

Friendship Walk



Former Dodgers manager, Tommy La Sorda was a special guest for the Friendship Walk. Photos by Shelley Kemp, www.kemp.photorelect.com



Katie Kabea shows her shiny medal.



A very special Thank you. This tile mosaic was presented to Micheal Greenberg and Skechers for their sponsorship of the 1st annual Pier to Pier Friendship walk to benefit South Bay Schools.



The Mira Costa Drumline led the way.

Meeting

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gained in these assignments enabled him to be suited to finding lost children. While serving at Mogadishu, Somalia, he observed two American-looking girls, 15 and 10, hiding in some debris. It was with them that he first became engaged in child rescue. Since then, he has taken it on as a mission, forming ARC, a non-profit organization that he funds primarily through his own money and provides to parents at no cost. ARC is made up of former and active military, CIA and law enforcement personnel.

Each operation is unique in the time and funding required. On average, the time in the field is about 10 days, compared to the three years typical of other investigative authorities. This is predicated on the success of the operational analysis prior to entering the field. "Using the same strategic methods of the CIA, we can get in and get out, totally undetected." They boast a 100 percent success rate. Baz says, "We have never returned without the child."

Watching the video of a mother being reunited with her child of about four years old was a tearjerker, and motivated Council members eager to support Baz's work. A

resident of Redondo Beach, Baz consults with the Department of Defense, creates, writes and produces for television and even finds time to surf in the mornings.

But listening to him, it is this passion for rescuing an abducted child that is the vehicle behind his driving force to do good in his life. For information on ARC, see www.associationfortherecoveryofchildren.org, or call 310-373-2319.

An announcement was made by Tina Harris on behalf of the South Bay Children's Health Center. The organization will have a Wine Tasting Benefit on Sunday, November 15 at Lisa's Bon Petit in Torrance. For tickets, \$55 each or \$100 for two, call 310-316 1213. Also from GI Joe and his Bootcamp, there will be a Pier to Pier Run/Walk, November 14, beginning at 7 a.m. at Hermosa Pier. Entrance is \$22 or \$30 after October 23. For information, call 310-836-9339.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be November 19, featuring myeloma and bone cancer specialist Dr. James R. Berenson.

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And they also had a CEO on the payroll pulling down \$9.2 mil.

Course that is dwarfed by the compensation stolen by ex AIG big-wig Martin Sullivan, who pulled down, according to the stuff I read, more than \$19 million. \$19 million. For what? Helping to bankrupt the United States' economy?

Just to review, these screwed up companies were handed massive amounts of Benjamins when they ran their company not just into the ground, but so far into the abyss that there was no possible way out. They were given the cash under the TARP umbrella. TARP means the Troubled Asset Relief Program. At least the plan has ass in it. It was enacted last fall to save companies "too big to fail." How is your 401k doing? Too small for anyone to care?

Apparently the income tax-challenged Mr. Geithner was awoken recently when word slipped out that Goldman Sachs, which had taken \$10 bil in bailout cash, was in cahoots to bestow \$20 bil in bonuses this year. Hmmm. So you are in charge of a company so poorly run that you need a \$10 billion-dollar handout to keep it afloat, then you turnaround and grant yourself an obscene bonus. As Gordon

Gekko said in the 1987 flick, *Wall Street*, "Greed is good." A gecko is a little lizard, right. They are using a gecko to sell some insurance on the tube, aren't they?

Did you know that they are planning a sequel to *Wall Street*? Heard it was going to be called *Wall Street 2*. Could have thought that title up myself. Not making this stuff up, fans. And Michael Douglas, who won an Oscar for his portrayal of Mr. Gekko some 22 years ago, will be reprising his smarmy role as the ubiquitous rich guy. Good for him. Also good for him that he scored the hottie Catherine Zeta-Jones a few years back, but as usual, I digress.

Here are a couple of more quotes from the fictional pride of *Wall Street*, circa 1987: When asked how much money was enough, Gekko said: "It's not a question of enough, pal. It's a zero sum game. Somebody wins, somebody loses. Money itself isn't lost or made; it is simply transferred from one perception to another." Okay, so my 401k didn't go down the drain in the last 18 months. The money just went to someone else? Now I feel better about it.

And a final Gekko quote: "Lunch is for wimps." I agree. I favor breakfast, myself. •



Our beautiful pier on a warm autumn Sunday played host to the first annual Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk.