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Red Car Brewery & Restaurant Celebrates 13th Anniversary



The Brandt Family hold up a celebratory cake of their restaurant's 13th anniversary. Established in August 2000 by Co-Owners Bob and Laurie Brandt, the Red Car Brewery marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting which was attended by many of the city's dignitaries. Located at 1266 Sartori Avenue in Downtown Torrance, Bob and Laurie are also committed to giving back to the Torrance community with their involvement in many educational, nonprofit and cultural events. Photo by Charlene Nishimura.

South Bay Bids Farewell to John Parsons (1953-2013)

By Brian Simon

Mourners from across the South Bay and beyond—including a veritable who's who of area elected officials and community leaders--were in attendance last Friday to say goodbye to John Parsons, the Redondo Beach City Planning Commissioner and former City Councilman who passed away on August 22 at the age of 60. Parsons was hospitalized at Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance after suffering a stroke towards the end of the August 20 Redondo Beach Council meeting where he had just spoken. Services took place at the American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach with a reception immediately after at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center. In keeping with the family's request, many of the funeral-goers arrived in Hawaiian-style attire.

In addition to his activities in Redondo Beach where he was also a Chamber of Commerce board member, Rotary Club President and Harbor Commission Chair, Parsons also served for the past year as Business Services and Economic Development Manager for the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) that represents the cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. On the board of directors for that agency for nearly two decades, Parsons also worked for SBWIB in 2009 to connect high school STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students and businesses. Under his latest title, he provided information to businesses about the various programs available to them and in recent months presented in-depth reports

about SBWIB's offerings at a number of area city council meetings. "He helped in many more areas outside of his job description," said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. "He was somebody you could talk to who would listen, come up with good ideas and do whatever needed to be done to move

the organization forward. He was a unique individual and a good man."

Vogel went on to say that few people he has ever worked with matched Parsons' honesty, integrity and commitment to the community. "Also, John knew everyone--

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The South Bay Remembers John Parsons

"How do you measure a mans life? By the lives he's changed? By his friends and family? By his core values and work ethic? Here was a man that embodied all of that and much more and cared deeply for his fellow man." – *El Segundo Mayor, Bill Fisher*

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we lost "one of the good guys" so unexpectedly. I so enjoyed working alongside John on projects such as saving the LA Airforce Base, South Bay Association of Chambers and most recently, the El Segundo Chamber Board and Government Affairs Committee. His expertise and knowledge of politics and governmental affairs was incredible and he was someone you could count on to follow through. He was known throughout the South Bay Region and will be forever missed.

– *Sherry Kramer, Chair, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Past Chair, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce*

John Parsons was an individual whose life was woven through several organizations and individuals in the South Bay. His expertise, in so many areas, will be remembered always.

John was a member of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Workforce Readiness task force. Through this task force John shared his vast array of knowledge in job preparation. The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce membership and staff will remember John as a dedicated, caring and thoughtful man.

– *Donna Duperron President and CEO Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce*

"John Parsons was a true friend of El Segundo and fought tirelessly to keep the LA Air Force Base here. John was widely respected throughout the South Bay and beyond. He exemplified a true public servant and I am honored to have worked with him for many years."

– *Former El Segundo Mayor, Eric Busch*

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
81°/68°



Saturday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
77°/65°



Sunday
AM Clouds/
PM Sun
73°/63°



John Parsons

from front page

particularly in the beach cities," Vogel said. "You can't replicate that. It takes years and years of being connected. He did it and really wanted to make those cities better."

Parsons' connections proved instrumental in the successful campaign to keep Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo that culminated in 2005. He chaired the Los Angeles Air Force Base Regional Alliance, raised funds for the cause and traveled to Washington on a number of occasions to lobby military and Congressional leaders. "His efforts saved thousands of jobs and businesses, and maintained a higher quality of life in Southern California," said El Segundo City Councilmember Suzanne Fuentes, who described Parsons as a "wonderful friend and mentor" with a "kind and generous heart." Over the past year, Parsons communicated frequently with Fuentes to build awareness about the impacts of the across-the-board federal spending cuts known as sequestration. "John Parsons was a public servant in the truest sense—even when he wasn't holding an elected office, he worked and advocated tirelessly on behalf of our region and its aerospace industry," added Fuentes. "John continued to strategize with local leaders and Congressional representatives to avoid the negative impacts of sequestration, continue resolutions and save LA Air Force Base from the next BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure] round. I will continue his work on behalf of our region."

Former Hawthorne Mayor Larry Guidi noted that Parsons always did what was right for the community and never worried about the next election. "I had the privilege to work with John for over 15 years and the first thing I found out was it took a lot to make him angry," Guidi said. "If John believed in a cause, it was like the song from Johnny Cash... 'I hear the train a-coming.' John showed his political power when he, [the late El Segundo] Mayor [Mike] Gordon and I took on the government when they wanted to close the LA Air Force Base and we won. The second biggest fight we had was over a year ago when we took on Sacramento to stop cutting One-Stop funding and divert funding. I never saw John so angry at Sacramento lawmakers. His personality as being cool helped when he got mad—they knew it was a cause worth fighting for. John was not another opportunist that used his position for his personal gain."

Though especially known for his contributions in regards to LA Air Force Base, Parsons also played vital roles in the fight to retain the 310 area code, the establishment of the South Bay Environmental Services Center, and coordination of city efforts with various key transportation projects, among other achievements. "He was passionate and able to build consensus among his South Bay city colleagues," said South Bay Cities Council of Governments Executive Director Jacki Bacharach, who noted that Parsons also served on that agency's board in 2004. "We have all lost an outstanding South Bay leader."

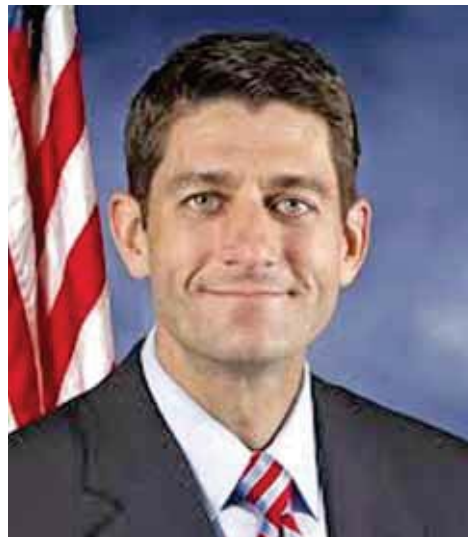
Parsons was also often the "go-to guy" for prominent emcee duties, recently serving in that capacity for Senator Ted Lieu's State of the State Address in El Segundo—and he was a trusted moderator at a number of area candidate forums held prior to municipal elections. In recognition of his public service, Parsons not only personally received numerous awards over the years, but even had one named after him—the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce's John J. Parsons SBACC Business Citizenship of the Year Award.

Raised in nearby Westchester, Parsons graduated from St. Bernard High School in Playa del Rey and went on to attend El Camino College and USC. He spent his early career in the aerospace industry, working for Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo where he eventually headed an engineering department. He shifted gears in the late '80s, moving into real estate and eventually enjoying a 20-year run with Horrell Realtors before taking the job with SBWIB. Parsons and his wife Mary Ann also moved to Redondo Beach in the '80s, where the couple raised two daughters. In his honor, the family has established the Redondo Beach Rotary Club John Parsons Scholarship Fund to help local students. Those inclined may make donations at P.O. Box 411 Redondo Beach CA 90277.

"He was a great guy—very engaging, friendly, always wanting to help and always there at important meetings South Bay-wide," said El Segundo Mayor Bill Fisher. "His public service record was incredible and his work specifically in the retention of LA Air Force Base was a huge benefit to the entire region. He was a wonderful friend to El Segundo and the entire South Bay and we will miss him deeply." •

Chamber Takes Part in Immigration Discussion With Rep. Paul Ryan

The United States Chamber of Commerce (U.S. Chamber) hosted a conference call for its members that featured Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan. The conference call is part of the U.S. Chamber's effort to



Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan.

discuss immigration reform efforts in the House of Representatives and how businesses can continue to advocate for reform that will create jobs and promote economic growth.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) supports the U.S. Chamber's efforts for immigration reform because of the importance it would have on job growth, modernizes the regulatory procedure, and

protects businesses from an unhealthy business climate, and the TACC has signed on to the U.S. Chamber's letter for immigration reform to the House Members.

The U.S. Chamber reported that there have been 5 separate bills moving through House Committees dealing with such issues as border security, employment verification, and interior enforcement. A number of House members are making border security the number one priority, and first leg of immigration reform.

Rep. Ryan spoke about the House leadership's effort to present measured, step-by-step legislation that will be transparent to the public and easy to understand. Ryan also addressed the four pressing issues House members are focusing on: 1) Securing the Border, 2) Enforcing the laws we have and making it work, 3) Legal Immigration, and 4) Creating a program for undocumented immigrants already here.

Ryan said the goal is to create a system that meets all needs and every person who wants to come to America and make a living.

With the House now in recess, look for the House to continue working on immigration reform legislation and a vote sometime in October, with a goal of passing a bill by the end of the year.

To view the U.S. Chamber's Letter to Congress, click here: [Multi-Industry Immigration Reform Letter to Congress.](#)•

The South Bay Remembers John Parsons

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John will always be remembered for his service as a council member in Redondo Beach; his leadership to maintain the L.A Airforce Base; and fighting for 310 area code. But, his service to the Workforce Investment Network may be his finest to the entire region. I will miss his smile and always warm greetings.

– Pat Furey, Councilman, City of Torrance

When we are elected we have the horrific "Honorable" added to our name. Sometimes one might doubt the title is deserved for some elected officials. In John's case there is no one who would question the appropriateness of the title. John was undoubtedly the one of the most energetic and fair-minded people I had the privilege of knowing. He was and is a treasure for Redondo Beach, the South Bay and California.

– Councilman Bill Sutherland, Torrance

John Parsons was a wonderful communitarian. His work for the community - on so many issues - was extraordinary, and his work to save the LA Air Force base meant so much to the South Bay. He will be missed.

– Cliff Numark, Councilman, City of Torrance

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Torrance Police are looking for three suspects wanted in connection with an armed robbery that occurred on August 21, 2013, at the 7-Eleven Convenience Store located at 22601 Hawthorne Blvd.

Detectives said at approximately 9:40 pm three suspects entered the business, brandished a hand gun and demanded cash from the employee. The suspects fled the location after taking approximately \$200 in US Currency. One suspect is described as a Hispanic or

Middle Eastern male, 20-30 years of age, thin build and last seen wearing dark clothing. The other two suspects are described as females, 20-30 years old.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5571. Provided by the Torrance Police Department. •



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Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

• Friday Fun: 10 a.m. – Noon. Madrona Marsh Nature Center, 3201 Plaza Del Amo. Hands-on program for ages 3-6 and parents or guardians. Pre-registration required. Space limited to 20 children. To register, call (310) 782-3989.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

• Torrance Farmers' Market: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. Fresh produce, local products, meat and eggs, flowers and breads.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

• Japanese Folk Song & Dance Show (Nanka Nihon Minyo Kyokai) 1 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call (310) 327-3609.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

• Monday Movie Matinee, 3:30 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information, call (310) 371-2075.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall, Council Chamber, 3031 Torrance Blvd. For more information, call (310) 618-2870.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

• Armchair Traveler Book Group, 11 a.m., WALTERIA Library, 3815 W. 242 St. For more information, call (310) 375-8418.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

• TeenZone: Let's Chalk About It, 3:30

p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information, call (310) 618-5964.

• South Bay Republican Women Federated Monthly Luncheon Meeting: 11 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 2133 Hawthorne Blvd. For more information call (310) 320-1431 or Gloria (310) 326-9340.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

• Weekly LALALA 10th Anniversary Event, 10 a.m. Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information, call (310) 781-7171.

• Open House, 6-8 p.m., The Attic, 2320 W. Carson Street. For all Torrance High School students. For more information, call (310) 782-8828.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

• Boots & Bows Square Dance Club: 7-9:30 p.m., Torrance Women's Club, 1422 Engracia St. Open enrollment Sept. 25. For more information, call Rosemary at (310) 372-9263.

ONGOING

• Downtown Torrance Marketplace. Every Thursday, 3-8 p.m., on El Prado Street, from Sartori to the Buffalo Fire Department.

• Friday Fun at Madrona Marsh. Every Friday, 10 a.m. - Noon, 3201 Plaza Del Amo. •

Police Reports

The crimes listed are crimes where a report was taken by a law enforcement agency and submitted for investigation. The outcome of the investigation or any criminal court proceedings are not considered when reporting crimes. The crimes listed are as follows: arson, simple assault, aggravated assault-weapon, Auto: Theft., Auto: burglary, Commercial: burglary, Residential: burglary, homicide, strong-arm robbery, robbery with weapon, Theft., and Vandalism. The City of Torrance, or its employees or agents, shall assume no liability for: 1. Any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided regardless of how caused; or 2. Any decision made or action taken or not taken by reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished hereunder.

August 24

Auto Theft-All: 3800 BLOCK NEWTON ST. Stolen vehicle: 2013 Honda Civic.

Vandalism: 2600 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) uses unknown object to cause a dent on exterior of the victim's car.

Burglary-Residential: 300 BLOCK PASEO DE GRACIA. Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/laptop/jewelry.

Theft: 2700 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) takes dropped property at location/wallet.

Burglary-Auto: 1900 BLOCK OF 190th ST. Suspect(s) takes secured property off victim's motorcycle/saddle bags.

August 23

Burglary-Residential: 2100 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO. Suspect(s) enters unlocked sliding door and takes property/cash.

Burglary-Auto: 24200 BLOCK ADOLPH AVE. Suspect(s) defeats door lock by unknown means and tampers with steering column/no loss.

Burglary-Commercial: 3400 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) defeats door lock for entry and takes property/customer receipts, cash, office supplies, alcohol.

Vandalism: 3600 BLOCK EMERALD ST. Suspect(s) kicks door of storage shed causing damage to door and frame/ no entry, no loss.

Burglary-Residential: 2100 BLOCK PLAZA DEL AMO. Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means and ransacks/no loss.

Burglary-Commercial: 5500 BLOCK 190th ST. Suspect(s) cut lock for access to carport locker/unknown loss at time of report.

Battery-Simple: 20900 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect pushes victim to the floor, sits on top of victim and punches her several times.

August 22

Theft: 16800 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) asks permission to use victim's cell phone and flees with the same.

Auto Theft-All: 16000 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE. Suspect(s) Stolen vehicle: 1996 Honda Accord.

Battery-Weapon/Agg: 190th ST & CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) punches victim in

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 • Explain how the Nisei soldier experience is relevant to today's generation.
 • Present an innovative way of teaching the Nisei soldier story to today's youth (elementary through college, any or all levels).

Deadline: Submit essay via email by Thursday, September 12, 2013 to community@goforbroke.org. Attach as a Microsoft Word or PDF document. Winners will be notified by email on September 25, 2013. The winning essays will be presented at the Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 12 and posted on the Go For Broke website. For further information, please contact Michele H. Freck, Development & Special Events Manager for the Go For Broke National Education Center at Michele@goforbroke.org.

Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Somewhere in Pakistan, on land fit only for goats and Islamists, the hills reverberate with gunfire and howling peals of laughter from the men seated around the fire. They bow, half in jest and half in pure adoration for their leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, for his genius in leading Al Qaeda.

Even when Osama bin Laden was alive, Zawahiri was Al Qaeda's brain---but now, he is the worshipped one. "Amen, Ayman!" they'd shout. "Tweak the tail of the Great Satan."

"It was Ayman's strategy to disperse power among many branches of the organization, leaving central Al Qaeda as a shell."

It was Ayman's strategy to disperse power among many branches of the organization, leaving central Al Qaeda as a shell and leading President Obama to believe Al Qaeda was defeated and on the run. But in truth, the organization is more powerful and clever than ever.

Americans believe the rest of the world values freedom, individual dignity and democracy as it does because it views the world through the prism of its own history. But Islam has no such values. The "Arab Spring" was sold in America as a search for human dignity, not understanding that democracy is a Western, secular concept not practiced in this region of religion zealotry. In fact, the Arab Spring is a widespread Islamic revolt against sitting dictators, having nothing to do with freedom and democracy. In Egypt, for instance, the American puppet Mubarak had outlawed The Islamic Brotherhood as a political party until Ayman claimed the Arab Spring was a democratic revolution, allowing

for American arms and money to put The Brotherhood into power. Cleverly, by couching the Islamist intent in Western concepts, he has gained \$1.3 billion in military and civilian aid each year from U.S. taxpayers. That aid will first be used against Egyptians and later against Israel and the U.S.

In Libya, the dictator Khadafy was deposed, four Americans were killed and Al Qaeda reaped 400 surface-to-air missiles for later use, perhaps against civilian airliners. On 9/11 in Benghazi, Al Qaeda won and America lost.

When the U.S. withdrew from Iraq, the power vacuum was filled by Al Qaeda, and in the last 30 days there have been 1,000 killings. Americans can only observe quietly because the American public would never countenance its military re-entering Iraq.

In Syria, the U.S. voiced support of rebels against Dictator Assad concurrently with the rebels announcing their alliance with Al Qaeda. The genius of Ayman is that he has Americans siding with Al Qaeda, believing they are defending human rights---but nothing is further from the truth. Ayman has conned America into supporting an Islamic revolt and has turned this country's Middle East policy into such turmoil that Russian officials say we are like "a monkey with a grenade." Clever Ayman. Stupid America.

The men at the desert camp shout and fire their weapons into the air to rightly honor the architect of this Islamic world, eagerly waiting to see what comes next from his fertile mind. Allahu Akbar. •

Another Man's Opinion

Democrats Must Demand President Obama Consult Congress on Syria

By Cristian Vasquez

During the last couple of months, the situation in Syria has been dire and it has forced our leaders to take a stance on whether to intervene and, if so, how it should be done. Unfortunately, President Obama has given little detail about his plans for intervention and there has been much left to speculation (as of August 29) as to what is his plan for action. Before President Obama decides to launch an airstrike or commit troops or advisors to Syria, he needs to listen to the more than handful of Democrats and Republicans asking that Congress be consulted before military action of any type is executed.

As Commander-in-Chief, there is an expectation that in times of crisis the President make decisions within an instant's notice. However, this crisis in Syria did not happen in an instant's notice. We have seen these issues unfold and the crisis worsen, so why shouldn't President Obama consult Congress before acting? Fortunately there are members of the Democratic Party asking the President to not act without consulting Congress. Rep. Jim McDermott from Washington and Rep. Barbara Lee from California are part of 12 liberal Democrats who have signed a letter asking the President to seek an "affirmative decision" from Congress before engaging militarily in Syria.

A letter demanding the President to consult Congress is a good start if the Oval Office has a suggestion box. Rep. Lee and Rep. McDermott must demand that the President restrain from intervening militarily in Syria. These elected officials can't ask the President

to not do something---they must demand it. The same energy noise that was made by Democrats when they attacked and demanded that President Bush not invade Iraq should be happening now from within the party.

How is it possible that the anti-war sentiment that rallied the Democratic Party prior to 2008 is no longer around? How can our Nobel-Prize winning President not discuss options with Congress to diffuse a sad and violent situation without resorting to additional acts of aggression? If there was ever a chance for the President and the Democratic Party to live up to their Hope and Change slogan from their 2008 campaign, this is it. The President has every chance to move forward in a prudent fashion and all he has to do is reach out to Congress. While members of the Republican Party have been urging the President to consult with Congress, it is difficult to imagine that their position isn't based on political strategy more than a true conviction for dialogue. Sadly the Democrats seem to be playing the same game, as they have demonstrated reluctance to come out against the President because it looks bad.

Fortunately Rep. Lee and McDermott are a few of those Democrats committed to the ideals of resolving conflict without the use of violence. These elected officials need to be louder, more demanding and critical of President Obama and his approach to Syria. The same vitriol that President Bush received for his handling of the Iraq War needs to come out and be applied to President Obama. It seems President Obama forgot that he once too opposed going to war. •

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| Hamilton Adult Center 2606 W. 182nd St. | South Bay BMW 18800 Hawthorne Blvd. | Western Museum of Flight 3315 Airport Drive |
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Business Briefs

Red Car Brewery and Restaurant Ribbon-Cutting



August 2013 marked the 13th anniversary of the *Red Car Brewery & Restaurant* which was started by co-owners and husband and wife team Bob Brandt and Laurie Latham Brandt. They marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony including Torrance city officials and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce members along with family and friends. The *Red Car Brewery & Restaurant* is located at 1266 Sartori Avenue in Downtown Torrance and features artisan-style ales made from quality English ingredients along with casual dining menu specialties. Bob and Laurie are also committed to giving back to the community by actively participating in many fundraising events benefiting local charity, non-profit and education venues.

TelePacific Ribbon Cutting



TelePacific President/CEO Dick Jalkut cuts the ribbon alongside Councilman Bill Sutherland, members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce and fellow TelePacific colleagues.

TelePacific Communications celebrated their new Torrance office at 990 W. 190th Street with a ribbon-cutting on August 21. TelePacific provides communications solutions for businesses and additional information can be found at telepacific.com.



(Left to Right) TelePacific Communications President/CEO Dick Jalkut along with his management team including Valarie Kimble, Ken Bisnoff, Laura Kuster, Earl Wells and Sean McDermott.

18th Annual Halloween Ball Benefiting Pediatric Therapy Network.

The Depot's 18th Annual Halloween Ball hosted by Chef Michael Shafer of The Depot and Buffalo Fire Department restaurants benefiting Pediatric Therapy Network will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 4 to 9 pm in front of the Depot Restaurant at 1250 Cabrillo Ave in Torrance under a ghostly white tent. This "spooktacular" evening sponsored by Toyota

Motor Sales, USA, Inc. is attended by over 700 costumed guests and features Chef Shafer's dinner buffet, hosted martini bar, live music, a costume contest, both live and silent auctions and pure fun. All proceeds go to support Pediatric Therapy Network's programs and services for children with special needs. Tickets are \$125 per person or become a table host for \$1500. For tickets, sponsorships or more information call 310-328-0276 ext. 202 or visit

May 2013 Graduates from California Lutheran University

The following local residents graduated from California Lutheran University in May. Jenna Nakamura of Torrance graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Kevin Parr of Torrance graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

Lindsey Walsh of Torrance graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies.

Sarah Liebig of Torrance graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in German.

CLU is a selective university located in Thousand Oaks, Calif., with centers in Oxnard, Woodland Hills and Santa Maria for graduate courses and its Adult Degree Evening Program. With an enrollment of 4,200 students, CLU offers undergraduate and graduate programs within the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Management and Graduate School of Education. Doctoral degrees in educational leadership, higher education leadership and clinical psychology are also offered. Members of the CLU student body come from across the nation and around the world and represent a diversity of faiths and cultures. For more information, visit callutheran.edu.

Scholarship from CLU Community Leaders Association

Jae Park of Torrance received a scholarship from the California Lutheran University Community Leaders Association.

Park, a music major, received \$2,000. He sings with the CLU Choir and is active in Student Life, Campus Ministry and the Associated Students of CLU Government.

CLA awarded eight scholarships totaling \$13,750. The awards are given in recognition of the students' community service, leadership potential and academic achievement.

The Community Leaders Association was founded in 1963 to stimulate the community's interest in the university's academic, athletic and cultural programs. Members organize fundraising and social events throughout the year to support academic departments and student scholarships. The organization has provided more than \$1.8 million through the years.

Purdue Graduate

About 9,600 Purdue University students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester.

Eric Monson of Torrance, California was named to the dean's list. To be names on the dean's list, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours, be enrolled at least half-time, have a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 and have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Purdue University is a vast laboratory for discovery. The university is known not only for science, technology, engineering, and math programs, but also for our imagination, ingenuity, and innovation. Founded in 1869 in West Lafayette, Indiana, the university proudly serves its state as well as the nation and the world. Academically, Purdue's role as a major research institution is supported by top-ranking disciplines in pharmacy, business, engineering, and agriculture. More than 39,000 students are enrolled here. All 50 states and 130 countries are represented. Add about 850 student organizations and Big Ten Boilermaker athletics, and you get a college atmosphere that's without rival.

Police Reports

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the face following road rage incident.

Burglary-Auto: 2600 PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/purse.

August 21

Robbery/Weapon: 22600 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) enters business, points handgun at clerk and demands property/cash.

Burglary-Residential: 2700 BLOCK OF 166th ST. Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window for entry and ransacks/unknown loss at time of report.

Vandalism: PRAIRIE AVE & ARTESIA BLVD. Suspect(s) tags pillar and walls at location.

Burglary-Residential: 2100 BLOCK CABRILLO AVE. Suspect(s) removes screen, enters partially open window and takes property/TV.

August 20

Burglary-Residential: 2200 BLOCK 236th PL. Suspect(s) removes screen, pries open window for entry and takes property/laptop, tablet.

Auto Theft-All: 3400 BLOCK ARTESIA. Stolen vehicle: 2003 Audi A4.

Theft: 24200 BLOCK NEECE AVE. Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from location/bicycle.

Burglary-Auto: 3900 BLOCK 242nd ST. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means, ransacks, dismantles steering column and takes property/coins.

Theft: 2200 BLOCK TORRANCE BLVD. Suspect(s) enters open business and takes unsecured property from work station/purse.

Burglary-Residential: 1900 BLOCK 237th PL. Suspect(s) removes screen and enters open window for entry into residence/unknown

loss at time of report.

August 19

Auto Theft-All: 238th ST & WESTERN AVE. Stolen vehicle: 1995 Honda Civic.

Burglary-Residential: 1800 BLOCK 238th ST. Suspect(s) forces open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/safe, jewelry, cash.

Theft: 19800 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD. Suspect(s) takes property from secured locker/cell phone.

Burglary-Commercial: 1700 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD. Suspect(s) uses unknown tool to cut through a wall for entry to storage unit and takes property/computer, humidifier, hair products.

Auto Theft-All: 2200 BLOCK JEFFERSON ST. Stolen vehicle: 2013 Best trailer.

Burglary-Commercial: 2900 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY. Suspect(s) enters unlocked door and takes property/purse.

Auto Theft-All: 3300 BLOCK CIVIC CENTER DR. Stolen vehicle: 1998 Infiniti I30.

Theft: 3600 BLOCK NEWTON ST. Suspect(s) takes secured property from carport/bicycle.


August 18

Burglary-Auto: 18800 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE. Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/GPS, camera, phone charger, eyeglass case, glasses, check book.


Burglary-Auto: 18300 BLOCK WESTERN AVE. Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/sporting equipment bag.

Burglary-Auto: 18300 BLOCK SAINT ANDREWS PL. Suspect(s) enters vehicle by unknown means and takes property/coins.

Burglary-Residential: 1700 BLOCK LINCOLN AVE. Suspect pushes victim to the floor and punches her in the face several times. •



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TerriAnn in Torrance

Chocolate Cake, Anyone?

By TerriAnn Ferren

They say the two most popular flavors in the world are chocolate and vanilla and most people have a preference when you ask them. Over the weekend, I asked people to tell me about their favorite flavor of cake. Hands down, chocolate cake was by far the most popular. That got me thinking about chocolate

table until the timer in the oven would buzz and my aunt would reach into the hot cavern and pull out the special treat—a warm, dark cake steaming as she set it on a rack cooling. One memory I have is once when the cake was still hot, Aunt Wilma cut two square pieces and put them into bowls for Cookie and me and then she poured milk over the



Chocolate cake, anyone? Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

in general. I always thought chocolate came from the Aztecs and Mayans and then made its way to Europe by way of the explorers. What I found out is that there are many versions of how cocoa beans came to be mixed with spices and sugar—and how it was powdered and used not only to be enjoyed as a cold or hot drink, but as an ingredient and then as a confection. The most important thing for me is that chocolate cake is a staple in every bakery and a favorite in most households. Then I thought of how chocolate cake has changed through the years.

When I was little, I can remember the rich aroma of chocolate cake wafting through the house from my Aunt Wilma's kitchen when I would spend the night with my cousin Cookie. We would hang around the kitchen

steaming, dark cake. It was heaven and the milk turned into the most amazing golden color. Right then I called Aunt Wilma and asked her where she got that recipe for chocolate cake that she used to make for us and she said, "I got my chocolate cake recipe at my wedding shower from my mother-in-law-to-be Mable Walters in 1946." My aunt told me that she was happy to receive the recipe as a gift. I asked her what else she received with the recipe like a bowl, mixing spoons or a cake pan and she told me that she only received the recipe. Frankly, that surprised me and I can't imagine giving someone a handwritten recipe alone. This is where I say that times have indeed changed. "For many years, I made that chocolate cake recipe for my husband Don," Aunt Wilma added. Then



Christopher Adame

I asked her if she still makes that particular recipe and she said, "No, box cakes came out. I am always in a hurry."

Scouring for a variety of chocolate cake recipes, I stumbled upon one by Diana Rattray called *Chocolate Depression Cake* and that intrigued me. What is a Depression Cake? At that moment, I decided to do a blind taste test. I will make Aunt Wilma's Chocolate Cake recipe (A), a *Betty Crocker* box chocolate cake mix from the supermarket (B), a gluten-free chocolate cake mix from the health food store (C), the *Chocolate Depression Cake* recipe (D) and also purchase a chocolate cake from a local bakery (E). Off I went to my kitchen to bake!

My kitchen smelled heavenly as I mixed, stirred, sifted and baked the dark chocolate treats. All the cakes I decided would be frosted with the identical grocery store frosting to make everything fair.

Early the next morning, I headed off to the local bakery to pick up the last chocolate cake for my test. From there, I went to an office where I lined up all five chocolate treats on a filing cabinet after covering them with the exact same frosting. I also hid the bakery box so no one would know that I didn't bake one of cakes. Comment sheets were placed by each entry and I couldn't wait to see everyone's face when they arrived that morning to find not one, but five chocolate cakes. After explaining why the cakes were lined up and marked, I left and waited until the end of two days for the results. There was a lot of very careful testing going on and I didn't want to influence the results in any way. I tried all five of them and they all tasted different. What surprised me was that

stated it wasn't chocolaty enough. Our last cake (E), which was from the bakery, had the most varying comments. John Kalinski wrote, "Too salty." Joe noted, "Great!" One comment said it tasted like it had a bit of almond flavor, and Leann wrote, "Not bad, but not chocolaty."

Lisa Morales told me, "(B) is very light—it's got a little hint of chocolate—not too much and it is moist." I waited for Lisa to taste (D) and then she said, "It's good, but like everyone else wrote it doesn't have a lot of chocolate flavor. It looks very chocolaty. (B) and (D) are my favorite." John Kalinski told me, "I think the cake needs milk and ice cream!" Later he added, "I like (D) because it is rich and good. I like things that are rich." Leann Vidaillet told me, "There wasn't one that just stood out for me. All were moist and they all tasted delicious and none of them were too chocolaty. They needed [to be] more chocolaty, but all of them were good." Then I asked Nina Schroeder and she told me her favorite was (C). "(C) is the perfect chocolate cake recipe," she said. "It was absolutely delicious. It was moist and so, so yummy."

Then I decided to ask Christopher Adame what he thought and he said, "It was moist and fluffy and not too filling [C]. And (B) is dryer than (C) and sweeter than (C) and there is a little saltiness to it." Then I asked him which he preferred so far and he quickly announced, "Definitely (C)." Then Christopher tasted (D) and told me, "Also a little dry but less sweet, which I like. (C) is definitely my favorite." The last person I asked was Thomas Kelly as he was leaving for the day. I asked him what he thought and told me, "I



Lisa Morales

the frosting tasted different on each cake and I knew I had used the exact same frosting on each one. The results of this most fascinating taste test were surprising to me.

Aunt Wilma's Bridal Shower Chocolate Cake (A) recipe comments ran the gamut from "Dry," by Joe Gonzalez, Ramona Fefie and Lisa Morales, to Leann Vidaillet, who liked this one and said, "[It] tasted homemade to me." Well, actually Leann's comment was right on the money. It was definitely homemade. The *Betty Crocker* box cake had comments from "Maybe," from Robert Krizo to "My fave," from Lisa Morales. Leann said, "Not real chocolaty, but very moist." Actually, the box cake rated lots of high points. The most surprising results were from the gluten-free cake (C). Joe Gonzalez wrote, "It is better than great." Robert Krizo commented, "Yes, the best." Ryan Wood and Ramona both wrote favorable responses to this cake and Scott Villalva noted, "Nice and moist—takes like *Entenmann's*." Next, the comments for the *Depression Cake* (D) were pretty good except for one common notation that

like it." He liked the whole exercise, but I think he was a little biased because he was celebrating his birthday!

At the end of the two-day taste test for the best chocolate cake, I tabulated all the scores and gave one point for each favorable comment on each cake. By far the most favorable comments and the winner of the *2013 Casual Chocolate Cake Contest* is the one I baked from a mix from the health food store. The gluten-free chocolate cake takes the cake... I knew that cake was yummy, but had no idea a cake containing rice flour would win hands down over all the other types.

Maybe it's the memories that flood our taste buds,

Or maybe it's the simple sugar treat,
But nowhere do smiles more apply

Than on a chocolate confection ready to eat!

Recipes used in this not very scientific taste test are available upon request. I suggest you do your own test. Bake a couple of cakes or cookies and let your family and friends decide if that old family favorite is as "favorite" as you think. Happy baking! •

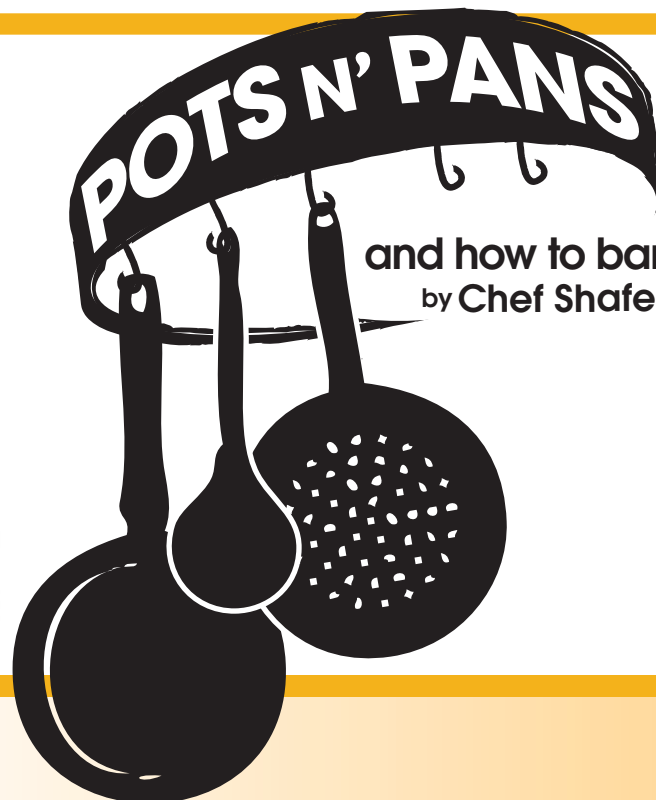
Summer vacation is over, the kids are back in school, and all is well. Or is it? Now, we have the rush of morning, the confusion of homework, the after-school activities, the angst of peer pressure, and of course, what's for dinner. Try to make it a one-pot meal. This is my favorite way to cook.

My mom tells the story of me pulling a chair up to the stove so I could reach the pot in which I was cooking lunch for all of my friends in the 'hood. I would go into my friends' houses and raid their mom's pantry to create what we called "Michael's Goulash." It would consist of Campbell vegetable soup cans from another kid's house, then maybe some leftover meat or cold cuts from another house. I would heat it all up, make some toast and top the whole thing with cheese. With this and some cold drinks, we were rockin' it.

Now, I make for my kids my sort-of-grown-up goulash. Here it is:



The Chef



and how to bang them
by Chef Shafer

Dad's Goulash (or the "one pot that's good for 3-4 days")



- 2 pounds course ground beef, turkey, chicken, pork or a mixture of all
- 2 large onions, diced
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 medium zucchinis sliced in rounds
- 1 pound of sliced mushrooms
- 2 each 15 oz. cans of diced tomatoes
- 3 cups chicken broth
- Salt and pepper

Seasoning

This is where it gets tricky. Depending on your crowd or your mood, you can go Italian with some dried basil and garlic salt; Mexican with some coriander and chili powder; or BBQ with some BBQ sauce and a little brown sugar – or any other way you wish.

Goulash

First, take the ground meat and place on a pan in the oven at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. This is to precook the meat so that you can strain the excess fat.

In a large soup pot, heat the vegetable oil, then sauté the onions till golden brown. Add the mushrooms and zucchini and cook slightly.

Add the tomatoes and seasoning of your choice, then the meat and broth. Simmer for 30 minutes and serve with bread, tortillas, rice and pasta. Please, don't forget the cheese. •

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Wowzer Schnauzer

I'm "Herald", named after some very special people who are trying to help us find good homes by giving us great PR in the Herald. I am here to announce that I am the dog you've been looking for because I am extra special. For starters, I am a 1-year-old, 16 pound, male, Schnauzer/

Schnauzer. The shelter had put me on their medical list, noting that I had skin dermatitis, which was most likely caused by fleas. I was so thankful to be rescued by MSFR from a LA city shelter because it's just not my idea of home. I am a real people-loving dog who will be a great, loving companion for you



Herald

Cocker (Schnocker?!) mix. Despite a difficult start in life, I am still very playful, friendly, outgoing and eager to please. Now, I am not much of a crier but it took my owner three weeks to reclaim me at the shelter even though I was micro-chipped. Instead of taking me home they proclaimed that they were relinquishing me! I had an ear infection and had lost some back fur from an irritation – probably caused by car oil/grease but I am still the same cute, bouncy, boy I've always been. Thanks to the folks at MSFR, my medical issues have been addressed and I am bringing you the news

and I think my picture shows how anxious I was. It's fun to play with other dogs and I do get along with them but I really want nothing more than to be with my people. Come see me in person – I've blossomed since my makeover. If you're looking for 19 pounds of pure sweetness, I'm your gal!

They call me **Ms. Liz** and I am a happy, affectionate, 2-year-old, female, Black Labrador Retriever/Doberman Pinscher (?) mix. Can you believe that my callous owners turned me over to MSFR when I became ill? Truth be told, that was the best thing that they could have done. I was terribly



Ms. Liz

that I am ready for a new home. I have been told that I could use some obedience training but heed my message, take me home and you won't be sorry.

Hello, name is **Marge** and I'm a 4-year-old young lady, who is a purebred Miniature

sick with Parvo, a deadly virus that affects unvaccinated puppies. It was touch-and-go for a bit, however, I pulled through thanks to a caring vet and a committed volunteer. The best news is that at 55 pounds, I am fully recovered. I am healthy, enthusiastic,



Marge

and very energetic. I am also housebroken and I know basic obedience commands. Breed-wise, I definitely have inherited the best of both worlds – the people-focused personality of a Lab and the build of a Dobie (or maybe a Greyhound?). Although I get along well with non-hostile dogs and I am eager to play with willing ones, my true love is my humans. Spending time being adored and petted is my favorite pastime, however, I also ride well in the car so going on adventures is also fun. I would be the perfect companion for someone who enjoys walking, jogging, skating, biking, and most important, receiving lots of doggie kisses and hugs. Come to adoptions and sample a kiss and hug for yourself.

a great addition to the right family. I have all kinds of special qualities starting with I get along great with other dogs, I'm very smart, I have a really sweet face and since I'm only 15 pounds, I'm easy to pick up and take anywhere. I can't leap tall buildings in a single bound but I am one super dog. •



Clark

Hi my name is **Clark** – part of the Lois and Clark breeding pair that was turned in to a LA county shelter by our owner. I'm feeling pretty lonely since Lois has found her forever home but I'm still looking for mine. I'm a good-looking, 3-year old, male, purebred Miniature Schnauzer who would be

Happy Tails

Happily Ever After

Hooray for Cameron! He is truly one lucky guy. Cameron, who was scheduled to be euthanized, was terribly ill with pneumonia when the MSFR folks spotted him at a local shelter. They were actually following up on another dog and rescued Cameron. He now lives in Westchester with his forever family. Talk about miracles. These folks had lost their Staffordshire mix and were looking for a smaller dog. They have always adopted

rescue dogs, so Cameron was just the perfect choice. It was love at first sight and in appreciation for their big hearts, he's going to do his best to help them keep busy during their retirement. Best of luck to all of them!

Please visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoptions fair held every Saturday from noon-3:30 p.m. or check out our website, www.msfr.org. Our adoptions fairs take place at Petco, 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, California. •



Sports

Fall From Grace

By Adam Serrao

It's funny how time can change beliefs, rearrange things and distance people from thoughts that were at one time honored as truths. Not only does that happen in real life, but in football too. At one time, Tim Tebow was a hero. Honored throughout Florida as the greatest college football player to perhaps ever play the game, Tebow accumulated multiple awards throughout his college career. With two BCS National Championships, two SEC Championships and a Heisman Trophy, just to name a few, the three-time All-American quarterback seemed to be destined for a career of riches (monetary and otherwise). Now, as he finds himself at the doorstep of attaining his ultimate goal, Tebow can't quite seem to knock loudly enough for a team to let him in and give him a chance at becoming a starting NFL quarterback. From a one-time NFL playoff contender to a team that heavily misused his abilities to now being given his outright release, Tim Tebow's NFL career has spiraled so out of control that now the one-time college workhorse finds himself desperately searching for a career.

From a 25-year-old Heisman Trophy winner with all of the promise in the world to a man searching for work in the NFL, there was always hope for Tim Tebow even when he found himself at the bottom of teams' depth charts. Oftentimes, that hope bloomed into opportunities and flourished into a body of work that was eerily reminiscent of his glory days wearing the orange and blue for the Florida Gators. Case in point, when Tebow found himself at the bottom of the Denver Broncos roster two years ago, he didn't panic. He went about his business as he did on an everyday basis, attempting to become the best quarterback that he could be. Though there were many back then who doubted his abilities and talents as quarterback, as there are today, Tebow got his opportunity to shine and certainly made the most of it. Kyle Orton, the starting quarterback for Denver at the time, was benched in favor of Tebow and watched from the sidelines week after week as all Tebow continued to do was win. A team that was once 1-4 before Tebow took over later finished the season at 8-8 and made the playoffs as the young quarterback lived up to the moniker that all he does is win games.

Tebow accomplished a feat in Denver that the majority of NFL players can't put down on their own individual résumés. He

won a playoff game and did it in impressive fashion by going 10 of 21 passing against the Steelers' number one-rated defense. Three-hundred-and-sixteen yards (31.6 yards per completion) and two touchdowns later, the Broncos, behind Tim Tebow, were on their way to the second round of the playoffs where they would eventually be pushed out of competition by the ever-striking Tom Brady. One would think that a performance like that, in the playoffs nonetheless, would cement at least another opportunity for the player in a league where on the field, he showed he was successful. In came Peyton Manning, however, and out went Tebow--shipped to the New York Jets, which was, in essence, the beginning of the end.

The 2012 Jets were one of the biggest disasters in NFL history. Head coach Rex Ryan attained Tebow with the intent of using him in specialized packages while giving him a backup opportunity behind incumbent starter Mark Sanchez. Not only did Sanchez play horribly all season long, but he was also a victim of the "butt-fumble," to add insult to injury. And yet, Tebow still never received an opportunity. The Jets failed to improve under Sanchez, eventually missed the playoffs and Tebow remained there on the bench as even third string quarterback Greg McElroy got a show at stardom in New York. McElroy eventually failed too. Tebow began, for the first time in his football career, looking like nothing more than a distraction and he quickly found his professional reputation plummeting quickly.

Tebow would receive another opportunity with the New England Patriots, for whom he played briefly in this year's preseason. If you follow sports at all, or even entertainment news given Tebow's polarizing effect on the media, you of course have heard by now that the Patriots' feelings were not as mutually exclusive. As Patriots' head coach Bill Belichick explained, "It's not just one game [that matters], although every game is important. But the body of work, the camp, the rate of improvement, the ability to do the things that players are going to be asked to do at their respective positions [also matters]." Tebow apparently showed no improvement even under the great Belichick and his football skills were deemed unsatisfactory, leading to the quarterback's eventual release that finds him in his current state looking for work.

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Up and Adam

Saxons Stumble in Season Opener

By Adam Serrao

While all other schools in the Torrance area get to cherish one more week of summer vacation, the North High Saxons readied themselves to open up the season early and get a head start on everyone else when they kicked off the football year against the Redondo Sea Hawks last Friday night under the bright lights of the Sea Hawk Bowl in Redondo Beach. With many questions abounding about how his newly retooled roster would work after the loss of a few key players from last year's team, head football coach Todd Croce knew that a transition from prior quarterback Jorge Hernandez to new starter Mique Juarez may be the Saxons' biggest impediment. With Hernandez under center last year, North began the season with a 42-35 loss versus Redondo. Unfortunately for Croce and the Saxons, the task of beating the Sea Hawks became no easier with Juarez as the main play-caller as North fell for the second year in a row--this time by the final of 49-12.

One thing that the Sea Hawks have going for them this season is the return of quarterback Harrison Faecher. Last season, Faecher led Redondo to a less-than-stellar 5-6 overall record with a trip to the Bay League playoffs. With the extra experience under his belt and a new year in front of him, Faecher looked to be the difference-maker to start the season against the Saxons. The game remained close early as both teams got themselves on the board quickly. With just under two minutes remaining in the first quarter of play, however, it became obvious that both teams were still a little rusty from a long offseason of mostly just scrimmages. As Redondo began to start its drive down the field, a fumble by Jonathan Allagoa cost them momentum and coughed the ball up to the Saxons in excellent field position, giving it to North on the Sea Hawks' 25 yard line. Juarez quickly looked to take advantage for the Saxons, driving the ball deep into the red zone and into the five yard line of Redondo. As if to return the favor, though, Corey Cox fumbled the ball inside of the two yard line and watched as Redondo recovered, all but destroying North's chance to jump out to an early lead over its longtime foe.

As if reinvigorated by the turn of events, Redondo took the ball back and kept it safe

by staying on the ground. The Sea Hawks pounded it right up the middle of the North High defense--an area for Croce that after game one looks to be a main position of concern for the team. Play after play, yard after yard, Redondo traveled down the field until 98 yards later, it reached the opposite end zone for six points and a score. In just 12 plays, all running plays gutting the North High defense, the Sea Hawks stretched their lead out to 14-6 while in the process taking control of the clock. "In the trenches, they knocked us around a bit and set the tone," explained Croce of his counterparts. The 12-play, 98-yard drive milked almost half of the clock off of the second quarter scoreboard as Redondo began to assert its dominance early on.

After seeing his running game do all of the work in the first long drive of the night, Redondo's quarterback came to play on the next set of downs after a three and out by the Saxons. With time winding down in the half, Faecher connected on a 40-yard touchdown pass to extend the Redondo lead to 21-6 and demonstrate why Faecher, as a quarterback, looks to be a threat for the Sea Hawks all season long this year. Now down by 15 points, however, the Saxons refused to give up. With less than a minute remaining in the half, Juarez showed why Croce and the rest of the Saxon fans should have faith in him this season. A 32-yard pass to Adrian Colclasure got North to within striking distance with time continuing to tick off of the clock. Juarez reared back in the pocket and tossed a 37-yard bomb to Matt Gonzalez for a touchdown just before the end of the half to inch North back into the game and bring the score at the break to 21-12 after a missed two-point conversion attempt.

Unfortunately for the Saxons, the fun all ended there. Redondo came out in the second half and scored a pair of early touchdowns to balloon the Sea Hawk lead to 35-12. Redondo would tack on 14 more before the end of regulation, all while keeping the Saxons completely dry in the second half. The Saxons did well to keep it close early, but clearly looked overmatched late--especially in defense of the run game. The Sea Hawks tallied a total of 282 rushing yards while Faecher went 9 for 16 with 155 yards and

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Fall from Grace

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Perhaps Tim Tebow will never be the great practice player that will get him an immediate starting job again. Perhaps he doesn't have the intangibles of a Tom Brady or the arm of an Aaron Rogers that will make the way that he plays quarterback look easy. But the hard work and dedication that Tebow puts into his craft not only makes him as an individual polarizing, but it leads people toward an appreciation of him as a player

as a result of his undying determination. Despite horrendous footwork, an inability to make the most natural of reads on the field and what many experts call an altogether horrible throwing motion, Tim Tebow has the off-the-charts intangibles that make him a winner. He did it in Florida, he did it in Denver and was never given a chance again. Should Tebow find another opportunity in the NFL, he will certainly win again. •

Up and Adam

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two touchdowns. Juarez, on the other hand, finished with a very respectable 10 for 18 for 136 yards and one touchdown in his first game as a varsity starting quarterback for the Saxons.

It's still early for the Saxons and this is, after all, how they began last season before

Croce rallied his troops into the playoffs and eventually into a spot in the CIF championship game against Nordhoff. Now with experience under their belts, Juarez and the Saxons will look to improve starting this week as they take on Palos Verdes Peninsula in the second of back-to-back road games to open the season. •

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For her the transition was a natural.

"The similarities between real estate and education were seamless," Van Breene explained. "I always wanted to help kids achieve their dreams, and in education that happened by working with a dedicated team interested in finding out what made each individual child tick, as well as spending a lot of time getting to know the parents and families so we could provide whatever support and guidance each student needed to be successful."

She foresees her same level of personalized service nicely translating to real estate. "When families are purchasing a home as first time buyers, looking for a community to become a part of, that's not much different from a child trying to make him or herself at home in a classroom. Many of the same factors come into play and have to be considered. The needs of each family member are extremely important when a family is uprooting to move – whether to an



entirely new community, or within the same community just across town."

Although based in El Segundo, Mrs. Van Breene has her sights set on the entire South Bay real estate market as a potential for her talents. "A lot of Richmond Street Elementary teachers did not necessarily live only in El Segundo. We had faculty from Westchester, Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne and Lennox. And of course with our infamous 'Bunco Nights' held at different faculty houses, I had the pleasure of getting to know little 'gem' residential areas all throughout the South Bay. I found myself on weekends going back into neighborhoods and driving around

to better acclimate myself to these properties so I would have an extensive inventory to offer to potential clients."

Van Breene sees tremendous potential in these neighborhoods, and feels her background in education is a bonus in her work. "I understand how to really listen to what a client

children changing schools and sometimes even districts, and I have tips for parents to help smooth the path during those difficult times as well."

At some point in the future Mrs. Van Breene hopes to further her area of expertise to include a Seniors Specialist Certificate,

"Dickie Van Breene sees many similarities between education and real estate."

is looking for in terms of their finances and lifestyles. But more importantly, as a parent I understand the emphasis home buyers place on education, and as a South Bay educator of 20 plus years I have an extensive knowledge of all the different school districts and how they can best serve a family's needs. A home is the biggest investment most families will make in their lifetimes – but the investment they make in their children's educations is potentially more important."

Mrs. Van Breene can personally identify with families in flux making mid-life transitions. "Some families are in the process of blending kids and families. Having personally gone through that, I am very aware of the sensitivity and delicacy of the situation, and how important the choice of a house and its living spaces is to making a successful transition." On a more serious note she adds, "I also know the trauma of

which will give her in-depth knowledge about identifying seniors' particular real estate needs so she has a better eye to serve them. But for right now, she is interested in once again making a place for herself professionally within the beach cities community and Shorewood Realtors.

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