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A Family Connection that's Golden



"All in the Family..." Clockwise from L-R, The Jewelry Store mascot Gemma, owner Brenda Newman, co-founder Roanne Mahony and sales associate Florence Millett-Sikking de Valladares. Photo by Brian Simon.

Council Gets Earful From Union Members on Retirement Contribution Hike

By Brian Simon

A consent agenda item approving a two percentage point increase in the amount members of the Supervisory and Professional Employees Association (SPEA) bargaining unit pay into their secondary retirement program (Public Agency Retirement System, or PARS) prompted strong comments of protest during Tuesday night's El Segundo City Council meeting. City Recreation Supervisor and SPEA President Jesse Bobbett said he was "disappointed and shocked at the timing" of the increase, stating that it "further erodes the fragile morale" of the employees who have already taken prior pay cuts and that the "rush decision" will hinder future labor negotiations. He and several other members of the union questioned the validity of the financial numbers, maintained that they did not receive responses to requested information, and asked the Council to pull the item to allow City staff to work out a sustainable solution.

Calling the increase a "travesty," Teamsters Local 911 business agent Jorge Sanchez noted the presence of "75 years of supervisory experience" sitting in the third row and stated that if the Council were to pass the item that "these folks behind me would simply decide to work somewhere else." Sanchez said he also heard that City Manager Greg Carpenter purportedly mentioned that if the employees don't like the situation, they can find other employment somewhere else. Carpenter later denied the allegation. "I don't run around City Hall... making statements that people should work somewhere else," he said. Earlier, Councilmember Marie Fellhauer commented that she herself would make the statement. "If you're not happy, then go elsewhere," she said. "That

being said, I want you here... But I don't believe in acrimonious relationships between unions and agencies... I'm okay with talking about it, but I don't like threats of, 'We're gonna leave...'"

The SPEA and the City entered into an agreement in 2008 to add PARS as a supplement to the existing CalPERS program. At the time, the employees shared the cost of the plan, paying one percent of their total annual pay with the City kicking in two percent. For the 2012 labor negotiations, the SPEA agreed that its employees would pay 100 percent of their contribution going forward (5.2 percent of annual pay at that point) and be responsible for any future

increases. Additionally the plan had closed and was no longer available to new members. Then two months ago, staff received a new actuarial valuation for the plan that showed an increase in the City's projected costs over a 20-year period—hence spurring the need for an added payroll deduction for the SPEA employees to now pay 7.2 percent. City Attorney Mark Hensley added that staff had already implemented the increase in the current payroll since it was part of the 2012 agreement with the union—and that terminating the current plan would be complicated since already retired individuals are benefiting from it. Furthermore, delaying

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Mostly Sunny
74°/52°



Saturday

Partly Sunny
77°/51°



Sunday

Sunny
75°/51°



Family Comes Full Circle at The Jewelry Source

By Brian Simon

Seven-year-old Ada Belen Valladares Millett-Sikking may be the newest kid in class at Richmond Street Elementary School after moving to town last month all the way from Spain—and she certainly has the longest name—but her El Segundo roots run as deep as just about anyone else there. No doubt, very few of her classmates can boast that their great-grandmother also went to Richmond Street School. Ada Belen's great-grandmother is none other than The Jewelry Source co-founder Roanne Mahony, who grew up in El Segundo after her father Roland Blakeman opened the legendary RB Drug in the downtown area back in 1938. The business thrived for decades before

closing in the '90s. Roanne went on to launch The Jewelry Source with partner Brenda Newman in 1984. Though now technically "retired," Roanne continues to come to the shop daily—still providing her signature custom jewelry designs and providing much-welcome input and advice. As a huge added bonus, she now gets to offer some of that input to the store's newest employee—Ada Belen's mom (and Roanne's granddaughter) Florence Millett-Sikking de Valladares, who came aboard last month as a sales associate.

"Roanne and I started the business 30 years ago and now her granddaughter has come to work here," said The Jewelry Store owner Brenda Newman. "When you See The Jewelry Source, page 6

Obituaries

Floyd Carr, Jr.

Floyd Carr, Jr. died of natural causes in his sleep on January 17, 2014 in his bed in El Segundo.

Born December 10, 1921 on the kitchen table in his home on Sheldon Street, Floyd spent his entire life in El Segundo, graduating from El Segundo High School in 1939 among sixty-two other graduating seniors.

Floyd served his country in the United States Navy as an Electronic Technicians Mate and served aboard escort aircraft carrier Copahoe before graduating from Loyola University in 1950 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and graduating from Pepperdine University with an M.B.A.

A beloved member of the El Segundo community, throughout his life Floyd spent



his time spent as President of the El Segundo National Little League for three terms, President of El Segundo Babe Ruth League for two terms, District Director of Babe Ruth Baseball for Southern California and was named Mr. Baseball and Grand Marshall of the Annual Baseball Parade. Floyd was President of the El Segundo Sister City

Association for two terms and was a member for twelve years, visiting the city and helping to foster it's growth.

Floyd's jubilant attitude was a bright spot on his life, always willing to give a hug or a kiss. Floyd lit up any room he entered, always the life of the party and the man of the hour. There was always a line to talk to Floyd at any gathering, be it church, Mayor's Good

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time on the El Segundo City Council and was Mayor from 1969-1970. He was Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission, Member of the L.A. County Beaches Advisory Committee, Chairman of the South Bay Regional Planning Commission, Member of the South Bay Intercity Highway Committee and Vice Chairman of the El Segundo Fire Life Safety Committee.

A sixty-year member of the El Segundo Rotary Club, Floyd spent time promoting the message of the club and was President for two terms and took the club's motto "Service Above Self" to heart as he worked to better El Segundo.

A member of the El Segundo Education Foundation, Friends of the Church and United Methodist Church, Floyd received a PTA Honorary Service Award, the El Segundo Chamber's "Man of the Year" Award in 1970 and the El Segundo Rotary and El Segundo Chamber's "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1995 as well as being named El Segundo "Senior Citizen of the Year" in 2006 and was inducted into the El Segundo High School Hall of Fame in 2007.

Floyd's love of baseball was evident in

Friday Breakfast or Rotary Club Meetings.

Towards the end of his life, Floyd was very happy watching as the Dodgers nearly won the National League Championship, riding in the El Segundo Christmas Parade celebrating one hundred years of the Carr Family in El Segundo, and spending time with his wife Helen and family on holidays or just dinner for two.

A beaming light on the history of the City of El Segundo, Floyd will be missed by many and remembered by all.

Floyd is survived by his loving wife, Helen Carr, son William and Glafy Carr, daughter Laura and Daniel Layne, grandchildren Jessica and Brianne Layne (Utah.) Kayla and Tyler Leisher, Adam Layne, Glaffy Carr, their loving adopted family the Estrada's, and his many, many friends.

The Celebration of Floyd Carr, Jr.'s life will be held Friday, January 24, at the El Segundo United Methodist Church located at 540 Main Street at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the El Segundo United Methodist Church or the Rotary Foundation.

In the wonderful words of the dearly departed, "Have a good lifetime." •

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Council Chambers. For more information call (310) 524-2306.

ONGOING

- City of El Segundo's Free Tax Preparation

Assistance Program for low income and senior citizen tax payers. Appointments available Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 339 Sheldon Street, from February 4- April 8. For more information or to schedule your appointment, call the Joslyn Center at (310) 524-2705.

- Farmer's Market, Thursdays 3-7 p.m., Main St. between Holly and Pine Avenues. For more information call Val at (310) 615-2649. •

Letters

Ballot Measure A

Can residents of El Segundo, who enjoy some of the best services any city provides, possible vote against Measure A?

We live in one of the safest, well maintained little cities on the West Coast. Our parks provide thousands of youth programs that provide healthy, character-building activities. Our library has the best staff, who create wonderful educational and cultural programs year-round. One staff member actually came to my house and brought me books to read when I was confined after surgery. People couldn't believe it when I told them how caring our library personnel are.

Our police are a constant presence in our

neighborhoods. Our dedicated fire staff come to our aid within minutes.... I know, I've needed their help on two occasions.

We drive on streets that are well maintained. Have you driven the streets in other cities, say Santa Monica, West L.A., and mid-city L.A.? Scary...narrow and pot holes aplenty.

The word "tax" is a turnoff, and we tend to dismiss any new tax proposals as not necessary, and can be put off until later. There is no more later! Now is the time to think seriously about how you and your family will be negatively impacted if Measure A does not pass. I am a senior living on a limited income. I am voting YES on Measure A... so can you.

— Shelley Tucker

City Council

from front page

the decision would mean employees would have to make larger contributions in future paychecks to catch up.

"It's [PARS] a bad plan because you can't fill it in with new employees," admitted Mayor Bill Fisher. "[But] we can't just come out and say we're gonna cover that for you—not in the state we're in today..." Later, Bobbett agreed it was a "bad deal for both sides" and that only 10 people will be able to use the plan out of 40 employees. "Our morale's gone—we've taken so many cuts, it's very hard," he said, adding that attempts to discuss an opt-out of the program several months back were "blown off" by the City.

In approving the item, Fellhauer asked to add a provision to meet with the union to look at ways to improve the situation for all parties concerned. While stating that she values these employees and understands the plight of those who won't be able to fully benefit from the program (due to being promoted, moving out of the department, retiring or working elsewhere), she issued a reminder that it's not all the City's fault. "This was your union that ratified it in 2012," she said.

Also on Tuesday, the Council approved a grant agreement with Chevron that will provide \$200,000 of funding towards economic and business development. Chevron's Lily Craig and Rod Spackman had approached the City several months back about applying for the grant. The monies will cover the period from now through the end of the 2014/15 fiscal year. Spackman noted that the funds will be key in the goal "to start to build a more

robust set of business opportunities."

The Council additionally adopted a resolution supporting the California Office of Business and Economic Development's mission to increase the competitiveness of the state's business climate. The action came on the heels of a revelation from two local businesses that they received letters from an organization in Commerce, Texas aggressively pushing for them to relocate to that state. "They're actively coming after us," Mayor Fisher said of the attempts to poach businesses and the need for Sacramento to step up to counteract the effort.

During presentations, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marsha Hansen announced the winners from the 2013 Holiday Parade. Best Use of Theme went to El Segundo United Methodist Church. Eagles Nest Preschool captured Best Holiday Spirit-Children honors, while 1-800 Got Junk/You Move Me did the same for the adult side of that category. Legacy Dance Academy earned Best Performers-Children, with Broadway in the Park the adult winners. For Best Musical Band, William Green RAP Eagles Marching Band won for elementary schools, Will Rogers Middle School Band for middle schools and El Segundo High School Band and Color Guard for high schools. Legacy Dance Academy also received the Grand Marshal's Award.

The Council also issued proclamations to the individuals who are part of the AARP Volunteer Tax Program that provides free

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Business Briefs

The Jewelry Source January Special



The Interactive Interface Kiosk at Jewelry Source.

Register this month using The Jewelry Source's new Customer Interactive Interface Kiosk and you'll be entered in a drawing to win a gorgeous "Rhythm of Love" diamond necklace valued at \$1,000. This stunning piece features a patent-pending finding that allows the center diamond to remain in constant motion—a unique feature of the brand. The Jewelry Source will also feature a new drawing every month, so be sure to come in and register as often as you like! The Jewelry Source is located at 337 Main St., El Segundo. **Central Terminal Area Of Lax To Get Much Needed Facelift**

Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners awarded a \$118 million contract for the construction of LAX's Central Terminal Area (CTA) Curbside Appeal Project to Myers & Sons Construction and J. Banicki Construction Inc., a joint venture.

The Curbside Appeal Project will provide a new, dramatically upgraded look for LAX with the installation of modern LED street lighting, wayfinding components and new canopies for Terminals 3 and 4. The project will also include traffic safety and roadway improvement measures including a second level (departures level) retrofit and traffic improvements to World Way South and Center Way.

These visual enhancements are currently on display at the Tom Bradley International Terminal, with the remaining CTA set to begin its transformation in Spring 2014. This much needed facelift to the city's gateway to the world will include aesthetic improvements to the terminal area including: the installation of custom-made art deco LED light poles similar to the lighting provided by the LAX's signature pylons; sleek, metallic silver canopies in front of Terminals 3 and 4 evoking the golden age of aviation; and a programmable LED light band running the length of the CTA and covering a portion of the outside upper roadway, which can play programed video graphics and display light shows, offering a world-class welcome to travelers and visitors alike.

For traffic functionality and safety enhancement, the Curbside Appeal Project will also involve retrofitting the second level roadway by removing and replacing expansion joint seals, repairing hinges, replacing the barrier rail, traffic signal work, deck drainage improvements and roadway striping, bearing pad replacements and traffic control signage. The World Way

South/Center Way Traffic Improvements will create an additional lane from the World Way South transition to southbound Sepulveda Blvd., along with traffic signal upgrades and other related traffic flow defining measures throughout the entire CTA.

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2014 and complete in 2015. Passengers should expect impacts due to the roadway construction and terminal re-facing. To mitigate the effects of this transition, LAX will be holding construction in phases. Traffic alerts will be posted regularly on LAX social media and on LAX's real time traffic map, <http://www.lawa.org/laxtrafficmaps.aspx>

This comprehensive enhancement is part of the on-going multi-billion dollar LAX Development Program, which is funded by operating revenues, capital improvement program funds, fees from airlines, passenger facilities charges and airport revenue bond proceeds. No money from the Los Angeles City General Fund will be used for the project.

Public Hearing on Autonomous Vehicles

Sacramento – On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will hold a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment on proposed autonomous vehicles testing regulations at DMV's headquarters in Sacramento. The hearing, which will be webcast, begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Department of Motor Vehicles Headquarters, located at 2415 First Avenue, Sacramento. The proposed regulations governing the testing of self-driving and autonomous vehicles on California's public roadways were published in the Office of Administrative Law's California Regulatory Notice Register on November 29, 2013. The publishing marked the start of a 45-day public comment period, which ends on January 13, 2014. Public comment and ideas on the development of these vehicle testing regulations can also be presented during the scheduled hearing. A full text of the draft testing regulations is available at <http://oal.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/notice/48z-2013.pdf>, starting on page 1867. After the public hearing, DMV will deliver final testing regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for approval. Those regulations are anticipated to become final in the spring of 2014 and will then go into effect 120 days after approval. For the past year, the California Department of Motor Vehicles has been developing testing regulations as mandated by Senate Bill 1298 (Vehicle Code Section 38750). The regulations include requirements for testing vehicles, insurance, reporting and registration. In addition to the just-released testing regulations, the DMV is working on regulations that will cover the public operation of self-driving cars on California's roadways. Those regulations will be completed by January 1, 2015. For more information on the Autonomous Vehicle Regulations, public comment and webcast, visit: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vr/autonomous/auto.htm>.

This Week in 1864

JANUARY 23

President Lincoln announced a plan to permit plantation owners to hire back former slaves.

JANUARY 24

New York Times printed General U.S. Grant's order concerning Confederate deserters.

JANUARY 25

House of Representatives refused to seat two members from Virginia and Louisiana.

JANUARY 26

President Lincoln approved new trade regulations for states in rebellion.

JANUARY 27

Two men petitioned Congress to be paid for

recruiting first regiment of black volunteers in District of Columbia.

JANUARY 28

Union steamship Western Metropolis captured British blockade runner Rosita near Key West, FL.

JANUARY 29

Congress received petition that black and white soldiers get equal pay.

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

Police Reports

Friday, January 10

One female adult was arrested at 0114 hours from the 100 block of Main Street for plain drunk in public.

Found property report was taken at 0740 hours from Grand Avenue and Kansas Street. An LG cellular telephone was found on the sidewalk.

Grand theft auto occurred between 01/09/14 and 01/10/14 in the 300 block of Whiting Street. A 2005 Toyota Tacoma was taken.

One female adult was arrested at 2114 hours from Main Street and Sycamore Avenue for possession of nitrous oxide.

One female adult was arrested at 2321 hours from Imperial Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 0.08% or above.

One male adult was arrested at 0051 hours from Franklin Avenue and Main Street for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC 0.08% or above.

Thursday, January 9

Identity theft report was taken at 1039 hours from the 1500 block of Elm Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information to open a credit card account.

One female adult was arrested at 1245 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for burglary, grand theft and forgery.

Traffic accident occurred at 1213 hours at the intersection of Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Grand theft report was taken at 1425 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Golf clubs were stolen from a vehicle.

Identity theft report was taken at 1557 hours from the 200 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information to open a T-mobile account.

Dead body report was taken at 1718 hours from the 500 block of West Walnut Avenue. One male adult passed away from natural causes.

Traffic accident occurred at 1853 hours at the intersection of Douglas Street and Imperial Highway, vehicle versus pedestrian.

Saturday, January 11

One female adult was arrested at 0129 hours from the Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway for one LAPD misdemeanor warrant.

Found property report was taken at 1120 hours from the 600 block of Main Street. A black wallet was found.

One male adult was arrested at 2020 hours from Imperial Avenue and Sheldon Street for misappropriation of lost property and minor in possession of alcohol.

Petty theft report was taken at 2238 hours from the 200 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took a jacket and an access card from an unlocked vehicle.

Sunday, January 12

One male adult was arrested at 0200 hours from El Segundo Boulevard an Illinois Street for misdemeanor DUI.

One female adult was arrested at 0303 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for false impersonation of another, giving false information to an officer and driving with a suspended license.

One male adult was arrested at 0412 hours from LAPD Jail Division for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant. •

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD See Answers Next Week

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- Salami choice
- Targeted
- Untilled tract
- Unstable particle
- Urges onward
- Match game?
- Point to the right
- Cornered
- Safari sighting
- Windows forerunner
- Lending letters
- Litmus reddeners
- Low-___
- Off to one side
- Coffee order: Abbr.
- Swell place?
- Gadabouts
- Ensnared
- Rabbit ___
- Swelter
- Two-part

Down

- Drudgery
- Haliatus albicilla
- Stiff hair
- Blue ____, Ohio
- Gap
- Implant deeply
- Like most graffiti: Abbr.
- ___ de deux
- Shocked
- Wild things
- Newton, for one
- Bolted
- Get smart
- Corrects
- Persian potatoes
- Sort

- Conscious minds
- Lively
- Sore spot
- Coniferous forest
- Consummate
- Less important
- "Lohengrin," e.g.
- Date
- Some M & Ms
- Certain discriminator
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Last Week's Answers

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The sun still shone brightly on that bucolic little knoll and the shade tree that kept Rip propped upright during his six-year nap. With a yawn and with his stomach growling, he stretched and moved around to be sure his

“So we’re not rich, we’re not free, and we’re not educated. What does that mean to life in America?” asked Rip.

“Sadly,” said Jack, “there are more people receiving government benefits than there are people working. The Census Bureau says there

“Bloomberg News reports the Legatum Institute now ranks the U.S. 22nd in world prosperity. We have higher unemployment, lower savings, and lower tech exports than 21 other countries.”

muscles and joints still worked, since six years is a long time. Blinking the sleep from his eyes, he headed down to the village to get a bite to eat and get an update on this wonderful land of exceptionalism called America.

There he encountered his old friend Jack and inquired, “How goes our ship of state?”

“Not well,” replied Jack. “*The Wall Street Journal* released its annual poll of countries enjoying the greatest economic freedom, and we have fallen to 12th in the world! Incredibly, we have more taxes and regulations than even Estonia, Chile and Mauritius!”

“Well, we need to protect the lambs from the wolves,” said Rip, “but haven’t those protections raised our standard of living?”

“No, Rip, we are no longer the wealthiest nation in the world,” reported Jack. “*Bloomberg News* reports the Legatum Institute now ranks the U.S. 22nd in world prosperity. We have higher unemployment, lower savings, and lower tech exports than 21 other countries.”

“Well,” said Rip, “given all our shortcomings surely we’re gaining ground, aren’t we?” “Fraid not, Rip,” said Jack. “Our educational system is a bust too. The U.S. reported that among 23 nations, we now rank only 21st in mathematics and are tied for 15th in literacy. By both measurements, we are below international standards.”

are 151 million receiving benefits, but only 101.7 million people working full time. *The Wall Street Journal* concurred, reporting in October that there are now 90.6 million non-institutionalized people over the age of 16 who do not work at all.” Frowning, Jack asked, “Besides texting, what do they do with their time?” *The New York Times* two weeks ago reported that at the end of 2006, 63.4 percent of adults had jobs, but while you slept, Rip, the number had fallen to 58.6 percent. Of the jobs created during the Obama Administration, 77 percent were merely part-time--so the average family income has fallen.

“Now poorer, struggling families depend on government largesse. On January 14, for instance, the White House admitted that 79 percent of those who have signed up for Obamacare require government subsidies to afford insurance premiums that in many cases have doubled since the healthcare law became effective. The White House didn’t mention the explosion of annual deductibles, so pity the other 21 percent who do not receive “free money.”

A tearful Rip concluded, “We’re not rich, we’re not free, we’re not educated and we’re poorer than at any time in the last 50 years. Since political leadership brought us to this place, I’ll take a 50-year nap and see if new leadership can restore this once-exceptional country.”

Another Man's Opinion

Fair Solution to an Affordable Care Act Problem

By Cristian Vasquez

Part of being an efficient elected official is having the ability to reach across the political

as many people as possible who are not covered. So it makes absolutely no sense to strip people who currently have health insurance coverage

“To automatically cancel or terminate the existing health coverage of people is simply wrong and goes against the intended goals of the Affordable Care Act.”

aisle in order to better serve voters, regardless of party affiliation. Today I am doing something similar, but as a writer. As someone who has been in favor of President Obama’s Affordable Care Act and has wanted to see it succeed, I have been disappointed at many of the problems that have been encountered with the new health care law. One of those problems, which is completely unacceptable, is that many Americans who had health coverage prior to the Affordable Care Act lost that coverage when the law took effect.

Last week Assemblyman and senior member of the Assembly Committee on Health Dan Logue--a Republican from Northern California--introduced Assembly Bill 1507 in an effort to solve the problem. AB 1507 will allow Californians who had their health plans canceled as a result of the Affordable Care Act to reclaim those plans at least through December of this year. Back in November, the Covered California Board unanimously voted that any health plans that covered Californians that did not measure up to federal health care guidelines had to be relinquished.

I am not sure who is on this board nor why they decided that this was a good idea, but that body struck out with this decision. The purpose of the Affordable Care Act is to create the market options necessary to provide health coverage to

because they don’t meet the guidelines set by the federal government. That logic simply does not register with my simple mind. To be honest, it is embarrassing that a law meant to provide health coverage ends up stripping coverage away from people who were responsible and fortunate enough to afford their own health insurance.

Furthermore, we all heard the promise that people who were already covered and liked their doctors would be allowed to keep what they had in place. I understand that sometimes the things that we plan for don’t turn out as we expected. So if the plan was to allow people with health coverage to maintain that insurance and it turns out that such a move would not be possible, at the very least these people should be given a reasonable grace period to find an appropriate solution. To automatically cancel or terminate the existing health coverage of people is simply wrong and goes against the intended goals of the Affordable Care Act.

Assemblyman Logue is proposing a logical solution to a problem that was created by lawmakers and for which people should not have to suffer. I hope that the State Assembly can get behind Assemblyman Logue’s bill and pass it so that the State Senate can do the same. If these Democratic lawmakers really believe in health coverage for all, then this is the right thing to do. •

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The Jewelry Source

from front page

think of the longstanding families in town that have helped mold this community, it's nice to see that the next generation wants to come in and make an impact as well."

Florence was born and raised in York in the north of England where her mother (Roanne's daughter) had moved. The family headed to Spain for two years when Florence was 13.

came to El Segundo on several occasions over the years, but she never expected to live here much less work in the gem world. "I always had an interest in jewelry because my grandmother always brought us jewelry... and Brenda and I always had this joke where she would say to me, 'If you ever end up in the States, you could come work for The Jewelry

"When you think of the longstanding families in town that have helped mold this community, it's nice to see that the next generation wants to come in and make an impact as well."

"My mother thought it was an opportunity to learn another language," Florence explained. The plan worked—Florence became fluent in Spanish and remains so to this day. She is also fluent in French and can hold her own in Italian as well.

After returning to England, Florence attended the University of Birmingham where she studied classical music with a specialty in opera. She thought of pursuing a singing career, but decided against it after realizing how cutthroat and competitive the music industry is. Though now relegated to hobby status, she continued to sing (including a stint with the well-known British progressive rock band Mostly Autumn) and hopes to perform on occasion in her new hometown of El Segundo.

Eight years ago, Florence moved back to Spain and met her future husband, Cesar Valladares, who hails from Lima, Peru. They have two children, including Ada Belen and the one-year-old Africa Roanne (named after her great-grandmother). The couple went into the "family business"—operating a vegan and gluten-free restaurant called El Piano with one location in York and two in the south of Spain. The decision to move to El Segundo came last March after a visit here to introduce Africa Roanne to her namesake. "With two young children, we wanted to make sure they have the chance to get to know their great-grandmother and have more of a memory of her later," said Florence. "And we may have more siblings [she has three] following me here."

Roanne visited her European family annually when Florence was a child and the latter also

Source," said Florence, who ultimately took Brenda up on the offer.

As it turns out, the jewelry business is a perfect fit for Florence. With her restaurant ownership and management experience, she offers customer service/people skills, financial savvy and IT knowledge that have already paid dividends for the store—and there wasn't much of a learning curve. "She started swimming immediately and never had to dog-paddle," noted Roanne, who said she is absolutely delighted to have Florence and family in town. Florence added, "We get to see her [Roanne] every day and get together two or three times a week for dinner." Meanwhile, Brenda described her new employee as "tremendously talented" and "the last piece of the puzzle for me to complete the staff."

Florence reported that Ada loves it at Richmond Street School and has acclimated very quickly to the new environs. The youngster will soon be enrolled in musical theatre and dance classes. "My husband is looking after the baby, but he is also busy running the restaurants remotely from home," Florence said, adding that the couple would like to soon buy a house and settle down permanently in El Segundo. "This is where we want to be. We love the fact that it is a small town where everyone knows each other and that there are so many activities for children. Working for The Jewelry Source is a way to get involved in the community and immediately be part of something. But what's most important is the family history. I can't believe how it all came about to actually move here..."

Finance

Financially Fit: Five Steps to Get a Handle on Your Credit

(BPT) - Managing your credit can seem like a daunting task - but it doesn't have to be. Even if you've blown your budget and maxed out your cards, you can still take control of your credit and become financially fit in 2014.

Here are five things you should do right now to help get your credit back on track and sustain your financial reputation all year long:

- Review your credit report. Make sure you thoroughly review your report for any errors or mistakes. Tools like AnnualCreditReport.com let you check your report annually for free. It's also a good idea to check your credit score to see if it's dropped and to give you a basis for comparison moving forward. Resources such as Credit.com allow you to easily pull your score.

- Know what you owe. Tally up those balances and determine your debt to credit ratio - that is, the amount of money you owe on your cards versus your available credit, which accounts for approximately 30 percent of your credit score. If you're using more than half of your available credit, this will likely lower your credit score. This means that if you have three credit cards with a combined limit of \$10,000, your total balance should be below \$5,000.

- Be sure to pay your bills on time and at more than the monthly minimum. Sure, it's

intuitive, but simply paying your bills on time accounts for about 35 percent of your credit score. Pay more than the minimum payment every month to pay down your balance faster and decrease interest charges.

- Pay off the card with the highest interest rate first. These are the cards that are costing you the most, so paying them off ahead of a card with a lower interest rate will save you more money in the long run.

- Keep your cards open. Unless you have a compelling reason to close a card - for instance, if you're paying a large fee on it - it's best not to close credit cards, especially ones where you have a long positive payment history. When closing a card, not only can your debt to credit ratio increase, you also end up losing the history associated with the card and change the mix of your credit, which could negatively impact your score. And, in the future, do your research before signing on that dotted line. It may have been tempting to open up a retail store credit card to save 15 percent on a recent purchase, but those savings are now ultimately going to end up on your billing statement as interest. Instead, look for a card that works with your lifestyle. Review your options and find a card with a great rewards program and the lowest interest rate possible. •

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tax preparation services for seniors and low-income individuals in El Segundo, Westchester, Culver City, Inglewood and Santa Monica. Local resident Loretta Frye, who has been the point person for the program for many years, noted that the volunteers must pass annual accounting exams that are

"more stringent than CPAs" and that they pay for this education out of pocket. She reported that those interested can make appointments starting the first week of February at the Joslyn Center and need to bring their W-2s, 1099s, any interest and Social Security income. •

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Sports

Sports

Is a Travel Team Right for Your Child?

By Gregg McMullin

So, your son or daughter is a pretty good little athlete. And, you're thinking you ought to move him or her up to a higher level of coaching and competition. So you consider

coaches who insist on improving their players' skills not only on the playing field, but in the classroom and at the dinner table. The really good coaches tutor their players on how to sharpen their minds and eat healthier

"Travel teams are considered by design as a higher level of competition compared to what your traditional high school or recreational leagues provide."

a travel team. Should you do it? You'll get as many different answers as you'll have questions about a travel team.

It doesn't really matter which sport you choose because there's always a travel team waiting for your son or daughter. Travel teams are considered by design as a higher level of competition compared to what your traditional high school or recreational leagues provide. For the exception of maybe football, there's a travel team somewhere near you.

Baseball is at the forefront of travel teams these days, but there are others closing in fast. Basketball, softball, volleyball, lacrosse, water polo, hockey and soccer come to mind.

Hard to find 20 years ago, travel teams are now a fast-growing part of the youth sports scene that can be a very lucrative adventure for coordinators. Kids as young as eight years old travel across state lines to play hockey in games or compete in basketball tournaments. Travel teams that are locally based may spend an entire weekend at a tournament 50 miles away.

The way it works is most travel team coaches recruit their players from local leagues, parks, tryouts, newspaper ads or word of mouth. Inasmuch as this is done, most coaches already know the potential athletes they want for their team. Many of these coaches have prior experience either as a former player or volunteering at the same recreational league as coaches or as instructors.

If these coaches are instructing, it usually comes with a paid stipend. For example there are a number of former high school, collegiate or pro athletes earning a living providing private instruction to ambitious players. Parents won't give it a second thought about paying \$45-\$75 an hour for private instruction. The monthly tab for instruction and participation on a travel ball team can run several hundred dollars a month. Of course that dollar amount can be very diverse if you compare the different sports. It increases when you add in costs for tournaments and possible hotel stays.

There are some travel teams that have

to improve their bodies.

There are varying levels of travel teams. For example, in baseball there is a level for all-star-caliber players and a level for younger all-star-aspiring players. In basketball, it's more of a level of competition--especially when these athletes enter high school.

Basketball players looking to be noticed vie for positions on prestigious travel teams that are sponsored and head to tournaments out of state. In some cases, players change teams depending on what position is needed and potential playing time.

Lacrosse teams, like most other travel squads, host tryouts. One premiere team that does this is The West Coast Force, a lacrosse club team for players from California, Oregon and Washington and players who plan to attend college in those three states. There are various age group levels including U-23, U-19, U-17, U-15 and U-13.

There are a number of hurdles to get past when a player joins a club or travel team. This is where he or she is no longer sheltered from the possibility of failure or lack of participation. The next hurdle is the discovery that "travel teams" become an entire family commitment and that they soon lose the complaisant luxury they once enjoyed in the past. In some corners, parents and even some players view playing for a travel team as prestigious.

Playing in a city league or recreation league allows for participation by each player regardless of their skill level. Being part of a travel team does not guarantee playing time. You'll need to perform to a higher level of standards. Most players on travel teams are self-motivated and strive to be better to rise to the competition level.

When you enter the world of travel teams, no matter which sport, there are bound to be rankings of players and teams. Rankings, by any measure, are subjective and vary from coast to coast.

Teams enter showcase tournaments for a number of reasons. This is usually a gathering place for coaches, schools and scouts to watch

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What's a Super Bowl With No Gold?

By Adam Serrao

It was an uneven battle from the start. The "12th Man" of the Seattle Seahawks provided one more benefit than the San Francisco 49ers were able to acquire and that slight edge wound up costing the Niners the game. In a grudge match that lived up to its billing and more, the two teams battled back and forth at CenturyLink field in Seattle last Sunday night and took turns gaining momentum until something just had to give. In the end, it was the 49ers who did the giving. As San Francisco starting quarterback Colin Kaepernick threw the last interception of the game with 22 seconds remaining on the clock in the fourth quarter, it was clear that the Seahawks were the team that simply made more plays. In games of this magnitude, with the NFC Championship on the line, those are the teams who win. Despite any possible controversy involving missed calls by referees and despite all of the almosts and what ifs, the Seattle Seahawks will be moving on to the Big Apple to take on the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in New York.

The last time that two number one seeds had reached the Super Bowl to face off against one another was in 2009 when the Pittsburgh Steelers met Kurt Warner and the Arizona Cardinals. Now, the top two seeds in the league will meet once again as Peyton Manning and his Broncos' top-ranked offense in the league will face off against Pete Carroll, Russell Wilson and the number one defense in the league as they lock horns on February 2 in New York. Seattle's victory didn't come easily, however. Before last Sunday, many believed that San Francisco, winners of eight straight going into the game, was the best team in the entire league. The Niners have already shown their ability to beat good teams on the road, as evidenced by their victories over Green Bay and the Carolina Panthers earlier in the playoffs--but alas, neither Green Bay nor Carolina compare to the 12th Man in Seattle. That fact became certain as San Francisco relinquished a 10-point lead and ultimately lost to the Seahawks 23-17.

San Francisco fans everywhere will complain that the game was lost due to the referees. A botched roughing the kicker call eventually led to seven points for the Seahawks and an incorrect ruling on a fumble near the end zone in which NaVorro Bowman stripped and maintained possession of the ball gave the Seahawks another chance at the end zone. In the end, however, those are only excuses and the Seahawks made the plays necessary to win a game of this level of importance. Wilson pranced around the field, improvising to his heart's content en route to 20

second half points after putting up just three in the entire first half. Marshawn Lynch got going with a 40-yard touchdown run, Doug Baldwin helped inspire the special teams with a 69-yard kickoff return, and then there was the defense--the number one-ranked defense in the league. It was the defense led by Richard Sherman, who had the game-saving and game-ending pass deflection that led to an interception in the end zone with just seconds remaining. Or Cliff Avril, who seemingly sacked Kaepernick at will. Kam Chancellor came up with a huge interception and the entire Seahawks' front seven took 49er running backs right out of the game, holding the backfield to a total of 31 rushing yards on the night.

Now, all eyes will be fixed on the last football game of the season as the two best teams in all of football go head to head. Seattle and its top-ranked defense has had the best record in the league all season long and will be headed to the Super Bowl for the first time in 20 seasons. Peyton Manning and his record-setting offense will certainly test that top-ranked defense as the former gets back to the Super Bowl for the first time since 2009 when his Indianapolis Colts lost to the New Orleans Saints. So what will the outcome be?

If Manning wins, he will be put in a class of his own as the greatest quarterback of this generation and maybe of all time. Always having to compete with Tom Brady, Manning not only broke all of Brady's records this season, but also beat him in the AFC championship--and in this scenario, will have gone on to win the Super Bowl. The motivation for Manning must be tremendous. Walking off of the field and possibly out of the game a winner is something that almost no player ever gets to do. No player other than, say, John Elway...

Seattle is just about unbeatable at home. Luckily for the Broncos, there is no home field advantage for either team in New York. That means the 12th Man will be nonexistent for Seattle and the only advantage the team will have to roll with is that top-ranked defense. While Wilson has solidified his place as an elite quarterback, his numbers somewhat fail to tell that story. With 215 yards against San Francisco and only 103 against New Orleans, it means that Seattle needs a lot of Marshawn Lynch to win. Manning on the other hand just threw for 400 yards in one game against the Patriots, eclipsing Wilson's entire playoff total. The Seattle Seahawks are a great team and are truly never completely out of any game, but the Broncos win this one for Peyton and solidify his legacy as one of the best quarterbacks to ever play the game. •



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How to Plan a Memorable Multigenerational Vacation

(BPT) - Whether over the river or through the woods, families across the U.S. are planning to travel during the holidays. In a world of well-traveled toddlers, worldly teens and active seniors, multigenerational travel is growing and for good reason: everyone enjoys a vacation together while creating unforgettable memories.

"Multigenerational family travel is character building," says Julie Henning, writer and contributor for destination and activity website LiveLifeLocal.com. "In exploring new places with the people who already know your strengths and flaws - and love you anyway - you can come together in a way that otherwise wouldn't happen at a holiday or reunion."

Planning a trip for the whole family doesn't have to be intimidating. With a few simple tips, it's easy to coordinate a vacation everyone will enjoy:

1. Keep a "Group" Mindset

Whether you're orchestrating an elaborate vacation where the whole group flies across the country, or you're road-tripping, picking up the grandparents along the way, keep the lines of communication open.

"Planning a multigenerational trip is a little bit like planning a wedding," says Henning. "If you can remember the trip is not just about you, but a time of celebration for the entire family, chances are you'll have much fonder memories."

2. Plan Together

"If you have more than one 'planner' in the group, involve them all in creating the agenda as much as possible," advises Henning. This will help ensure everyone provides input and the responsibilities are spread between multiple people.

Online travel sites make it easy to plan

multigenerational trips, even if families live in different locations. LiveLifeLocal.com allows users to discover unique destinations, read reviews and map out their travel route at no cost. You can research and save preferred activities to a "collection" on your online vacation portfolio, which can then be shared with your family via email, Facebook or Twitter, making planning a snap.

3. Communicate Budgets

It's important to be open about your vacation budget and expectations to avoid any awkward moments and unintended expenses

once you've arrived at your destination. Be sure to talk about who is paying for what, or if it will be split equally. With so many people involved, the cost of multigenerational vacations can add up quickly, and no one wants to be surprised by going over-budget.

4. Pack and Prepare

Preparing to leave is one of the most difficult parts of multigenerational travel. Each age group will need different things - your toddler needs diapers and her favorite blanket, your teen needs his favorite mobile device and charger, and the grandparents need to

make sure they pack any necessary medications. Make lists and start packing early to eliminate the last-minute rush.

If you're driving, make sure the car gets a tune-up before you leave. If you're meeting up with the grandparents to use their RV, remind them to have any necessary maintenance done before you arrive. Properly winterizing and preparing RVs, boats and other vehicles is important for a headache-free multigenerational trip ... and just good sense overall. Check with your insurance company to see if towing is covered under your plan in case the need ever arises.

5. Cherish Meal Time

"In many families, mealtime is when everyone comes together to share their days and reconnect," says Henning. "On a trip, this can be at a restaurant, picnic at the beach, or from the comforts of a vacation home. Make an effort to enjoy regional food, shop at the local farmers market, or cook the meal your family enjoys most."

6. Expect the Unexpected

Remember that nothing is perfect, including your vacation. Be patient and understand flexibility will go a long way toward ensuring a smooth, stress-free vacation.

"Leave time for something to go wrong," advises Henning. "Camera batteries run out, room keys disappear, and bathroom breaks happen. Keep in mind that everyone needs some down time, even from the people they love most."

Make this holiday one to remember by planning a multigenerational trip now. These tips will help you create a vacation itinerary everyone will love, helping to forge new bonds and traditions while creating memories to last a lifetime. •



Sports

travel teams or individuals looking to be seen. There is a cost, and in many cases a huge bill, for families going to these tournaments. The price can be even higher if the showcase is for individuals competing.

There's also the burnout or potential injury factor when playing on a travel team. Some players compete on a number of teams during the week. For some sports such as basketball, volleyball or soccer, it may not have the impact that it does for a baseball or softball player. The reason simply is that baseball pitchers, and to a degree softball pitchers, have so many pitches they can throw in a week. Add to that the repetition of just throwing a ball and it can be tough on a young athlete's arm. It can lead to potential arm troubles and even surgery.

Two former Major League Baseball players had their own views of current travel ball teams, especially when it came to baseball. Hall of Fame second baseman Joe Morgan and 10-year veteran Don Buford were in town for

a baseball gala event honoring Major League Baseball scouts at the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation dinner held at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza. Both Morgan and Buford were not your typical players that scouts were looking for since neither one was much taller than 5'7" and 160 pounds. Morgan said that he fought through adversity because of his stature. He says that travel ball teams have their place, but he doesn't believe that it's the only place to be evaluated. "It's good in the sense that young ball players are competing against others trying to be better," he said. "You just need to play and the good ones will stand out at any level of competition."

Buford, who was elected to the USC Hall of Fame and the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame, is currently working with MLB's Urban Youth Academy. His views on travel ball somewhat mirrors his friend Joe Morgan's. "There's something to be said for bettering yourself, but at what cost?" he asked.

Buford noted that if he'd been given the

opportunity to play for a travel ball team growing up in Texas, he would have passed. He said that it comes down to priorities in life. If it meant not playing in a league with the guys he was close to and grew up with, it just wasn't for him. He added that parents these days are living vicariously through their sons and he has seen it first-hand at the Urban Academy. Buford also pointed out that even if a travel team had been available when his son was growing up, he wouldn't have allowed the youngster to play. His son Damon played nine years in the Big Leagues. "I would have wanted him to play with his friends to make them better," Buford said.

Former El Segundo great George Brett has said that if you're good enough, someone will notice you whether you're playing on a travel team or not. "Someone's going to discover you if you're good enough--it doesn't matter where you play," said Brett.

A glaring example of this is when former El Segundo High School basketball great Joe

Stewart starred on arguably one of the school's most challenging teams. The Eagles went 0-22 in 1978, but Stewart averaged 29 points per game. He was named to the All-South Bay first team and was selected to the All-CIF-SS 'A' first team. He went on to play for a four-year college.

Finally, Phil Pote has been a Major League Baseball scout for over 50 years and was also honored at the Professional Baseball Scouts Dinner. He said he'd attend a showcase event where the players would be invited based on their geographical area. Most of these players were invited because of word of mouth and being seen by someone who thought they had talent.

So if you're still asking whether to play for a travel team or not, it comes down to what life lessons you're helping to teach your young athlete. Each former player did say the odds of getting signed to a professional contract are thin at best. To get to the Big Leagues are even weaker. •

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How to Use Texture, Colors and Accessories to Bring Emotion to Your HomeMaking



(BPT) - Home decor can convey many different emotions - from warmth and comfort on cold and dreary winter days to elegance and festiveness during the holiday season. The colors and materials you use set the stage; everything from the textures that appear in the accessories, the arrangement of the furniture and even how sound reverberates in a room.

It's important to give your home new energy by occasionally redecorating one or more rooms. This is the perfect time of

year to hire a designer and start looking at furniture and color schemes so your project is finished in time for spring and summer entertaining. Whether you're working on the kitchen, bath or living area of your home, you might consider Porcelanosa, which offers some of the most advanced tile, kitchen and bath products that can enhance energy levels and emotions in the room you're updating. The company has been around for more than 40 years - starting in a small village in Spain - and is always bringing avant-

garde European design to homeowners and professionals around the world.

When redecorating a room to create a new emotion in your home, be sure to consider all the elements, from the floors to the ceiling, that harmoniously work together in developing the room's ambiance. Here are some elements that can define a room's emotion, whether you seek the look of a European industrial sleek getaway, or a rural rustic retreat.

• **Flooring** - Colors, patterns and even sheen work together to create feelings in a room through flooring. Flooring options range from stone, marble, ceramic and wood - to name a few - and all of these come in a multitude of colors and patterns. Some homeowners choose to design their floors to blend in, creating a neutral backdrop for the rest of the room's decorations. Others design the floor to be the focal point of the space, with dramatic colors. Work with a designer to determine what style of flooring will help create the feeling you want in your room. Bigger pieces allow for smaller grout joints thus facilitating maintenance and creating an increased perception of the space.

• **Walls** - A warm, almost rustic ambiance permeates a room surrounded with beautiful grained wood decorating the walls. However, wooden walls also require a bit of maintenance with cleaning and refinishing, and can be easily scratched or dented. A great way to keep the beautiful look of wood with durability against dents and scratches is to use Taco Oxford or Liston Oxford ceramic tiles from

Porcelanosa. These two designs emulate the grain and striation of oak wood, extending the warmth of the room for a modern or rustic base. Because they're ceramic tile, they are durable, easy-to-clean and hypoallergenic.

Or consider bringing texture into your room by adding visible and touchable textures with dramatic raised patterns to your walls. Porcelanosa wall coverings range from refined in the Nara patterning to intense in the Suede pattern, creating beautiful sculptured finishes to walls. These interesting and unique designs can immediately transform the energy in a room as a feature wall. To learn more and explore the textures yourself, contact a Porcelanosa design consultant and get your decorating plan underway.

• **Furniture Lines** - Bathrooms are usually the first rooms to be upgraded and redecorated, because guests and homeowners alike use them so frequently. Often these rooms are small; using wall mounted vanities and furniture with clean lines can help create a larger sense of the space. Geometric patterns also impart a sense of order to a room. The Porcelanosa Ciclo series capitalizes on this concept, with wall-hanging vanities, pivoting wall shelving units and raised sinks to illustrate geometric patterns highlighting excellent - but out of view - storage.

Discuss with your designer your thoughts on flooring, walls and furniture lines to create the perfect blend of emotions in your room's decor. Once finished, it will be a room you'll enjoy spending time in, and can't wait to show off to visiting guests this holiday season. •

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Looking Up

Hubble Peeks Through a Gravitational Lens

By Bob Eklund

This image of Abell 2744 is the first to come from Hubble's Frontier Fields observing program, which is using the magnifying power of enormous galaxy clusters to peer deep into the distant Universe. Abell 2744, nicknamed Pandora's Cluster, is thought to have a very violent history, having formed from a cosmic pile-up of multiple galaxy clusters.

Astronomers previously observed Abell 2744 with the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope back in 2011, exploring the cluster's history. They found that at least four galaxy clusters had crashed into one another to form Abell 2744, causing some weird and wonderful effects. This mix of cosmic phenomena, some of which had never been seen before, led to the nickname of Pandora's Cluster (<http://www.spacetelescope.org/news/heic1111>).

A mix of hazy elliptical galaxies and colorful spirals can be seen clumping together in the

center of this image. The effects of the cluster's gravity can be seen in the blue arcs and distorted shapes that are scattered across the frame, including galaxies that seem to be bleeding into the surrounding space. The arcs are actually the distorted images of galaxies far in the distance.

Abell 2744 is the first of six targets for an observing program known as Frontier Fields. This three-year, 840-orbit program will yield our deepest views of the universe to date, using the power of Hubble to explore more distant regions of space than could otherwise be seen, by observing gravitational lensing effects around six different galaxy clusters.

Gravitational lensing is a phenomenon caused by an object's influence on the space-time around it. All objects that have mass affect the space around them in this way, but huge clumps of mass like galaxy clusters do so more strongly. This causes light from more

distant objects hidden behind this makeshift "lens" to be deflected and bent, leading to a bizarre array of optical effects—for example, by creating mirror images of one galaxy, as well as smearing galaxies out into arcs, and creating multiple images of individual objects. This effect is one of the predictions of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity.

Although Orest Chwolson (1924) and Frantisek Klin (1936) are sometimes credited as being the first ones to discuss this effect in print, it is more commonly associated with Einstein, who published a famous article on the subject in 1936. Swiss astronomer Fritz Zwicky, who worked at Mount Wilson Observatory, followed this up by suggesting in 1937 that the effect could allow galaxy clusters to act as gravitational lenses. It was not until 1979 that this effect was actually confirmed by observation.

As well as creating weird shapes, gravita-

tional lensing also magnifies the images so that astronomers can see more detail. This means that distant objects that otherwise would be too distant and faint to be seen become visible—something that the Frontier Fields program aims to exploit over the coming years.

Some results from this program are already starting to emerge, with Abell 2744 as the first target. In a paper submitted to *The Astrophysical Journal* last November, a group of astronomers detected a large number of distant, gravitationally lensed galaxy candidates—all viewed through Abell 2744. These deep surveys using massive galaxy clusters show that looking through cosmic lenses can be an effective and useful way to study the distant Universe.

For more information on gravitational lensing, see Hubblecast 70: "Peering around cosmic corners" (<http://www.spacetelescope.org/videos/hubblecast70a>). •

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 109 CATAMARAN STREET, 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 31, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 31, 2018. 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). El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. H-1031.



Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013262126

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STRONTIUM LIMITED, 1999 AVE OF THE STARS #1100, CENTURY CITY, CA 90067. Registered Owner(s): Strontium, LLC, 1999 Ave of the Stars #1100, Century City, CA 90067. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Ofir Almog, Member. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 24, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 24, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 24, 2018. 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). El Segundo Herald: January 16, 23, 30, 2014 and February 06, 2014. H-1034.

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. YS025583

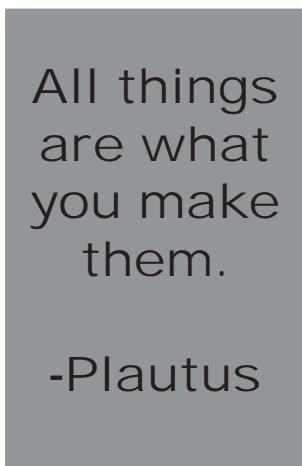
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Meghan Michelle Sepanik for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Meghan Michelle Sepanik filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Meghan Michelle Sepanik to Jaskaram Kaur Khalsa
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 2/14/14, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: B, Room: n/a
The address of the court is Superior Court Southwest District 825 Maple Avenue Torrance, CA 90503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles
Date: 12/23/13
Mark S. Arnold
Judge of the Superior Court
Torrance Tribune Pub. 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/14
HT-24082

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2013265803

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 111 CATAMARAN STREET, 1827 WASHINGTON WAY, VENICE, CA 90291. Registered Owner(s): Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, 1842 Washington Way, Venice, CA 90291. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Atlantis Trust Dated 11-8-2007, Trustee, Mike Sarlo. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 31, 2013. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 31, 2018. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 31, 2018. 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). El Segundo Herald: January 09, 16, 23, 2014. H-1032.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014012000

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JW CONNEX, 24411 NEECE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Registered Owner(s): 1. Junko Harada, 24411 Neece Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505. 2. William T. Harada, 24411 Neece Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: . Signed: William T. Harada, Co Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 15, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 15, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 15, 2019. 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). Torrance Tribune: January 23, 30, 2014 and February 06, 13, 2014. HT-1039.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
APN: 4139-015-055 Trustee Sale No. 1376627-31
(ATTENTION RECORDER: PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3, THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.)
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
TRA: 3710
REF: POST, JEFFREY J. UNINS
Property Address: 844 CALIFORNIA ST, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED November 06, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER
On January 29, 2014, at 11:00 am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 12, 2007, as Inst. No. 20070291208 **, in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JEFFREY J. POST AND SUSAN Y. POST, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION

TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 844 CALIFORNIA ST EL SEGUNDO CA 90245
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial

publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$477,613.02.
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware

that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714)730-2727 or visit the Internet Web Site WWW.LPSASAP.COM using the file number assigned to this case 1376627-31. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
FOR SALES INFORMATION: (714)730-2727
CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC
525 EAST MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 22004
EL CAJON CA 92022-9004
Dated: December 18, 2013 CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC
A-4434397 01/09/2014, 01/16/2014, 01/23/2014
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/14
H-24083

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. YS025640
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Kiyan Oysler for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Kiyan Oysler filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Kiyan Oysler to Kiyan van de Werken
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 2/28/14, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: B
The address of the court is
825 Maple Avenue
Torrance, CA 90503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles
Date: 1/13/2014
Mark S. Arnold
Judge of the Superior Court
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/14
H-24095

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. YS025641
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Vera Oysler for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Vera Oysler filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Vera Oysler to Vera van de Werken
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 2/28/14, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: M
The address of the court is
825 Maple Avenue
Torrance, CA 90503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles
Date: 1/13/2014
Mark S. Arnold
Judge of the Superior Court
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6/14
H-24096

T.S. No. 20130314 Loan No.: 1438109/
CANINO NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/12/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CYNTHIA L CANINO, A SINGLE WOMAN recorded 12/29/2005 in Book N/A Page N/A Inst. # 05-3211618 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell there under recorded 10/9/2013 in Book N/A Page N/A Inst. # 20131456782 of said Officials Records, will sell on 2/10/2014 at 09:00 AM : Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (NOTE: CASHIER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1448 ELIN POINTE DRIVE , EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 APN# 4139-028-178 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to

be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$672,248.61. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal of the note secured by said Deed, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance

company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-573-1965 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.priorityposting.com regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case T.S. No. 20130314. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The mortgage loan servicer, beneficiary, or authorized agent has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 has been met. UnionBanCal Mortgage 9885 Towne Centre Drive San Diego, CA 92121 Mail Code 2-69D-220 858-496-5484 UNIONBANCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION By: TONI SCANDLYN, VICE PRESIDENT P1078148 1/16, 1/23, 01/30/2014
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/14
H-24092

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7037.104216 Title Order No. NXCA-0116406 MIN No. APN 4136-018-063 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/16/11. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): SHOHREH ASSADI, MARRIED AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS SHOHREH ASSADI, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 09/14/11, as Instrument No. 20111249480, of Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 02/05/14 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: In the main dining room of the Pomona Masonic Temple, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, CA

The purported property address is: 356 VIRGINIA ST 303, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 Assessors Parcel No. 4136-018-063 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$427,868.97. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale

date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com using the file number assigned to this case 7037.104216. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: January 8, 2014 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Bonita Salazar, Authorized Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705 866-387-6987 Sale Info website: www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com Automated Sales Line: 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: 866-387-NWTS THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ORDER # 7037.104216: 01/16/2014 ,01/23/2014,01/30/2014
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30/14
H-24093



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: February 4, 2014
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: City Council Chamber
350 Main Street
El Segundo, CA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of El Segundo will hold a public hearing on the date, time and place indicated above, for the purpose of:

Capital outlay requests of \$20,000 from the existing Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) account by the Chief of Police. The grant requires that expenditures be utilized to supplement "front line law enforcement" which includes funding special enforcement details, and purchasing equipment. (Fiscal Impact: \$20,000 from COPS grant fund)

All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard on this matter. If you challenge the nature of the proposed resolution in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at/or prior to the public hearing. For additional information please contact the City Clerk's Office, (310) 524-2307, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California. El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/23/14

H-24102

**Notice Inviting Sealed Bids
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO
RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION
PROGRAM
Group 51 (RSI 14-01)**

The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed Bids for its Residential Sound Insulation Program Group 51 (RSI 14-01) in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. Bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to purchase Contract Documents and review them prior to the pre-bid meeting to afford themselves the opportunity to have requirements that may be unclear to them clarified by the City during the meeting. Bids will be received for Group 51 ("Project") of the Residential Sound Insulation Program, which consists of sound insulation improvements and related work at 26 (twenty-six) homes in the City of El Segundo, including installation of acoustically rated windows and doors, heating and ventilation modifications, associated electrical work, attic insulation and associated abatement of asbestos containing materials and lead-based painted surfaces. Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with the Contract Documents. A compact disk (CD) of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the City for a non-refundable fee of \$10.00.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Instructions to Bidders in the Contract Documents. This Project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The Contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir.ca.gov The Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375. Bidders must submit a Bid Security (or "bid guarantee") with their Bid, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Bid (Contract Sum), as a guarantee that Bidder will fulfill its obligation to enter into a Contract with the City in accordance with the Contract Documents. Ten percent (10%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified that, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor's own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request. FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS: The proposed contract is under and

subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and, to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions.
All Labor on the project must be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.
Bidders must supply all the information required by the Contract Documents.
The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the Contract Documents and are available for inspection at the Residential Sound Insulation (RSI) offices, 333 Main Street, Unit A, El Segundo, California 90245. Davis-Bacon prevailing wage information may be obtained directly from the Government Printing Office via the internet at www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon or call toll-free at 1-888-293-6498 or fax your request to 1-202-512-1262.
Bidders must complete, sign and furnish, the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities," and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation."
A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his Subcontractors having fifty (50) or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Contract Documents.
To be eligible for award, Bidders must comply with their affirmative action requirements.

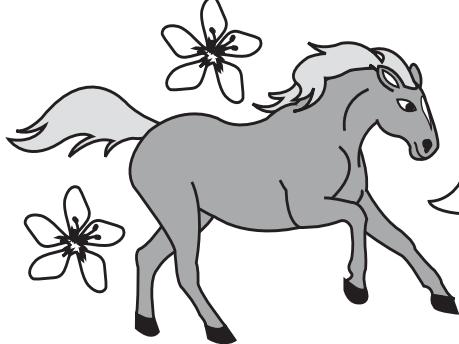
Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) as defined in 49 CFR Part 23 must have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds under this agreement. Consequently, the DBE requirements of 49 CFR Part 23 apply to this agreement. Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women must not diminish the standards of requirements for the employment of minorities.
All solicitations, contracts, and subcontracts resulting from projects funded under the AIP must contain the foreign trade restriction required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries That Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.
The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.
Certification of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Contractors and Subcontractors by Caltrans must be submitted for each DBE and must be submitted within forty eight (48) hours after the opening of bids.
Dated this 23rd day of January, 2014
City of El Segundo, California
Tracy Weaver, City Clerk
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/23/14
H-24105

We are going to Chinatown to...     ...watch the parade and to eat.  

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Chinese New Year Celebration 2014 - The Year of the Horse



In 2014 the Chinese New Year starts on January 31st. During the two weeks of the holiday, families eat together, visit and honor their ancestors. People give wishes for good luck, good health, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also known as "Spring Festival."

The Chinese calendar has 12 animals, each standing for one year. 2014 is the year of the horse. Read about people born in the year of the horse below, then fill in the crossword:

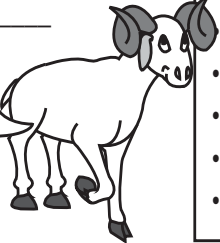
People born in the year of the horse:

- like to talk in front of groups and are good public _____
- like to do work _____ and may not do chores at all
- are intelligent or _____
- may be trusted with another's _____
- are very active, have lots of _____
- like to laugh, have a good sense of _____
- are outgoing and never _____
- may be great with people and have lots of _____
- like to be the center of _____
- do not like to listen to _____ from friends and family
- may be as _____ as an ox or mule
- may not be good at handling their _____

One vowel is missing from this list of the animal symbols of the Chinese Zodiac.



Look for me in my year, 2015!



- Horse (2002, 2014)**
- G _ at (2003, 2015)
- M _ nkey (2004, 2016)
- R _ _ ster (2005, 2017)
- D _ g (2006, 2018)
- Pig (2007, 2019)
- Rat (2008, 2020)
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- Tiger (2010, 2022)
- Rabbit (2011, 2023)
- Drag _ n (2012, 2024)
- Snake (2013, 2025)

Gung Hay Fat Choy!



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE 2013-2014 CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK, AND OTHER CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO PROJECT NO. PW 13-22

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of El Segundo invites sealed bids for the above project and will receive such bids in the offices of the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, up to the hour of 11:00 a.m. on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

at which time they will be publicly opened.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans And Specifications are alternately available electronically via http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 am, at the City Council Chambers, 350 Main Street in El Segundo, CA 90245. Questions regarding the bid shall be submitted by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 to http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required.

Affirmative action to ensure against

discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

The City of El Segundo will deduct a five percent (5%) retention from all progress payments as specified in Section 9-3.2 of these Specifications.

The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the CONTRACTOR, or SUB-CONTRACTOR, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the CONTRACTOR, without further acknowledgment by the parties.

Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside:

2013-2014 curb, gutter, sidewalk, and other concrete improvements project

"SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. PW

13-22 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL

The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract.

No bid will be accepted from a CONTRACTOR who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be **A- General Engineering Contractor, C8- Concrete Contractor or C12 -Earthwork and Paving Contractor**. The successful CONTRACTOR and his SUB-CONTRACTORS will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of **ninety (90) calendar days**.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo.

BY ORDER OF the City of El Segundo, California.

Tracy Weaver
City Clerk
City of El Segundo
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/23, 1/30/14 H-24110

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 13-02 (HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE EA-1044)

Date: February 4, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers 350 Main Street El Segundo, California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL will hold a Public Hearing at the time and place indicated above regarding the following project:

Environmental Assessment No. EA-1044 and General Plan Amendment No. GPA 13-02 (Housing Element Update) Review of the Amendment to the Housing Element and Initial Study/ Negative Declaration and recommend that the City Council adopt and forward the Amended Housing Element to Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department for review and certification.

Applicant: City of El Segundo
Address: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW

The proposed project is an update of the Housing Element of the El Segundo General Plan. Pursuant to Government Code § 65588, the City must adopt its Housing Element Update of the El Segundo General Plan for the 2013-2021 cycle no later than February 12, 2014. The Housing Element must be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and comment. The proposed project is an amendment to the City's General Plan Housing Element in compliance with Government Code §§ 65580-65589.8. The Housing Element must include four major components:

- An assessment of the community's housing needs;
 - An inventory of resources and constraints relevant to meeting the community's housing needs;
 - A statement of goals, policies and quantified objectives that will guide the implementation of specific programs; and,
 - A housing program, to be implemented over a specified period that describes the implementation actions to be taken by the City to meet the needs.
- Revising the Housing Element requires public participation regarding the Housing Element Update. On November 21, 2013 a community workshop was held and on December 12, 2013 a public workshop was held before the Planning Commission to provide an overview of the Housing Element process including a review of applicable law; Community Profile information and an existing conditions report; an overview of the existing Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Objectives; and an opportunity to receive public input regarding the Housing Element Update. On January 16, 2014, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the Housing Element Update and recommended approval of the draft Housing Element as revised pursuant to comments from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Copies of the current Housing Element of the El Segundo General Plan and the proposed Draft Housing Element are available for review at the El Segundo Public Library or in the Planning and Building Safety Department at the City offices or on the Planning and Building Safety Department web-site located at <http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/planningsafety/planning.org>. Additional information on Housing Elements is available on-line at the State Housing and Community Development website at www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION
An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code § 15063 (CEQA). A Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project

pursuant to CEQA § 15070. The public review and comment period for the Negative Declaration began on December 12, 2013 and ended on January 13, 2014.

The related files for the above-mentioned project including the Negative Declaration are available for public review, Monday through Thursday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Division of the Planning and Building Safety Department located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. **Please note that City Hall is closed on Fridays.** Any person may provide comment at the community workshop at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Kimberly Christensen, AICP, Planning Manager, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2340 for further information. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

COMMENTS
Written comments may be submitted to Kimberly Christensen, AICP, Planning Manager, Planning and Building Safety Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearing. Your comments may also be sent by Fax to: (310) 322-4167.

Please be advised that if you challenge the proposed actions in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

Sam Lee, Director
Department of Planning and Building Safety; and,
Secretary to the Planning Commission
City of El Segundo

Publication Date: January 23, 2014
Posting Date: January 23, 2014
El Segundo Herald Pub. 1/23/14

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To meet these and other canine cuties, visit us during our regular adoption event this Saturday. Or grab your pooch and join us for tail-waggin' fun at the Pet Expo (Long Beach Convention Center), Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free! Dogs must be leashed with proof of vaccines.

Foxy is an all-American dog that makes you want to go camping, hiking or just take a long walk on the beach. This little American Eskimo mix is fully grown at one-year-old and is a great size at 15 pounds. Foxy is affectionate, charming and a very loving dog. She is hardy, playful and is excellent with children and everyone she meets. With her willingness to please, she will be easy to train and will do excellently in obedience classes--which we highly recommend with all of our young dogs. Foxy would love to be part of your family and would benefit from a consistent and confident "pack leader." She loves her crate and is 100 percent crate-trained. Foxy is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

Our darling little **Heidi** came to us as a stray. What a find this girl is! We rarely have ever had a sweeter dog than this one. Heidi absolutely loves everyone she meets and has great play manners with all other dogs. She is currently in foster care where we have learned she is housebroken and uses the doggie door with



Foxy

is used to sleeping in his big, comfy dog bed. He walks superbly on leash and just loves to be with you wherever you are no matter what you are doing. We prefer to place him as an only dog, or he can go with another large female dog. He is not cat-safe. Connor is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed and microchipped.

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(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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



Heidi

ease. We estimate her to be about 18 months old. She is fully grown at 15 pounds. Heidi is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and fine with all other dogs.

Connor is a beautiful fawn-colored Mastiff and a gem of a dog. He was born on February 27, 2007 and was given up after his family's daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. We love the big boys and we were happy to take this well-behaved guy into rescue. We can't say enough good things about Connor. He loves everyone he meets, he grew up with kids and is happy to have them in his family. He is gentle, loving, sweet, calm, mellow, easygoing and fabulous in every way. Connor was raised as an inside dog, is totally housebroken and



Connor

Happy Tails

Bandit is a sweet little love of a dog with rockin' airplane ears. He sat patiently watching other dogs come and go as they were adopted, waiting for *his* forever family to find him. A family that had previously adopted through Animals Rule wanted Bandit to feel the love of a home and family as he waited for adoption and asked to foster him. Then, what rescuers sometimes call a "foster failure" occurred. Translation: the foster family fell so in love with him that they adopted Bandit themselves! Here's a look at their emails that led to Bandit's "Happy Tail."

"Hi. We have been following Bandit on your website for some time and it is breaking our hearts that he is not with a family. (We adopted Spencer from Animals Rule in March of 2012.) We would love to foster Bandit. Is this a possibility?"

Then two weeks later on December 12,

2013... "He is such a sweet dog. He is learning to use the doggie door. He plays and snuggles with the other two dogs--so fun to watch them. He even goes to the toy box and picks out toys to snuggle with. Loves to be held and we take him with us wherever we can. There doesn't seem to be any treat or food issues between the three of them. He is warming up to my husband... even goes up to him to be picked up and loved. We brought him with us on Thanksgiving. He let my dad and brother hold him. Of course, he loved all the women. Needless to say, Bandit is a perfect name because he has stolen our hearts. We would like to formally adopt him... Thanks, Bianca."

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. •

Purrrfect Companions

Looking for a new best friend? Pretty as picture, take a look at these purr-fect partners...

Carmen is a stunning cat who will grace your home with her beauty. If you are looking for a sweet cat who is gorgeous to look at, won't bother anyone or anything, and gets along with any resident cats, then Carmen is your girl! Carmen will sleep on the bed if you'd like and just generally hang out in whatever room you are in. If she could have a safe cat enclosure or an enclosed yard with cat-proof fencing, Carmen loves to roll in the grass and that's when her playful side will come out. She needs to be given time to adjust to a new place and new people. Once she is settled in, Carmen will ask for a few gentle pats from you--her new best friend.



Carmen

Boots has adorable greenish eyes, a sleek



Boots

black tuxedo and tiny white paws. He is very playful and gets along with every kitty he meets. Well-socialized and affectionate, Boots loves to try and run off with his toys, growling to himself once he's caught it. If you call for him, Boots will come running, tail up, meowing in response. This sweet baby is the perfect addition to any home. Since he is so young still, Boots cannot be an only kitty and must be adopted either with a youthful companion or into a home with a young resident kitty with whom he can romp.

Ashton is a silky, soft kitty who will beg for belly rubs, rolling around



Ashton

with his feet in the air, cooing at you. He has a lot of energy and loves racing around with his fellow foster friends. Ashton is a bit unsure when people are moving around, so a calm household would be best for him. However, he loves to sleep on the bed with you and comes racing when it's time for his wet food. Ashton is a super sweet boy looking for that special home where he will have a kitty to play with and a peaceful home to continue to blossom into the lover he truly is.

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 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.

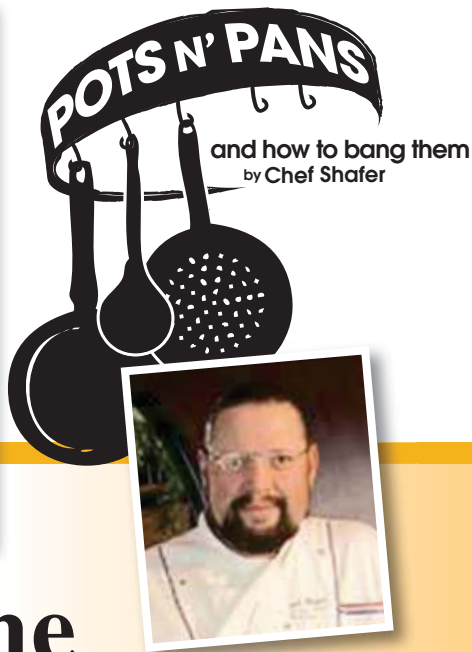
Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •



Bandi (left), home at last!

7his week has been so hot that I wanted something light to eat but still big flavored. So I came up with a shrimp dish that is very easy to make and still quick, so the kitchen doesn't get to hot.

The Chef



South of the Border Shrimp



- 1 pound peeled and deveined raw shrimp
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 bunch green onions cut in 2 inch pieces
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- ½ cup chopped olives
- 4 basil leaves chopped
- ¼ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large hot sauté pan sauté the shrimp in the olive oil.
Add the onions and cooked for 30 sec.
Add the tomatoes basil and wine.
Simmer for about a minute then add the butter, salt and pepper and mix together till the shrimp are done and pink.
Serve over rice or pasta.

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