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Longtime Torrance volunteers Hazel Taniguchi and Maureen O'Donnell were honored with the Jared Sidney Torrance Award by the Torrance City Council during the March 4 meeting. The award is one of the most prestigious honors for community volunteers in the city.

Taniguschi's career in public service started when, upon retiring from the Los Angeles Unified School District, she set four goals for herself that led her down the path to becoming a fixture in the community. They were to balance her time between her family, herself and her community; to give back to the community and make a positive impact; to provide "quality time" to those she commits her time to; and to learn more about her heritage and culture and expose others to it.

One high-profile way Taniguchi exposed others to Japan's culture was through her work in the Torrance Sister City Association. She spent nine years as vice president and seven as president, and accompanied eight high school students to Kashiwa as their chaperone. Councilmember Gene Barnett cited her as a key

Taniguchi has also received a number of awards for her activism in the community. In 1994 she received the Community Service Award from the North Torrance Lions Club and was named Woman of the Year by the YWCA (along with this year's fellow Jared Sidney Torrance Award winner O'Donnell). In 1998, she was named Woman of the Year for the 53rd State Assembly District by Assembly member Debra Bowen and received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. In 2005 the Torrance Council of PTAs awarded her their Honorary Service Award. When she learned she was going to receive the Jared Sidney Torrance award, she reacted with disbelief.

"I just couldn't believe what I was reading--I had to read it two times and then I handed the letter over to my husband so he could read it so he could verify to me what I had thought I had read," said Taniguchi. "There are so many dedicated volunteers here in Torrance that it's really hard for me to believe that I am being honored with this very prestigious award."

Taniguchi said her devotion to public service stems from her love of working with people and that she hopes to continue working with and for the community. "I have done community service over these many years with so many organizations because I wanted to," said Taniguchi. "I like working with people. I will try to continue as much as I can doing community service here in Torrance."

Like Taniguchi, O'Donnell also has a history in the Los Angeles Unified School District. As a teacher, she pushed her students be a positive force in their communities by offering extra credit to students who donated 20 hours of their time to assist charitable organizations, nursing homes, churches or political candidates.

In addition to education, O'Donnell has a long career in public office, serving on the City Council for eight years and then a fouryear term as a board member for the Torrance Unified School District followed by two terms as a trustee on the El Camino Community See City Council, page 2

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figure for Torrance's reputation both at home and abroad. "She has played and continues to play a very active role in the Torrance Sister City Association [TSCA] and helped nurture our strong relationships with Kashiwa, Japan," said Barnett. "Her dedication to our sister city has been priceless to our community. She has been a great international example of what our Torrance residents strive to be."

In addition to her extensive history with the TSCA, Taniguchi has volunteered with other organizations representing Japanese-Americans. She served on the board of the South Bay Japanese American Citizens League, and took on the role of recording secretary and later president for the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. She has also studied the tea ceremony with the Keiwa-kai Tea Ceremony Group since 1988. She was recognized for her service to the Japanese community with both the Downtown Los Angeles Japanese American Citizen's League Woman of the Year Award and the Japanese Women's Society of Southern California award.

TerriAnn in Torrance A Teacher at Heart

By TerriAnn Ferren

Last week I had the opportunity to meet and speak with El Camino College teacher Patty Bauman, who has always called Torrance her home. Patty was born in the Navy Hospital in Long Beach and grew up in Torrance on Gramercy Street in the late '40s. She started school at Torrance Elementary and then moved over to Greenwood for the eighth grade. I asked Patty if the classes were small, but she reminded me it was the 'baby boom' era and classes were large with two and three classes of each grade and 30 to 35 kids in each class. When Patty was growing up, the land bordered by Crenshaw Boulevard, Madrona Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street

was mostly open fields. One particularly interesting story Patty told me was that she would go horseback riding on that property with her friends when she was about 12 years old. Patty said, "Dave Knutson would bring his horses to my house when we lived on Fern Avenue and we would ride all over Nick Drale's land. It would make my mom mad 'cuz David would bring his goat. He would show up at my house with the horses and he would bring his goat. It upset my mother beyond belief because he tethered the goat in the yard and we would ride horses. My mother said it just didn't look good to have a goat in your front yard!" Somehow the picture of Patty riding horses See TerriAnn in Torrance, page 2

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TerriAnn in Torrance

with her friends while the goat waited outside her house made me laugh.

I asked Patty if she always wanted to be a teacher and she told me no. In the sixth grade, she remembers having to make a folder about what she wanted to be when she grew up. "There weren't very many choices for women in those days. I couldn't be a nurse 'cuz of the blood--it made me faint and I didn't particularly want to be an airline stewardess," said Patty. She told me that it wasn't until she attended USC (after graduating from Torrance High School) that she found out there were other things women could do. "There weren't women dentists--you were a hygienist," added Patty. "There weren't many women going to medical school 'cuz I started out at SC as a physical education major, so I took all hardcore sciences classes and I had all the guys in class who were trying to get into medical school." She told me what she to Long Beach or Inglewood. The two movie houses here didn't have first-run movies."

Then Patty Hoovler Bauman then told me a very interesting story. She began by admitting she loves sports and sports have always been part of her life. From the moment her dad put a very old, worn baseball glove in her hand, she knew she was part of the family. You see, Patty's grandfather was Bill (William) Piercy III, "Wild Bill," who pitched for the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, and (in 1921) New York Yankees. Bill was on the team along with Babe Ruth when the Yankees won the American League pennant and World Series in 1921. Then Patty went on to tell me that when that particular season was over, her grandfather went barnstorming with Babe Ruth and was later fined by the Commissioner of Baseball, Kenesaw Landis, and lost all the money he had earned. "As the story goes, my grandmother never spoke



Torrance High School.

always wanted to do was "have a track team at Manual Arts High School." What?

Driving up to USC back then wasn't as congested as it is today. Considering there were maybe 25,000 (compared to 140,000 today) people in Torrance at that time, Patty only knew of one other student, Joe Austin, who was also attending USC the year she entered. Torrance was small. Patty told me, "There were no freeways. They were building the Pasadena [Freeway]. Every year when I was going to SC, the Harbor Freeway came down another exit. When I first went to SC, I drove up Figueroa. I remember getting on at Manchester and every year it would come down (exits were added south) and it didn't go all the way into San Pedro at first. Then they took it into Pedro." She also remembers that there wasn't a Vincent Thomas Bridge, but Vincent Thomas would come to their house because her dad was involved in Democratic politics. There were stories of taking a ferry across the harbor to Terminal Island, and if you wanted to go shopping you would go into Long Beach to Buffums Department Store where elegant men would valet your car. First-run movies? Patty told me, "If you wanted to go to a first-run movie, you went

to Ruth again. He would come to visit them in the house in San Pedro and she would lock herself in the bedroom," Patty stated. She went on to tell me that her father, William Benton Piercy, Jr., also pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Amazing!

I wondered how this gifted teacher left the world of sports to seek out a life of sharing her knowledge. As it turns out, while at USC, Patty had one class where she visited all kinds of schools. One of those schools was the Braille Institute, where she witnessed youngsters who were blind-learning by way of Braille. She also visited a class for mentally challenged students who were learning life skills, and one school where children had debilitating diseases or physiological problems that kept them from going to a regular school. Patty said, "I remember on the way home one girl said, 'I could never do that,' and I thought I could. I thought those kids were lucky that they were there and how lucky it was for their family that they could be there instead of being at home all the time. So, I think that's where it began [her love of teaching]."

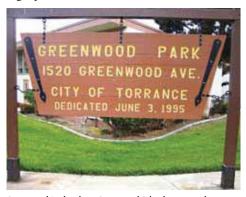
came home to Torrance after living for two years in Hawaii that she sought out her first teaching job. It was a job teaching Special Education at West High School. She had 13 boys and needless to say, she didn't work there for very long and headed back to school to complete two Masters degreesone in Psychology and one in English. She was prepared and started at El Camino 27 years ago.

Along the way, this very special teacher has taught at Dominguez Hills, El Camino, Chapman College and jails. "At that time the State of California said they [all private school teachers] had to have at least a BA to teach, so Chapman College put together a program where we taught the nuns various classes," Patty said. "Because I had a Masters in Psychology and English, I could teach a lot of classes for them. The nuns and I would do Renaissance Literature and then the next semester Educational Psychology and then whatever. They were fun. That was fun. Everybody got the biggest kick out of it that I was teaching nuns--I am a swearer ... " Can you see that scene?

Then I asked Patty what she is currently teaching at El Camino College and she said, "Freshman Composition--I've taught it all over...at USC, Dominguez Hills, Long Beach. It's a transferring class." This gifted teacher doesn't use a reader and does her own grading. I asked her what has been the biggest change in students over 27 years of teaching and she carefully explained, "There were more students in community colleges that were there for money reasons--that they could do two years in community college and save money and then they would go to a four-year. The people were a lot better prepared. They had majors. I get these people who look at me today and go, 'Why am I here?' I tell them, 'If you're here because you're making your mom happy, you're never getting through""

Then I asked Patty if she enjoyed teaching and she said, "I do. For the most part, I do. The students are interesting and fun and I learn a lot from them. When you teach composition they have to do a research paper, so I am very knowledgeable about more interesting things than you can imagine! I read those research papers. One of my students asked one time, 'Mrs. Hoovler. how come you know so much?,' and I said, 'Cuz I learned it from you guys.' You can't read 300 papers and not learn something--and they are diverse enough."

Patty sometimes picks up her grandchildren at Torrance elementary schools. And they will eventually attend Torrance High School, just like she and her children did. A Torrance legacy is born.



Greenwood Park, where Greenwood School once stood.

But Patty is not only woven into the fabric of our community as a teacher. She is also a walking history of our town. After she learned to surf in Hawaii, she continued surfing at Torrance Beach until her knees gave her problems. But Patty told me her favorite surfing memory: "One of my favorite days of surfing was Christmas Day when I was 16 and I was with two other guys and we were out in front of Haggerty's [by RAT Beach] and you could hear the people singing Christmas songs. It was a glorious day," she recalled. "There were no wetsuits when we were in high school. It was my favorite day. There weren't any waves. We were just sitting out there." She told me she still takes the grandchildren to Torrance Beach right below Burnout Park. That puzzled me because I call it Miramar Park and then she said, "Do you know why it's called Burnout? There used to be a building there [Riviera Beach Club] and the South High people burnt it down. That was one of their grad tricks." Really? Gee, I never heard that one. I do know the club burned down on September 9, 1958 under suspicious circumstances. Hmm...

Today, Patty continues to teach at El Camino College and enjoys life with her childhood sweetheart and husband Bob, her children Gina Eastham Greenberg and Garner Eastham, and her grandchildren.

Teachers have a gift. They give of themselves so freely that they are unaware of their vital importance in our lives. Thank a teacher today. •



The seeds of teaching were sown in that small school, but it wasn't until after Patty

View from Miramar Park aka Burnout Park. Photos by TerriAnn Ferren.

City Council

College board. During her time in office, she touched nearly every aspect of City operations from the Rose Float Association to the Public Safety Committee.

However, O'Donnell's service to her community extends far beyond political office. She co-founded the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, was a charter member and first secretary of the Coalition on Victim's Equal Rights, served on the board for both the Torrance Symphony Association and the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium and is an active member in a number of non-profits profits. Mayor Frank Scotto said that her accomplishments are nearly too many to recount. "We've read all these things she has done and we left out a lot," said Scotto. "We had to edit it down."

O'Donnell has also been honored by the Torrance Police Department and earned the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium's Shakespeare Medallion, the City of Torrance's Senior Volunteer Service Award and the Presidential Achievement Award (which was presented to her by President Ronald Reagan). In 2010 she was selected to be part of the Salvation Army's National Hope Brigade, and as previously mentioned in 1994 she received the YWCA's Woman of the Year award. "Maureen, your efforts and the donations of self have made you famous in the eyes of our citizens. [Thank you] For all the ways you have made Torrance a better place to live, work and play,"

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said Scotto.

O'Donnell said her faith and her family have guided her to be of service to the community. "I truly believe service to the community is what God wants of us," she said. "I'm proud to come from a family with a long tradition of public service, church and charitable work. They have always been my inspiration. I wish they were here tonight to share this moment. It is truly their award too for the fine example they provided to me." •

Police Reports

Theft 2/22/2014 6:30PM 1800 BLOCK 182ND ST Suspect(s) takes unattended property from counter/ cash

Burglary-Auto 2/22/2014 6:35 PM 21400 BLOCK HAWTHORNE BLVD

Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes property/ backpack, cell phone, GPS, paperwork

Burglary 2/22/2014 6:00 PM 3500 BLOCK CARSON ST

Suspect(s) punches door lock for entry, ransacks and takes unknown property at time of report

Burglary-Residential 2/22/2014 6:35PM 16500 BLOCK VAN NESS AVE

Suspect(s) removes screen, enters possibly unlocked window, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry

Battery-Weapon 2/22/2014 1:51 PM 4800 BLOCK PACIFIC COAST HWY

Suspect punches and pepper sprays victim in the face

Burglary-Auto 2/22/2014 9:30AM 24200 BLOCK WALNUT ST

Suspect(s) enters possibly unlocked vehicle, ransacks and takes property/ keys

Burglary-Auto 2/22/2014 7:28AM 24100 BLOCK FULMAR AVE

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and takes property/backpack, sleeping bag, camping stove, cook pot, utensils, hatchet, knife, flashlight, clothes, sunglasses

Burglary-Auto 2/22/2014 6:30AM 23800 BLOCK ANZA AVE

Suspect(s) smashes window for entry and takes property/tools, paperwork

Auto Theft 2/21/2014 6:00PM 2000 BLOCK 162ND ST Stolen vehicle: '97 Honda Civic

Theft 2/21/2014 2:33PM 18000 BLOCK ERMANITA AVE

Suspect(s) steals tubing containing copper wire from work site

Theft 2/21/2014 3:00PM 3700 BLOCK EMERALD ST

Suspect(s) takes unattended property from counter/ cell phone

Theft 2/21/2014 4:00PM 16500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD

Suspect poses as a federal agent, leaves telephone message advising victim he has warrants and to purchase MoneyPaks and provide their account numbers for payment

Burglary-Residential 2/21/2014 3:15 PM 4500 BLOCK SPENCER ST

Suspect(s) pries window screen, slides open window for entry/ unknown if property loss at time of report

Burglary-Residential 2/21/2014 4:30PM 300 BLOCK CALLE DE ANDALUCIA

Suspect(s) kicks in door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, laptop, pillowcase

Burglary-Residential 2/21/2014 9:00PM 2700 BLOCK GRAND SUMMIT RD

Suspect(s) pries door handle for entry, ransacks and takes property/ backpack, jewelry, watch, jewelry box, bank cards, coins

Burglary-Residential 2/21/2014 3:00PM 2600 BLOCK BRIAN AVE

Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry, cable box, tablet Burglary-Commercial 2/21/2014 3:40AM 2100 BLOCK 182ND ST

Suspects enter unlocked business door, enter office, hide, but flee without taking any property when confronted by employee

Burglary-Residential 2/20/2014 8:30 PM 20900 BLOCK ANZA AVE

Suspect(s) enters residence by unknown means, ransacks and takes property/ laptop, jewelry Theft 2/21/2014 6:00AM 1800 BLOCK

213TH ST Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from exterior of location/ aluminum gate

Burglary-Residential 2/20/2014 9:45 PM 20700 BLOCK AMIE AVE

Suspect(s) pries open sliding glass door, ransacks and takes property/ jewelry

Burglary-Residential 2/20/2014 1:15PM 5100 BLOCK ZAKON ROAD

Suspect(s) pries open sliding door, ransacks but flees without taking any property when confronted by homeowner

Burglary-Residential 2/20/2014 12:30PM 3000 BLOCK WINLOCK ROAD

Suspect(s) removes screen, enters open window and takes property/ jewelry, safe containing cash

Theft 2/20/2014 9:30AM 3900 BLOCK 178TH ST Suspect(s) takes victim's vehicle's catalytic converter

Burglary-Residential 2/19/2014 7:45PM 18000 BLOCK BAILEY DR

Suspect(s) pries open door for entry, ransacks and takes property/ video games, game controllers, cash, jewelry, laptop

Burglary-Residential 2/19/2014 7:20PM 4300 BLOCK 179TH ST

Suspect(s) pries open sliding door for entry, ransacks, but flees without taking any property when interrupted by resident returning home Auto Theft 2/23/2014 11:00PM2400 BLOCK

SONOMA ST Stolen vehicle: '12 Toyota Prius

Theft 2/19/2014 3:30 PM 16500 BLOCK CASIMIR AVE

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property as victim works/chain saw, rope, belt

Burglary-Residential 2/21/2014 12:15PM 400 BLOCK CALLE DE ARBOLES

Suspect(s) kicks in front door for entry and takes property/coins

Theft 2/18/2014 9:45 PM 2700 BLOCK ARLINGTON AVE

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from carport/ bicycle

Burglary-Auto 2/19/2014 10:00 AM 300 BLOCK VIA EL CHICO

Suspect(s) takes unsecured property from the victim's vehicle's truck bed/ bicycle

Burglary-Auto 2/19/2014 8:45AM 1700 BLOCK LINCOLN AVE

Suspect(s) enters unlocked vehicle and ransacks/ no loss

Burglary-Auto 2/18/2014 11:45 AM 23500 BLOCK CRENSHAW BLVD

Suspect(s) gains access to vehicle via rolled down window and takes property/wallet •

Calendar

Friday, March 7

• Extreme Guitar Duo, 7:30 p.m., George Nakano Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171. Saturday, March 8

 Torrance Firefighters Association 42nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30-8 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 781-7000.

Sunday, March 9

• Woody Minnich "the Great American Southwest," South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society, 1:30 PM, South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., PV. Monday, March 10

• Low Cost Vet Clinic, 6-7:30 p.m., Torrance-South Bay YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information call (310) 325-5885

Tuesday, March 11

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

• Torrance Certified Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-2930.

• Torrance Artists Guild Meeting, 7 p.m., Ken Miller Center at 3341 Torrance Boulevard

Wednesday, March 12

 Senior Naturalists, 1-2:30 p.m., Madrona Marsh Nature Center and Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo. For more information call (310) 782-3989.

 One Stroke Painting demonstration (adults 18+), 7-9 p.m., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library - Community Meeting Room - 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-3954.

Thursday, March 13

· Calle Mayor Middle School presents "The Southern California School and Band Association South Bay Classic Festival", 8 a.m. James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 781-7171.

• "The Wacko Show" comedy and magic show, 4 p.m., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. For more information call (310) 371-2075. Friday, March 14

· California Young Reader Medal, 3:30 p.m., Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. For more information call (310) 618-5964. The North High School Drama Students present parts of the nominees for the California Young Reader Medal.

Saturday, March 15

· St. Patrick's Day story and craft program, 2 p.m., Southeast Library, 23115 S. Arlington Ave. For more information call (310) 530-5044.

 Recital by Violinist Samuel Nebyu, 3:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church of Torrance, 2900 W. Carson Street.

Friday, March 21

• 15th Annual Glen Kamida & Friends Fundraising Concert, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (310) 720-7624.

This Week in 1864

March 6 Confederate Torpedo boats failed in attack

on USS Memphis in South Carolina. March 7

President Jefferson Davis urged General James Longstreet to take initiative in Tennessee. March 8

President Abraham Lincoln and General Grant met for the first time in the White House.

March 9 President Lincoln handed Grant his commission as lieutenant general in brief White House ceremony.

March 10

Grant visited General George Meade and

the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. March 11

Grant returned to Washington to take train to Nashville, TN to confer with Sherman. March 12

Union forces under General Nathaniel Banks began Red River Campaign into Louisiana.

These history tidbits were excerpted from United States House of Representatives calendar. This "We, the People" calendar commemorates the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and is provided by The United States Capitol Historical Society. The calendar was sent by Congressman Henry A. Waxman.



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Clip City

By Adam Serrao

While the Lakers continue to struggle to get wins up on the board, their counterparts from just across the arena are quietly making a run at a championship this year. Yes, the Los Angeles Clippers have taken over the role as the dominant basketball team in Los Angeles. If you haven't let yourself believe it yet, start getting used to it. Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and a cast of other talented basketball characters have come together to make the Los Angeles Clippers the premier team in L.A. this year. Normally, that role belongs to the purple and gold. With Hollywood drama as everpresent as it is for the normally dominant team this year, however, someone had to take over the reins. Donald Sterling, for the maybe the first time ever, seems to be interested in winning a title and his team may just be poised to do exactly that this year.

The Los Angeles Clippers haven't only started the year with talent, but they've continued to gain integral pieces to add to their own championship puzzle throughout the course of this season. Most recently, they have added both Glenn "Big Baby" Davis and Danny Granger into the mix in an effort to give their roster the best chance of competing for the finals in the Western Conference. Of course, there are still the San Antonio Spurs and Oklahoma City Thunder to deal with, but simply the fact that the Clippers can call themselves one of the three best teams in the conference means that they have come a long way. That doesn't mean that these Clippers don't have anything to improve on, though. Even head coach Doc Rivers can tell you that. "We haven't been consistent enough defensively," Rivers said following the All-Star break. "You look at the Portland game the other night. We won in an offensive game because we got seven or eight straight stops at the end. And you look at that and think, 'What were we waiting for?' through that game. All of a sudden we started doing some things we should've been doing, so that's my concern. We've become so good offensively, I think at times we think, 'Well, we'll outscore them.' That does not work in the playoffs." Rivers definitely makes a good point and the fact that he is already looking forward to the playoffs means that this Clipper team definitely has a little bit more than just potential.

One thing that gives the Clippers more than just potential is the acquisition of former Boston Celtic, and most recently Orlando Magic center, Glen Davis. Davis will most certainly add to the Clippers' depth off of the bench and add another big body to Rivers' defensive scheme. "It gives us another big and what I like about a guy like that is he can play a five with a four," Rivers said. "If we got a guy like that, he also knows my system." For most of you who do not speak Doc Rivers, what he means is that Davis, most of the time, plays the power forward position but can also go up against the opposing teams' centers on defense. Also, Rivers coached Davis on his 2008 championship team, giving the Clippers a more experienced addition while also bringing more size to their bench and front line.

In addition to Davis, the Clippers also fortified their squad by signing Danny Granger. Granger, formerly of the Indiana Pacers, struggled to overcome a knee injury while playing in only five games a year ago. Recently, he was traded from the Pacers, where he spent his whole career, to the Philadelphia 76ers. Philly bought Granger out, giving the five-time Pacer leading scorer free range to sing with whichever team he so chose. Unlike the Lakers, the Clippers just happen to be Southern California's most desirable destination these days and Granger joined Davis to help out an already solid basketball team.

In their quest for their first championship ever, the Clippers may not even need outside help, even though they now have acquired it. Though Paul has been injured for a portion of the season, Griffin has been having the year of his career. Averaging nearly 28 points per game in the latter portion of the season, Griffin has not only been one of the most improved players in the league, but also one of the league's most valuable players. Together with Paul, and a deep bench, the Clippers may just be poised to have the most successful season in franchise history.

The portion of the game where the Clippers are most successful is obviously offense. With Paul and Griffin clicking on all cylinders, the Clippers are averaging 106.7 points per game-second to only the Portland Trail Blazers. Unlike what Rivers thinks, the Clippers actually only allow opponents to shoot 44.1 percent from the floor to rank the team seventh in the league defensively. Everyone knows the Clippers can score the ball--but in order to take the Western Conference title, even that seventh rank will have to improve. Maybe Davis will help. Maybe Rivers' attention to detail will help. One thing is for certain, however. Defense wins championships. If the Clippers get clicking on all cylinders, they will be an extremely difficult team to beat in this year's playoffs.

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Up and Adam North Knocked From Playoffs

By Adam Serrao

After a long and successful season, the North High Saxons have become the final Torrance team from the Pioneer League to conclude playing this year. A season that was full of ups and downs found the Saxons in second place in the Pioneer League standings at the end of the season. After receiving prime playoff positioning, North was able to win in its first points. To start the third quarter, El Dorado put seven more points up on the board before the Saxons could even get one. Midway through the third, North went on a seven-point run to cut the Golden Hawks' lead to 14, but El Dorado countered with a nine-point run of its own to basically put the game away for good. North got down by as much as 25 points in the third quarter, but battled back

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round matchup against Grand Terrace, but ultimately had its playoff life cut short when it was ousted by El Dorado in the second round by a final score of 79-71. Head coach Luke Dupperon and company can hold their heads high, however, knowing that they beat out all three of their inner-city rivals and in doing so can hold bragging rights as the best team from Torrance for this 2013-14 basketball season.

The Saxons knew what was at stake when they took the court to take on the El Dorado Golden Hawks last Tuesday night. After getting a taste of the championship game two years ago against Mayfair and losing by 19 points, North made it back to the playoffs last year with the intent to at last grasp the championship trophy and bring it back to Torrance. When they lost in the first round by three points to Hart, Dupperon and his team vowed that this year would be the year that they would make it back to the big stage and play for the CIF crown. Unfortunately, those dreams were shot once again for the Saxons, but the team was not about to go down without a fight.

With their playoff experience being as it is, the Saxons knew that they were going to have to come out strong and jump on El Dorado early to have any chance. That's exactly what North did, surging to an early 6-0 lead before the Golden Hawks were able to sink a bucket. The Saxons continued to lead throughout the entirety of the first quarter before El Dorado scored back-to-back baskets in the waning seconds of the first quarter to take the lead for the first time all night. The second quarter was as back and forth as a quarter could get between two teams. The Golden Hawks and the Saxons were tied at 17, tied at 19 and then again at 21 before El Dorado finally began to pull away. With two minutes left in the half, the Golden Hawks were up by 11 and at halftime they led 41-27.

The Saxons let the game slip away with a mixture of offensive fouls and unanswered

and was down by only 11 with just over two minutes left. By that time, it was way too late, though. The Hawks maintained an 11-point lead with 38 seconds left and ultimately put the Saxons away with an eight-point victory for the 79-71 win.

North finished the season with a 22-6 record, going 8-2 in league play this year. It was the best record the team has had in over 10 years. The closest the team has been to a championship came two years ago when it went up against Mayfair in the final round of the playoffs. With pure scorers on the roster like Koh Flippen and Chad Ashimine, however, this team may have had the most potential out of any over that amount of time. Both Flippen and Ashimine have just finished their senior seasons and will depart North High next year to pursue their college careers. For Duperron, that means that he will have to restructure the starting lineup a bit in order to find a way to put together another offensively powerful team that can compete with the best in the CIF Southern Section Division II-A bracket.

The 2013-14 boys' high school basketball season is officially over, but it wasn't without a much excitement. West High had to put up with a tough Bay League schedule once again that ultimately decided its season. The South High Spartans came out of the gates slowly and never really found the chemistry to get going all season long. Torrance put together a string of late-season good luck to jump into the playoffs, but unfortunately was eliminated in just the first round. The Saxons maintained the longest, and for doing such can also maintain bragging rights within the city. Now that the season is over, the question has quickly become who can overtake North High next year, call claim to those bragging rights and thus own the high school basketball world in the city of Torrance. For now, it is North High, so all congratulations go out to the Saxons. •

South Advances to CIF Semi-Final for Record Seventh Straight Year

Photos by Shelley Kemp

This past week in two CIF Playoff games, the Lady Spartans reigned supreme. Mid week at home, it was a late goal by Freshman Forward Claire Grouwinkle that helped the team advance to the Quarterfinals. South 1, Sierra Canyon 0. Then, on Friday in a rain-soaked away game,



South Lady Spartans celebrate their victory over Sierra Canyon and their advancement in CIF Playoffs.

South again prevailed 2-1 over Riverside Poly, with Grouwinkle heading in the tying goal (27th minute) and Kelsie Bozart scoring the winning goal (61st minute). The latter deflection came off of a set piece -- an assist from her sister Korie Bozart on a direct free kick that sent South to the Semis! Go Spartans! • For more photos see South Lady Spartans, page 8



Senior Goalkeeper Paige Brandt takes to the ground to stop a Sierra Canyon shot.

Deluca Trattoria: Authentic Italian Eatery Raises the Bar

By Brian Simon

It took some time, but Downtown El Segundo has emerged as a Southland dining destination with an eclectic mix of eateries all within walking distance of one another. Already a popular go-to spot from its opening in the fall of 2007, Richmond Street's Deluca Trattoria has upped the ante since the arrival last April of new managing partner Andrea Francesco whose goal is to provide authentic Italian cuisine and a signature experience. Judging from a recent Herald staff visit to Deluca, Francesco definitely means business. It's always commendable to strive to make a good thing even better. For Francesco, getting to the next level meant a commitment to not only upgrade the quality of the food and wine but also the service. "The first thing we did when I came in was to work with staff to improve the restaurant," he said. "We built a team and reorganized schedules to build relationships with the patrons and create familiarity."

Francesco next went to work on the menu ingredients, with the goal of going "farm to table fresh" with everything homemade and handmade. "In running a business, you can get into a comfort zone with your suppliers," he warned. "So we're changing the supply chain to look for more local sources and to gain access to the freshest possible, hand-selected produce from the tomatoes to the carrots to the onions." The kitchen has also moved from dry pasta to the fresh stuff--delivered to the restaurant within 24 hours of being handmade just like it is in Italy, Francesco noted. "It makes a huge difference." Additionally, the sauces are made from scratch, chickens are free range or organic, seafood is sustainable and steaks are prime. Chef Luis Rosales, who has cooked in Los Angeles area kitchens ranging from fine dining to casual for more than 20 years, adds his personal flair to the ever-evolving menu that now boasts several new entrees. He and Francesco also continue to fine-tune the house favorites by testing new ingredients and concepts virtually on a daily basis. Nothing is ever set in stone.

Coming from an Italian family (his mother lives in Florence) that produces wine in the mother country and imports internationally, Francesco not surprisingly made a complete revamp of Deluca's wine list-which used to be predominantly domestic. The wine bar now focuses on mainly Italian selections with only about 20 percent coming from California plus a few choices from notable areas such as

and roasted nuts in a tangy red wine vinaigrette. It has changed subtly in recent months and is even better than before—it's a tad more peppery, with the mozzarella now imported from Italy and the beans of the cannellini variety. We enjoyed it with basket of hot, freshly baked bread dipped in a wonderful garlic/olive oil blend. We also devoured a new menu item-the crunchy, baked garlic parmesan toast and it was good enough for us to toast to it.

On the entrée side, the Pollo al Ripieno was particularly outstanding, featuring a perfectly

"I like to use the simple Margherita (tomatoes, basil and mozzarella) as a benchmark for pizza craft and Deluca nails it."

France and Argentina. Francesco definitely knows his vino-he is an Italian wine expert and educator who teaches food and wine, consults for restaurants throughout California, and even serves as a wine judge at international competitions. His wine list is thoughtfully considered in order to pair with individual food items. The roster of Italian varietals and blends is one of the more interesting and extensive in the entire South Bay-particularly on the red side. Here you'll find several top-notch Super Tuscans, Amarone, Barolo, Brunelo and much more. Happy hour selections are available on some of the wines between 5 and 7 p.m. and all bottles are half-off on Wednesdays. Deluca also features a number of craft beers you don't see every day, including a few from locales such as the Czech and Slovak republics, as well as the local El Segundo Brewing Company's own Hop Tanker Double IPA. The restaurant hosts a craft beer tasting every Friday night.

During the Herald visit, we sampled a mix of house specials and longstanding favorites. The popular and amply portioned Insalata della Casa is a personal addiction, with its intriguing blend of chopped lettuce, tomatoes, mozzarella, grilled chicken, dried cranberries, white beans

cooked chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese and ricotta and topped with a flavorful sauce that seemed a blend of Marsala and marinara. The dish also comes with roasted red peppers, broccoli and mushrooms.

Herald CEO Heidi Maerker proclaimed that night's special risotto as the best she had ever tasted. Risotto (an Italian rice dish cooked in broth to a creamy consistency) has always been a flagship dish at Deluca. This evening's version included chunks of chopped turkey and ham as well as peas and asparagus for the perfect blend of soft and crunchy elements. Even better, Rosales added several grilled tiger shrimp to the mix.

Other notable dishes included the simple, but classic spaghetti with fresh basil, sundried tomatoes, garlic and parsley; and tender, sliced, braised beef short ribs enlivened with a wonderful red wine reduction and accompanied by sauteed peas, carrots and "smashed" potatoes. The kitchen also turns out some very fine pizzas, with thin-crust pies that can feed a couple of people and taste just as good the next day. I like to use the simple Margherita (tomatoes, basil and mozzarella) as a benchmark for pizza craft and Deluca nails it.

The menu features over a dozen pasta selections, additional pizzas, salads, soups, antipasti, and entrees highlighting chicken, veal (including a brilliant Osso Bucco), lamb and seafood. Desserts include classic staples such as Tiramisu, Italian gelatos, chocolate torte and Crème Brule, but be sure to look into whatever the weekly special might be. Despite being full to capacity, our group tore through a stellar cheesecake with a light Graham cracker crust and topped with raspberry chunks. The sweet stuff goes particularly well with espresso or cappuccino-a decidedly Italian way to wrap up a good meal.

Deluca has a warm, rustic feel and welcoming décor. There is also a front veranda patio with a view of quaint Richmond Street, as well as a private rear patio and bistro lounge ideal for parties or special events. Thursday through Saturday night starting at 6 p.m. by the bar area, you can catch a rotating roster of talented artists performing a variety of musical styles (jazz and pop standards in particular), with the house upright piano featured most evenings. The restaurant manages to work equally well as a family eatery, a spot for date night, or the ideal venue for single folks to sit at the wine bar sipping some Chianti, nibbling on pizza and taking in some live music. Francesco has indeed succeeded in bringing the authentic trattoria experience to El Segundo and he continues to look for ways to improve. "If I ever rested on my laurels, my grandmother would turn over in her grave," he said. "A recipe is never perfected ... "

Deluca Trattoria is located at 225 Richmond Street. It is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to p.m. and for dinner Monday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays feature an all-you-cat-eat pasta special, while entrees are two for one on Tuesday. For more information, call 310-640-7600 or go to Delucapasta.com. •



When I was growing up in New York, part of every Italian mother's cooking skills was to learn how to roast peppers. These beautiful red and green bell or sweet peppers were an essential part of any antipasto salad platter.

The trick was to almost burn the outside of the pepper without ruining the sweet meat that the charred skin was protecting. To place a platter of fire roasted peppers in good olive oil and sea salt was the perfect way to start a meal. Served with cheese sausages and crispy bread set the tone for the meal.

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South Lady Spartans



Senior Cassidy Griego leaps up to head the ball Photos by Shelley Kemp.



Claire Grouwinkle breaks away after a header from Isabella Ofsanko and goes on to score the only goal in the second overtime period.



The Lady Spartans try to head the ball into Sierra Canyon's goal late in the second period of a tight tie game.

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One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Busy, busy, busy. Up in the North Pole Santa was flitting from elf work station to work station, encouraging his little men to work faster because Christmas would be here too soon. Then, from behind a tour group approached. Beaming Santa, addressed them, saying, "I'll bet most of you thought I only worked once a year, but nothing could be further from the truth. Each year we search for a gift to keep our constituents in line and voting for our cause. Why last year, we knew cell phones were the rage, so we gave each of our voters at least one. When taxpayers complained, about the cost, we explained it was because when our eager job searchers found tons of job opportunities they needed a cell phone to field all those offers.

Unfortunately, the offers never materialized so our constituents used their free minutes to call old Aunt Martha, or order another nickel bag, or whatever. Soon when their minutes were gone, our people just sold that useless phone. (sigh, oh well, our heart was in the right place).

This year, we're proposing a greater gift, and it's not going to cost taxpayers a dime! We'll require all companies, regardless of whether or not they're profitable, to give our constituents a raise. Why, by raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour, we'll bring millions of our voters into the middle class, and it won't raise the national debt, cool, no?"

In his triumphant declaration, Santa felt a little tug on his hem. A shy tourist with a green eyeshade, a sharp pencil and a pocket calculator looked up at the Great One and said, "Sir, you're wrong on three counts: first, if employers raise the minimum wage, they'll have to raise the wage of that worker's supervisor. Then that supervisor's supervisor would have to receive a raise, and so forth as the initial increase reverberates through the entire company's cost structure. The company's prices will have to increase to reflect it's cost increase, and inflation will ensue.

Second, a cumulative increase of \$2.85 an hour plus FICA and other taxes is enough to inflate the company's cost structure, but provides less then \$500 per month to each worker; far too small a sum to bring 'millions into the middle class' as you claim. Then there is the collateral damage of 500,000 minimum wage earners who will be terminated by companies that need to stay in business.

Third, your thought process is flawed. If you raise the bottom, you don't leap from them over other into the 'middle.' You simply raise the bottom, to an inflated level and everyone else will still be above them."

A red-faced Santa glared at the tourist and bellowed, "Look here, you little creep, this is an election year. We need to keep giving gifts to our constituents to ensure they vote the right way, so get outta my face." And with that, Santa wheeled about on his heel and left the room. •

Another Man's Opinion Arizona's Leaders Come to their Senses

By Cristian Vasquez

The national media's attention recently shifted to Arizona when our neighbor's senators approved Senate Bill 1062. This bill, Religious Freedom Restoration Act, would have altered a part of an Arizona law regarding free exercise of religion to broaden protections to nongovernmental entities. Meaning that "any individual, association, partnership, corporation, church, religious assembly or institution or other business organization" would have been allowed to argue "burdens" on their religious preferences as a defense in court. In essence businesses could not be sued for denying service to anyone, including homosexuals, when religious beliefs were the reason behind the decision. Fortunately, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer vetoed the bill.

Still, it is disgusting that 33 senators in Arizona would pass a law that gives one segment of the population the legal authority to discriminate against others. Every individual is deserving of equal protection under the law, including the many religious groups that have found a home in America. However, this law didn't protect religious liberties-but simply attacked those not falling in line with certain religious practices. The law was a preemptive attempt at protecting business owners of faith from attacks that have not occurred. Maybe the faith-based community feels that having same-sex marriage legalized across the nation is the same as an assault on their faith. The good thing is that this is not true. Religious freedoms in America are safer than ever. Regardless of what certain news outlets argue, religious freedoms are not under attack.

Americans of all and any religious faith can attend Mass, temple or services on any given day without fear of arrest or attacks. Religious organizations continue to receive tax breaks from the government, religious buildings are not being torn down or burned to the ground in an organized fashion and there is no desire from the gay community to destroy the faith-based organizations. Having same-sex couples marry does not hinder my ability as a Catholic to attend Mass and be the best person that I can possibly be, based on my religious upbringing. However, Arizona's Senate Bill 1062 would have allowed the faith-based community to hinder someone else's ability to live and exist.

Without this law in place, business owners can still deny their services to same-sex couples because of faith preferences, even if they do risk being hit with a lawsuit. However, the great thing about running a business is that it will succeed or fail based on the quality See Another Man, page 10

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Seniors Medicare Advantage at Risk for Seniors and Disabled

(BPT) - Nearly 15 million seniors and people with disabilities are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan in this country. That number adds up to almost one third of the total Medicare population.

Some provisions in the new Affordable Care Act (ACA), if implemented, could jeopardize Medicare Advantage benefits for each and every one of those 15 million Americans.

While Medicare Advantage benefits have already been reduced, they now face additional

example, 31 percent of African-American Medicare beneficiaries and 38 percent of Hispanic beneficiaries were enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans, and 41 percent of Medicare beneficiaries with Medicare Advantage plans had annual incomes of less than \$20,000.

These programs are particularly critical to the well-being of thousands of low-income individuals who may not qualify for Medicaid and would therefore lack access to chronic disease management services. Because of

"Some provisions in the new Affordable Care Act (ACA), if implemented, could jeopardize Medicare Advantage benefits."

cuts, as much as \$200 billion dollars over the next 10 years. Seniors and the disabled are expected to bear the brunt of these cuts, reducing the benefits they receive.

"Medicare Advantage has allowed us to provide far better overall care to our patients," says Dr. Donald Rebhun, HealthCare Partners medical director. "And that level of care is at risk if these additional cuts go through."

According to the Coalition for Medicare Choices, Medicare Advantage is a health benefits program available to individuals who are 65 or older or those with permanent disabilities. The coverage is provided through private health plans rather than the government and is required to meet or exceed the standards set by the original Medicare program. In addition to hospital and physician coverage, Medicare Advantage plans often include other benefits such as prescription drug, vision, hearing, dental, fitness, mental health and management of chronic illness.

The proposed cuts could mean higher outof-pocket costs, limited choice of doctors, fewer plans managing chronic conditions and fewer plans offering dental/vision coverage and enhanced wellness/fitness services.

Data from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey shows that Medicare Advantage plans continue to be a vital source of coverage for low-income and minority beneficiaries. For

Another Man

of the service that is provided. If a business owner decides to deny service to anyone, for whatever reason, that represents an immediate loss of income and the loss of what could have been a loyal customer. You can be sure that same-sex couples being denied service will not only never return to said business, but also never recommend that establishment to anyone. I'm sure we have all seen the "we these cuts, out-of-pocket costs for seniors and individuals with disabilities could also rise and premium-free comprehensive drug coverage would be in jeopardy.

"Thanks to the funding we receive from our risk-based contracts, we have developed creative and innovative programs and services that have delivered better clinical outcomes. These cuts will directly impact the care we can provide to our patients," says Rebhun.

If you or a loved one has a Medicare Advantage plan, take time to research the funding cuts and reimbursement changes. Make your voice heard and tell your federal and state representatives to stop further cuts and continue to protect your benefits. To reach your representatives, visit ProtectMyMA.com/Today. •



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reserve the right to refuse service to anyone" signs inside of businesses. The good thing is that the consumer has the right to take their business elsewhere.

The problem with this law is that it legalized discrimination and left the victim without recourse. Religion is not under attack and laws like these simply highlight the lack of decency that exists in some of this nation's lawmakers.

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Pebbles was intercepted along with her brother as their family was dropping them off at the shelter. We were told she is a Mastiff/American Bulldog mix. Pebbles is a very sweet and playful puppy who was

born November 30, 2013. She gets along with all other dogs and loves children. She has discovered toys and love to toss them up in the air and run and chase them. Pebbles will make a great addition to any family that loves large-breed dogs and has time to spend properly training

her. Pebbles will be spayed, is current on vaccinations, microchipped, and is fine with other dogs and with children.

Come and meet **Racine** and her litter of puppies. There are four males and one female pup in this litter. Mom Racine was pregnant in a high-kill shelter and was rescued before the puppies were born. The puppies are now 10 weeks old and ready for their forever homes. Racine and her puppies are current on vaccinations, microchipped, fine with other dogs, and would be best with children over 12 due to their small size. They will be neutered/ spayed when they are of age. **Connor** is beautiful fawn-colored Mastiff and a gem of a dog. He was born November 2007 and was given up after his family's daughter was diagnosed with leukemia and their world was turned upside down. We can't say enough good things about Connor. He loves everyone he meets, and he grew up with kids and is happy to have



them in his family. Gentle, loving, sweet, calm, mellow and easygoing, Connor is fabulous in every way. He was raised as an inside dog, is totally housebroken and has very good house manners. Connor walks superbly on leash and just loves to be with you wherever you are, no matter what you are doing. He would be best placed as an only dog or with another large female dog--he is not cat-safe. Remember that at 125 pounds, Connor can eat fair amount of dog food, so keep this in mind when budgeting for a new family member. Connor is neutered, current on vaccinations, has had a dental, is de-wormed, microchipped



Racine and her 10 nweek old puppies.



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Arwen is a gorgeous little brown Tabby and



Arwen

white girl with soft, golden eyes. This sweet girl was rescued from death along with her four newborn kittens. Time brought healing and as Arwen began to put on weight, she also began to take an interest in life once again. Arwen will rub against your legs, winding about your feet with a playful youthfulness that is extremely endearing. She adores playing with toys that she can bat and swat at, nuzzling her face against them from time to time as well. Arwen would be best suited in a calm, quiet adult household where she can feel secure and safe.

Carmen is a stunning girl who will grace your home with her beauty. If you are looking for a sweet cat who is gorgeous to look at, won't bother anyone or anything and gets along with any resident cats, then

Carmen

Happy Tails Best Friends, Popeye and Sam

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"I just wanted to take a second to update you on the wonderful, smart Carmen is your girl! Carmen will sleep on the bed if you'd like and will just generally hang out wherever you are in the house. If you have a safe cat enclosure or an enclosed yard with cat-proof fencing, Carmen *loves* to roll in the grass and that's when her playful side will come out. Carmen needs to be given time to adjust to a new place

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difference. Popeye loves to walk under Sam or sometimes even stand under her as they scope out the activity in front of the house.

"You cannot even tell he is blind. Sometimes he misjudges a wall, but he just shakes it off and

"He is a great problem-solver

(sometimes more so

then we would like). He

has figured out how to

get up onto the cockpit

of our boat from the

cabin. Or before I

closed in the stairs,

keeps on going.

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a can be Popeye the Pug.
b He has been a wonderful addition to our family! He and Sam, our Belgian d 501©3
c Malinois, have fallen in love with each other. She thinks he is the greatest thing

ever and is not keen on letting him out of her sight.

"Popeye is incredibly smart and learns very quickly. We have not found it as hard as we thought to train a blind dog. He sits like a champ, has leaned to shake, and we are working on 'down' and hope to get him rolling over soon. He was the first to learn the doggie door once it was installed. He *loves* his walks and is off like a sprinter every time we head out for a walk.

"They make such an odd couple! But they would never notice--they truly love each other and could care less about the 40-pound



Popeye, the one-eyed dog, with his new best friend Sam.

he figured out how to climb around the baby gate. Or if you hide a treat under a couple dog beds, he will work on it 'til he has got it all moved to get it. Or if you mess up the pillows on the sofa, he will work 'til they are back to how *he* likes them--not what looks good! As you know he is our second blind dog, and we always tell people it is a non-issue! Just adopt and give them the love---Tim."

When you adopt a pet without a partner, you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

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Prepping Tips for Spring Outdoor Projects

(BPT) - Soon, winter will be winding down and homeowners will start planning - and prepping for - a variety of outdoor projects for spring. From cleaning, repairing or replacing decks, to creating raised beds for veggies and flowers, now is the time to start gearing up for those spring projects.

Cleaning up

Start with spring cleaning existing structures. Take a weekend to clean decks, gazebos and pergolas of dirt, debris, mold and mildew. For structures made of naturally durable Western Red Cedar, a broom, garden sprayer and hose, plus a little bleach are all you need.

Sweep winter debris such as twigs and leaves from decks, taking care to clean between planks on horizontal surfaces. This facilitates airflow and drainage, and can help prevent a buildup of moisture when spring showers arrive. Next, use a garden sprayer to apply a-mild oxygen bleach solution to kill mold and mildew. Be sure to leave the bleach solution on the wood surface for approximately 30 minutes, and then rinse with water. Never use a pressure washer as it can damage the wood.

Maintenance and Repair

Carefully inspect outdoor structures for wear and tear. While Western Red Cedar contains natural preservatives that make the wood durable, all outdoor structures require annual care, including those made of pressuretreated lumber or composites.

Check planks, beams and boards for

cracking, warping or rough spots and repair accordingly. Replace damaged wood, and be sure to examine hardware to ensure it's working properly and free of rust.

New Projects

If you've always dreamed about lounging on a lovely deck on a summer afternoon, or savoring a spring morning beneath the shade of a decorative pergola, now's the time to start planning the project. A great deck is the showpiece of an inspired backyard, and spring is a prime time to add one. To ensure your deck affords you the most value and enjoyment, consider using an online deck planner to help you envision your deck before you begin building.

As gardening grows in popularity, you might consider adding raised planting beds to your landscaping. Raised beds not only make caring for and harvesting your garden



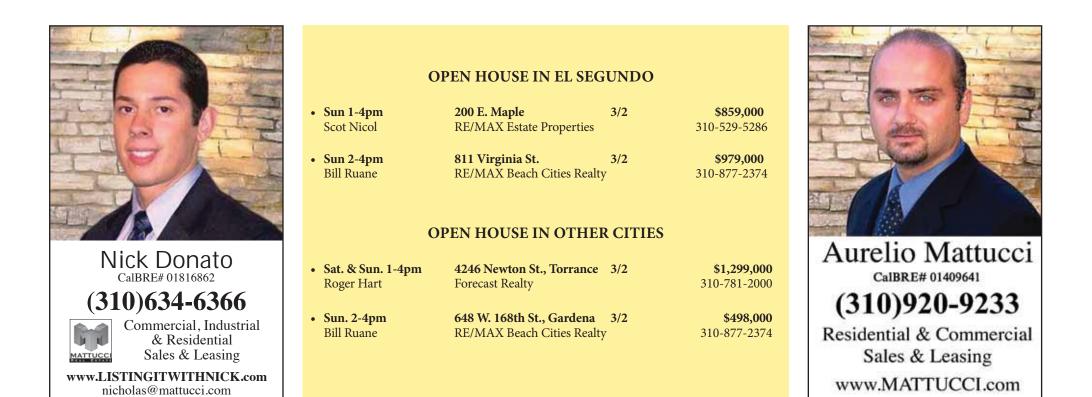
easier - no bending required - they can also function as a decorative enhancement to your outdoor environment.

The material you choose will influence the longevity, beauty and enjoyment of your structure, so carefully consider your options before deciding.

"Many homeowners choose Western Red Cedar for its beauty and natural durability," says Paul Mackie, western area manager, Western Red Cedar Lumber Association, or "Mr. Cedar" as he is known in the industry. "It has a deep, rich luster that other woods and man-made materials just can't match. Plus, it's a greener choice because it's renewable and recyclable - unlike composites - and doesn't require chemical treatment as nondurable wood species do. It's naturally rot and insect resistant, and you can stain it or leave it natural, depending on your preference."

The green qualities and durability of Western Red Cedar make it a great choice for virtually any outdoor structure - including those popular wooden playsets that begin appearing like wildflowers in backyards across the country every spring.

Whatever project you're dreaming of this spring - from building a new deck, pergola, or planting beds to refurbishing an existing outdoor structure or palyset - careful planning, cleaning, maintenance and the right materials can ensure your project adds value and beauty to your home environment. •





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Listed at \$1,299,000