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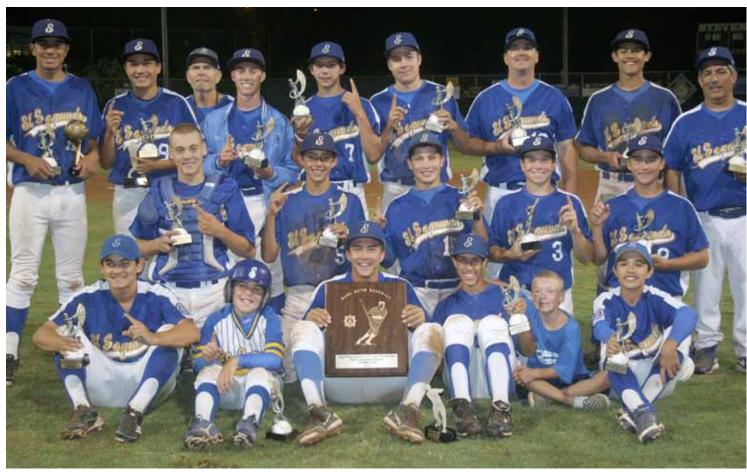
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El Segundo All Stars Advances to Babe Ruth World Series



Read more on page 5. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

Council to Approve USDA Facility on Kansas

By Brian Simon

On Tuesday, the El Segundo City Council heard lengthy presentations on the upcoming United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) development at 222 Kansas Street and will wrap up final approvals for the project on August 21. Having outgrown its Hawthorne facility, the USDA will move its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services Facility to the 4.83-acre site on Grand and Kansas that will also house new creative office space and a reconfigured storage lot for Jim and Jack's Collision Center.

The USDA portion of the project on the south of the parcel will include a 45,000-square foot building with offices and laboratories within, a public parking area, secured government parking and a loading dock. Design elements will include a canopy and metal screening to obscure mechanical equipment. Once the facility is up and running, scientists onsite will inspect plant materials (e.g. seeds, root plants and cuttings associated with the nursery industry in the United States) for pests before releasing them for shipment to a final destination. If pests are found, the item will either have to be re-exported, destroyed or treated. Trucks (an estimated handful per day including one semi that will be instructed to access the property from El Segundo Boulevard and not use Grand Avenue) will drive flush up to the facility so no materials will be exposed to open air. No materials will be discarded at the El Segundo site and actual testing will take place at the agency's national laboratory. Additionally, veterinarians onsite will examine cats and dogs marked for shipment to Australia and New Zealand to verify the animals are microchipped before sealing them in crates. No other animals will come to the El Segundo facility.

The second phase of the project, developed by Mar Ventures, will include two new buildings (30,000 square feet with additional commercial parking) earmarked for creative office uses such as start-up technology, entertainment and advertising that tie in with the City's plan to transform the Smoky Hollow district. The brick and

steel structures will include features such as glass roll-up doors, polished concrete floors and high ceilings. Meanwhile Jim & Jack's existing car overflow lot will be hidden by new landscaping and a block wall and no longer be an eyesore to passersby.

Previously approved for a five-building

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State of the City: Short-Term Challenges, Hope for the Future

By Brian Simon

Though the City's short-term financial outlook may be a bit shaky, upcoming projects and developments bode well for El Segundo's future. So was the mixed message during last week's State of the City luncheon. The 13th annual event, held at the Hacienda Hotel and presented by the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce, featured a different format from prior years. Rather than one long overview from the Mayor, two other Council members and the chief operating officer of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) also addressed the group of civic and business leaders on hand.

Stating that "El Segundo does not operate in a vacuum" and that it is influenced by a wide range of outside economic factors, Mayor Carl Jacobson said he would limit his brief comments to larger fiscal issues while allowing his colleagues to elaborate on the community itself. "The State of the City is not about the Mayor...and I don't want to hear myself speak for 45

minutes," Jacobson said.

Noting that he "would've liked to be positive," Jacobson reported that decreasing revenues and investment returns coupled with increased pension and other escalating costs continue to adversely affect City coffers. While employees have tried to minimize the impact of department staff reductions on the community, Jacobson admitted that "in some cases, it is impossible to do the same with less."

The Mayor summarized how the City addressed the ongoing economic challenges by practicing fiscal responsibility and reducing expenses by 15 percent (\$10 million per year) since 2008. To get there, City personnel took salary cuts and will share in the cost of retirement benefits—including a second tier program for new hires. Looking ahead, the City also hopes to improve revenue opportunities with key business tenants such as Chevron and NRG while focusing on economic development outreach to build its business base.

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<u>People</u>

Baby Evie

Evie Tuesday Henn was born on April 24, 2012 to Mike and Erin Sanchez Henn, both graduates of El Segundo High School. Grandparents are Ed and Alyce Henn, formerly of El Segundo, currently residing in Crestline, and Meg Sanchez and Jamie Sanchez of El Segundo. Evie and her parents are enjoying their new house in the Wiseburn area of Hawthorne.•



Herald In Afghanistan



El Segundo Herald in sunny, warm Northern Afghanistan. El Segundo resident Private First Class Brandon Miller (son of Carol Gogan), a 2010 Graduate of El Segundo High School holds a copy of the El Segundo Herald where he is presently assigned in Afghanistan. Brandon is part of the Army Nation Guards' 1072nd Transportation Company in Fresno California which since March 2012 has been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom conducting convoy duties in Afghanistan. Brandon wants to thank all of his friends and family for all the letters, email, Facebook post and packages.

SMILE awhile



Jameson Thornburg enjoying her horse Bellagio. Photo taken and submit-ted by Jesse Thornburg.

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<u>Obituaries</u>

Fred Boschetto

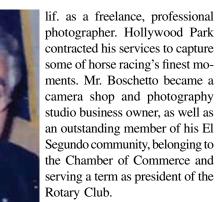
Fred A. Boschetto died at the age of 95 on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at his Spencer Lake home in Shelton, WA. He was born in Lawrence, MA.

Fred's wife of 50 years, Jean, and his brothers, Joe and Tony, preceded him in death.

Surviving family members are his 97 year-old sister, Annie, currently living in MA; sons Carl, Dale, Allen; daughter Dana Benjamin; stepsons Roger

and Stanley Harrington. Fred adored his 13 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

In Lawrence, MA, Fred enlisted in the Navy when he was 18, and honorably discharged in 1939 after serving four years in the South Pacific. He began his civilian life in S. Ca-



After a successful business career, Fred retired and moved to Spencer Lake where he fished, played poker with his buddies, and enjoyed life with family and friends who will greatly miss his special sense of humor.

A memorial service for Fred Boschetto was held on August 3, 2012 in Shelton, WA.

Apryle Taylor



Born August 9, 1967 and raised in Lancaster, PA, Apryle is the daughter of Charles Cook May of Robertsdale, PA and Linda Lee May of Lancaster, PA. After graduating from Mc-Caskey High School in 1985, she enlisted in the Air Force as an Airman Basic. Rising in rank to Staff Sergeant, Apryle

served in various Personnel, Protocol and Enlisted Aide positions at RAF Upper Heyford England, Tyndall AFB FL, Langley AFB VA, and Elmendorf AFB AK.

Apryle separated active duty in 1998 to attend Wright State University, where she received a B.A. Degree in Political Science and a commission from Air Force ROTC Detachment 643. Her assignments as an officer included service in Operational, Research and Development, and Contingency Contracting positions at Wright-Patterson AFB OH, Kadena AB Japan, and Eglin AFB FL. She also deployed to several locations throughout the Middle East, most notably Bagram AB Afghanistan and Al Udeid AB Qatar in sup-



port of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Throughout her distinguished 21-year career, into her retirement, and until her passing Apryle remained a proud member of the Air Force Contracting community.

During the course of Apryle's five-year battle with brain cancer, she was a constant source of strength and confidence, and was truly an inspiration to everyone around her. In addition to being a brilliant Air Force officer, Apryle was a loving wife and mother,

and a dear friend. She is survived by her parents, husband, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jason T. Taylor, son Austin and daughter Julia of El Segundo; sisters, Shana May and Charlene Weitzel of Lancaster, PA and brother, Charles May Jr. of Robertsdale, PA.

A Celebration of Apryle's life will be held at The Bridge Foursquare Church in El Segundo, CA on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 1 pm. Apryle will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C. with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Apryle's name to the Wounded Warrior Project at http://www. woundedwarriorproject.org/.

James "Jim" Patrick Walsh, Sr.

James "Jim" Patrick Walsh, Sr., long time resident of El Segundo, died on July 31, 2012, at the age of ninety-eight after a brief illness. Jim was born on March 25, 1914, in Wheelwright, Massachusetts, to Mary Ann O'Donnell and Patrick Joseph Walsh, both natives of Ireland. In 1932, he graduated from Hardwick High School.

On October 21, 1940, Jim married Ella Leona Spinney at St. Joseph's Church in Barre,

Massachusetts. They were married for more than sixty-two years until her death in 2003. To celebrate their sixtieth anniversary, they made a memorable trip to Ireland with their family.

During World War II, Jim served as a Machinist's Mate in the U. S. Navy on the U.S.S. Cumberland Sound. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theatre, American Theatre, and WW II Victory Medals.

After returning from military service, Jim owned Walsh's Market in Barre Plains, Massachusetts, until he and his family moved to El Segundo in 1955. He was employed at Hughes Aircraft, retiring in 1979.

Jim played baseball in high school and continued playing semi-pro ball into his thirties. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, attending many of their games at Fenway Park and spending many hours watching his beloved



team on television. He enjoyed playing golf and scored four holes-in-one in his life. Jim was a frequent flyer member on two airlines, flying especially between Santa Rosa and Los Angeles right up until his passing. During the last few years, he joined his children on trips to San Jose, Denver and New York City.

Jim was quite a character, had lots of friends, and brought lots of laughs to all who knew him with his terrific sense of humor.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who loved spending time with his grandchildren. He had been a member of the El Segundo Golf Club and Westchester Elks Club and was a current member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Jim is survived by his son, James P. Walsh, Jr. and his wife, Diane, of Santa Rosa, California, and his daughter, Margie Randall and her husband, Mike, of El Segundo. He is also survived by grandchildren, Robert Conner, Chris (CJ) Walsh, Jamie Kline, Benjie Randall, and Brett Randall and great-grandchildren, Chase and Ryder. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella, and grandson, Sean Conner, brothers Thomas and Martin and sister Elizabeth Revene.

Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Oakham, Massachusetts. His family will have a celebration of his life at a later date. •



Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to escalendar@ heraldpublications.com. Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

• Broadway In The Park presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Aug 9-12 at Recreation Park Softball Field. Gates open 6pm, show at 7:30pm.www.esbroadway.com

Saturday, August 11

• Tree Musketeers Seeks Volunteers Registration open for Sat, Aug 11th, 10am-Noon, TLC for Trees. Join volunteers of all ages

care for trees we've planted in El Segundo at Millennium Row on Grand Avenue. It's a great way to "dig in" to your community and fight global warming. Contact volunteers@ treemusketeers.org or call 310-322-0263 for details and to sign up.

Saturday. August 18th

• Free Lamp Exchange: For new Energy Efficient Fluorescent Lamps, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Kmart Parking Lot, 500 Carson Town Center, Carson. For more information call South Bay Environmental Services Center www.sbesc.com 310-371-7222.•

<u>Business Briefs</u>

Car Show Coming It's that time of year again!

The El Segundo Police Officers Association is proud to announce the 15th Annual Main Street Car Show. The Main Street Car Show is an annual affair, which typically features over 300 classic, vintage, and newer model show cars. The event will also feature a live band, a raffle with some great prizes, and will showcase the wonderful restaurants and businesses that call downtown El Segundo home. This event is free to the public!

The proceeds from the show are utilized to support many worthwhile causes throughout the community. This year alone, we have been able to contribute to organizations such as the Miller's Children's Hospital, the El Segundo Education Foundation, Marine Animal Rescue, and C.A.S.E. (Community Alliance to Support and Empower) to name a few.

This year's show is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 25th from 10AM - 4PM in the 100-500 blocks of Main Street. For additional information or to register a car for the show, please contact us at carshow@elsegundopoa.org or follow us at www. facebook.com/mainstreetcarshow. We look forward to seeing you at the show! •

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OBITUARIES: Monday at noon.

CALENDAR ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon. **PEOPLE ITEMS:** Prior Friday at noon.

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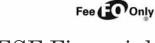
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Police Reports

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

One female adult was arrested at 0215 hours from the 600 block of West Mariposa Avenue for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 1437 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for identity theft, burglary, and fraudulent use of an access card.

One male adult was arrested at 1317 hours from Manhattan Beach PD for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1919 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by smashing a window. Taken was a purse containing a wallet and a cell phone.

One female adult was detained at 2019 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court for willfully obstructing a peace officer. She was subsequently transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

One female adult was arrested at 0229 hours from Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI.

One male adult was arrested at 0350 hours from Grand Avenue and Whiting Street for possession of a controlled substance for sales and one outstanding LASD felony warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0700 hours from LAPD Hollywood Division for two ESPD misdemeanor warrants.

Found Property Report was taken at 0813 hours from the 100 block of West Mariposa Avenue. A scooter was found and turned in to ESPD.

One male adult was arrested at 0939 hours from the 2000 block of East Rosecrans Avenue for two ESPD misdemeanor warrants.

Vandalism occurred between 08/03/12 and 08/04/12 in the 700 block of California Street.

A vehicle window was smashed.

One male adult was arrested at 2025 hours from Imperial Highway and Selby Street for one outstanding Downey PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2114 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street for possession of concentrated cannabis and misdemeanor DUI.

Missing person report was taken at 2210 hours from the 100 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. A male juvenile was reported missing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

One male adult was arrested at 0448 hours from the 1500 block of East Franklin Avenue for resisting a peace officer.

Vandalism report was taken at 1645 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. The victim's vehicle was keyed/scratched.

Petty theft occurred at 2007 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Taken was a wallet.

Burglary (vehicle) occurred between 1945 and 2257 hours from the 2300 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the vehicle and removed property.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

One male adult was arrested at 0234 hours from LAPD Hollywood Division for one outstanding El Segundo PD felony warrant.

Burglary (auto) occurred between 2230 hours on 07/31/12 to 0600 hours on 08/01/12 from the 800 block of Hillcrest Street.

One male adult was arrested at 0936 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Maple Avenue for one LAPD felony warrant.

Annoying/Threatening phone call report was taken at 1053 hours from the 100 block of Sierra Street.

Burglary (residential) occurred between **See Police, page 6**





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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The ever entertaining neighborhood talking cat Juan Carlos sat in my living room today, beaming over the items he had dragged in from a neighbor's basement. With great excitement, he donned an ancient Walter Winchell hat and set up both a giant desk microphone and a teletype machine that still went "rat tat tat" with each pounding. And just like that, the Cat in the Hat News Hour was created!

"What the heck are you planning"? I asked, to which he replied, "I'm Walter Winchell reincarnated, but to make my show even better I'm going to add a feature, asking readers to join me in an exciting and fun contest." "Too cool," I said. "Show me." With that he tugged down his hat like a baseball pitcher with men on base, wiggled his tail and pitched:

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, New York Times, July 28. The Association of Medical Colleges announced that we have a 69,000-doctor shortage today, but by 2025 it will nearly double to 130,000 under Obamacare.

RAT TAT TAT: Washington, D.C, July 30: Today coal produces 40 percent of U.S. electricity, but EPA regulations will force the shutdown of 8.5 percent of current capacity and prohibit construction of new plants.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Investors Business Daily, July 27. Over the last 10 years, the private sector employment grew by one percent, but government employment grew by 15 percent. President Obama said, "The private sector is doing just fine." The economy needs to grow by three percent just to absorb the population growth... without reducing the number of currently unemployed. Too bad we're only growing at 1.5 percent.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, U.S. Census, July 26: Reports show 224,000 small businesses that had employed 3.1 million people were closed between 2008-2010.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Ernst & Young, July 27: By a 51-48 vote, the Senate approved Barack Obama's plan to raise taxes on small business owners earning over \$200,000 per year. That tax increase will hit 1.2 million employers and cost an additional 700,000 jobs.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, International Monetary Fund, July 30: The world's economy will grow by 3.5 percent in 2012, but the U.S. at less than half that rate. Fifty percent of new jobs created in the U.S. are part-time jobs. For full-time workers, the average workweek is only 34.5 hours. The average family net worth is down 40 percent in the last five years.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Associated Press, July 31: Barack Obama announced that by September 30, the national debt will reach

an astounding \$16.2 trillion. He projects that under his programs, the nation's debt will reach \$25.4 trillion by 2022. ("We tried our plan, and it worked. That's why I'm running for a second term." -- Barack Obama, July 25)

RATTAT TAT: Dateline, Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA), July 27: The Federal Register where federal regulations are published has run 41,662 pages so far this year. These regulations will cost the economy \$56.6 billion and will take 114.4 million man-hours to complete. The Small Business Administration (SBA) says red tape costs employers \$10,000 per employee per year.

RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, Heritage Foundation, July 20: George Bush initiated 28 regulations costing \$8.1 billion in compliance. Barack Obama has initiated 106 regulations costing \$46 billion in compliance. RAT TAT TAT: Dateline, CBS/

NY Times Poll, July 18: Only 24 percent believe the economy is getting better. Two-thirds believe Obama's policies contributed to the downturn. Incredibly, 52 percent believe the economy "will NEVER improve under

Obama."

"So, cat lovers, this is the first edition of the Cat in the Hat News Hour. We hope you'll stay with us and participate in the contest that follows--and in the meantime, sleep well, America. Government drones are

watching you."

Juan Carlos continued, "Without further ado, here's the contest: Since the Obama campaign has already selected its slogan, 'Forward,' it is now searching for a campaign song for the Democratic Convention. The nominated songs are:

Happy Days are Here Again: This is the traditional Democratic song, but in light of the economy, it must be sung with tongue in cheek. TV networks would have to ready the sound suppression button when the guffawing and giggling erupts.

Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow or The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow: Since 52 percent believe the economy will NEVER recover under Obama, neither song with the 'tomorrow' theme will work.

Yesterday: The Beatles' nostalgic look at life before Obama may be just the ticket.

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away; Now it looks as though they're here to stay, Oh, I believe in yesterday.

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be There's a shadow hanging over me

Oh, yesterday came suddenly.

The talking cat pulled off his earphones, clicked off the mike, cradled his head in his paws and wept.•

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So have you wasted, or spent, much of your days or nights watching what used to be the most political event of all--the Olympics? Some of the prepackaged, tape-delayed garbage that the corporate greed mongers at NBC have shoved down our throats? All the while lying to us out here on the Left Coast that some of this taped stuff was live.

As the old huckster and promoter P.T. Barnum was given credit for saying, "There's a sucker born every minute." And we, on the Left Coast, are the suckers, again having to put up with tape-delayed, plausibly live coverage of the XXX Olympiad. Pathetic. And yet we have to accept it, I guess. Bent over again by the corporate greed mongers.

As old, veteran human beings will remember, back in the day the Olympics were supposed to be a sporting contest between our fresh, young, penny-poor amateur athletes, trying to compete with the Commie cheaters from the Evil Soviet empire, or the men posing as women from whichever Germany that was beating us in swimming and whatever other sport we normally care little about but become slave to for a couple of weeks every four years. Think that back then, there was an East and West Germany, and think that the East Germans men and men's teams' (posing as women), were the ones that would royally kick our poor little American

As would the Soviets. But remember the Miracle on Ice, when our actual amateur hockey-playing college kids did beat the Commie Ruskie pros? Back in the Lake Placid Winter Olys back in 1980? Course that game, probably the most famous game ever played in the Olympics, was sent to us tape-delayed by the TV rights' holders at the time. Think it was ABC.

Back then, we were kind of captive. That's right. Back in 1980, we had no access to cellphones, the Internet or any of the myriad ways that we can now get results instantaneously. Which makes the tape-delaying of stuff pretty frustrating. At least for me.

Not so much in the Summer Olympics, but seemed like there was a nasty beat-down every year in the Winter Olys. And we lost, we whined, because their athletes were trained professionals who did nothing but train for the Olys, and our kids were working at Big 5, or the local Jet Strip establishment, making money so that they could train for the 100-yard dash or to cavort on the pommel horse.

Which may or may not have been true back in the day. Americans can also disseminate disinformation and cheat, BTW. And just cuz I am astute enough to have figured that out a long time ago doesn't make me anti-

American. Just someone who pays attention.

But that day ain't today, is it? We no longer fear the Commies pointing their cannons at our shores. Who even knows if what is left of the Evil Russian Empire has the wherewithal to send a nuclear missile our way? Rumor has it that one of the first spots the Evil Commies would have targeted, were they to hoist a nuke, was at the Aviation Boulevard, which has housed a lot of top-secret and top-notch military stuff for the past many, many years.

And which is pretty darn close to where we all live, right?

So we got tired of not winning and decided to start paying our "amateur" athletes as much or more than the other countries. Won't you be so proud when Kobe Bryant and the other gazillionaires who are begrudgingly taking to the basketball courts in jolly old England pull down the gold medal? I gotta say that I won't be all that upset if the LeBrons and Carmelos of the world are actually challenged a bit. Lose a game? Don't win it all?

So did you see notice last week the political brouhaha that sent the social media-ites into a frenzy, involving the Chick fil-A fast

food folks? Seems that the leadership of the fast food chain, which I have never chowed down at cuz I don't know where the heck there is one out here, took the stand that they don't cotton to same-sex marriage. Which,

if I remember what the First
Amendment is all about, is
okay, right? You can say what you
want? Unless you pick on gay marriage and then you are labeled a this
or that by the not-so-tolerant lefties,

who then decide to try and organize a boycott of your little fast food chain?

Seems the lefties are all for freedom of speech, unless the free speech that you espouse doesn't jibe with their agenda.

And, promised a Sarah "Princess" Palin update last week, but failed woefully. Must have been left on the cutting room floor. Anyway, the Princess was tossed under the bus this week by old man Dick Cheney, who served as the VEEP for the last President Bush. Raise your hand if you can remember all of the wonderful accomplishments from the VEEP Chaney?

Anyway, Chaney said that he didn't think that the plucked-from-the-wasteland-of-Alaska Palin was prepared to become President if, somehow, John McCain had triumphed over Mr. Obama and McCain didn't finish his term.

Duh. Good thing that has all been cleared up for us, Mr. Chaney. McCain picked the Princess because she was a nice-looking, if somewhat befuddled woman. First time that has ever happened, right? •

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Frankly Plank

By Duane Plank

Really, really trying hard to get in the swing of things, the past week, try to care about the Olympics, wave the jingoistic flag for the good old red, white and- blue. And I will admit that I have spent some time watching the ping pong and the skeet shooting, and the horsie-riding events. Sure, I have. But still having trouble getting my arms around the entire tape-delayed deal.

Starting to tap this out on a winsome Saturday afternoon, ensconced in the front quarters of the mansion. Trying to figure out how to access the appropriate website info to get some Benjamins for the Kid for his college excursion at UCSB, which starts for real in about six weeks.

Finally figured it out, the next day, with some much-needed help from the Kid and the wife. Actually, they figured it out. I entered the necessary data and that hurdle has now been passed.

Have a little of the Olympics stuff on in the background. Yhink that the Subway salesman Michael Phelps will be swimming later, according to the greed-mongers at NBC. Cept it is 12:30 a.m. on the next day, on Sunday, across the pond, and I do believe that the swimmer Phelps has already finished his flipping and flopping and that the NBC folks are just trying to pump up their prime-time broadcast, which doesn't even start for three hours and will contain canned and re-canned features and oh-so-long-ago taped events.

Now, maybe I should pay more attention to the Olympics, being a sportswriter and all. But gotta tell ya that after about the first six months or so, the Frankly Plank column had morphed into a must-read column about a little more than sports and I hope that my loyal readers have found it a plausibly amusing read when I digress and talk about some of the cast of characters, or delve a teeny-tiny bit into personal agenda?

After all, by the time you get to peruse this must-read column, you probably already know that the Angels choked away four critical road games last week, starting with a really pathetic gag job deep in the heart of Texas, blowing a couple of six-run leads to the left-for-dead Texas Rangers. And then coughing up a three-run lead in the bottom of the 10th, thanks to the efforts of the soon-to-be-demoted or dismissed closer Ernesto Frieri, who has seen his useful shelf life dissipate.

Speaking of dissipate...Column supporter asked me if I pen these gems with the help of a Roget's Thesaurus. Which, for those not in the know, is an actual book that would offer some really nifty synonym ideas to writers who are stuck. Used one back in the day when I penned for other local papels, but don't rely on one now. Just spin this stuff straight out of the old noggin. But I will admit that I religiously

use spell-check. Gotta use the tools when available, right?

So the Halos, who were oh-so-close to cutting the distance between themselves and the Rangers to just two games in the bottom of the 10th inning in game three of their recent series, found themselves looking up at a six-game division deficit at the conclusion of play last Sunday. And heading to Oakland for a three-gamer with the upstart A's, who were tied with the surging Detroit Tigers for the wild card spots.

Tigers were coming off of a miraculous extra-inning victory Sunday against the Cleveland dead Indians, in which the Indians, trying to stave off defeat, called in a fifth infielder to shut down a potential gamewinning rally. Same tactic I used back in the day when I was a struggling Little League coach. I played all the right cards and all was well until my beleaguered right-fielder dropped the one-out fly ball hit right to him. Stuff happens.

Speaking of stuff happening, still thinking that Halo Manager Mike Scioscia may not necessarily be sitting his rump down forever in the Angel dugout. If this underachieving team didn't win at least two of three in Oakland, Scioscia could be and should be feeling the heat from first-year general manager Jerry Dipoto, who may, like a lot of us, think the effective shelf life on the veteran manager Scioscia has expired.

And if Scioscia survives, how about considering the canning of pitching coach Mike Butcher?

On to the Dodgers, who were fortunate enough to run into the pathetic Cubs last weekend at the Ravine. Swept the Cubbies after being swept themselves by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Still battling with the hated Giants for the division lead, but the Dodgers have slipped, at least at press time, out of a wild card spot.

Watched part of a couple of the weekend games on the tube with Dodger Girl, who had attended one of the Diamonback losses at the Ravine earlier in the week. Disappointing loss, to be sure, but she did return to town with a foul ball that her hubby snagged. Myself, never even been close to coming home with a foul ball.

So the Olympics are winding down and I probably will be coerced into watching the closing ceremonies this weekend. Also on the agenda is the PGA Golf tourney, the last major of the year, and the final opportunity for Cheetah Woods to capture a major and continue his pursuit of Fat Jack Nicklaus. Hope Woods is in the hunt come Sunday. Just can't see myself wasting three or four hours watching golf if the final twosome Sunday afternoon is comprised of Jason Duffner and Webb Simpson.

Gotta have something better to do than watch that drivel, right? •



Sports

Babe Ruth All Stars Win Pacific Southwest Regional

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo 13-15-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars defeated Torrance 6-4 in the second elimination championship game of the Pacific Southwest Regional and are headed to the World Series. It will mark the seventh time El Segundo has advanced to the Babe Ruth World Series, having won it in 1964 with Kemer Brett, 1969 with Scott McGregor, 1974 with Chris Doukakis and in 2002 with Sean McNally. In 1996 Kevin Estrada helped the team to a third place finish and the 2004, team led by Auggie Mieck, were runners-up to Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

El Segundo rolled through the winner's bracket by defeating Vernal, Utah and Del Oro (Tucson) to set up what would be the first of three games against Torrance. In the winner's bracket final, El Segundo struck first when Lars Nootbaar doubled and scored on Conner Underwood's fielder's choice. Torrance scored single runs in the second and third innings to take a 2-1 lead.

In the sixth inning, Torrance took a 3-1 advantage with some timely hitting and a sacrifice fly ball. El Segundo tied the game in its half of the sixth when Underwood and Jackson Walz hit solo home runs. In the seventh inning with two outs, Torrance took advantage of a wild pitch to score one run and an RBI single to add to its lead and hold on for the 5-3 win. The loss dropped El Segundo into the loser's bracket against Del Oro. El Segundo would thoroughly dominate the Arizona state champions 10-0 in a five-inning mercy rule game victory.

inning mercy rule game victory.

Hunter Lewis scattered four hits against a team that had been averaging 12 hits per game. His defense played flawlessly by turning two double plays that ended potential rallies and Nick Karsseboom made three highlight reel plays in centerfield. Lewis helped his own cause at the plate with a two-run double in the first inning. That would be the only run support he would need, but that's not where it stopped.

El Segundo scored four first inning runs highlighted by Lewis' double. They added to the lead in the second inning with three more runs sparked by Walz's RBI single to make it 7-0. In the third inning, Noah Bergren singled and later scored on Nootbaar's fly ball. El Segundo concluded its scoring in the fourth inning when Nick Martinez crossed the plate on Underwood's double. Underwood then scored on Bergren's single.

The win sent El Segundo to the championship game against Torrance. Needing to defeat its rival twice, El Segundo manager Charlie Haaker sent Tanner Stevens to the mound in the first game. The crafty right-hander, working on just two days rest, was spectacular after a rocky first inning. El Segundo would pound out 14 hits and defeat Torrance 12-2 in a shortened six-inning mercy rule game.

Torrance put together a two-run first inning, but after that managed just three base runners the rest of the way. Stevens used an effective fastball and an off-speed pitch to keep Torrance off balance and the result was nine fly ball outs.

El Segundo tied the game in the first inning and took the lead in a three-run fourth inning. Nootbaar singled, Martinez walked and Underwood hit a three-run home run to make it 5-3. In the fifth inning, Underwood had an RBI single followed by Lewis' two-run single. Later on, Walz's RBI single scored Lewis to make it 10-2. El Segundo ended the game in the sixth inning when Nick Karsseboom was hit by a pitch, Nootbaar doubled and Martinez doubled them both in to make it 12-2 and set off the 10-run mercy rule.

The win set up a winner-take-all championship game. With a sold-out Stevenson Field crowd settling in for the nightcap, both teams knew what was at stake--a spot in the World Series in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Torrance sent hard-throwing Ray Diaz to the mound while El Segundo countered with Willem Mostert. Mostert was on the end of the loss to Torrance just two days prior, but informed Coach Haaker he was ready. "Coach said I was starting and to go as far as I could," Mostert said.

Arguably the best match-up of the six-day tournament came down to the last game. These two teams have faced each other so many times over the years. So when a berth to the World Series is on the line, you would figure it would be a very competitive and entertaining contest. El Segundo lost an early lead before making a dramatic sixth inning comeback to win 6-4.

El Segundo scored in the first inning with back-to-back doubles by Nootbaar and Martinez to give the team a 1-0 advantage. In the second inning, Karsseboom walked, stole second base and scored on Nootbaar's double to make it 2-0. The score stayed that way until the fourth inning when Torrance's David Aros doubled and came around on an error to make it 2-1. In the sixth, Torrance put together a three-run inning to take a 4-2 lead when its hitters got to Mostert. Joey Garza came in to silence Torrance and get Daniel Cobo to strike out and Ray Diaz to pop out to Underwood at first base.

El Segundo made a dramatic comeback in its half of the sixth inning. Dean Abramson singled to lead off the inning. Garza walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball. With two outs, Nootbaar walked to load the bases. Martinez drew a walk to score Abramson and pull El Segundo to within 4-3.

Underwood came to the plate and with nowhere to put him, Torrance pitcher Jason Yanez was faced with a daunting task. Underwood, who hit .725 during the regional tournament, hit a 2-1 fastball into the gap for a bases-clearing three-run double to give his team a 6-4 lead. In the seventh inning, Aros and Masata Okawa walked. With two outs Garza was replaced by Hunter Lewis and Lewis got a strikeout looking to end the game and set off a wild celebration by El Segundo players near the mound.

El Segundo heads to the World Series in Van Buren, Arkansas on a roll, having defeated heavily favored Del Oro twice and coming back to defeat Torrance twice. Coach Haaker was nearly speechless about what

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1430 and 1500 hours from the 500 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's opened garage and removed property.

One male adult was arrested at 1749 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Battery report was taken at 0201 hours from the 200 block of West Maple Avenue. A female adult hit a male adult with a closed fist.

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0951 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by prying a door lock. Taken were a third row seat and two GPS units.

One male adult was arrested at 1114 hours from the 500 block of Sheldon Street for one outstanding El Segundo PD warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 1138 hours from the 500 block of Sheldon Street for one outstanding Inglewood PD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1206 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by punching the door lock. Taken were miscellaneous tools.

Petty theft report was taken at 1347 hours from the 1700 block of East Grand Avenue. Taken was an Apple iPhone.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1342 hours from the 100 block of Center Street. Unknown suspect(s) walked into a business and walked out with batteries.

One male adult was arrested at 1400 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for identity theft, receiving stolen property, and fraudulent use of an access card.

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1606 hours at Grand Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus pedestrian.

One male adult was detained at 2111 hours from the 600 block of Maryland Street and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72-hours psychiatric evaluation.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Forgery report was taken at 1037 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Av-

enue. Unknown suspect(s) forged two checks from the victim's business account.

Found property report was taken at 1046 hours from the 2300 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A small bag containing a controlled substance was turned in for destruction.

Grand theft (motorcycle) occurred between 1800 and 1955 hours in the 100 block of Main Street. Taken was a black Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Injury report was taken at 2053 hours from the 200 block of Main Street. An elderly female sustained an injury to her arm when she fell on the sidewalk.

MONDAY, JULY 30

An online petty theft report was taken at 2140 hours on 07/29/12 from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a golf bag with golf clubs and a pair of running shoes.

Grand theft (motorcycle) occurred between 0250 and 0300 hours in the 200 block of Lomita Street. Taken was a red 2001 Honda CBR600 motorcycle.

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1151 hours at Sepulveda Boulevard and Holly Avenue, two vehicles involved.

Petty theft report was taken at 1313 hours from the 2200 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Taken was a bicycle valued at \$250.

Grand theft/embezzlement/conspiracy to commit a crime/forgery report was taken at 1306 hours from the 300 block of West El Segundo Boulevard. Known suspect(s) falsified time records and obtained several thousand dollars for services that were never rendered.

Dog bite report was taken at 1407 hours from the 800 block of North Douglas Street. A female adult was walking her dog when she was attacked by another dog.

One male adult was arrested at 1634 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for identity theft.

An online identity theft report was taken at 1043 hours from the 1200 block of East Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information to open several credit card accounts. •

Next up, Councilmember Bill Fisher provided a more upbeat vision for the City. He maintained that through careful and strategic planning, El Segundo can thrive. It can do so, he said, by continuing to diversify the local business base, cultivating job growth, streamlining City processes to expedite quality development, approving long-range development plans for vacant and underutilized properties as soon as possible, and making necessary infrastructure improvements to promote development that serves the community and increases revenues.

On the infrastructure side, Fisher highlighted the City's plan to reconstruct and beautify Maple Avenue between Sepulveda and Nash to bring it up to standard similar to Continental Boulevard. Other projects include providing a city-wide fiber optic network, completing the beach lifeguard facility next month and reconstructing Aviation Boulevard between Imperial Highway and El Segundo Boulevard to transform it from "what is probably our worst street in the city to a newly paved modern thoroughfare."

Fisher emphasized the importance of continuing to diversify El Segundo's business sectors to "cushion the impacts of federal decisions related to aerospace." He reported growth in industries such as entertainment, retail, media, Internet sales, energy, data centers, creative and hospitality. Specific examples include Time Warner Cable's expansion; the debuts of several key new retailers in Plaza El Segundo and Downtown; Federal Realty's plan to develop an upscale retail and dining complex at the corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans; future development of the Imperial Avenue School site; the arrivals of BeachBody.com, PCMall.com and Stamps. com; NRG's nearly completed power plant and Sustainable El Segundo green initiative; Chevron's Beautiful Operations and Reliability Center; the soon-to-open Hyatt Place Hotel at Campus El Segundo and 24 acres of prime corporate office development still available at the Campus site; the opening of the new T-5 data center and adjacent Equinix expansion; Raytheon's long-range plans to develop 1.8 million square feet of the extensive parking lots surrounding its facility; and the transition of Smoky Hollow from "mid-century industrial to cutting edge, creative offices."

Speaking further on Smoky Hollow, Fisher noted that the Urban Land Institute (described as a "think tank on development") recently completed an assessment of that area with recommendations on how to transform the eclectic business district recently described in the press as the next Silicon Valley and a challenger to Santa Monica's Silicon Beach. "The City's task in Smoky Hollow is clear—to simplify and clarify the zoning, expedite processes, improve parking and continue to get the word out," said Fisher.

On that note, this week's City Council agenda includes a review of zoning and development plans for the five-acre site on Grand Avenue and Kansas Street. "What the Urban Land Institute saw was high-tech aerospace on the east side of town and the opportunity of high-tech incubator space on the west side of town in Smoky Hollow,"

Fisher said. "With the synergy of high-tech aerospace and opportunity of Smoky Hollow, you can't help but envision one day a company called Smoky Hollow Systems or Smoky Hollow Telemetry. One day you may be carrying around a gadget on your hip, in your watch, under your skin...stamped 'Smoky Hollow.' This is not a dream--it's a vision and Smoky Hollow is happening."

In conclusion, Fisher admitted that while the City has its "near-term challenges," the current activity and opportunities provide reason for optimism. "Through this downturn even with the loss of some business, companies have still moved into town through this time and called El Segundo home," he said. "In the worst of times, businesses have come to El Segundo."

For her comments, Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Fuentes listed some of the many reasons to be thankful about living and working in El Segundo. She singled out the employees who "personally contributed to the City's budget" through salary concessions while still providing excellent service; the locally headquartered Los Angeles Kings' ("who spend more time on El Segundo ice than anywhere in the world") first championship; high-performing schools and sports teams; an award-winning high school band; and the high school choir singing at the London Olympics.

Giving special recognition to the El Segundo Education Foundation, Fuentes reported that the organization exceeded this year's fundraising goal of \$750,000 by \$50,000 and has set next year's bar at \$900,000. "Richard Lundquist [President of Continental Development Corporation and Ed Foundation Chair] will match every new donation dollar for dollar," Fuentes said.

Fuentes also praised the El Segundo Public Library's very popular Summer Reading Program, Recreation and Parks for events such as the Fourth of July Celebration and Concerts in the Park as well as new programs like this summer's boot and surf camps, and the almost completed lifeguard facility at El Segundo Beach. Fuentes added that El Segundo is "one of the most desirable spots in the world—a small town with a big heart that overlooks the Pacific Ocean." In conclusion, she announced that the City recently submitted an application to the LAEDC for this year's most business-friendly city (Eddy) award. El Segundo was the inaugural winner in 2006 and had to wait five years before it could compete again. "Like the LA Kings, we would love to bring our trophy back to El Segundo," Fuentes said.

Wrapping up the proceedings, the LAEDC's David Flaks provided a detailed overview of his organization's policy themes for 2012/13. Among the many priorities are to prepare an educated workforce, create a business-friendly environment, enhance quality of life, fix the broken infrastructure, promote green growth at the ports, boost the creative economy, complete LAX modernization, secure a safe and reliable water supply, revamp zoning codes to incentivize growth, and improve regional transit. "We can and we must do better," Flaks said. •





At the Olympics, you're there to do a job. I feel you should take it seriously.

You should be respectful.

You are putting on the red-white-and-blue and going out there
to perform for your country. "
- Shannon Miller

A Student's Perspective Blue Butterfly Tour Offers

A Small Slice of Humble Pie

By Glen Abalayan, **Torrance High School Student**

Everyone has had a small taste of the bittersweet pastry cleverly called Humble Pie. It is made with a cup of embarrassment, a teaspoon of apologies, a pinch of coincidence and baked in an oven of contemplation. Humble Pie can only be ready when its recipient is ready and is frequently fed to those with large amounts of pride. Unlike other pastries, Humble Pie does not actually have any nutritional benefits, but has long-lasting effects in places where no other baked good can affect--the soul.

As children, most people were humbled for the first time when they decided to defy their parents only to find out their parents were right the entire time. It might have been trying to stay up late on a weekday or sneaking away to a friend's house on the weekends, but most defiant acts in people's childhoods usually ended up to the rebel's own detriment and serves the perpetrator with an appropriate serving of Humble Pie. When the presence of parental supervision diminishes as people grow older, the urges to rebel against the rules their parents enforced increase and causes some individuals to give in and perform quite regrettable deeds. Unfortunately, some individuals refuse to change their arrogant ways and are humbled only when a traumatic event has occurred, such as incarceration or a family death.

Arrogant individuals are the main recipients of this humble soul dish. For centuries, the media exposed haughty individuals such as arrogant CEOs, celebrities and world leaders who fell from grace and were forced to pick up the pieces. Their humbling moment might have been an economic downturn, a scandal, or a rebel uprising. But although their Humble Pies might have been served through different types of personal catastrophes, most chose to change their dastardly ways to avoid another mishap.

A few days ago, I received my serving of this dish when I coincidentally ran into my best friends, whom I have not spoken to this whole summer. This unlikely reunion occurred when I went inside KFC to take a simple drink of water and was greeted by my friends. As I came inside, my friends asked me why I didn't play basketball with them that day. I told them that I couldn't make it because I had a "family dinner" to attend. I lied. In fact, I actually hung out with another friend and ate at a local buffet. My longtime friends caught my fib as soon as they saw me enter KFC and told me that it was one in the group's last day before moving to Lake Elsinore. I felt a rush of embarrassment and regretted disregarding my friends for the whole summer. Suddenly facing the fact that I may not meet one of my best friends for an extended period of time really made me reconsider my priorities and humbled me in front of the other.

When time came for my best friend to leave the restaurant, I humbly said my farewells, apologized and thanked him for accepting me back into the group. As I shook his hand for the last time he told me, "We always accepted you--you just didn't always accept us." Knowing that it might be the last words I may hear from my best friend for a very long time, I let the words sink in and further humble my once-haughty soul. But in a bizarre turn of events, and in my classic best friend's style, he shuffled back inside the fast food joint to say that he forgot his gym bag. At that moment, I received two servings of Humble Pie when my circle of friends chuckled at me, told me that my best friend wasn't going to move and showed how it feels like to be deceived. The feeling was bittersweet, but was quickly relieved when my circle of friends and I caught up on the three months that we haven't seen each other.

A famous teacher once said that those who exalt themselves will be humbled while those who humble themselves will be exalted. The constant media exposure of famously arrogant individuals falling from grace proves this statement. Just like the taste of the metaphorical Humble Pie, humbling oneself is bittersweet. But admitting one's shortfalls beforehand prevents even worse consequences from ever occurring. A small slice of Humble Pie is far better than a banquet of disgrace. •

Seniors

Medical Identity Theft Rising: Steps to Protect Yourself (ARA) - Two million Americans

that could help prevent it. Only 57 percent fall victim to medical identity theft of survey respondents check their medical each year, according to a study records for accuracy, and by the Ponemon Institute, nearly one in five (18 commissioned by Expercent) say perian's ProtectMyID. they don't While medical identity theft costs victims an average of \$22,346, the potential impact can be far greater medical identity theft could cost some victims their health, even their lives. Medical identity theft involves the theft of

personal information - such as your name, Social Security number or Medicare number - to obtain medical care, purchase drugs or submit false claims to Medicare. The crime can damage a victim's credit rating and even be life-threatening if it causes incorrect information to appear in a victim's personal medical records, warns the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

According to the study, while more Americans now understand just what medical identity theft is, few are taking the key steps

care about the accuracy of their medical records. "There are specific things that people can and should do to protect themselves from medical identity theft," says Ken Chaplin, senior vice president of Protect-MyID. "People have to be vigilant with their personal information and avoid letting their guard down, even with family and friends." The Federal Trade Commission recom-

mends you take these steps to help prevent medical identity theft:

* Before you share medical information with anyone, verify who you're talking to. Never provide information over the phone or through the mail unless you initiated the contact and you're confident you're dealing with a legitimate organization. Be aware that medical identity thieves often try to scam consumers by posing as representatives

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Look into Preservation Efforts



The El Segundo Blue Butterfly, which became the first insect to be listed as a federal endangered species, is sometimes referred to as an umbrella species because by protecting the butterfly their habitat and the other species that live in it are also being protected. Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles World Airports.

By Cristian Vasquez

Squeezed between the western border of the Los Angeles International Airport and the ocean is a dry section of small hills scattered with brush and desolate to the unknowing eye. Home to a wide range of animals and species, the once house-filled hills are now the habitat of the El Segundo Blue Butterfly.

"This is a habitat which supports a lot of unique species. The butterfly though, because it is a butterfly, allows people to better relate to it than they can to let's say a wasp or a cricket or a beetle," Dick Arnold, the entomologist and consultant to LAX for the preservation project, said. "We have legless lizards that are not snakes. There are several rare plants, all of which supply the biodiversity makeup of the El Segundo Sand Dunes. It really is an endangered habitat that is composed of a lot of unique species. However, the way the law is written, we have to recognize a particular species in order to protect the habitat. It's kind of backwards in some sense, but the butterflies are sometimes referred to as an umbrella species because by protecting the butterfly we are able to check its habitat and manage the habitat to benefit the butterfly and other species."

Arnold and a group of four go out to the dunes on several occasions and collect information by observing the butterflies' behavior. This helps Arnold and his group with preservation efforts and allows them prevent the El Segundo Blue butterfly and other species from going extinct.

"Well you figure out how many are out here and whether or not the population is increasing or decreasing. There is normal fluctuation from year to year, but if you start to see an overall trend where it is really declining, then you need to figure out what is the underlying cause," Arnold said. "Is it not enough buckwheat that is flowering? Butterfly depends on the flower of the buckwheat. You can't always identify everything, but you can try to get as much information as possible to identify the underlying problem and eventually correct it. Sometimes we just may need to increase the number of plants. We just need to know what's going on in the habitat."

Arnold will observe the behavior of butterflies when they are alone or in groups. He will then record and indicate how many butterflies were spotted and what their behavior was, which can range from mating to laying eggs, to feeding and simply trying to stay warm. The information goes into a database with GPS capabilities, which helps Arnold analyze the data at the end of the season and the end of count events.

"For the most part, they just fly around-they're easier to spot when they fly because a lot of them are well camouflaged when they are sitting in one spot,' Arnold said. "As you approach the plants, if you approach it without casting a shadow on them, the butterfly will sit still. But these are things you learn after years of experience."

Information provided by Marshall Lowe from the Los Angeles World Airports indicates that in 2011 there was an estimate between 120,610 and 125,920 El Segundo Blue Butterflies. That represented an eight percent increase over 2010. The 2010 count, however, represented a 30 percent increase from 2009. Back in 1976, there were fewer than 500 butterflies and that is when the El Segundo Blue Butterfly became the first insect to be listed as a federal endangered species.

"It [population] will go up some years and down other years--that's just part of variation," Arnold said. "If you see a yearly graph you will see spikes and drops, but during the last 20 years it's been pretty stable. If it's a wet year, you will get a lot of flowers and as a result a lot butterflies. If you get a dry year, the buckwheat does not produce enough flowers, so you don't get as many butterflies."

The Blue Butterfly, which is the size of a dime, spends almost its entire life cycle in intimate association with the flower heads of some species of buckwheat. The butterfly emerges during summer when the flowers of its host plant, sea cliff buckwheat, open. The adult life of these butterflies is relatively short, lasting only a few days during which they mate and lay eggs, but the eggs hatch within a week. The larvae feed on the flower heads of the host plant for one month before they outgrow their pupal stage. Then when the next summer arrives, the cycle begins.

"I don't catch them--I only observe them. I have been doing this for 35 years, so I have been able to build up speed," Arnold said. "When you see one, you record his position, whether it was male or female and what its behavior was. When that gets recorded, which takes about 10 seconds, then I move on." •

"Everything about the Olympics was first class, and women were treated as athletes and equals." - Elizabeth Robinson Schwartz

<u>Lookina Up</u>

Student-Built Satellites: A New Way to Do Space Research

By Bob Eklund

Eleven tiny satellites called CubeSats will accompany a spy satellite into Earth orbit on August 2, inaugurating a new type of inexpensive, modular nanosatellite designed to piggyback aboard other NASA missions. One of the 11 is CINEMA (CubeSat for Ions, Neutrals, Electrons, & MAgnetic fields), an eight-pound, shoebox-size package built over a period of three years by 45 students from the University of California, Berkeley; Kyung Hee University in Korea; Imperial College London; Inter-American University of Puerto Rico; and University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.

"This is a new way of doing space research, funded by the National Science Foundation with a launch arranged by NASA," said CINEMA principal investigator Robert Lin, professor emeritus of physics and former director of UC Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory. "This is our first try, but if everything works, we're going to get a lot of good science out of this."

CINEMA will obtain images of the "ring current," an electrical current that encircles the Earth and which, during large magnetic "space storms," can blow out power grids on the ground. By next year, CubeSat will be joined by three identical satellites—two launched by Korea and another NASA-launched CubeSat—that together will monitor the three-dimensional structure of the ring current and warn of dangerous activity.

CINEMA is one of five university-built Cube-Sats aboard the Atlas V rocket--the other six are military or commercial. The main payload is NROL-36, a classified satellite commissioned by the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office.

NASA's CubeSat Launch initiative provides an opportunity for small satellite payloads to fly as auxiliary payloads on previously planned

missions. The nanosatellites are made of cubes that are approximately four inches on a side, have a volume of about one quart, weigh about two pounds, and are meant to be grouped in twos or threes for a particular satellite. CIN-EMA, for example, is comprised of three cubes. Some two dozen CubeSats are built or under construction at universities alone, and these 11 are the first to go into orbit.

For three years, Lin has overseen the construction and testing of CINEMA, aided by 25 UC Berkeley science and engineering undergraduates and graduate students. For two summers and winter vacations, some 10 students from Korea came to UC Berkeley to assist, while eight students from Puerto Rico came to help with the engineering.

"There is more risk with these projects because we use off-the-shelf products, 90 percent of the work is done by students and the parts are not radiation-hard," Lin said. "But it is cheaper and has the latest hardware. I will be very impressed if it lasts more than a year in orbit."

The spacecraft carries a new instrument, STEIN, which detects energetic neutral atoms (ENAs) to produce an image of the highenergy charged particles in Earth's atmosphere, mostly ionized hydrogen and oxygen. "It's like astronomy, but using neutral particles instead of light to create an image," Lin said

Lin and his UC Berkeley colleagues, including research physicist Thomas Immel and grad student John Sample, will communicate with CINEMA through the lab's Mission Operations Center and Ground Station, a radio dish in the Berkeley hills.

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What Healthcare Reform Means to You

By Jason Alderman

Much was made of the size and complexity of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act when President Obama signed it into law in 2010. But now that the Supreme Court has upheld much of the act's constitutionality, it's a good time to review key provisions that have already gone live and to

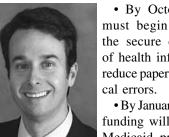
plot out what's expected to happen in the next two years.

Changes already in place include:

- · Children under 19 cannot be denied coverage because of preexisting conditions.
- · Adult children may remain on parents' medical plan until they turn 26.
- Lifetime insurance maximum payouts were eliminated. In addition, annual coverage limits are being phased out. Effective September 23, 2012, the annual limit increases to \$2 million.
- All new plans now must provide certain preventive services for free, such as mammograms, immunizations and colonoscopies.
- People who've been refused insurance because of preexisting conditions may now be eligible for coverage through a "high-risk pool" program. Go to https://www.pcip.gov/ for information and to apply online.
- · Medicare Part D participants who reach the infamous doughnut hole now receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name prescription drugs - 14 percent on generics. (These discounts will gradually increase until 2020 when the doughnut hole will disappear.)

Many core features of the Affordable Care Act won't take full effect until 2014 and details are still being finalized, but here are highlights of what's expected to happen between now and then:

• By August 1, 2012, insurance companies that didn't spend at least 85 percent of 2011 premium dollars for large group plans (over 50 employees) on medical care must refund the difference, through refund checks or discounted future premiums (80 percent for individual or small group plans).



- By October 1, 2012, plans must begin adopting rules for the secure electronic exchange of health information - this will reduce paperwork, costs and medi-
- By January 1, 2013, new federal funding will be in place to state Medicaid programs that choose to cover preventive services to

patients at little or no cost.

• By October 1, 2013, states will receive two additional years of funding to continue coverage for children not eligible for Medicaid.

Effective January 1, 2014, most key provisions will be in place. For example:

- Individuals and those whose employers don't offer health insurance will be able to buy it directly from state-based Affordable Insurance Exchanges, which will offer a choice of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards.
- · Most who can afford basic health coverage will be required to obtain it or pay a fee to offset the costs of caring for uninsured
- Americans earning less than 133 percent of the poverty level will be eligible to enroll in Medicaid.
- Refundable tax credits will be available to those earning between 100 and 400 percent of the poverty level to help pay for affordable insurance. They also may qualify for reduced copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.
- · Annual coverage dollar amount limits will be prohibited.
- · Adults will no longer be refused coverage due to preexisting conditions.
- Insurance companies will no longer be able to charge higher rates to individuals and small groups due to gender or health status.

These are only a few of the many healthcare changes we'll see as a result of the Affordable Care Act. To learn more, please visit www.HealthCare.gov.

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of insurance companies, doctor's offices, pharmacies and even government agencies.

* Protect your information. Keep paper copies of medical or insurance records and forms in a secure, locked file or drawer. When managing your health or insurance accounts online, be wary of any site that asks you to share sensitive information like your Social Security number, insurance account number or details of your medical conditions. Look for the hallmarks that a website is secure, including a web address (URL) that begins with "https" (the "s" stands for "secure") and a lock symbol in the lower right-hand corner of the page.

* Picking through trash is a common ploy of identity thieves. Shred your discarded health insurance forms, bills and medical records before disposing of them. Destroy the labels on your prescription pill bottles and packages before throwing them away.

The OIG also offers tips for medical identity theft protection, including:

- * Treat your Medicare and Social Security numbers and cards as carefully as you would your credit cards.
- * Be wary of anyone who asks for your Medicare number in exchange for "free" medical equipment or services. If what they're offering is really free, they shouldn't need your numbers.
- * Never let anyone use your Medicare ID card. The Ponemon survey found that a

growing number of survey respondents (5 percent more in 2012 than in 2011) have allowed a family member to use their personal identification to obtain medical services, including treatment, healthcare products or pharmaceuticals. Doing so is against the law, and may afford unscrupulous individuals the chance to use that information for unauthorized purposes.

According to the Ponemon survey, it takes, on average, about a year to resolve an instance of medical identity theft, and a quarter of the survey respondents said it took more than two years. As with a serious medical issue, resolution can be made more challenging depending on how long the problem is allowed to fester.

Take an active role in protecting your medical information from identity thieves. Check your medical records regularly and keep an eye on all your financial and credit accounts. Products like ProtectMyID can help. A comprehensive identity theft detection, protection and resolution product, it can help you prevent the damages caused by identity theft.

"Medical identity theft hits consumers both medically and financially," says Dr. Larry Ponemon, chairman and founder of the Ponemon Institute. "For three years in a row, our findings have consistently shown that medical identity theft crime continues to increase in terms of prevalence and costs to the victim." •

FOOD & DINING

Pork Chops with Peach Barbecue Sauce

The tangy peach barbecue sauce that glazes these pork chops is incredible on grilled chicken or salmon as well. Bone-in pork chops (as opposed to boneless) are less likely to dry out. Just make sure to trim away as much fat as possible for healthier results.

Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 1 1/4 hours (including 30 minutes brining time)

Ease of Preparation: Easy

Health: Healthy Weight, High Potassium, Low Sat Fat, Low Calorie, Heart Healthy, Diabetes Appropriate Ingredients:

1/4 cup plus 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 cups boiling water

3 cups ice cubes

4 bone-in, center-cut pork chops, 1/2-3/4

inch thick (1 3/4-2 pounds), trimmed 2 ripe but firm peaches, pitted and quartered or

3 cups frozen sliced peaches

1 medium tomato, quartered and seeded

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1 tablespoon canola oil

1/2 cup chopped onion, preferably Vidalia 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger 2 tablespoons honey

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus more to taste

Steps:

1: Place 1/4 cup salt and brown sugar in a medium heatproof bowl. Pour in boiling water and stir to dissolve. Add ice cubes and stir to cool. Add pork chops, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

2: Puree peaches, tomato and vinegar in a food processor until smooth.

3: About 30 minutes before you're ready to cook the pork chops, heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Add ginger and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the peach puree, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, honey and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook until reduced by about half, 20 to 25 minutes. Reserve 1/4

cup of the sauce for basting the chops; keep the remaining sauce warm in the saucepan until ready to serve.

4: Preheat grill to medium.

5: Remove the pork chops from the brine (discard brine), rinse well, and thoroughly dry with paper towels. Season the chops with 1/4 teaspoon pepper and brush both sides with some of the reserved sauce.

6: Grill the pork chops, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center registers 145°F, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, tent with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Serve with the warm peach barbecue sauce on the side.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 291 Carbohydrates - 21 Fat - 11 Saturated Fat - 2 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 27 Cholesterol - 83 Dietary Fiber - 2 Potassium - 584 Sodium - 506 Nutrition Bonus - Potassium & Vitamin C (17% daily value).

Brine the pork chops (Step 1) for up to 4 hours. Refrigerate the peach barbecue sauce (Step 3) for up to 5 days.

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By George Valverde –

Director, California Department of Motor Vehicles

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Q: If traffic in the lane next to the carpool lane is stopped, is it illegal to stop in order to merge out of the carpool lane and into the next lane to reach my exit?

A:Yes, it is illegal. You cannot stop in a lane where traffic is moving to merge into the lane next to it, even if traffic is stopped. Allow yourself plenty of time to safely merge. If merging into the carpool lane, make sure you have enough room to safely accelerate without causing a hazard to motorists already there and traveling at a higher speed. When leaving the carpool lane, it may be necessary to exit earlier than you would like if it allows a safer lane change, even though you are still not at your exit. For more tips on driving safety, read the Important Driving Tips section in the California Driver Handbook available in several languages at: http://www.DMV. ca.gov/pubs/pubs.htm

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Q: There have been several vehicles vandalized in my area that were parked outside overnight. I leave my documentation in my glove compartment and my friend suggested that I black out the names and addresses on my vehicle registration and insurance ID cards. That way, if the garage door opener is stolen, the address would not be accessible for a future home break-in. Is this legal?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot alter the DMV documents. If they are altered in any way, they will not be considered as valid documentation. If you are worried about your information being stolen, you can keep your documents in a different location, less accessible to a thief. Keeping them in a hidden space in your car or keeping them with you at all times are a few suggestions.

For more information on DMV documentation, please visit www.DMV.ca.gov.

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With Americans Traveling More this Summer, Tips for Safe Travel

(ARA) - An enduring love of road trips and stable gas prices are combining to increase the miles Americans expect to log during this summer's travel season.

The longer trips defy early season predictions of fewer and shorter road vacations.

Gas prices rose toward \$4 a gallon during the winter and early spring of 2012. Travel industry observers expected the traditional summer price spike would scare consumers away from long driving tips.

But the gas price spike didn't materialize, and it appears that Americans aren't too worried about what happens in July and August. Only 17 percent are holding off on travel plans, waiting to see whether gas prices come down. The rest have made their plans and they're hitting the road.

Americans plan to drive an average of 212 miles farther in 2012 than they did in 2011 according to the Hankook Summer Gauge Index, which surveyed 1,012 randomly selected Americans. The mean distance of the miles survey respondents are planning to travel jumped from 725 miles in 2011 to 937 miles this year.

Tips for breakdown-safe travel

With more people on the road driving further, vehicle maintenance is even more important for preventing breakdowns. Summer heat is hard on engines and tires. A few simple precautions can help reduce the chances of getting stranded on a back road, in a parking lot or, worse, on the highway:

* Check fluid levels. Make sure the check includes topping off antifreeze, window washer, brake and transmission fluids.

* Check brakes and brake pads, especially if you can't remember how long since they were last checked.

* Park your car in the shade when possible, and keep a pressure gauge handy to check tire pressure often. Heat is your tires' enemy. Air in your vehicle's tires expands as temperatures rise - In fact for every 10-degree increase in ambient air temperature, your tire's inflation pressure can go up by about 1 pound per square inch.

* Check your trunk to make sure you have the tools you need to change a flat: a spare tire, a lug wrench and a jack.

* Check the tread depth on your tires at least once a month to avoid hydroplaning on wet roads. If you're in search of an excellent tire for summer and year-round traction, look at Hankook's Optimo H426 luxury performance touring all-season tire. The Optimo H426 is designed with an advanced silica tread compound which offers improved tread wear and lower rolling resistance for better fuel economy.

On the road, what now?

In addition to asking how far

Americans will drive this summer, the index also asked drivers what they like to do while they're logging miles, and with whom.

Traveling with a spouse or partner was by far the most popular choice for a road trip at 48 percent. Younger Americans are more likely to travel in packs; 22 percent of drivers 35 and under are road tripping with groups of friends this summer.

The lone-wolf appeal of a solo trip is pretty limited. Only 7.3 percent are traveling alone this summer.

Playing music was the runaway favorite pastime, with 60 percent of drivers saying they need their tunes. Men favor music more than women women are more likely to turn off the radio and talk to other passengers to pass the time.

While talking with other passengers came in at 23 percent, singing and playing games were way down the list at 4 and 3 percent respectively.







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Real Estate

Five Reasons Why Buying a Home is Still a Good Idea

(ARA) - A still murky economy and uncertain real estate market may have you wondering if buying a home is a good idea. Whether you're thinking about buying, or already have and just need some affirmation, you may find it comforting to know there are still plenty of good reasons for financially stable people to buy a house. Here are a few:

* Homeownership can help make good credit even better. If your credit is in poor shape, you'll want to monitor it before seeking a mortgage. But if you have good credit, live within your means, and consistently make good financial decisions, a mortgage can be the kind of "good debt" that helps your overall financial health. Making regular payments on a mortgage shows potential lenders that you're a less risky candidate for a home loan. Before you begin home shopping, it's a good idea to check your credit. Enrolling in a product like freecreditscore.com can help you better understand and leverage your credit.

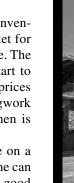
* A mortgage can function like an automatic savings plan. By now, you've read the news reports about how little we Americans save these days. Well, every year you pay on your fixed-rate mortgage, is a year of building equity, and equity is like money in the bank. When it's time to sell - whether you've stayed in your home seven years or the full 30 year term be able to sell your house for more than you owe.

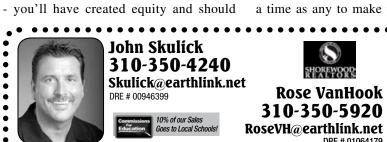
* Homeownership comes with plenty of financial perks, including an income tax credit for property taxes you pay on your home. For detailed information on tax breaks check out IRS.gov. Buying a home also affords you the opportunity to halt your housing costs. Rent will always go up from year to year, but if you have a fixed-rate mortgage (avoid adjustable rates) your biggest annual expense - housing costs - will be locked-in.

* Mortgage interest is a good deal when stacked up against other types of interest that don't do much for you - such as high credit card interest rates or low rates on savings accounts and CDs. Mortgage rates are low right now, meaning you can pay less over the life of a loan than at practically any other time in recent history. Plus, it's the only kind of interest that you can deduct from your taxes.

* Prices are still relatively low and inventory is high. It's been a buyer's market for a long time, but that's going to change. The question is: when will the market start to improve in your area, taking home prices with it? You'll have to do some legwork and astute research to determine when is the best time for you to buy.

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office park that never materialized, the new project requires approval for parking and zoning changes (prior uses did not cover medical and dental, or a government facility), mitigations for impacts similar to those identified for the initial development, and a site plan review to ensure the development coincides with Smoky Hollow's standards.

The 10-year development agreement with a five-year renewal option includes a \$450,000 payout to the City over two installments to make up for the loss of business license and utility user tax revenues it might have otherwise received (since the USDA is a government entity). Of the total, up to \$50,000 can be reimbursed to the applicant for meeting certain construction deadlines. The project will also be LEED-compliant and the developer will cover street improvements along Franklin and Kansas-including laying conduit for future fiber optic installation seen as vital for Smoky Hollow.

Also on Tuesday, the Council received the latest updates on lingering parking issues on Washington Street and Maple Avenue as well as along Holly Avenue at Washington and Kansas that have been the subject of resident complaints for quite some time. Police Chief Mitch Tavera confirmed that a significant number of Sepulveda employees park their cars in these nearby neighborhoods (over 70 percent of vehicles identified between 6 and 9 a.m. did not belong to residents), leaving fewer spots for those who actually live in the area. Efforts to resolve the matter with the businesses at 909 and 999 Sepulveda proved wholly unsuccessful, leaving Tavera and staff to recommend implementing permit parking on a trial basis on the west side of Washington Street (in the area most affected between Maple and Walnut). The Chief also recommended removing a barrier currently at Walnut and Washington to see if that eases traffic diverting onto other streets like Sycamore and Maple.

For Holly Avenue, Tavera suggested removing barricades that had been put in place when International Rectifier and other businesses were still in the general area. With more of an influx of residential dwellings there today, the barricade may no longer be needed. Roughly two-thirds of the residents who responded to a survey on the matter were in favor of the move to open up traffic flow. Both items will be agendized for an upcoming Council meeting for further review and approval.

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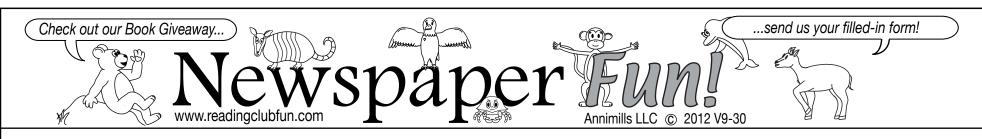
and implementation on October 6) to amend the City's CalPERS agreement in which fire employees will pay a greater share of their retirement benefits--three percent of the employers' portion with the amount to be reported pre-tax. Additionally, new police department hires will go under a second-tier retirement formula of three percent at 55 to reduce the City's future pension cost liability.

During reports, Councilmember Marie Fellhauer asked her colleagues about putting away a percentage of sidewalk repair monies to cover future installation of new sidewalks where none exist now. The impetus for the request came after a resident on Pine Avenue between Virginia and Concord inquired why no sidewalk had been installed there. Mayor Carl Jacobson suggested taking up the matter at next week's strategic planning session, but worried that the City won't have enough funds to cover repairs that are liability issues. According to Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas, the City spends about \$100,000 per year on sidewalk repair, withy a delayed \$300,000 project on the south side of Richmond Street an example of just one of the projects that still need to be addressed. "It'll [installing new sidewalks] never happen if we stay in the mode of just repairing sidewalks," Katsouleas said, noting that the repair list continually changes and grows.

While admitting there will be no funds available anytime soon, City Manager Greg Carpenter suggested staff could create a map of any areas in town missing sidewalks and create a policy to handle resident requests as well as ways to divert future budget dollars from repair to new sidewalks. According to Katsouleas, sidewalk installation costs about \$10 to \$12 per square foot.

During public communications, Chevron's Rod Spackman updated the Council on the incident at the refinery's Richmond, California facility on Monday night when what started as a small leak in a crude unit eventually ignited and caused a fire with noxious fumes that prompted area residents to take shelter indoors. No one was injured at the facility, Spackman reported. He went on to stay that a thorough investigation into what caused the leak had begun as of Tuesday with an exhaustive effort that could take several weeks. Responding to Council questions about the El Segundo refinery, Spackman said pipes are continually tested and personnel do major turnarounds every four to six years to change out aging equipment. The Richmond





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6. often _____ and foggy – umbrellas and raincoats are popular

7. Labrador Retrievers are "top dogs"; plush-haired British Shorthairs are the "top cats"

8. most students wear _____; they get a certificate when they finish "High School" graduation ceremonies are saved for the end of college classes

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10. people get around using the subway (the tube), high-speed passenger trains, red double-decker _____ or taxis painted black

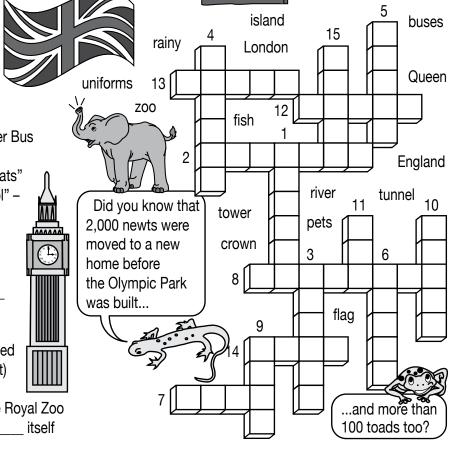
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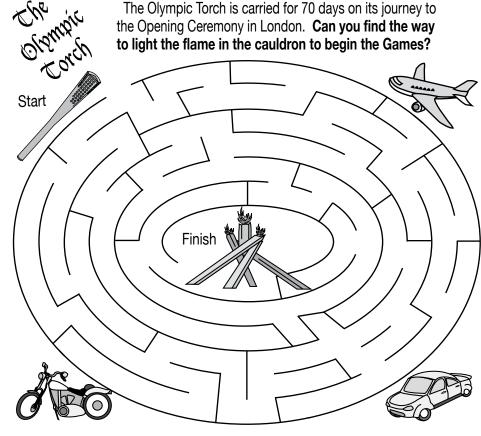
12. London's Big Ben is a _____ with the largest ringing bell in the world inside and a large clock on its front

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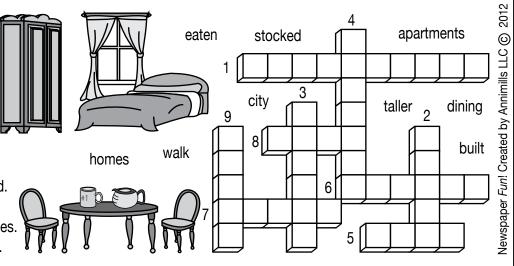
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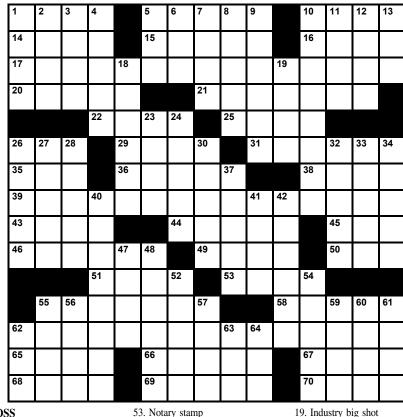
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1. Besides

5. Sludge-like

10. Glitch

14. Continue

15. Tic or synthesis starters 16. Corn bread

17. Executive's preferred exit

20. Ribbon holder

21. It's used to make chemicals and dyes

22. Palm tree

25. Brand

26. Global finance grp. 29. Small islands

31. Legal claims

35. Content of some barrels 36. Asinine

38. Bright thought

39. Rely on management

43. Bit of physics

44. Red cedar 45. Burro

46. Bubba Gump's forte

49. Enterprise captain

50. ESPN sportscaster 51. Portuguese navigator 67. This is one 68. Bitter end? 69. Shell out cash for

70. Classic street liners

55. Small generator

66. Alicia Keys hit

65. Fall setting

58. Worker's demand

62. Give too much compensation

1. Baker's dozen? 2. Historical center of Chicago,

with The

3. Chewbacca's buddy

4. Finish at 5. Fashion's Taylor

6. Notebook, with top

7. Seize

8. Lots of land 9. Advanced

10. Football, in shape

11. It may be proper

13. "How about that!"

18. Draw out

12. Some chips, maybe

30. Kind of preview 32. Archetype 33. Brusque

28. A soft mineral

19. Industry big shot

23. Huff and puff

24. Maids of India

26. Specks

27. Jollity

34. Flip, in a way

37. "The King"

40. Little bits 41. Cork's place

42. Turkey city 47. Coquette

48. Poetic syllable arrangements

52. Sharpener

54. Charging weapon

55. Earned 56. Some votes

57. Cousin of a bassoon

59. "___ cost you!" 60. Where Jamal Malik grew up

61. Regards

62. Signature piece?

63. Bed-and-breakfast 64. Guitarist Nugent

Last Week's Answers

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TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chambers 350 Main Street El Segundo, California

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NARDUCCI CPA & CO. 18436 HAWTHORNE BLVD. #209, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is being conducted by a Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Judy L. Narducci, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 01, 2012.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012137578

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CALIFORNIA CLOTHESLINE, 582 29[™] STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed 5/8/07. Signed: Cathy Cowan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 92 2012

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012156590

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PERSONALIZED INTERIORS. 214 MAIN ST #499, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Veronica Liguori, President. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 03, 2012.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012151050

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HILL & PIIBE, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS. 523 WEST SIXTH STREET, SUITE 737, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Alary E. Piibe, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 27, 2012.

27, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 27, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 27, 2017. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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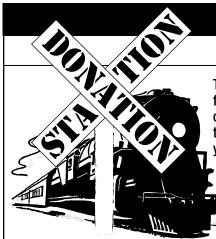
Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012155600

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOLLYWOOD AGENT FINDER. 3713 SOUTH BARBARA STREET, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed N/A. Signed: Susan E. Baric, Owner/Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 02, 2012.

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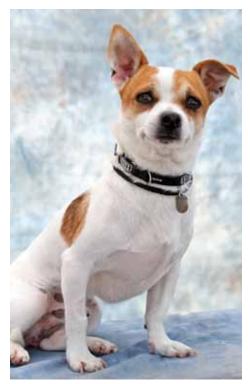
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Pets Without Partners



Rocco

As our volunteers take a small break from their dedicated scheduled, there will not be adoption events on August 11 or 18. However if you are interested in Rocco, Noble or the other wonderful pups on our website, please email us with your questions or application

Noble

of interest. When you adopt a "pet without a partner," you give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

Rocco was found down at the Port of LA where all the truck drivers pick up cargo from the ships. We believe he was a trucker's dog who either got lost out of the truck or was dumped. His nails were so long, they were curling under. When he was put on the grass, you would have thought he was walking across hot coals--he had never been on grass...How sad. Rocco is an angel. He is so loving and sweet, is fine with all other dogs and does not make a sound. Rocco would make a great apartment or townhome dog as he is very quiet. He is around one to two years old and weighs 10 pounds fully grown. Rocco is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and would be best children over 10 for safety reasons.

Noble is a sweet Shih Tzu/Lhasa mix who was abandoned in an empty house when the family moved. Noble is a great little guy. As you can see in his photo, he loves to fetch his tennis balls. He has a good eye and will catch them in the air or midflight. Noble is great on leash and loves car rides. This precious boy is ready to be somebody's constant companion. He is around three to four years old and is full grown at 19.5 pounds. Noble has a very go-with-the-flow personality, is

great with other dogs, loves to play and is sweet, kind and gentle with humans. Noble is neutered, current on all vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped and good with kids.

To learn more about these and other wonderful dogs, visit our website at www.animalsrule.org. If a dog is on our website, it's available. Or come to our Saturday adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 305 North Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro (just off the 110 near the cruise port). We are always in need of donations for veterinarian bills and our senior dogs. Donations can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to: Animals Rule Placement Foundation at 305 North Harbor Blvd., San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •

Purrrfect Companions

This darling duo of twin Tabby kittens are sisters Scout and Harper Lee. These charismatic, bouncy, hazel-eyed fluff balls are looking to offer some lucky humans a lifetime of unconditional love.

Harper Lee is not much of a talker, but she's a real purr-fiend. She likes to sit quietly next to you or crawl into your lap for naps. Harper Lee also will follow you around to check out what you are doing and would be happy to bounce into bed with you at night. She is the more outgoing of the twins and enjoys being held and cuddled.

Scout is the secret snuggler of the pair, sneaking up to snuggle when you least expect it. She will cuddle up to your legs and even start to knead and suckle on the blankets. This is when her purr becomes evident as well as her love for people. Most of the time, Scout loves to climb and explore everything around her. Her fur is insanely soft, feeling more like silk than fur, and she loves to be stroked for hours on end. Scout will come running to beg for treats with little meows of excitement. She also will chatter to you while you are getting food ready.

If your home has a tall cat tree, Harper and Scout will love it—as they are avid climbers and like to watch the world go by from the top in between catching some Z's. When it comes to nap time, these two girls always choose each other as snuggle buddies over the other cats in their foster home. They both



Scout

need a feline companion, so please consider the two girls together if your home doesn't already have a kitty friend. Both are dogfriendly to well-behaved dogs. Their foster home has three dogs and these girls are fearless and will parade right up to sniff them.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website at www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Manchester Avenue, and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •

"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this." ~ Anonymous

"The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals" ~ Anonymous

Happy Tails



Cooper Reaches Another Milestone

Cooper was rescued from the Downey shelter in December of 2010. He was trembling in the corner of his kennel, trying to disappear. Frightened and scared, he would not come to the front for a pet. He had no self-esteem. He was shut down, awaiting his fate. But there was something special about him, so we took him anyway. Then he was adopted by Judy! What a difference it makes when you take time out of your life and put it into your dog. Anything is possible. Cooper's life has since done a 180...

"Well, well, well--our Cooper is now a Therapy Dog, with Therapy Dogs International! He got his Canine Good Citizen certificate in April as well. The TDI evaluators heard our story and were very complimentary of the job you did in picking him from the shelter. His temperament is so good--they were very excited to have him in the fold. Also, the official evaluators said over and over again that he should be in competitions because his performance was so good--with sits, stays, comes, returns, etc. Thanks again for what you've given me. I always think of you first when we reach another milestone. The AKC has officially renamed him "Cooper of Middlebrook" when I register him for upcoming competitions. It sounds very uppity, don't you think?

I took him to his first match in June--it was a practice match in Downey. He medaled,

taking third place in Rally Novice. What a dog! I think he was the only mixed breed there out of about 300 dogs. (Cooper was DNA tested and he is Husky and Poodle.) As we walked by a woman, I heard her say to her friend about Cooper, "Oh, I've never seen one of those before." I didn't comment, but I was thinking, "Honey, there is only one of these." Or, "This is a very rare breed and unavailable to the average person." Thanks for sharing my pride in him. Warm regards." – Judy.

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. •

Community Briefs

Kiwanis Recognizes Good Citizens

On Tuesday, May 29, at 10:29 a.m., the Sutloviches were sitting in the living room of their home when they observed three male subjects walking in their neighborhood. Although the subjects were on the same side of the street, they were walking separately and all appeared to be peering into the side and back yards of nearby houses. Based on their suspicious behavior, the Sutloviches notified police and continued to monitor their movements as

they walked down the street. To ensure they did not lose sight of the subjects, Tammy and Matthew got into their personal vehicle and followed the subjects until police arrived on scene. Their assistance resulted in the arrest



of three confirmed Los Angeles area gang members for suspicion of residential burglary. Seen here is El Segundo Police Chief Mitch Tavera with Good Citizens Tammy and Matthew Sutlovich and El Segundo Kiwanis Club President Chris Ketz.

West Basin/NRG Recycled Water Pipeline Project

West Basin is building a pipeline that will provide recycled water to NRG Energy for industrial use at its campus. The District is installing a 10-inch diameter pipeline that will convey an average of 470,000 gallons per day of single pass reverse osmosis (RO) recycled water to the campus. The project is expected to be complete in November 2012. While every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience of construction for those who live and work along the project alignment, it is expected that noise, construction traffic and other construction-related

activities will temporarily impact some of the businesses and residents in El Segundo. Construction work hours and days will be limited to working hours set according to the regulatory permitting agencies and cities of El Segundo and Los Angeles. Affected residents and businesses in the area will be notified through construction notices and signage of any construction impacts in advance. Signs will be placed when traffic detours are necessary. For questions or comments please call the construction information hotline at 310-318-8104 or trisham@aol.com •

Sports Shorts

El Segundo Represents SoCal in Babe Ruth 13's Regional Tournament



El Segundo Babe Ruth 13's have been representing Southern California at the Babe Ruth Regional tournament in true baseball fashion. In spite of the daily sweltering heat, the boys have played a game a day since Tues. July 31. El Segundo have beaten the host Surprise, Arizona 6-0, Nevada (Sparks) 10-0, gave up its first hit while beating Hawaii K-Krew 7-1, and beat Central California (Central Coast) 7-3. On Saturday, Aug. 4th El Segundo will play the winner of Central Coast and Northern California (Tri Valley) in the championship game. The champions will earn a stake to compete in the Babe Ruth World Series Aug. 15-22 hosted in Poulsbo, Washington just across the water from Seattle. By line and pictures by Kristi Zeman.

"I still can't believe I won the Olympics. That's what I feel right now - completely alive as a human being. It's a really beautiful moment. " - Clara Hughes

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his team achieved. "It was a total team effort that took all 15 players to accomplish. They've worked their tails off and this is the payoff," Haaker said.

El Segundo had a gaudy team batting average of .453 during the Pacific Southwest Regional, led by Underwood who hit .727, Martinez who hit .706, Nootbaar who hit .526 and Abramson's .417. Underwood was named MVP while Mostert was awarded the Sportsmanship Award. Martinez and Lewis were also named to the All-Tournament team.

The All-Stars are headed to Van Buren, Arkansas on August 16 for the World Series. They open up by playing Ohio Valley Regional champion Southeast, Kentucky on August 18 at noon.

Babe Ruth 13s Fall Short at Regional

The El Segundo 13-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars defeated Surprise (Arizona), Sparks (Nevada), K'-Krew (Hawaii) and Central Coast (Central California) to reach the championship game against Tri-Valley (Northern California) of the Pacific Southwest Regional. With a berth to the Babe Ruth World Series on the line, El Segundo needed one win to clinch its first trip to the World Series. Playing a brutal schedule that included four games in four days in over 100-degree weather, El Segundo's pitching went south and Tri-Valley took advantage by scoring a mercy rule game win.

El Segundo's loss meant a true championship game with the winner advancing to the World Series. It took an early 9-4 lead, but the pitching depth just wasn't there and El Segundo's run to the World Series was cut short with an 18-13 loss.

It was an incredible run at history for the 13-year-olds. Jake Palmer, Wyatt Boyce, Chris Gomez, Jackson Stone, Jason Kehl and Kobe Estrada were the catalysts for a great run throughout the summer. Gomez, Boyce and Estrada were named to the All-Regional team. •



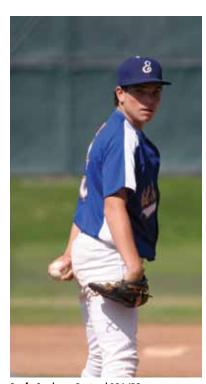
And the celebration begins.

Photos by Gregg McMullin.



Noah Bergren slides in safely against Arizona.

Lars Nootbaar hit .526 during the regionals.



Pacific Southwest Regional 184.JPG
Joey Garza came in relief against Torrance.



Willem Mostert looked sharp against Torrance and was awarded the Sportsmanship Award.