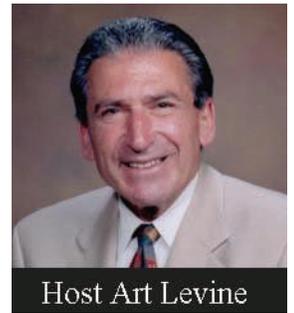


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## Grand Prix Coming to Town

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach is coming to town Friday through Sunday, **April 15 - 17**. The race is Long Beach's annual 'Spring Break' party and is expected to attract more than 170,000 fans over the 3-day weekend.

The featured IndyCar Series race on **Sunday, April 17** will draw an international field of world class drivers expected to include IndyCar Series champ and Indy 500 winner Dario Franchitti, Helio Castroneves, 2010 Long Beach winner Ryan Hunter-Reay, Danica Patrick, Marco Andretti and Scott Dixon.



Series Race, the Firestone Indy Lights, the SCCA Pro World Challenge Championships and the Team Drifting Challenge.

A fan favorite is always the **Toyota Pro-Celebrity Race**, which this year is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To be run on **Saturday, April 16**, the race pits stars from the worlds of sports and entertainment against professional drivers in identically prepared Scion tCs.

Music is an important attraction during the weekend, beginning with the **Tecate Light Fiesta Friday Concert** featuring *Moderrato* and *Fobia*, and continuing with Saturday's **Rock-N-Roar Concert**.

Other races over the weekend include the American Le Mans

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## Senator Ted Lieu on Straight Talk



**Ted Lieu**  
State Senator  
28th S.D.

Newly-elected State Senator Ted Lieu sat down recently with Straight Talk Host Art Levine for his first television interview as Senator. Lieu was elected in a Special Election on February 15 to fill the seat of the late Senator Jenny Oropeza. Senator Lieu previously served three terms in the State Assembly.

In the course of the interview, the Senator discussed the state budget crisis, the controversy over the proposed elimination of redevelopment agencies and enterprise zones, the proposed tax extension and the need for pension reform. The Senator stressed that his priorities will be job creation, restoring California competitiveness, and the need to incentivize industries.

Senator Lieu is a graduate of Stanford University and then received his law degree from Georgetown University, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as Editor-in-Chief of

the law review. He served in the United States Air Force for four years on active duty in the Jag Corps, and continues to serve in the Air Force Reserve where he was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He resides in Torrance with his wife Betty and their two sons.

*Ted Lieu will be our guest on the Straight Talk Show airing the weeks of April 2 & April 9.*

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## Remembering Steve Horn

The community suffered a great loss with the passing of Steve Horn. Both as President of CSULB and later as a member of Congress, Steve had a great impact upon our community.

In recognition of his contribution, we have posted a few archival clips of Steve's many appearances on our show. We call them *Remembering Steve Horn* and they are posted under Straight Talk on the Web.

Part I is an in-studio interview in 1996 when Steve was running for re-election to Congress.

Part II is two phone interviews with Steve from his Washington DC office. Topics covered include the efforts to save the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, immigration reform, healthcare reform, the "Contract with America,"

and negative political campaigning.

Viewable at straighttalktv.com, these clips can also be seen on YouTube and Facebook and may serve as a nostalgic reminder to those who knew Steve and an introduction to those who didn't.

Steve was a man of great integrity, insight and intelligence. We need more Steve Horn's. He will be missed.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the family for their personal loss. We thank his wife Nini and all the Horn family for sharing Steve with us and giving him the personal support that allowed him to become such a devoted and effective public servant.

— Art Levine, Publisher

## Thought of the Month

*"Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do."*

— Shaquille O'Neal



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## One World Ocean Campaign

The One World Ocean Foundation has announced the launch of *One World Ocean*, a global media and educational campaign to restore and protect the world's oceans.

*One World Ocean* will use the power of film, television, new media and grassroots educational programs to create greater global awareness of the ocean's importance to society and drive massive social change aimed at a healthy world ocean. It is the largest global multi-platform media campaign in history devoted to saving the world's oceans.

The campaign has two primary goals. The first, to advocate for at least 10% of the world's

oceans to be set aside as national and international marine sanctuaries. And second, to fund conservation measures aimed at changing the way we eat sea life, which has been decimated by over-fishing and pollution in recent years.

The One World Ocean Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to changing the way people view oceans. It was launched with a million dollar contribution by producer/director **Greg MacGillivray** and his wife **Barbara**. MacGillivray Freeman Films is the leading independent producer of giant screen/70mm films.

For further information visit [www.macfreefilms.com](http://www.macfreefilms.com).

### Grand Prix (continued from page 1)



**Jim Michaelian**  
President/CEO  
Grand Prix Assoc. of Long Beach

The **Lifestyle Expo**, free to all race attendees, features more than 130 exhibitors offering the latest products and services in automotive, travel, home improvement, fitness and recreation. A new **Zipline** aerial attraction (extra cost) has been added this year, which will give participants a 180-foot long thrill ride high above the Arena floor.

The **Green Power Prix View**, part of the popular Lifestyle Expo, will feature weekend-long displays of alternative energy vehicles and a wide variety of renewable energy sources. An expanded **Family Fun Zone** is part of this year's weekend.

Attending to visitors all weekend long are the "redcoats," members of the Committee of 300 who volunteer their time manning the grandstands and making guests feel particularly welcome. The **C300 Paddock Club** is a perfect place to watch the race and enjoy food and entertainment all weekend long. For Paddock Club reservations, call **(562) 981-9200**.

Race head Jim Michaelian will be our guest on a Special Edition of Straight Talk to provide an update on the weekend's activities. He also discusses the economic contribution of the race to the City. Also appearing on the show is Sal Farfan, President of the Committee of 300.

For race tickets or further information, visit [www.gplb.com](http://www.gplb.com) or call **1 (888) 82-SPEED**.

*A Special Edition of Straight Talk on the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach will air the weeks of March 19 & March 26.*



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# Renaissance Faire Coming in April



## “Sir Francis Drake” Renaissance Pleasure Faire

The Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire returns to Southern California on **Saturday, April 9** and runs for **seven weekends** through **May 22, 2011**.

The Faire is located at the **Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area** in the City of Irwindale. Hours are 10am to 7pm.

Join in the fun at the **Ultimate Party!** Over 1500 costumed performers bring Shakespeare’s England to life with parades, pageants and perfectly delightful townsfolk offering continuous entertainment of an international variety spread throughout the village.

This year boasts a new world famous joust troupe, *The Tournament of Champions*, as well as the world record holding knife thrower **Jack Dagger**. And returning this year will be the *Auditions for Shakespeare*, where teens are invited to perform a prepared scene to win tickets and maybe even the Queen’s favor.



*Victory Ride* by Robert Armstrong

Some **150 artisans** display beautifully crafted masterpieces throughout the Faire grounds, and you can even take classes at the Queen’s College and make your own work of art. Together with hand powered games and rides.

Whether you thirst for a hearty English ale or a fine wine, whether you hunger for a Turkey leg or a chocolate dipped cheesecake on a stick, over **100 gourmet foods** and a dozen delicious drinks are tempting your taste buds to give them a try.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 5- 12 (children under 5 free with paid adult). Entrance fee to the Recreation Area is \$10. Parking is free.



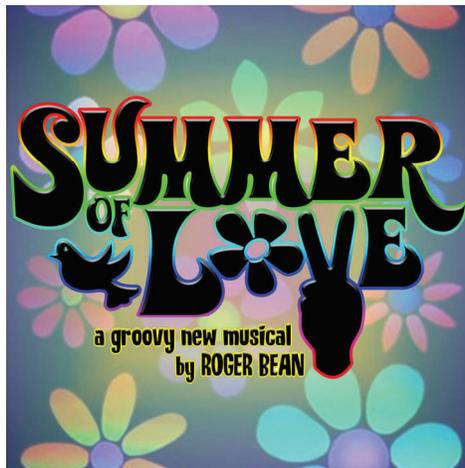
For tickets or more information go to [www.renfaire.com](http://www.renfaire.com) or call **(626) 969-4750**.

## Summer of Love Opens at MTW

Musical Theatre West has announced that its next production will be the world premiere Roger Bean’s groovy new musical **SUMMER OF LOVE**. The show opens **Saturday, April 2** at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center and runs through April 17. Preview performance on Friday, April 1.

impressible artists of the love generation: The Mamas and the Papas, Sly & The Family Stone, Jefferson Airplane, Blood, Sweat & Tears and many more. You’ll love this flower-power, feel-good, musical experience. It’s sure to be a real trip.

This original production of **SUMMER OF LOVE** will be directed by the show’s creator and writer, **Roger Bean**, with choreography by **Lee Martino** and musical direction by **Michael Borth** and **Michael Paternostro**. This production is honored to be included in the 2011 Festival of New American Musicals.



**SUMMER OF LOVE** is set in the late 1960’s as the countercultural revolution exploded in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood of San Francisco with riotous politics, creative expression, and amazing music. Holly, a young runaway bride arrives on the scene, and learns to “make her own kind of music!” amid the hippies and dropouts populating the Golden Gate Park. This new psychedelic show features music from some of the most

Roger Bean created and directed the Off-Broadway production of “The Marvelous Wonderettes.” The long-running Los Angeles production of the show received the 2007 *Los Angeles Ovation Award* for Best Musical. Mr. Bean received *Los Angeles Ovation Award* nominations for Best Director of a Musical for the Los Angeles productions of “Winter Wonderettes” and “The Marvelous Wonderettes.” Mr. Bean also created “The Andrews Brothers,” which has played in numerous theaters throughout Southern California after its critically acclaimed West Coast debut at Musical Theatre West.

For tickets or further information, call **(562) 856-9111** or visit [www.musical.org](http://www.musical.org).

# Straight Talk Party for a Cause

Straight Talk will be celebrating 20 years on air with a party to benefit the Youth Programs of the Long Beach Police Foundation.

You are invited to join in the festivities and be part of the **Straight Talk 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. The party will take place at the El Dorado Country Club, 2400 Studebaker Road, on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**. Festivities begin with an outdoor Cocktail Reception at **5:30pm** followed by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30pm.

Live music, dancing and entertainment will be provided by *Ronny and the Classics*. Dress is 50's, Hawaiian or casual. Tickets are \$100 each. Sponsor Tables of 10 are \$1000 and Gold Table Sponsorships are \$1500.

The evening is a benefit for the **Youth Programs of the Long Beach Police Foundation**. These programs provide the underprivileged youth of our community an alternative to gang life. "Your support can provide a way out and can change lives," said Straight Talk Host/Executive Producer

**Art Levine**. He added, "that is why we are calling the celebration *Party for a Cause*."

Invited Celebrity Guests include Long Beach Mayor **Bob Foster** and First Lady **Nancy Foster**, State Senator **Alan Lowenthal**, U.S. Congressman **Dana Rohrabacher**, Chief of Police **Jim McDonnell**, and Long Beach Police Foundation President **Daniel Walker**.



To order tickets/tables make your check payable to Long Beach Police Foundation and mail to: Straight Talk Charity Night, P.O. Box 3833, Long Beach, CA 90803. Be sure to include your email address and your mailing address so that we can acknowledge your reservation.

Tickets/tables can also be ordered online at [www.lbpolicefoundation.org](http://www.lbpolicefoundation.org). Click EVENTS and scroll down to Straight Talk.

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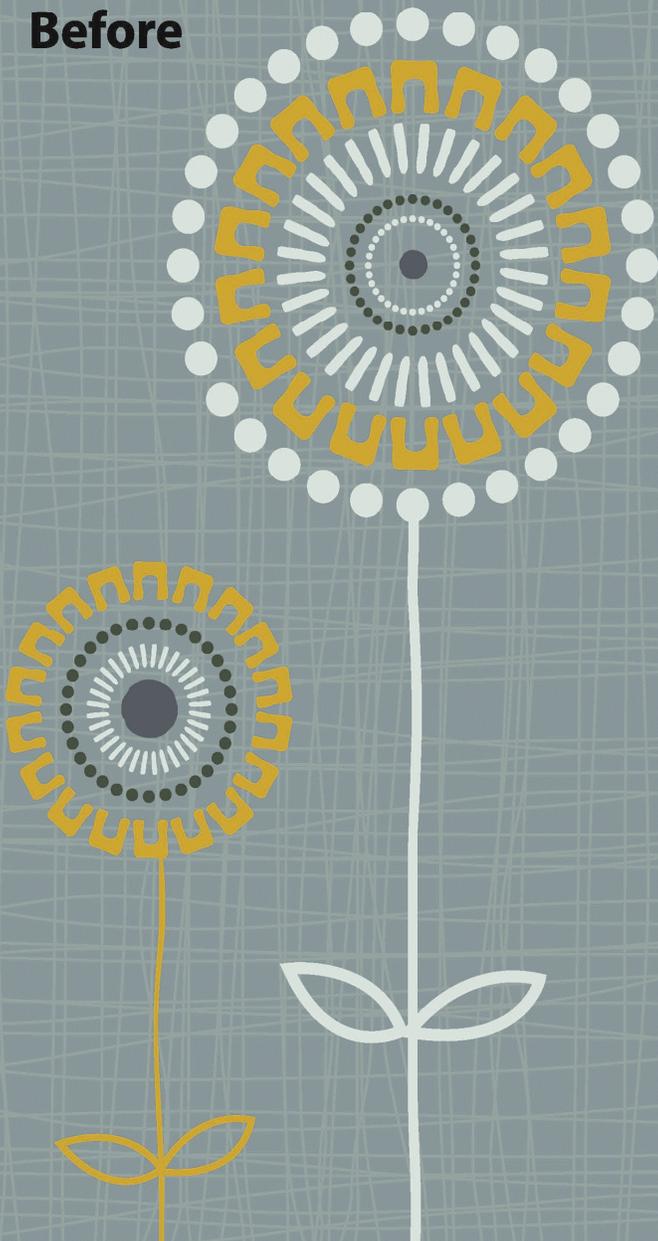
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# The Four Preps Debut at Palm Springs Follies

When no male students showed up to audition for the Hollywood High School 1955 Fall Talent Show, the school bulletin pleaded for "any guys who can do anything." **Bruce Belland** and three of his campus buddies formed a quartet overnight (literally) and ended up stealing the show as **The Four Preps**.

Now, over 50 years later, lead singer Belland along with **Robert Duncan, Skip Taylor** and **Michael Redman** bring their many memorable hits to the stage of the historic Plaza Theatre **through May 15** to close the 20th Anniversary Season of the Palm Springs Follies.

Shortly after their talent show debut, legendary Capitol Records Producer Voyle Gilmore—who had previously recorded such stars as Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, and Louie Prima and Keely Smith—signed them to a long-term recording contract.

In 1958 the group recorded a song co-written by Belland, which Dick Clark claims was "the first surfer hit," and the song **26 Miles (Santa Catalina)** became a million record seller. They recorded songs that Clark called "The Soundtrack of Our Lives." That same year they appeared

with **Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope** and others in an Emmy award-winning TV special, filmed the movie *Gidget* with Sandra Dee, and were honored as "Newcomer of the Year" by *Billboard Magazine*.

The Preps' popularity led to frequent appearances on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* and *American Bandstand* as well as worldwide concerts. *Billboard Magazine* named them "The Nation's Number One College Concert Attraction" for three consecutive years.



During its 20 seasons, The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies has been seen by nearly **three million patrons**, and has celebrated the music and dance of the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. With a cast ranging in age from 56 to 81 years "young," the show features lavish, Broadway-caliber production numbers.

The show is housed in the historic Plaza Theatre in downtown Palm Springs. The theatre is a charming, neon-encrusted storybook old movie house, which is an attraction unto itself.

The Follies season runs through **May 15**. For tickets or further information, call **(760) 327-0225** or visit [www.psfollies.com](http://www.psfollies.com).

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KABC Talk Radio Host **John Phillips** with LBPD Sgt. **Ronald Burgess, Jr.**, 2011 recipient of the prestigious **Richard A. Rose Career Achievement Award**.



Multi-talented actor **DeeDee Rescher** is interviewed by Straight Talk Host **Art Levine**.



Kilt girls **Katie**, **Brandi** and **Marissa** at the newly open Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery in the Marketplace Shopping Center.



Forbidden City co-owner **Michael Bransen** actors **Andrea Taylor** and **Aubrey Elso**, co-owner **Gao Yan** and MTW Executive Director **Paul Garman** at the Opening Night Reception for CATS at the beautiful Forbidden City Restaurant in Marina Pacifica Mall.



Kelly's owner **Dave Davies** is surrounded by Scottish Rejects bagpipers **Tress**, **Valerie** and **Lela** at Kelly's fabulous First Annual St. Patrick's Day Party.

# Around Town



Wilson High School junior **Alex Loveless** and Long Beach State basketball great **Glenn McDonald** at a 49er men's basketball game at the Walter Pyramid.



Celebrated singer **Lesley Gore** with Straight Talk host **Art Levine** at the lobby of the Plaza Theater in Palm Springs. Gore was headlining at the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies.



**Sean Kieva** and **Jefferson Lopez** prepare for Super Bowl Sunday at Kelly's Restaurant.



Former Long Beach Mayor **Dr. Tom Clark** and former California Governor **George Deukmejian** and wife **Gloria** attend the State of the City Address at the Center Theater.



**Bruce Walter**, CEO of *Hot August Nights*, at the Media Day for this exciting new week-long event coming this summer to Long Beach.



LBTV marketing and production staffers (l. to r.) **Heather Heintz**, **Dennis Hunter** and **Melora Donaghue** get into the "50's spirit" for the *Hot August Nights* Media Day.

# Southern Comforts at ICT



Four-time Emmy award-winning actress Michael Learned and veteran actor Granville Van Dusen find unexpected love in Kathleen Clark's perceptively witty and poignant play, *Southern Comforts*, directed by **Jules Aaron**. The four-week run opens **Friday, March 18** at International City Theatre in the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

Called a "delightful, even sneakily sexy romance" by The New York Times, *Southern Comforts* follows the development of a December-December relationship between a feisty widow and a crusty widower who find love late in life. Recovering from the loss of their respective spouses, the saucy Southern belle who is used to getting her own way and the retired, set-in-his-ways Yankee find in each other what they least expected: a second chance at love.

Playwright **Kathleen Clark** noted in an interview, "*When it comes to love, sometimes the hardest part is not finding someone, but learning how to live with that person once you do.*"

In that vein, *Southern Comforts* examines the intimate working of relationships, exploring the challenges that confront every couple, young and old alike. Are they getting together

for the right reasons? Do they have enough in common to make a relationship last? And what about sex? The twists and turns of love know no age, but Gus (Van Dusen) and Amanda (Learned) find a way into each other's hearts...and into ours.



Four-time Emmy award-winning **Michael Learned** is best known for her role as Olivia Walton on the CBS family drama series *The Waltons*. Learned also starred as Nurse Mary Benjamin in the hospital drama *Nurse* that ran for two seasons on CBS, and in Arthur Miller's television adaptation of *All My Sons*. Other television appearances include *Gunsmoke*, *Police Story*, *St. Elsewhere*, and *Murder She Wrote*.

A forty-year veteran of the stage, screen and television, **Granville Van Dusen** has starred in over 200 TV shows and has narrated close to a thousand TV and radio commercials, as well as voicing the role of Race Bannon in the cartoon classic *Jonny Quest*. His critically acclaimed one-man show *The Memoirs of Abraham Lincoln* continues to tour nationwide.

For tickets or further information, call **(562) 436-4610** or visit [www.internationalcitytheatre.org](http://www.internationalcitytheatre.org).

## Heroes Are Honored During Red Cross Month

March is Red Cross Month, and the American Red Cross is asking people to join them in helping those in need by volunteering their time, taking a class, giving blood or making a donation.

The signature event of Red Cross Month in Long Beach is *The Hometown Heroes Awards Breakfast*, held on Friday, March 11 at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. The event celebrated **27 local residents** who saved others in 10 separate life-threatening instances. The life-saving efforts include performing CPR, saving a potential drowning victim, and pulling a person from a burning car.

"When someone provides a hot meal to a disaster victim, gives blood, takes a first aid class, or helps someone in the military, they join the Red Cross," said **Nancy Kindelan**, CEO of the Greater Long Beach Chapter. "We want to say 'thank you' to all who support us. That support enables us to provide help and hope to those who need our assistance."

The Red Cross has been **helping people for 130 years**,

responding to disasters, assisting members of the military, teaching lifesaving skills, and serving as one of the largest blood suppliers in the United States.

**The Greater Long Beach Chapter** provided assistance in 49 local disasters last year. The Chapter processed 190 emergency military calls and conducted 2,820 first aid and water safety classes.

The Chapter serves 9 cities - Avalon, Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount and Signal Hill. During March, volunteers will

be touring with an Emergency Response Vehicle and will be providing information on emergency preparedness, CPR, first aid classes and other Red Cross services. Now is a good time to sign-up for classes to protect yourself, your family and your neighbors.

For further information, call **(562) 490-4016** or visit [www.redcrosslb.org](http://www.redcrosslb.org).





## The DB Versus DC Pension Problem

by

Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach

For some reason a Rosanna Rosanna Danna skit comes to mind. “What’s this I hear about the AC/DC pension problem?” “That’s the DB versus DC pension problem.” “Oh, never mind.”

What's the difference between a defined benefit and a defined contribution pension plan? If we're in a major debate over traditional pension plans, what are we talking about?

A **defined benefit (DB)** pension plan provides for a formula that is effective at the time of retirement. Let's use a male public safety employee (Deputy Sheriff) as an example. If he starts at age 25 with a “2% @ 50” formula, then 25 years later, he can retire at age 50 with half of salary (2% X 25 years) for the remainder of his lifetime, plus an annual 3 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA).

A **defined contribution (DC)** plan sets aside a specific percentage of an employee's salary during his or her employment. The most common DC plan is funded by employee contributions through payroll withholdings and may include matching contributions by the employer. This is commonly known as a 401(k) plan.

With a DC pension plan, the **employee takes the risk** of the investment returns during his or her lifetime. For a DB plan, the employee does not; instead the **employer takes the risk** by guaranteeing that a certain formula, plus COLA, will be paid out for the remainder of the employee's life.

In order to establish a DB plan, the employer will need the

**assistance of an actuary.** The actuary will inform the employer of the contributions that must go into the pension plan every year in order to accumulate enough funds to meet the retirement obligation when the employee severs his services.

Let's imagine that you are the actuary. First you would have to make some **significant assumptions.**

- **How much will the funds in the pension plan earn** during the employee's earning and retirement years? Let's assume an average annual return of 7.5 percent. This assumption is on the low side for a public employee DB pension plan, but on the high side for private sector DB plans.
- You will also have to assume **how long will the employee be with the employer?** For a Deputy Sheriff you can assume a starting age of 25 and a retirement age of 50 – 25 years of service.
- **How long will the employee live?** The average life expectancy is approximately 78 years, but let's use 80 years as medical science is improving.
- **What will be the employee's annual increase in pay?** Let's assume 4 percent. One would think this is a high annual increase in salary, but it is lower than the experience rate at the County of Orange. In recent years, the County has significantly increased the retirement formulas and reduced the minimum retirement ages. Consequently, the County has experienced an exodus of employees qualifying

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for retirement. This has caused the remaining employees to advance in the corporate structure and receive higher than normal salary increases.

- **How much will the public safety employee chip into this equation?** Let's assume 6 percent of salary.

What about inflation? To make your first lesson a little less complicated, let's assume zero inflation.

The Deputy Sheriff starts at a salary of \$50,000 per year at age 25. By age 50, the Deputy Sheriff is earning \$133,292 per year. In order to accumulate enough money in 25 years to pay this retiree "2% @ 50" in the 26<sup>th</sup> year at age 51, plus a 3 percent annual COLA, the employer will need to have \$1,161,997 set aside. This will take the employee's 6% annual contribution, plus an employer contribution of 14%, plus an average annual net investment return of 7.5%.

The first annual benefit will be \$66,646 and by age 80 the benefit will be \$157,055. If all goes as planned, the funds will be exhausted in the retiree's 81<sup>st</sup> year.

Now that we've plugged all of this information into a spreadsheet, what have we learned? The Deputy Sheriff **earns \$2,215,587 in wages** during 25 years of service to the County. Then **\$3,332,474** will be earned during the remainder of his or her lifetime **in retirement benefits**; all for an **employee investment of only \$132,935**.

If all of these assumptions were applicable to the DC plan, the net payouts would be identical. So where's the rub? There are several. The first is that **retirees are living longer**, so

you will run out of the funds accumulated before the conclusion of the guaranteed income stream.

The second rub is the **granting of benefit enhancements in the middle of the game**. Let's say that the formula was improved from "2% @ 50" to "3% @ 50" in the employee's 25<sup>th</sup> year of employment. One would expect such a benefit enhancement to be prospective, but in the government world, logic is scarce and this **benefit is made retroactive** to the date of hire. Now the employer needs \$1,742,995 accumulated by the 25<sup>th</sup> year and is \$580,998 short! Using this example, you can see why Orange County's contribution rates have risen from around **\$50 million per year** at the beginning of this decade to more than **\$330 million per year** at the end of it.

Multiply the \$580,998 shortage by 1,800 impacted employees and we're talking a billion dollars! Take that debt at 7.5 percent over 30 years, and you can add another \$1.5 billion in interest costs! While the taxpayers are trying to figure out how to pay this debt, the Deputy Sheriff will now receive **\$4,998,711 in retirement benefits** for the same investment of only **\$132,935**.

That is why, as an elected official, I'm interested in rescinding the granting of retroactive benefits and negotiating back to the old formula ("2% at 50"). As my mother used to say, "I am not made of money." Neither are the taxpayers of Orange County. That's why moving the County toward DC plans and addressing the egregious enhancements through a roll back is so critical to pursue. The alternatives are bankruptcy filing or reductions to retiree benefit payouts due to the lack of funds. That's the DB versus DC pension problem.

## *In Fond Memory*

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## Party for a Cause

Saturday, May 7, 2011

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of the  
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Foundation

Outdoor Cocktail Reception at 5:30pm  
followed by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30pm.

Live music, dancing and entertainment provided  
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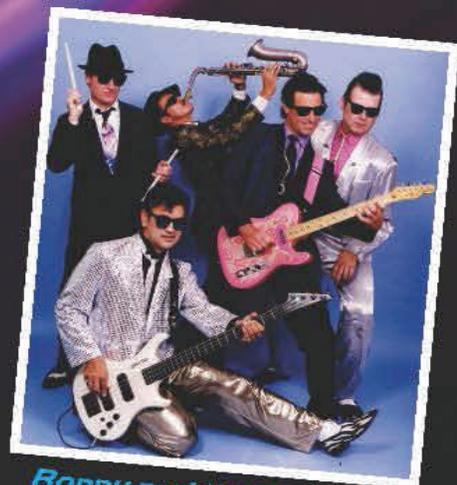
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Russo's is also known for their **fresh baked focaccia bread** served nightly with their signature sun-dried tomato olive oil. They also feature awesome desserts such as **tiramisu** and **crème brulee** caramelized table side.

Russo's has a full in service bar with an extensive wine list. They also offer a lovely private banquet room ideal for birthdays and

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Jack & Vikki, along with their son Chris, the manager, invite you to sit down and enjoy the sounds of family and friends having memorable times around the dining table. Better yet, join in because at Russo's everyone is family.

Russo's is open nightly from 5pm. For reservations, call **(562) 433-1616**.



Vikki and Jack Russo

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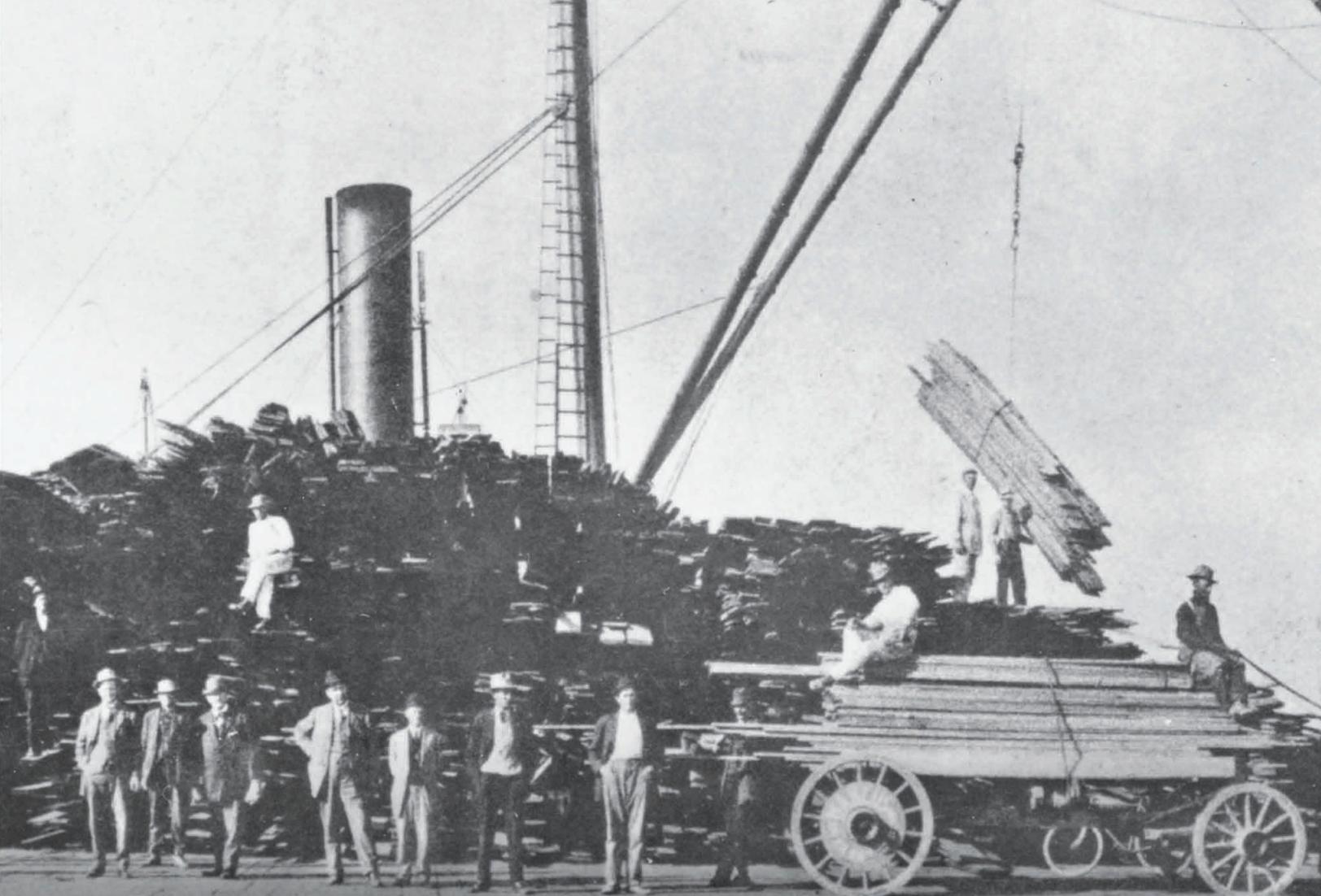


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