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## MB Education Foundation Celebrates Record Fundraising Achievements



Manhattan Beach Education Foundation received a \$71,000 check from the fundraising efforts of the SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk. Photo courtesy of Justin Dietterick / SKECHERS.

## ED Foundation Receives Generous Donation from SKECHERS Pier to Pier Walk

By Cristian Vasquez

Through the fundraising efforts of the SKECHERS Pier to Pier Friendship Walk, the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation received a \$71,000 check on February 26 during the reception.

The SKECHERS Pier to Pier Walk is direct result of the partnership and longtime friendship between Yossi Mintz, founder and executive director of the Friendship Circle's South Bay chapter in Redondo Beach, and Michael Greenberg, President of SKECHERS.

This social, fundraising event has steadily grown since it began in 2008 when 1,700 people arrived to walk and participate in the activities. By 2012 there were 8,000 walking.

"First off, this has grown over the last four years and for 2013 we are striving to beat that number," Greenberg said.

"What this means to me personally is that we are bringing children that have no disabilities together with children with special needs and when I see those children interact with one another, it is so rewarding that it touches my heart and it touches everybody's heart that is involved. I think that is the reason why each year we were a little bit harder and we strive to give away more and more to support the education foundations and the children with special needs. It has just been a wonderful journey and I hope that it continues."

The money generated by the event is divided between the Friendship Circle and six local education foundations, including the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation.

"It is always a challenge to raise the money and keep the programs that the kids need," Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Executive Director Susan Warsaw said. "Every dollar and every contribution is so critical and to have such a large gift from the Friendship Circle and from SKECHERS is fantastic. It is very meaningful and it allows

us to keep programs that kids would have to go without."

The annual SKECHERS Pier to Pier Walk gathers people with the purpose of supporting children with special needs and in special education and is organized in partnership with The Friendship Circle, which is dedicated to providing companionship and happiness to children and young adults with special needs by emphasizing uniqueness and individuality.

"What we are excited about most is the mission of what is going on here--we are all here helping kids with special needs and we are excited to do it," Manhattan Beach Superintendent Mike Matthews said.

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"The Friendship Circle and SKECHERS are changing lives and we are a part of that and we are very excited about it. On top of that, the fundraising efforts support our education foundation. Without our education foundation, our programs for our students would be drastically reduced. It is a great thing for us."

For Greenberg and SKECHERS, the presence of corporations in their community should be felt through more than just marketing and profits.

"If all the sponsors were here tonight, I would give them a big hug because 50 percent of the funds come from the sponsors--corporations are important because we raised more or less half of the money," Greenberg said.

"I am someone who runs a corporation and I believe in running corporations with a conscience in order to be successful and mean something to the community. Whoever it is

that is supporting your company or buying your products you need to give back. Without the consumers' support, we would have no company. Whether it is in the community or inside of SKECHERS, we feel wonderful when we give back. It is a great feeling. It surely fills you up."

Establishing such partnerships between corporations, education and the community has allowed the quality of education in communities like Manhattan Beach to remain strong.

"Our community is very unique in that we have so much parent involvement and really fantastic parent organizations, as well as a terrific relationship with our school board, our administration and our teachers," Warsaw said.

"It is very rare to have everybody working together on a common goal and with a common purpose. It is really about every single parent getting involved and thinking that education is critical, as well as having an administration and a school board that feel the exact same way. They are very professional, very hard-working and we all get to do it together."

The collaboration between corporations, the Education Foundation, school administrators and parents has allowed Manhattan Beach schools to continue to academically thrive despite State budget cuts.

"I think that you improve by never being satisfied with who you are," Matthews said.

"Every one of us can improve upon ourselves and we look at what we can do. If we don't reach every single student, then we can do more and our goal is to find ways to do that. Our board sets goals for us, they push me hard and it pushes all of us hard every year. Even with high achievement, we have shown growth every year for the last seven years." •

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Sunny  
79°/55°



**Saturday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
79°/59°



**Sunday**  
Mostly  
Cloudy  
66°/52°



# People

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Dakota Randall**, of Manhattan Beach, a freshman Finance major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester.

**Michelle McCarthy**, a graduate of Chadwick School and resident of Manhattan Beach, was a recipient of the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence during the 2012 fall term at Colgate University.

The following students, all from Manhattan Beach, were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester Loyola Marymount University:

**Robert Bellissimo, Timothy Burdiak, Ryan Chase, Nicholas de Virgilio, Austin Ertman, Thomas Hessenius, Charles Hoying, Ruby-Ann Manalaysay, Kristin O'Brien, Michael Wills, James Wu, and Alyssar Zein.**

# Classifieds

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# Calendar

## MANHATTAN BEACH SUN

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

• Police Department Town Hall Meeting, 7- 9 p.m., Joslyn Center, 1601 North Valley Drive.

• Acting Out Again (acting/speaking skills), 1:30- 3:30 p.m., Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. For more information contact the Older Adults Program at (310) 802-5447.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

• Jim 'Kimo' West - Slack Key Guitar, 7-9 p.m., Manhattan Beach Library, 1320 Highland Ave. For more information call (310) 545-8595.

• Free Drop-in Craft Club for all older adults, every Wednesday Noon-2 p.m., Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. For more information call (310) 802-5447.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

• Free Walking Group, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Manhattan Village Field, 1300 Parkview Ave. For more information call (310) 802-5447.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

• Concert: Victor De Almeida with Harout Senekeremian, 2 p.m., Trinity Lutheran

Church, 1340 Eleventh St.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

• City Council Meeting, 6-11 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

• "Network Your Heart Out...It Matters" LA Networking Matters' 4th Annual Networking for a Cause event, 6-8:30 p.m., Manhattan Country Club. For more information call (310) 370-0555.

### UPCOMING

• Manhattan Little League Opening Day Parade, Mar. 2, 8-10 a.m., from Manhattan Beach Police Station, south to Manhattan Beach Blvd, west to Highland Ave., north to 15th St. and east to American Martyrs.

• Swing and Sway Ballroom Dance, March 8, 8-11 p.m., Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. \$7 per person. Adults only.

### ONGOING

• Mayor Wayne Powell's Walk 'n Talk is the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Peets Coffee & Tea, 328 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Also, the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m., at North End Café, 3421 Highland Ave.

# Police Reports

## JANUARY 28

Stolen License Plates: Morningside Dr. / 11th Pl. Unknown suspect(s) stole the license plates from the victim's vehicle, which was parked on the street.

Residential Burglary: 1200 Block of 2nd St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an unlocked rear door and stole three televisions, a stereo, videogame console with games, miscellaneous jewelry, and a laptop computer.

## JANUARY 27

Stolen Vehicle: 1300 Block of 17th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole a black, 2009 Mercedes convertible that was parked on the street.

Theft: 1100 Block of 9th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked on the street and stole loose change and a gift card.

## JANUARY 26

Commercial Burglary: 1200 Block of Pacific Ave. Unknown(s) subject smashed two classroom windows at Pacific School and stole 59 iPads, which were secured in a locked metal cabinet.

## JANUARY 25

Theft: 4000 Block of N. Highland Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a credit card from the mailbox and used it to make an unauthorized purchase at "Hassan & Son" in Gardena.

## JANUARY 25-29

Attempted Residential Burglary: 2300 Block of Walnut Ave. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to break multiple windows to the residence, but were unable to enter due to the double-sided windows. No property was taken.

Residential Burglary: 1700 Block of N. Poinsettia Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence through an open bathroom window and ransacked several bedrooms. Two watches, a wallet, a computer and miscellaneous jewelry were taken.

## JANUARY 21

Theft: 1800 Block of Faymont Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the driveway and stole the GPS unit.

Theft: 1400 Block of Elm Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a purse that was left on the front seat. The purse contained four credit cards, of which, one card was used at Chevron in Manhattan Beach and a second card was used to make an online electronic purchase.

## JANUARY 20

Stolen Vehicle: 3200 Block of Alma Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a black 2009 Ford Explorer that was parked in the driveway. Credit cards that were stolen from inside the vehicle were used at Jack in the Box and 7-11 in Manhattan Beach and Orange Electronics in Commerce, CA.

## JANUARY 18-21

Theft: 500 Block of 15th St. Unknown suspect(s) removed and took the catalytic converter from a parked vehicle.

## JANUARY 17

Theft: 100 Block of 38th Pl. The victim witnessed a male, Hispanic adult stealing mail from his mailbox. The suspect fled the area after being confronted by the victim.

## JANUARY 16-17

Theft: 400 Block of 26th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole sunglasses.

## JANUARY 16

Robbery: 1800 Rosecrans Ave. Officers responded to a robbery that just occurred in the parking lot of Trader's Joes. The victim was robbed by two male Hispanic suspects, one of which was armed with a handgun. Both suspects fled the location, northwest through the parking lot on bicycles and out of view. The victim's wallet was taken.

## JANUARY 15

Residential Burglary: 1300 Block of 21st St. Homeowners arrived home to discover their home was burglarized and two subjects where in the backyard. When confronted the subjects fled the area and into the neighborhood. Responding officers met with one of the victims and a witness, whom had followed one of the suspects for a few blocks. The male juvenile (16yrs), was positively identified and in possession of stolen property from the residence (approximately \$5,000 worth of jewelry). The second suspect was last seen running between homes, just north of the location but was not located.

## JANUARY 14

Vehicle Burglary: 300 Block of 25th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and stole miscellaneous items.

## JANUARY 12

Residential Burglary: 1000 Block of N. Redondo Ave. Unknown suspect(s) removed the screen from the unlocked kitchen window to enter the residence. The suspect(s) took a watch, purse, and miscellaneous jewelry. The suspect(s) unlocked the back door to exit the residence.

## JANUARY 10

Loitering: 300 Block of 6th St. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's secured backyard and attempted to open a locked door that leads to the detached garage.

Residential Burglary: 800 Block of Rosecrans Ave. Unknown suspect(s) removed the screen from the open bedroom window to enter the residence. The suspect(s) took a laptop computer and jewelry.

An MBPD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Artesia and Vail for a vehicle code violation. The driver of the vehicle was **See Police Reports page 7**

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# Metro Briefs

## SOUTH BAY

### A Better Commute? It's About Time

Starting February 23, Metro ExpressLanes will save you time in traffic on the I-10 freeway, joining those already open on the I-110. The lanes are toll-free for carpools, vanpools and motorcycles. Solo drivers can use ExpressLanes by paying a toll. All vehicles need a FasTrak® account and transponder to use the lanes. To get yours, visit [metro.net/expresslanes](http://metro.net/expresslanes).

### Metro Buys 550 New Buses

The Metro Board of Directors approved spending \$302 million to purchase 550 new 40-foot transit buses fueled by compressed natural gas. The new buses will replace vehicles that are past 12 years of age and 500,000 miles over the next three years.

### Ramp Work Expected For I-405

As part of the I-405 Improvements Project between the I-10 and U.S. 101 freeways, construction work is anticipated in the near future for the on-and off-ramps along the I-405. Please check [metro.net/405](http://metro.net/405) for the latest project information, including upcoming work, closure and detour information.

### Metro Installing EV Charge Stations

Metro is the first transit agency in the nation to introduce electric vehicle (EV) charge stations at rail station parking lots. Five Metro Rail stations will have them: Union Station, Sierra Madre Villa, Universal City, El Segundo and Willow. Riders with EVs can charge their cars while using the Metro system. More at [metro.net/ev](http://metro.net/ev).

### Metro, LAX Working On Connector

Three proposed Metro Rail station sites at LAX have been identified as part of the ongoing Airport Metro Connector project. Metro and LAX have been working together on the project to connect the airport to the Metro Rail system. Alternatives being considered include bus rapid transit, light rail and a people mover.



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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

With a stretch and a yawn, Rip Van winked at the sun and slowly got to his feet. He had been sleeping for four years and was a little hungry, so he slowly ambled down the hill to the tiny village below. On his walk, he stared in wonder at the new highways and bridges, with air and water as clear as the days of Adam and Eve. The only things missing were people! At the village, he encountered a very old man and asked what had happened since he fell asleep in early 2013.

*"Not only that, but remember those 46 million people living beneath the poverty line? They don't exist anymore. The poverty line is now so low, no one could snake beneath it."*

"Well," said the oldster, "after the collapse of the Republican Party, President Obama gained everything he had asked for. So today, we are all financially equal."

"Wow," said Rip, "how did he do that?" Replied the oldster, "He did it logically. He started with the average family income of \$50,000 and directed the tax code and IRS to play Whack-a-Mole with anyone earning more than the average. Then working from the other end of the financial spectrum, the President raised the minimum wage up to \$9 an hour, since he decided that's what we need to live on. So by slapping down the wealthy and lifting up the poor, he brought us all to \$9, making us all equal. Not only that, but remember those 46 million people living beneath the poverty line? They don't exist anymore. The poverty line is now so low, no one could snake beneath it."

Amazed, Rip inquired further, "The roads

and bridges are beautiful, but no one is driving on them. Where are the cars?" Said the old man, "Energy Secretary Chu revealed the Obama goal was to bring gas to \$10 per gallon, which he did. Now since we earn \$9 and gas is \$10 a gallon, do the math. No one can afford to drive, so the air is pristine and the roads never need maintenance, shrinking our budgetary deficit."

Shaking his head, Rip went on. "What has that done to our relations with the rest of the world?" The old man replied, "Well, Canada

is now a province of China. When we rejected the Keystone pipeline, China bought all their oil and the land over it. Since that included all of Canada...well, you get the picture.

"As to the Middle East, Defense Secretary Hagel dismantled our military, as required by sequestration, so our foreign policy consisted of a full-scale retreat. Despite our trying to buy friends with foreign aid, Arab countries banned oil sales to us, so we've been reduced to wind and solar--but that's a challenge too, since the Chinese control all solar panel technology.

"Nevertheless, we who voted for the most transformative President in history proudly rejoice because his objectives have been met. The rich now pay their fair share, we are all financially equal, we have eliminated 46 million in poverty, our air and water are clean, and our highways and bridges meet 21<sup>st</sup> Century standards.

"What more could we ask?" •

## Another Man's Opinion

### National Security: More than Using Weapons

By Cristian Vasquez

Since 9/11, the Republican Party has been very efficient at portraying the Democrats as weak on national security and quick to cut military spending. The political landscape that was born after the terrorist attacks was one that labeled anyone who questioned military spending as unpatriotic and a risk to the safety of our nation. Since 2008 when the Democrats took over the White House, attempts to label the party a risk to national security have remained constant. However, the truth is that President Obama's administration is not taking a soft-sided approach to defense spending.

The truth is that under the current administration, military spending has gone up. In November 2012, military spending went up by at least 10 percent even as troops were being withdrawn from Iraq. If anything, defense spending has continued to steadily rise--\$287 billion in 2001 compared to \$530 billion in 2013, and that does not account

Office [CBO], based on current tax rates and spending, military spending is going up over the next 10 years. The President's \$480 billion in military spending "cuts" in reality mean that he is reducing the proposed spending on the military for the next 10 years rather than actually taking money from the current military budget. Current spending will remain unaffected. Future expenditures will be better balanced and more efficient. So what's the problem?

The opposition is really angry that military spending will continue but at a slower rate. For a group that preaches fiscal responsibility, it would seem that they would appreciate an approach that reined in wasteful spending, even from within our national defense budget. The argument that this budget will weaken our military is nothing more than a childish temper tantrum by representatives such as Howard P. McKeon (R-CA) who labeled the alleged cuts dangerous and irresponsible.

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for both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. However, under President Obama there is a significant change that does not jeopardize the ability our military to protect the nation. The President and his administration are simply not spending at the same accelerated rate that the previous administrations fueled.

Military spending will increase during the next seven years, at least. Yet, those opposed to the President and the Democratic Party in general have been clever in disguising this reduced rate of spending as a cut in military spending. A cut in military spending would consist of discontinued programs due to lack of funding and that is not happening.

According to the Congressional Budget

The truth is what is dangerous and irresponsible is the idea that in order to protect our country, the nation's leaders must indiscriminately spend money on the military, even if there is no proof that the money is necessary. The President's budget for the next 10 years will ensure that current military spending remains intact, despite the many areas of wasteful spending that should be addressed, while ensuring that future spending doesn't take bankrupt taxpayers in the name of national security. The sad thing is that for some people, fiscal responsibility only applies when trying to help the poor but it flies out the window when it involves weapons of mass destruction. •

## From the Source

### Political Q & A

By Gerry Chong

This week, we asked State Senator Roderick "Rod" Wright and Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi their views on the question of the week:

*Each year the California Legislature passes more than 1,000 bills--the vast majority of which are signed into law. Is there such a thing as too many laws? If so, how should we control their volume?*

Assemblyman Muratsuchi responded: "California needs more common sense and less laws. Obviously we need laws to live and work with. However, not every problem needs another law. For example, as Chair of the Assembly Committee on the Aerospace Industry, I will be conducting public hearings to get state policymakers and industry leaders to focus on how to improve the state's business climate so that we can attract and retain good jobs."

Senator Wright said: "I don't know that you can determine in advance what number of bills should be allowed in a given year. There are legitimate state issues which must be addressed. In some years there are many. In others, few.

"As it stands, we do have a cap on how many bills each legislator can introduce in

a two-year legislative session, and that cap has been reduced in recent years.

"You would hope that people elect representatives who will set out to do good for their community through this office. Those representatives should have the ability to introduce a bill when they have identified a real problem and a legitimate way of dealing with that problem.

"In the same vein, those representatives should be ready and willing to vote 'no' when a bill is unnecessary or poorly written. Even a well-intentioned bill on an important issue may be written in such a way that it does not get to the root of the problem. There is often strong public opinion supporting bills of this nature, which have been described as some great panacea, but leadership requires those who have read the fine print and found the proposed 'solutions' lacking to vote accordingly. It is easier to send the bill's author back to the drawing board, or back into negotiations, than it is to unwind Constitutional gridlock caused by unnecessary laws."

*Herald Publications* thanks both gentlemen for their contributions to our understanding of the important issues of the day affecting South Bay residents. •

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**13** Cooking Tips for 2013, final tips:

- 11. When trying to cook Italian food use dried oregano and basil for the tomato sauce. This will give you a more earthy sauce.
- 12. Always chop on a clean stable surface for safety. I never cut myself using the correct tool for the right job.
- 13. And the final tip, call your favorite restaurant early to make reservations. LOL

It's trivia time. We are starting a weekly trivia contest. Every week I will post a new trivia question and the first five people to come into Buffalo Fire Department for dinner will win a cheeseburger and drink. You must be 18 to win and must submit it in writing at the hostess stand before you order. This offer is only good Monday thru Saturday after 5:00 pm at the Buffalo Fire Department. You can only win one time per month, but you can still come into BFD!

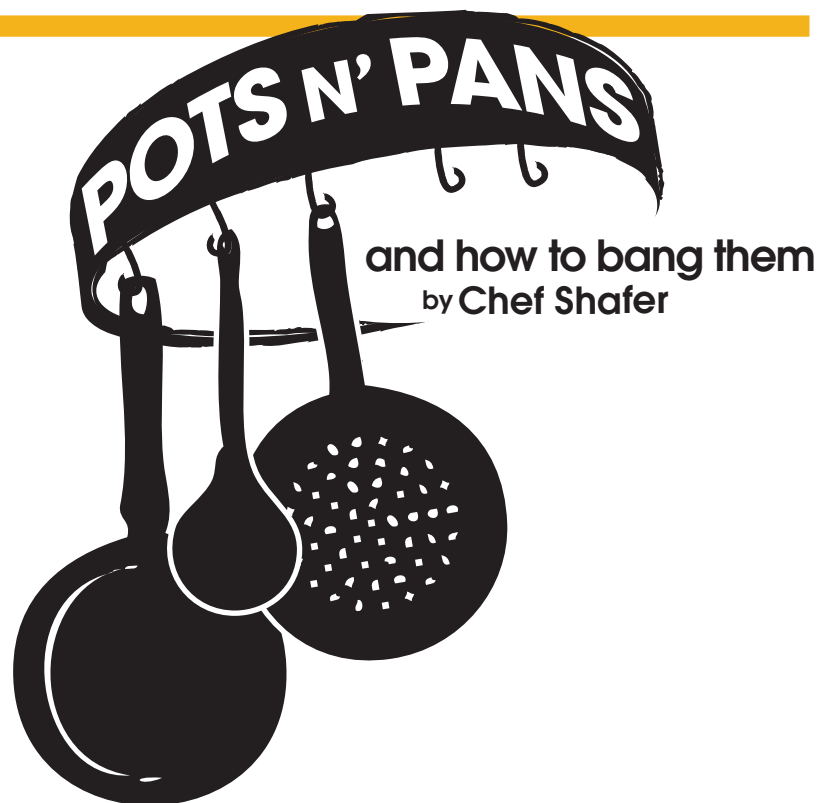
So here is this week's question:

What three characters were featured on Howard Johnson restaurant signs, menus and china patterns for about 5 decades?

See you at BFD.

The weather is getting better so clean off the BBQ and grab a cold one. Here is a great salsa to go with grilled chicken, fish, or meat.

*The Chef*



# Cucumber Citrus Salsa

- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1 cup diced radish
- 3 to 4 finely chopped jalapeños
- 1 bunch chopped cilantro
- zest and juice from two lemons
- zest and juice from two oranges
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- Mix together and chill.

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



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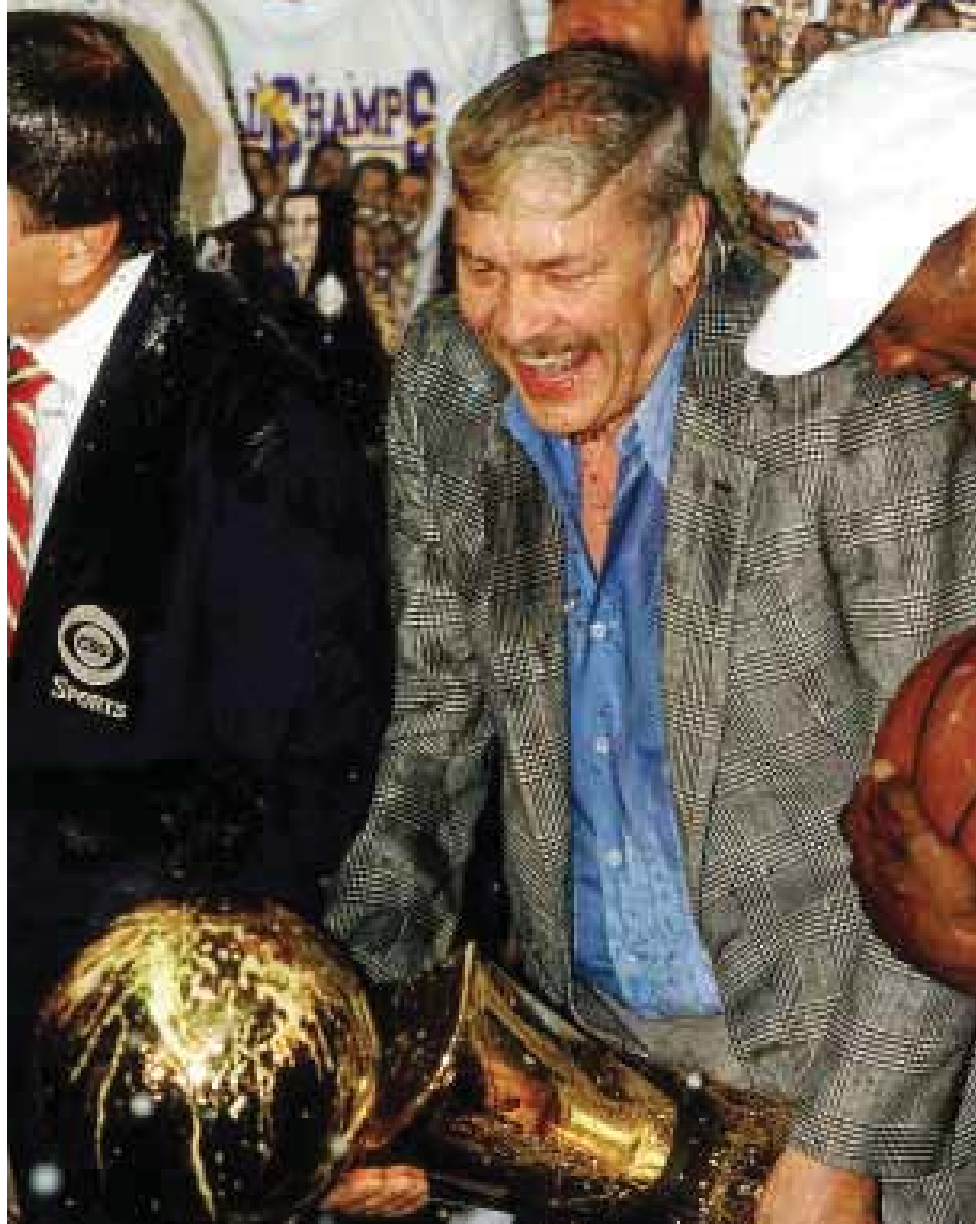
# Basketball Legend Dr. Jerry Buss Passes Away at 80

## Courtesy of the Los Angeles Lakers/ D-Fenders

Dr. Jerry Buss, longtime owner of the Los Angeles Lakers and owner of the Los Angeles D-Fenders, passed away on Monday morning after a long illness. He was 80 years old.

The Buss family and the Lakers organization sent out the following on Monday shortly after the passing of the greatest owner in the history of professional sports:

"We not only have lost our cherished father, but a beloved man of our community and a person respected by the world basketball community," a statement released on behalf of the Buss family said.



Dr. Buss had been hospitalized much of the past 18 months in a battle which "showed his amazing strength and will to live. It was our father's often stated desire and expectation that the Lakers remain in the Buss family. The Lakers have been our lives as well and we will honor his wish and do everything in our power to continue his unparalleled legacy," the statement concluded.

In 1979, Dr. Buss purchased the Lakers along with the Los Angeles Kings of the NHL, The Great Western Forum and a 13,000-acre Kern County Ranch in June of that year, and so began

an era of success unrivaled in the history of Southern California professional sports.

As owner of the Lakers, Dr. Buss oversaw a franchise that won 10 Larry O'Brien championship trophies, reached the NBA Finals on 16 occasions, and missed the playoffs just twice. Furthermore, the Lakers compiled the NBA's best record under his guidance, going 1786-926 overall (.659 winning percentage).

Some 27 years after his journey began with the Lakers, Dr. Buss became the first NBA owner to own and operate an NBA Development League team, starting the D-Fenders franchise in 2006 to help develop NBA talent for the Lakers. Under Dr. Buss' ownership, the D-Fenders produced countless NBA players and, in just

six seasons of existence, had already won the Development Champion award, set the regular season record for wins (38-12) and reached the NBA D-League Finals, among other successes. A true pioneer both in the NBA as well as the NBA D-League, now a total of five NBA D-League teams are owned and operated by an NBA team, a number that will likely continue to grow.

As result of his incredible successes, Dr. Buss was enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts on August 13, 2010, becoming

the third Laker to enter the Hall as a contributor (Chick Hearn, Pete Newell).

Dr. Buss was a graduate of the University of Wyoming, earning a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and later a Ph. D in Physical Chemistry from the University of Southern California. After a brief career in the aerospace industry, Dr. Buss and Frank Mariani, an aerospace engineer, drew upon their scientific training to launch a career in real estate. For Dr. Buss, the real estate firm of Mariani-Buss Associates was originally intended only to provide income, which would allow him to pursue his love for teaching. The expansion of the real estate firm was so fast, though, that it would not allow time for other professions.

Ultimately, Dr. Buss parlayed his original \$1,000 investment in a West Los Angeles apartment building into assets that eventually enabled to him to achieve his second love, ownership of a major league sports team.

A true pioneer and trailblazer in innumerable ways, Dr. Buss initiated many innovative marketing changes (which included a major advertising agreement with Great Western Bank in 1988 to name the team's former arena the Great Western Forum), and as a result, many of his strategies are emulated today by franchises across each of the major North American professional sporting leagues.

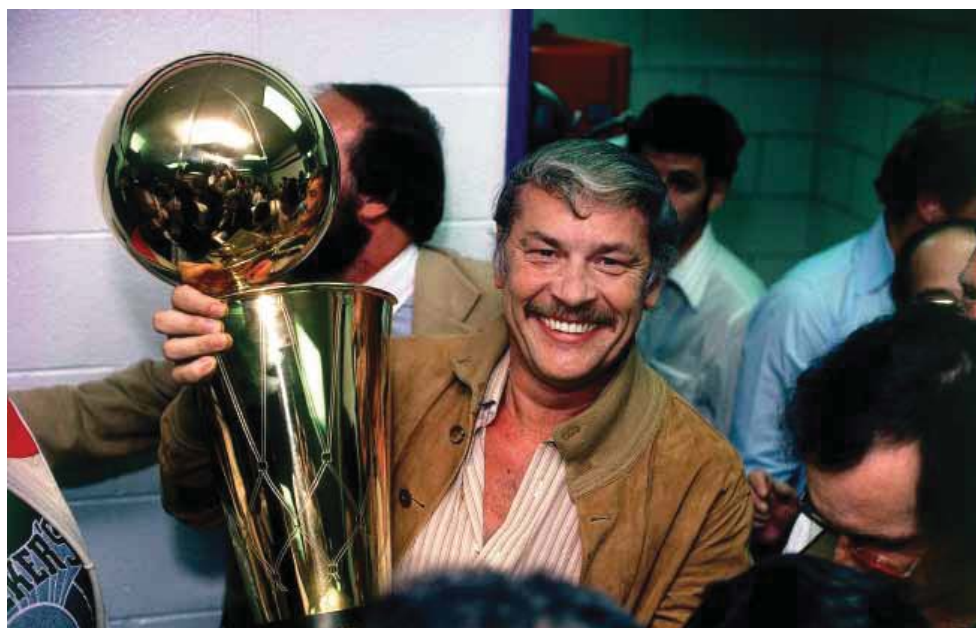
In addition to his role with the Lakers, Dr. Buss served two terms as President of the NBA Board of Governors and helped launch Prime Ticket Network (now FS West/Prime Ticket) in 1985. Altering the look of sports television, Prime Ticket televised all of the Lakers home games and shortly became the nation's premier regional sports cable network.

On October 30, 2006, Dr. Buss' inventive spirit empowering fans to never miss a home game earned him a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame in a ceremony attended by his staff, close friends and family.

Yet for all of his accomplishments in business and sports, Dr. Buss was equally respected for his philanthropic efforts. Among his countless philanthropic endeavors, Buss focused on supporting education along with the needs of disadvantaged youth and the elderly. For his generous efforts he was honored by such organizations as the City of Hope, NAACP, the B'nai B'rith, United Negro College Fund, United Indian Development Associations, American Hebrew University, National Organization of Women, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission and Heart of Los Angeles Youth, along with many others. Dr. Buss also funded scholarships at his alma maters, Wyoming and USC, and endowed the Magic Johnson Scholarship at Michigan State University.

Dr. Buss is survived by sons Johnny, Jim, Joey and Jesse and daughters Jeanie Buss and Janie Drexel, all of Southern California; eight grandchildren; former wife JoAnn of Las Vegas; half sister Susan Hall of Phoenix; half brother Micky Brown of Scottsdale; and stepbrother Jim Brown of Star Valley, Wyoming.

A memorial service for Dr. Buss will be held on Thursday, February 21st at Nokia Theatre, L.A. LIVE. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Lakers Youth Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice. • **Photos by NBAE/Getty Images.**



## Police Reports

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on active parole for possession of narcotics for sales.

The subsequent investigation revealed the driver was in possession of a loaded handgun which was secretly hidden in the center console below the gear shift.

Also found was a stolen credit card and iPod. The subject was arrested.

### JANUARY 7

Attempted Vehicle Burglary: 1 Manhattan Beach Blvd (lower south pier parking lot) Unknown suspect(s) shattered the rear driver's side wing window in the attempt to steal property.

### JANUARY 6

Theft: 1300 Block of 19th St. Unknown suspect offered to assist an elderly woman who had locked her purse and keys in the trunk of her car.

Using a crow bar, the suspect removed the back seat, but claimed he could not reach the purse.

The victim then allowed the suspect to enter her house and use the bathroom.

While the victim stepped outside, the suspect entered a bedroom (nothing appeared to be taken).

The suspect left in a dark gray, 4-door, Chevrolet, Truck, w/"Rusnak" paper plates and no front bumper.

After the victim was able to retrieve her wallet from the trunk, she discovered approximately \$100 missing.

The suspect is described as: possibly Hispanic, 25-29yrs, 5'8"-6'0" tall, thin, dark short black hair, jeans and a black t-shirt.

### JANUARY 5

Stolen Vehicle: 1400 Block of Manhattan Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a tan 1991 Honda Accord that was parked on the street, in front of the residence.

### JANUARY 4

Attempted Vehicle Burglary: 13th St./N

Highland Ave.

Unknown suspect(s) punched the driver's side door lock to gain entry into the vehicle. No loss was reported.

### JANUARY 2-3

Vehicle Burglary: 700 Block of 26th St. Unknown suspect(s) damaged the driver's side door lock to gain entry and stole the 3rd row seat.

Vehicle Burglary: 500 Block of 35th St. Unknown suspect(s) punched the driver's side door lock and stole the 3rd row seat.

### JANUARY 1-2

Vehicle Burglary: 1400 Block of N. Valley Dr. Unknown suspect(s) stole a cell phone and car radio from the victim's vehicle.

There were no signs of forced entry and victim stated he had locked his car.

### DECEMBER 28 TO JANUARY 4

Vehicle Burglary: 100 Block of 6th St. Unknown suspect(s) punched the driver's side door lock to gain entry into the vehicle and stole the 3rd row seat.

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### DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 5

Residential Burglary: 1600 Block of 8th St. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the exterior pane of the sliding glass door to the home and possibly entered a side storage area.

No entry was made to the home and no loss was reported.

### DECEMBER 18 TO JANUARY 5

Grand Theft: 500 Block of Longfellow Ave. Unknown suspect(s) stole a bicycle that was locked to a balcony, off the side of the residence.

### DECEMBER 31 TO JANUARY 2

Grand Theft: 500 Block of 23rd St. Unknown suspect(s) stole three unsecured bicycles from the side of the victim's residence. •

# No Gold in San Francisco

By Adam Serrao

Now that football season is over and that empty feeling has sunk in for all of us, it is the perfect time to reflect back on a season past that has been, all in all, very successful for the team from the San Francisco Bay.

A loss in the Super Bowl is clearly never easy to handle, so fans of the 49ers may be feeling just a tad bit more empty than most of us right about now. But those same fans of the team can look back and say that the Niners at least made the game respectable.

From the looks of things early on, it was as if the team had no business even being there--kind of like Raiders vs. the Buccaneers in the 2002 Super Bowl.

But these Niners are nothing at all like those Raiders. Instead of fading off into oblivion, San Francisco, coach Jim Harbaugh and quarterback Colin Kaepernick should have no problem returning to the grand stage very soon.

Losing was an unfamiliar feeling for many 49ers' fans, players and coaches alike. After losing only four games all season long, San Francisco also lost in the Super Bowl--something they hadn't done in their five previous appearances in the big game.

Most fans will point to the guys wearing black and white and blame them for their team's misfortune on the night. Flags have been thrown all year long down the field at less contact than what Michael Crabtree was hit with on that pivotal play in the final stages of the fourth quarter on Super Bowl Sunday.

But when you dig yourself as deep of a hole as the 49ers did in that game, it would really be unfair to try and extract what would have been a game-winning call from the referees.

From the very first play of the game, the 49ers were not ready to play. A first down and a 20-yard reception erased because of an illegal formation on a play that should have been practiced continuously over the two weeks that the team had off made it clear to see that big brother John Harbaugh and his Ravens were simply more prepared for the glitz and glamour of one of the world's biggest stages.

No team has ever come back from more than 10 points down to win the Super Bowl.

In just his 10th start ever, though, Kaepernick almost made that happen. With three straight chances from the five yard line, Kaepernick threw three straight incomplete passes, all intended for Michael Crabtree. It was almost

as if the coaches of the Niners had a pool in Vegas with Crabtree scoring the go-ahead touchdown to ultimately win the game for their team.

A quarterback with the legs and speed of Kaepernick and a running back who had just previously galloped for a 33-yard run to get the team to the seven and they throw three passes instead of using the run-option that has been so successful for them all season long.

Instead of blaming the refs for the game, 49er fans should blame coaching and play-calling like that. Hindsight is 20-20, however.

When it comes down to it, it is pretty obvious that the 49ers will be competing for additional Super Bowl titles for many years to come in the NFC.

Jim Harbaugh isn't going anywhere, Kaepernick isn't going anywhere and now they have all the experience that is necessary to come out strong next year.

"This will all be motivation," said San Francisco offensive lineman Joe Staley.

Motivation is, indeed, what is needed. The Ravens had it because of Ray Lewis. Now the 49ers will look to gain it all summer long because of the endless visions that they will have of Lewis falling to the ground and crying into microphones as they remained five yards short of winning the game.

Jim Harbaugh did a poor job of play-calling toward the end of the biggest game of his NFL career. We tend to forget, he is still a relatively new NFL head coach.


Likewise, Kaepernick is a brand new NFL quarterback. It was obvious to predict that he would come out with butterflies on the biggest stage of his career in only his 10th start ever. The thing that makes Kaepernick different than any other run-option quarterback is that he is just as good in the pocket as he is running the ball. He doesn't often make mistakes, though in the Super Bowl his nerves got to him and he and the coaching staff made plenty of them.

Should the 49ers make it back to the Super Bowl next year, or in any of the next five to seven years, their fans can expect to see a different a team--a team that doesn't give the opposition a free 30 minutes of football and a team that learns from the mistakes it made in the final minutes of the game. With that maturity, the 49ers would have indeed won this Super Bowl and will indeed win the next one in which they are fortunate enough to play. •

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1. Exercise your heart by staying active.

Increasing your heart rate through daily exercise can help keep your heart healthy and help you live longer. Good heart-healthy activities include walking, swimming and bicycling. Stay motivated by exercising with a friend.

2. Eat heart-healthy foods.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are fantastic for heart health - make it your goal to eat a variety of colors every day. Whole grains and fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids are good choices also.

3. Consult your doctor about heart-healthy supplements.

As we age, sometimes our bodies can't absorb vitamins and minerals as well as when we were younger. Many people take vitamin D and a low-dose aspirin daily once they hit their 50s or 60s. Ask your doctor for recommendations.

4. Schedule your annual physical.

An annual physical is the cornerstone of preventative care. At your appointment, make sure you get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. Have your doctor explain what those numbers mean for you.

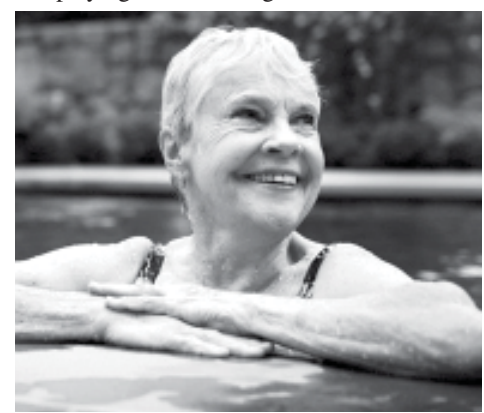
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

No matter what, when it comes to the health of your heart, ask questions. If you are diagnosed with a slow heartbeat and need a pacemaker, talk with your doctor about your options and determine if a pacemaker that is approved for use in an MRI may be right for you.

Marilyn Rose of Richardson, Texas, ate healthy, exercised regularly and scheduled yearly physicals, but at age 80 she frequently felt tired and short of breath. Rose was scheduled for an echocardiogram, a heart test that allows the doctor to see the movement of the heart, and it was then that she learned she had a condition

called bradycardia, or a slow heartbeat. Rose needed a pacemaker to help her live a full life, but she learned that historically, pacemakers have not been approved in the U.S. for use with MRIs. She was concerned - she knew at her age the likelihood that she might need an MRI at some point was high.

After talking with her doctor and asking plenty of questions, Rose learned that the FDA had approved the first pacemaker that was fit for use in the MRI environment. Today, after getting her pacemaker, she's feeling great and is back to her regular life, swimming, knitting and playing with her five grandkids. Her friends



call her the "Energizer bunny," and with her pacemaker she says she feels better than she did before. For Rose, asking the right questions made a life-changing difference.

Rose's story is just one example of how the decisions you make today can impact your health tomorrow. She is now part of an educational campaign called "Join the Pace Makers," because she wants to share her experience and help inform others about heart health and their options when it comes to choosing a pacemaker.

Whether you want to take on your golden years with a heart-healthy outlook, or you are a child of aging parents and you want them to live a long, full life, these tips can help you reach your goals. If you know someone who needs a pacemaker, you have an opportunity to make a difference. Learn more and become a Pace Maker at [www.JoinThePaceMakers.com](http://www.JoinThePaceMakers.com).

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