental issues. Listing some key accomplishments for the Fourth District, Napolitano noted that he helped create the County's new Business Concierge program, worked to reduce film permit fees, and averted a major problem after the Health Department suddenly decided that snack stands at Little League fields had to meet the same rules and permit requirements as standard restaurants. "Working quickly with the Health Department, the Supervisor and others, we were able to get new rules in place to keep the snack stands open without the onerous restaurant requirements," he said.

Napolitano added that he worked on several environmental and green initiatives, leads the Supervisor's \$45 million Operation Libraries project, administers Knabe's Arts Education Partnership Program that provides grants for many area schools, and oversees the LA County Arts Commission. "In tracking the legal issues that County Counsel has to deal with, I also review and make recommendations to the Supervisor on the many practical and legal issues facing the County, including jail reform and use of force issues, improvement in our healthcare system, and the County's foster care system," he said.

The arts and legal realms were no strangers to Napolitano. While still serving on the Manhattan Beach City Council, he parlayed his Fine Arts degree from LMU into a

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Weekend Forecast

Friday,
Dec. 4

Mostly Sunny
68°/50°



Saturday,
Dec. 5

Mostly Sunny
76°/51°



Sunday,
Dec. 6

Partly Cloudy
73°/52°



Napolitano

from front page

freelance graphic design position that he eventually put aside in order to study law. He passed the bar in 2000 and practiced education law until 2005. To top it off, Napolitano was also a substitute teacher for the Lennox School District while attending Loyola Law School.

Looking at the issues that face the County moving forward, Napolitano pointed to the need to address rising crime in the wake of the AB109 and Prop 47 legislation that have upped the rates of offenses throughout the South Bay and beyond. "We haven't been able to recruit enough sheriffs to address the problem," he said. "I want to work with the Sheriff [Jim McDonnell] to increase hiring, including a veterans hiring initiative."

Another stated priority is for the County to get its fair share of transportation. "The Fourth District is a net donor to the Metro [Metropolitan Transportation Authority] system because LA City has the votes and gets the money for their projects," Napolitano noted. "It's time to expand the Metro board for better representation and a fair allocation of resources so we can expand rail to LAX, the east and the south."

Napolitano also spoke of the importance to "protect our most vulnerable"—looking after children, seniors and veterans in need as well as addressing a recognized crisis in homelessness. He called for diversion programs, as well as housing, to help these people—along with a way to track those programs and ensure that the money spent leads to positive results.

Calling it the "best anti-crime program" as well as the "best employment program," Napolitano stressed that it is also critical to support early child education. "We're facing shrinking resources and need to look at prioritizing prevention through early childhood education in addition to diversion for long-term success," he said. Napolitano additionally pledged to continue Knabe's efforts in supporting the Safe Surrender program and keeping up the fight against sex trafficking.

Napolitano explained that he applies certain values to all of his decision-making—first and

foremost putting people and communities first by solving problems, keeping citizens safe, supporting non-profits and always being accessible. "We need to make LA County more business-friendly and jobs-focused," he said. "I want to continue to find ways to reduce costs and regulations to get businesses running and keeping them running."

Napolitano emphasized the need to protect the environment by reducing air and water pollution, creating more open space, recycling/reusing, and taking the lead on water conservation. Other focuses include fiscal responsibility by making sure the County does not spend more money than it has; not approving taxes without a vote of the people; and making government smarter, more open and accessible. "Dealing with the County should be as easy as dealing with Amazon," Napolitano said. "We need



to use technology to better engage the public and measure our programs and adjust for improvements."

Next fall's election will include no less than races for President, State Senate, Congress, and Governor. While Napolitano acknowledges that citizens will have huge choices to make across the board, he believes that the vote for Supervisor will be the most important one for those living in the Fourth District. "They'll be electing one-fifth of the governing body of the nation's largest county with over 10 million people, a \$27 billion budget, and the 19th largest economy in the world," he explained. "No other level of government has a bigger impact on people's daily lives than LA County—from public safety to transportation, from education to the environment, from the local economy to healthcare, to the arts and beyond. LA County does it all, and the politicians and special interests are scrambling to create a supermajority to take over the Board and its budget. That's why it matters who gets elected next. This isn't a job you inherit. It's one you have to earn. I'm not a politician. I'm a problem-solver with 25 years of experience in local government who wants to keep LA County working for all of us..."

Community Briefs

Manhattan Beach Santa Float Website and Tracker

The Manhattan Beach Santa Float has gone high-tech this year! The float has a website – www.manhattanbeachsantafloat.com. The neighborhood routes are now published, along with the dates and names of the organizations who will be assisting Santa along the various routes. The best part is a Live Santa Tracker! Now residents will be able to know in real time when Santa will reach their block.

The Santa Float is being managed by the Manhattan Beach chapter of Kiwanis International this year. Special thanks to Kiwanis, to Kinecta Federal Credit Union which provides the truck and driver that pulls the sleigh, the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council, to the Manhattan Beach Volunteer Police Auxiliary which keeps Santa safe and dry, and to the many local organizations who staff the float on its routes.

Family Holiday Crafts Night

The 29th Annual Family Holiday Crafts Night will be held December 05 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Joslyn Community Center (1601 Valley Drive). Come and celebrate family fun times, feed off of the positive energy and exercise your mind as

you paint or glue. This is a gathering space for you and your family to play and have some good old fashion fun. There will also be a simple supper, holiday goodies, and hot cocoa!

Holiday Fireworks Festival

The 27th Annual Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks Festival will be held December 13 from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Manhattan Beach Pier. This year's Fireworks Festival will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

spectacular shows! The Holiday Fireworks are expected to go forward, rain or shine, on Sunday. For more information on the schedule of events, please visit the mbfireworks.com. Please be advised of street closures related to the event between 15th Street and 8th Street along Valley and Ocean.

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Mustangs Buck Saxons

By Adam Serrao

On Friday night, November 20, game at Mira Costa High, Mustangs scored 28 unanswered points in addition to a huge second half set Mira Costa on fire and put them on a collision course with the semifinals of this year's CIF Southern Section Western Division playoffs.

"This is a group that loves to play," Mira Costa coach Don Morrow said about his team. "I think they come

to the realization in the second half of games that if they don't come up big, they don't get to play anymore." The team's 28 second half points to beat the Saxons were a testament to exactly that. When all was said and done, Mira Costa simply wanted to keep playing more than North High did. It didn't look that way in the first half, however. The Saxons used a stout defense to contain Costa and keep the game manageable as the two team's broke for halftime tied at 7-7. That's when the Mustangs went wild and broke free of their reigns. •



North Torrance' Mique Juarez (North Torrance #3) ran for 180 yards and two touchdowns and only completed 8 passes out of 32 for 45 yards passing in their loss against Mira Costa. www.dewachter.net



North's Elgin Rebutas (North Torrance #64) is trying to hold Mira Costa's Jacob Magleby (Mira Costa #50) and Justin Johnson (Mira Costa #18) during the second half. www.dewachter.net



Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) is tackled during one of his 30 rushes by North's Nick Ortega (North Torrance #32) www.dewachter.net



David Arredondo (Mira Costa #12) completed 16 of 24 passes for 210 yards, threw three touchdowns, had one interception and rushed for 70 yards in Mira Costa's 35-21 victory over North Torrance to advance to the CIF Southern Section Western Division semi-finals. www.dewachter.net



Mira Costa's David Arredondo (Mira Costa #12) tries to get up and over North's Zack Valle (North Torrance #34) but is stopped. www.dewachter.net.



Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) ran the ball 30 times for 135 yards and one touchdown in Mira Costa's 35-21 victory over North Torrance to advance to the CIF Southern Section Western Division semi-finals. www.dewachter.net



Mira Costa's Omar Morrison (Mira Costa #22) looks for an opening in the offensive line to gain some yards in the second half of play against North Torrance. www.dewachter.net



North's Mique Juarez (North Torrance #3) is chased down the sidelines by a Mira Costa defender. www.dewachter.net

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Neptunians Sport New Logo and Website

By Lynne S. Gross

At its November 10 luncheon, the Neptunian Woman's Club (NWC) of Manhattan Beach introduced a new logo and a new website. The logo choice was the result of a contest the club conducted to which over 25 people submitted potential logo designs. The one chosen is by Elena Lacey. She is currently a designer for Southbay Magazine and before that worked for the Orange County Register. Elena is originally from Dallas but went to high school in Manhattan Beach then returned to Texas to attend Rice University in Houston. Some of her other work can be viewed at www.elenalacey.com.

The judges who selected Lacey's logo did so because it represents the quintessential buffet of the Neptunians. The overall image represents women; the waves indicate the South Bay location; the sea star image is



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of Manhattan Beach

part of the former logo; and the image is easy to replicate in various media forms.

The new website was designed by a team of Neptunian Woman's Club members (Margaret Alvarez, Linda Dondero, Suzanne Karger, Terri Premeaux, Kim Salzer and Nancy Vrankovic) lead by Laura Fischer. Laura is a NWC member with a business consulting and life coaching business. The team's goal for the new website was to make it easy to read and informative. "We want people to understand what the Neptunian Woman's Club does for the community and what it has to offer members, and we wanted to recognize the amazing sponsors who support us," says Fischer. "After 106 years in the South Bay area, there are people who are unaware of our philanthropic efforts or that our clubhouse is available to rent." The new Neptunian Woman's Club website can be accessed by

going to www.NeptunianWC.org.

One element the website features is upcoming events of the Neptunians. Currently these include the Holiday Wrap, a bake sale at the Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks and the Chile Cook-Off. The Holiday Wrap will be conducted from December 7 to 24 at the Manhattan Beach Village Mall. "For a reasonable amount of money people can have their holiday packages decoratively wrapped at the Neptunian booth in the center of the mall. The money goes to scholarships for Mira Costa High School and El Camino College students," points out Suzanne Sharer, Vice President of Fundraising. The bake sale takes place on December 13, the day of the annual fireworks, and helps support the Roundhouse Aquarium. The Chili Cook-Off on January 30 will be held at the Manhattan Beach Fire Department station to benefit the Manhattan Beach Firefighters Association's Burn Foundation.

The Neptunian Woman's Club is the oldest civic organization in the South Bay. According to President Linda Merlo, "It has a deep-seated tradition of cultivating the passion of like-minded women to support and serve the changing needs of our local communities and to build a better place to live." It is a nonprofit public benefit 501 (c) (3) corporation dedicated to volunteerism and the raising of funds in support of charitable, educational, cultural and civic services. •

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Ingredients

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- 1/2 cup roughly chopped walnuts
 - 6 cups mixed greens
 - 1 large apple, core removed and thinly sliced
 - 6 ounces Arla Dofino(R) Gouda cheese, cut into cubes
 - 1 cup cooked farro
 - 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- FOR THE APPLE CIDER VINAIGRETTE:**
- 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
 - 2 Teaspoons honey
 - 1 Teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1 Teaspoon minced shallot
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preparation

1. First, toast the walnuts in a small skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently. Cook until the walnuts turn brown and smell toasted. This will take about 5 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl to cool.
2. Place the greens in a large bowl. Top with sliced apples, Gouda cheese cubes, farro, dried cranberries and toasted walnuts.
3. To make the vinaigrette, whisk together the olive oil, apple cider vinegar, honey, mustard and shallot. Season with salt and black pepper, to taste. Drizzle the salad with the vinaigrette and gently toss. Serve!

Note: Honeycrisp or Granny Smith apples are great options, but any apple variety will work.

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Hi there, I'm **Dolton** and you've already been introduced to my pal, and possible littermate, Colton. I too am a 2-year old, male Miniature Schnauzer mix. I wholeheartedly agree with Colton when it comes to our parentage because I'm also only 12 pounds of affection. I was rescued from the LA county shelter after being surrendered, however, I have no idea what I could have done to warrant such treatment. I mind my manners get along well with other dogs and would be the perfect companion. I have to admit that my appearance wasn't the best but all it took was a little TLC and some grooming to reveal my adorable, handsome self. If you are interested in Dolton, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

They call me **Linus** but I don't carry a blanket. I'm a 1-year old, male, Miniature Schnauzer mix who got lost and ended up at a LA county shelter as a stray. I had some folks interested in me and even had a family that was scheduled to adopt me. Sadly, they must have changed their minds at the last minute because they never came to make it official. The MSFR folks literally came to my rescue and I am so very thankful to them. They always tell me that I super sweet and what a great little (only 14 pounds) guy I am. If you're looking for a real "people" dog, that's me. I would love to be your



Linus

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach 90277, from noon-3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! Bet you can't adopt just one!

Hello, my name is **Colton** and I'm a 2-year old, male Miniature Schnauzer mix. If you ask me, my Dad was the Miniature Schnauzer and my Mom was the mix. No one is clear on what I'm "mixed" with but Mom must have been a tiny thing because I'm only 12 pounds! My buddy, Dolton, and I were rescued from a LA county shelter after our previous owners surrendered us. I don't even know why they didn't want us anymore. I know I was a matted mess but once I was groomed, "TA DA" the cutest little guy emerged! While I'm a bit shy upon first introductions, I do make friends very quickly. I'm well behaved, get along great with other dogs and I'd be the perfect



Dolton

only dog but I can get along, with some patience and a little work, with smaller, female dogs. I'm not exactly a non-shedder because I'm a mix but you could call me a low shedder because it's not very much. The best news is that when I get groomed I can get a Schnauzer cut or you can just

let me go au nature! If you are interested in Linus, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

It's true that good things come in small packages and I'm here to prove it. My name is **Maddie** and I am a 1-year old, female, Miniature Schnauzer mix that is nothing but 13 pounds of sweetness. I was rescued from a LA county shelter just a couple of days before Halloween and that was no treat. It was a very intimidating place and I'm not very outgoing, actually I'm kind of shy, so it's no surprise that no one was interested in adopting me. I get along great with other dogs, and I'm pretty quiet and reserved but I do love my people. Come to adoptions and see if you aren't just mad about Maddie. If you are interested in Maddie, please email info@msfr.org for more information.



Maddie

Pets can get loose or lost through mishaps and travel quickly. Microchip: it works!

Happy Tails

Congratulations to **Tippy**, our rescue from late September, and her new family. Her family had a Schnauzer that they loved and cherished for 15 years before it went to Rainbow Bridge. They decided to wait

until they retired to adopt a new family member and Tippy was the one that they couldn't resist. She now enjoys the good life – living in San Pedro. Wishing everyone much happiness. •



Tippy

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If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!

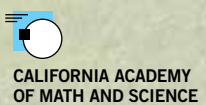
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