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## Tree Musketeers Puts Down Roots at Arbor Day Event



El Segundo-based Tree Musketeers, an environmental non-profit run by local youth, planted ten new trees and tended to dozens more along Grand Avenue on Saturday. Assembly Member Steven Bradford joined members of El Segundo's City Council and its Mayor, Carl Jacobson, for the event. Bradford, who in the past spent time working for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and Tree People, praised Tree Musketeers' focus on environmental leadership, especially its training of local young people to take a leadership role in their community. Trees serve many important health, beauty, and economic purposes. They increase property values, clean the air and water, and insulate homes against heat and cold. But the Los Angeles area suffers from a lack of tree cover. One study estimates only 21 percent of L.A. is covered by tree canopy, below the 27 percent national average. Tree Musketeers has planted over 1,800 trees in El Segundo in its 26-year history and molded dozens of young leaders. From left to right: Council Members Dave Atkinson and Marie Fellhauer, Mayor Carl Jacobson, Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Fuentes, Tree Musketeers Executive Director Gail Church, and Assembly Member Steven Bradford.

## Unsung Heroes of City Hall: Deputy City Clerk Cathy Domann

By Brian Simon

After 20 years as El Segundo's City Clerk, Cindy Mortesen retired in 2012, paving the way for Tracy Weaver's election last April. Despite an expected learning curve for the "newbie", the transition was described as seamless thanks to a longstanding support staff that knows the ins and outs of the department. One of the mainstays responsible for keeping the office running smoothly is Deputy City Clerk II Cathy Domann, who has worked in the department for the last 14 years. Incidentally, the Clerk II designation is actually a staff supervisory role that is higher in rank than Clerk I.

Domann's lengthy stint is her second with the City of El Segundo. In the '80s, she worked with the local police and fire departments and gained familiarity with civic operations before leaving to take a position as Deputy City Clerk in Simi Valley. She then

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joined an aerospace company for 14 years of private sector work before returning home—this time to stay. "I missed public service and the opportunity to serve the community," said Domann. "Since I had prior experience working for El Segundo and in Simi Valley, when this opportunity came along, I thought it would be a good fit for me."

It has indeed proven to be a good fit for Domann, whose general role in a nutshell is to support and assist the City Clerk in the latter's duties. That description may seem simple enough, but the job entails a host of

responsibilities that most citizens don't realize go through this department. The formidable list includes conducting municipal elections, assisting in state and federal elections, and providing access to City records and all legislative actions to ensure transparency in

local government. "In addition, my specific duties include preparing and maintaining the departmental budget, processing claims against the City and subpoenas for records, overseeing bid openings for City projects,

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## Latest Trash Talk Not Recycled Information

By Brian Simon

From late 2010 through most of 2011, the topic of trash collection was rampant in El Segundo as the City Council mulled over potential changes to the local waste hauling and recycling program and considered everything from going automated to implementing tiered billing systems—even at one point asking residents (unsuccessfully, as parcel owners rejected the proposed fee via protest ballot) to pay for trash collection for the first time ever. After looking at bids from competing companies, the Council opted to stay with longtime hauler Consolidated Disposal Service (CDS), inking a seven-year deal at the end of 2011 that ended up costing less per annum than the City had paid previously.

Through it all, CDS representative and city liaison Sam Pena has remained a fixture at Council meetings, reporting on the latest news about the program. In January, Pena and company helped organize Community Shred Day at City Hall for folks wishing to

safely dispose of sensitive or confidential documents. The event drew 111 vehicles and 19 walk-ins in just three hours, with over 9,000 pounds of paper shredded and recycled onsite. Pena noted that the effort equated to saving 76 trees and 31,000 gallons of water. "It never slowed up—there were always four or five vehicles in line," he said, adding that the event was so successful that the City has already scheduled the next one for Saturday, July 13 from 10 to 1.

CDS hopes to make the two events an annual tradition for the community. "These Shred Days are non-contractual by Consolidated Disposal Service and are done in conjunction with the El Segundo PD and Public Works as an anti-theft campaign to properly destroy secure documents," said Pena. "People forget that not only are cans and bottles valuable commodities, but your identity is as valuable, if not more, that thieves are looking for. They are looking for Social Security numbers, old bank

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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Cloudy  
69°/58°



**Saturday**  
AM Clouds/  
PM Sun  
69°/58°



**Sunday**  
Partly  
Cloudy  
69°/57°



# Obituaries

## Phyllis Ann (Dettman) Lipscomb

**Phyllis Ann (Dettman) Lipscomb** passed away with family by her side on Thursday, March 7, 2013 after a lengthy illness. She was born on August 24, 1925 and raised on the family farm in Imperial, Nebraska. She attended Colorado Women's College, and while living in Denver met her future husband Orville "Lippy" Lipscomb. Continental Airlines transferred the family to El Segundo in 1957 where she was a terrific wife, mother, and cook. Phyllis and Lippy were regularly



seen walking around town and at all the local garage sales. Phyllis enjoyed gardening, exercise class at Rec Park, and swimnastics and lap swim at the Plunge. She is survived by her son Mark, his wife Toni (Patterson), and her grandchildren Holly and Suzanne. Some of her greatest pleasures were watching all the kids' activities and she spent hundreds of hours at baseball, soccer, softball, and track & field events. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lippy, and step-daughter, Linda (Lipscomb) Short.

## Cheer Wins Second National Title

The El Segundo Eagles Midget Youth Cheer Team won an unprecedented second cheerleading national title in the same season earlier this month at the United Spirit Association (USA) Junior Nationals, which took place at the Disney California Adventure

theme park in Anaheim. They earned their way into the USA Junior Nationals, as well as the Jamz Cheerleading and Dance Nationals in Las Vegas, by competing in a series of regional competitions throughout the cheerleading season.



From top left to right: Coach Krista, Coach Nicole, Coach Lauren, Coach Michele. Middle row: Eileen, Natalie, Sofia, Elaine, Tiffany, Camille. Bottom row: Kacy Lee, Bailey, Lindsay, Paige. Photo by RT Productions.

# Calendar

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Rummage Sale fundraiser to benefit local charitable organizations, 9 am-5 pm, also Sat 3/16, 9 am-1 pm, United Methodist Church, 540 Main (rear).

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- Concerts in the Library: Bridge of Dreams -- a Musical Journey to China, 2 p.m., FOL Room, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

- "Coffee with a Cop" hosted by the ESPD, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Rock and Brews, 143 Main St. Patrol officers, traffic officers and detectives will be available to answer any questions or concerns from community members.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main St. For

more information call (310) 524-2306.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- El Segundo Certified Farmers Market, 3-7 p.m. 400 block of Main St. Each month Farmers Market will have special events and activities on the third Thursday.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- Free Spring Concert (El Segundo Concert Band/ESHS Band), 7 pm, ES High School Performing Arts Center, 640 Main St.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- Custom Design & Construction Seminar, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2001 E. Mariposa Ave. Come learn the latest tips for remodeling.

### ONGOING

- Free Tax Preparation Assistance for seniors and low-income residents on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Joslyn Center. Call (310) 524-2705 for an appointment. Must bring 2011 tax return documents and all W-2 and 1099 forms (Social Security, Interest Income, Retirement, etc).

## Herald In Tallin, Estonia



The El Segundo Herald traveled to Estonia with Joe and Merit Reith.

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# High School Students Host, Organize Career Day

By Cristian Vasquez

Guest speakers from the aerospace industry, the banking industry, the medical field and a wide range of other professional careers shared their time and expertise on March 5 with local students as part of the El Segundo High School Career Day. "Students were able to hear one guest speaker and then attended a workshop for things like resume writing and interview skills," El Segundo High School (ESHS) Career Educational Advisor Linal Miller said. "True Colors was a personality survey that we used to match a person up with careers. At lunch, there was the career fair where companies were present at the quad talking about internships and career opportunities."

Unlike traditional career days where the students spend a few hours of their day visiting booths, during this all-day event every student

waste time."

The older students hope that Career Day had an impact on their younger classmates and that it provided some insight toward their future. "So many people, when they don't know what they're going to do, will keep putting things off until the last minute, but eventually they will turn into seniors and might not know what they're going to major in when in college and they're just going to keep changing majors without really knowing what to do with their lives," ESHS student Anna DaSilva said. "Hopefully these workshops and everything that we do will open up their minds to the many possibilities."

Unlike regular math or history classes, Miller's classroom takes on a more real-world focus and demands that students interact with every classmate in order to get tasks accomplished.



was matched with a guest speaker and then engaged in a workshop tailored to give the teenagers knowledge of how to prepare for internships and work in the professional world. Most importantly, the entire event was put together by students in Miller's class.

"It started with just an idea at the beginning of the year and we all got pretty excited about it. We have done a bunch of the workshops in class and we wanted to put those workshops in here for all the other students so that they can start learning about that," ESHS student Anna Studier said.

Organizing such a large-scale event was a new first-time experience for all the students who had to learn to manage school time, event-planning time and their personal lives. "It is very stressful because she [Miller] can get very stressed out too, but it is the real world and it is how everything is going to be," ESHS student Kelsey Trunbull said. "Your boss may be sick, which happened to her [Miller]--and when she was out, we did what we felt we had to do. You have to be able to be patient and if something doesn't work out, you have to be able to have a backup plan."

Having the students organize Career Day allowed Miller to teach her class the different aspects of teamwork, time management and personal responsibility while putting together an event that benefited the entire student body. "I am finding that in education, we need to start earlier in making students aware of how to navigate their career path. Our school is a high-performing, college-going culture since most of our students don't even think twice about going to college," Miller said. "With the economy and the fewer jobs and the competition out there, I am learning that in order to make a wise selection for even a college major or a university program, you have to kind of know where you're headed so that you don't

"By working with such a small group, we are able to identify each other's strengths and each other's weaknesses and we have learned when to help someone out in a time of weakness and to help someone out in a time of strength," ESHS student Chris Reimann said.

With more than 60 professionals in attendance, Career Day kept the entire student body fully engaged. For Miller, that was a reflection of the hard work and commitment by her students in organizing the event. In addition, the students were able to organize the event under budget, which in part was provided by the school and the rest through a generous parent donation.

"I have gotten nothing but support and positive feedback from both the Principal and the Assistant Principal," Miller said. "From my colleagues, I received e-mails supporting and thanking us and telling us how well it went. From the presenters themselves, I received a lot of response e-mails thanking me for letting them come over to be part of the experience and how well organized it was."

Miller's approach to the class has been well-received by the students who appreciate her nurturing nature but understand the importance of meeting deadlines and behaving professionally. "It is more like an actual workplace in here because we have all types of people and all types of different personalities and I am the more outspoken type," ESHS Riley Middough said. "It gives you exposure and it shows you how to interact with everyone. "The kids worked hard, stayed late, cleaned up and just simply asked if there is anything else they could do," she said. "They were just totally invested and today [March 6] I told the class that there were very few things that they were going to remember about high school when they get older, and the types of things they will remember are the things that impacted their lives and this is one of them." •

# Superintendent Addresses School Board with Positive News

By Duane Plank

Tuesday's El Segundo School Board meeting featured the presentation of a \$1,000 grant from the local Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) to Center Street School for science programs. Additionally, Chief District Budget official Susan Aceves presented a report on the financial state of El Segundo Unified School District at this point in time. "We are in very good shape now," said Superintendent Geoff Yantz, while warning that the District will continue to face money challenges in the upcoming years.

After a quick video presentation about the AFCEA's similar grant and program that had taken place at Richmond Street School (which according to Board President Ann Coles, was a "huge success"), Aceves addressed the members about the filing of the District's second interim financial report--a required missive that must be made with the State. With neighboring school districts in Manhattan Beach and Culver City preparing to pink-slip teachers because of budgetary shortfalls, Aceves gave a reassuring report, noting that ESUSD "will be able to meet all of its financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year, and the next two years." Aceves' presentation included notation of major changes in California's funding model, as well as cost of living adjustments that may impact the District.

Later in the meeting, Yantz also spoke of finances and noted that while all looks rosy at this time, looking down the financial road the District may be impacted by proposed State government creative financing taking place in Sacramento. That could cost the District substantial funding in the upcoming years. Discussing District funding and the budget, Yantz remarked, "School budgets are quite complex, and don't always make a lot of

sense." State and local revenue projections that could affect the District were part of his presentation.

Yantz said that what California Governor Jerry Brown and his staff are trying to accomplish is to simplify the funding process, which he noted is appreciated by District administrators. Yantz did mention, however, that the ESUSD may be in line to lose as much as \$2.5 million in funding as the possible financial numbers are extrapolated into the next decade.

Yantz also spoke about what he termed the "funding disparity," noting that school districts typically receive funding through local taxes, general obligation bonds and foundation contributions, like the money raised by the El Segundo Ed Foundation. He reiterated that while things are positive budgetarily at this time, numerous challenges will face the District in the upcoming decade. He stressed the need to get the financial information out to the parents and community members, and that the education process involving the community is paramount at this time. "When our schools thrive, our community thrives," Yantz said.

The consent agenda featured an exciting opportunity for six El Segundo High School engineering students to travel to Washington, D.C. and take part in a hands-on competition dubbed the "Real World Design Challenge." The selected students will compete against the best and the brightest nationwide in mid-April, creating their own "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System." All expenses will be fronted by the Real World Design Challenge organization.

The Board also approved a road trip for the El Segundo High varsity baseball team to travel to Atascadero from April 1-3 and participate in a tournament. In a second

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## Trash

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statements, tax records, real estate documents, old credit card statements and blank checks that companies mail out as promotions that can be used without you knowing."

Meanwhile, the City's Public Works Department's Solid Waste Recycling Division recently mailed its annual guide to waste and recycling services, with details on curbside collection days and program parameters, what items may be recycled, green waste recycling, bulky item collection, hazardous and E-waste

weeks twice a year during fall and spring during which crews will pick up unbundled green waste from residential curbs at no charge. Bulky items and white goods such as refrigerators and large appliances may also be placed curbside on regular collection days, but are subject to size and weight limitations for what two workers can manage to lift safely.

Though the City continues to promote these services, it is surprising how many people still don't know what is and isn't recyclable.

*"They are looking for Social Security numbers, old bank statements, tax records, real estate documents, old credit card statements and blank checks that companies mail out as promotions that can be used without you knowing."*

disposal and more. According to its contract with the City, Consolidated provides free curbside collection of trash and recyclables to residential properties of four or fewer units. Those in larger complexes must arrange and pay for their own collection. Though there is no limit on the amount of trash one can place by the curb, the items must be contained within the receptacle. Containers cannot exceed 45 gallons or weigh more than 60 pounds. Any construction debris such as dirt, sod, rock, or hot ashes must be disposed (at no cost) at the landfill in Gardena (1449 W. Rosecrans Avenue, 310-527-6980).

For recycling, customers can either use up to two blue 18- or 32-gallon containers provided free of charge by CDS, or their own bins if marked with a sticker (available from the City or Consolidated) as recycling. Items that qualify for recycling include glass beverage bottles and food jars, aluminum cans, milk or juice cartons, plastic bottles #1-#7 (no lids), plastic milk containers, magazines, phone books, newspaper, mixed paper, clean paper bags, flattened cardboard and cereal boxes, wire coat hangers, empty aerosol and paint cans, Styrofoam with numbers and clean aluminum foil. CDS will not pick up broken glass, helium or propane tanks, mirrors, paper food items that are soiled, pizza boxes, hard-cover books, photographs, tape, string, rubber bands, wax paper, freezer boxes and scrap metal.

Green waste such as yard trimmings and tree/bush/plant clippings can be dropped off at the City Maintenance Yard at 150 Illinois Street year-round. The City also schedules clean-up

Evidence to that effect was the recent "Think Before You Toss" campaign spearheaded by three El Segundo High School students who formed a coalition to foster a local green movement. After conducting a "waste audit" at the five highest foot traffic locations in town where they pulled out and examined the contents of five trash bags, they learned that 83 percent of the materials within could have been recycled. The group hopes to see more recycling canisters strategically placed in commercial areas around town. Pena also promised to provide composting bins at El Segundo High, where the trio had also performed a waste audit with similarly eye-opening results.

One service the City doesn't handle is hazardous waste collection for items such as oil, brake fluid, gas, paint, pesticides and herbicides, car and household batteries, cleaners with acid or lye, pool chemicals, expired pharmaceuticals and electronics (E-waste). E-waste includes computers, printers, TVs, VCRs, cell phones, fax machines, stereos and electronic games. Residents can drop those off at the Hyperion Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (7660 W. Imperial Highway, Gate B, Playa del Rey, 800-988-6942) on weekend days between 9 and 3. Every November, Raytheon co-hosts a hazardous waste collection event in El Segundo during which residents can drive through and drop off items there. Items not allowed include tires, explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials and business waste.

Residents with additional questions about trash collection and recycling can contact Consolidated Disposal Service at 800-299-4898. •

# SoCal Regional Occupational Center: Impacting Lives for More Than 45 Years

By Cristian Vasquez

Providing career technical education has been the mission of the Southern California Regional Occupation Center since its inception in 1967. However, the status of services and resources provided by this unique educational resource is in an uncertain situation.

Based on Governor Jerry Brown's recent budget proposal, regional occupational centers across the state would receive zero dollars in funding, putting at risk the continued existence of places like SoCal ROC.

"The unfortunate part where we are right now is that programs like ours, regional occupational centers, and other career technical education programs have no budget," SoCal ROC Superintendent Christine A. Hoffman said. "For the past 30-plus years, the State has always funded ROC/PS in the state of California. You can imagine that is very disconcerting to us because this place has been here for 46 years and it is really an icon in the South Bay in terms of providing career technical education to more than 9,000 students and adults."

The courses provided by SoCal ROC reach high school students in six of the surrounding school districts (Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach,

involved. In addition, more than 20 percent of the courses offered at SoCal ROC also meet the University of California's A-G entrance requirement courses, which appeal to many of the high school students.

"I really enjoyed it here. I took the fundamentals of nursing class two semesters ago and I found out the differences between medical assisting in nursing, which doesn't seem like much but there is a major distinction," El Segundo High School senior Kyra Noel Wopschall said "The people you meet here are great. It takes about a week or two to get comfortable with the class, but once you do you make a lot of good friends. I have also had some really excellent teachers that I have connected with and one of them actually wrote me a letter of recommendation. Also, I really wanted to be in the medical field. I don't have straight As and I'm not a 4.0 student, so I found a way of getting ahead in my medical field career. This really helps."

Wopschall, who will be attending Mt. St. Mary's College in the fall to complete her BSN Nursing Program, has known she wanted to be in the medical field since she was in the fourth grade, but being at SoCal ROC gave her a better sense of direction. "I realized my freshman



El Segundo and Inglewood), which agreed to participate as a consortium under a joint powers authority. As a result, all high school students in these districts have priority registration for the courses offered at the SoCal ROC location.

"Guidance specialists are assigned to work with the high schools within those districts and they will go out and talk with the students about what their future career interests are," Hoffman said. "Whether they want to be engineers, doctors, welders, work in construction or fashion design, the guidance specialists are there to speak with students and to help them."

These guidance counselors emphasize to students that they can study classes pertaining to any career interest they might have while in high school so that the student can obtain a better understanding of what the career entails and what type of schooling will be

year that I should take this and visit the medical field that I wanted to be in," Wopschall said. "It is very broad and there's so much out there. I knew that I didn't want to be a doctor. At first I thought I would be interested in doing the lab work, but I don't want to do that either. So I decided to do nursing because that within itself also has a lot of different options."

Through pathway courses, SoCal ROC links students with experiences as close as a work environment setting in the field in which they are interested. For instance, students interested in sports medicine can have first-hand exposure to physical therapy aid or personal training and decide which route they want to take when in college. Every academic program has pathway courses where the student can decide to continue pursuing additional courses within a given field.

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## Community Briefs

### ESHS ROBOTICS CLUB TAKES 2nd PLACE AT HSIC

On February 22, El Segundo High School Robotics Club competed and won second place in the Northrop Grumman High School Innovation Challenge (HSIC) with a \$750



award for the Robotics Club. The theme of this competition was surrounded by Autonomous Vehicles and how they impact and protect lives. Over the course of two months the club built and programmed a robot to drive autonomously through an obstacle course at a budget of \$600 using sensors on the robot to "see" its way through the course around obstacles and drive out a specified door, without a remote controller. The team was judged on a Preliminary Design Review (PDR), a presentation, and the actual competition. The competition consisted of eight teams from different schools. It was an experience of a lifetime and an exceptional learning opportunity for the club members making them even more interested in engineering and science. Photo courtesy of Greta Studier.

**GARDEN GROWS AT CENTER STREET SCHOOL**

Thanks to a generous PTA donation, the Cougar Patch Garden is expanding to three times its previous size and will now measure 50' x 75'. On Thursday, March 7 the community celebrated the opening of the new green space with a small garden party, scavenger hunt and ladybug release ceremony. The new Cougar Patch features a plot bed for each of the school's 28 classes, each watered with an efficient drip system. A decomposed granite pathway invites visitors to wind their way through the garden beds and solar-powered fountains to appreciate the produce, the flora and some whimsical metal sculptures. Fruit trees line one side of the garden, while guava, strawberry and blueberry bushes can be found throughout the grounds. A set of picnic benches creates a comfortable space for students and their volunteer docents to sit, talk and enjoy the bounty of their efforts. Three generously sized compost bins will turn the school's lunchtime fruit and vegetable waste into rich fertilizer for the garden. Center Street School is one of two

### elementary schools in the El Segundo Unified School District. The ESUSD is dedicated to providing students and the community with an optimum learning environment that prepares educated, productive, compassionate citizens to meet the challenges of a global society in the 21st century.

**NEW FLIGHT PATH PLAQUES HONOR AVIATION LUMINARIES**

Six new plaques for the aviation "walk of fame" on Sepulveda Boulevard in Westchester were dedicated recently at the Flight Path Museum in the LAX Imperial Terminal. Each honoree is credited with a significant contribution to the advancement of aviation. Honored at the ceremony and luncheon were Gen. Kevin P. Chilton (USAF-ret.), NASA astronaut and former head of the U.S. Strategic Command; Iris Cummings Critchell, aviation educator and World War II Woman Air Force Service Pilot (WASP); the late Robert W. Prescott, founder of the all-cargo Flying Tiger Line; Frank Robinson, pioneer helicopter designer and manufacturer; Burt Rutan, aircraft and spacecraft designer; and the late Robert Six, airline industry innovator and visionary. General Chilton was featured speaker at the event. Addition of the new plaques brings the total to 51 since the program began, according

### brick walls, lofty ceilings and Rodney White artwork. The cafe serves gourmet breakfast sandwiches, Breadbar pastries and fresh-baked breads, salads, soups and sandwiches, self-serve frozen yogurt with a wide array of toppings and fruit, fruit-based smoothies, protein shakes and organic, fair-trade certified coffee. The Lifestyle Cafe is

to Flight Path President Rowena Ake. The new plaques are to be installed in the sidewalk on Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westchester business district north of LAX. Lori Keir of the Flight Path board and John Ruhlen of the Westchester Streetscape Improvement Association are coordinating the project. The plaque project began in 1995 with ceremonies in Westchester. Dignitaries present included Flight Path's honorary chairman, Maj. Gen. Charles E. Yeager, the first pilot to break the sound barrier. Presiding was Morrey Plotkin, longtime community leader, who originated the aviation walk of fame concept and garnered support for the project. •



Gen. Kevin P. Chilton (USAF-Ret.), NASA astronaut and St. Bernard High School graduate, was featured speaker at recent ceremonies in the LAX Flight Path Museum dedicating sidewalk plaques honoring six aviation luminaries. Chilton was among those honored.

responding to public records act requests, acting as filing officer for local campaign finance, overseeing the document imaging program for the department and the City-wide records retention and destruction program, as well as updating and maintaining the City Municipal Code," said Domann. In addition, she is also a compliance officer for federal, state and local statutes, including the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, and the Public Records Act.

## Domann

from front page

increasing changes in her field, Domann is a firm believer in updating her education and training. To illustrate that point, she has a degree in Business Administration, completed a Professional Development Program "Continuing Education for Public Officials," obtained a Certified Municipal Clerk designation, and (in 2010) earned a Master Municipal Clerk certification. "Learning is a career-long process and attending ongoing training and education programs such as the annual New Law and Election workshops is a must," Domann said.

Since coming back to the City in 1999, Domann has seen technology transform the way her department does business—mostly a good thing. "Automation and document management software have really improved our research capability, productivity and ability to provide the public with information in a

## Business Briefs

### NEW CAFE REVITALIZES KEY CORNER IN DOWNTOWN

Located on the corner of Main and Pine Street, is the building that houses the Lifestyle Cafe previously served as a local utility company. Now, the previously empty retail space has been newly designed with a modern industrial feel that includes exposed



Neighbors, friends and city council members attended the grand opening of Lifestyle Cafe ribbon cutting by owners Doug and Elaine Sersun with Mayor Carl Jacobson. Photo by Linda Cohen.

environmentally friendly, with an organic, warm feel both indoors and out. Inside, diners can choose between the comfortable leather chairs or the French-industrial tolix chairs and stools. Outdoors, the cafe features bright red umbrellas and avocado-green chairs, along with vibrant landscaping and a custom-living wall of succulents which serves a vibrant backdrop to the cafe's signage. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on Tuesday, March 5 with several city council members and representatives from the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce in attendance. The cafe was open to the public, who was offered specials and discounts on the full menu throughout the day.

**MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S EXTENDS HAPPY HOUR**

It's lucky to celebrate with the Irish. McCormick & Schmick's will be celebrating its Irish roots with an extended happy hour on Sunday, March 17 from noon to 9 p.m. Come by and enjoy dishes with an Irish twist both in the dining room and at the bar. McCormick & Schmick's is located at 2101 Rosecrans Ave. Suite 1280. For more information, interested persons may call 310-416-1123. •

### SoCal ROC

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### Some of the programs are an extension, a pathway, that maybe they started at the high school. They can come here and they can take anything from videogame design, animation—there is of course in that pathway a course called creature sculpting where they do the clay models that are used in the videogame designs," Hoffman said. "For those students that are part of that JPA, they are coming here after the regular school day. If there is room in our classes after we address the needs of our students in the JPA, any high school student can come here from wherever. They have to get here on their own and we do have students coming from places like Long Beach, Orange County and we even have somebody coming from the San Bernardino area. Why? Because they can't give these programs at the high school campuses."

SoCal ROC also has courses for adults, at a nominal fee, looking to enter a new field, or for those who simply want to move ahead in their current career. Through the help of more than 250 partners, many of them local, SoCal ROC tries to continue having a strong

impact on the lives of the students that walk through its doors.

"Not to have money budgeted is a real shock because the State budget begins July 1, so we are very, very much involved right now with our local and State elected officials from around the area," Hoffman said "They are the ones that for the next two months will debate and discuss all of the parts of the State budget and what we wanted to remember is that SoCal ROC as of now has zero dollars budget and it needs to be fixed. We think, as well as they [elected officials] at this point, that this is an oversight. There is a lot of details to the State budget, so we believe that is an oversight and we just want to make sure that there's enough time in order to get the information to them—to get information out to the whole South Bay to let them know where things are right now, but that there is enough time to fix it before a final State budget is adopted."

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

A good friend and column reader, Michael B., went apoplectic last week over the state of our economy, so I want to assure him everything is okay. As a matter of fact, it's more than okay. It's perfect! Here's what's happening, Michael:

In 2009, that cute little pixie fairy, Tinker Bell, was cruising around Washington and happened to fly into an open White House window. There, she found the President with his head buried in his hands and his shoulders

*"In other words, the economy is dead in the water. But who cares?"*

hunched. "Wazzup, Boss?" she asked. With a groan he replied, "I'm in over my head." She cooed, "Poor baby, tell you what—I'll grant you three wishes to lighten your burden."

He brightened and said, "Super! Here's my first wish: I want to borrow money without limit." POOF! With a wave of her wand and a fist full of pixie dust, his wish was granted. "What's next?"

"Okay," he said, "Now I don't want to pay any interest on that unlimited debt." "Easily done," she said. POOF! With pixie dust covering his shoulders, the interest on the national debt was reduced to zero.

"So what's your third and final wish," she asked, adding, "Make it a good one." "It is," he said. "I don't want to ever pay the loans back. POOF! Tinker invented Ben Bernanke. Ben said, "Okay, Barack, here's what we'll do: We'll just buy back government loans with money the government just printed! Cool, no? That way, no one needs to worry about repaying the trillions of dollars we've borrowed. Each month our money printing makes our

debt disappear, even as we borrow more."

"Super cool," said Barack. "Right on," said Ben...and Tinker Bell threw more pixie dust on the duo to bless the arrangement they had reached.

A suddenly serious Tinker said, "Now sit down and listen, Barack. Here's the important part of the pixie dust economy: Free money is the foundation, but the important news is that it's no longer important to grow the economy to raise our standard of living!

Government can give us entitlements from the borrowings...and it's all free!

"The latest economic reports show our economy growing at one-tenth-of-one-percent per year. In other words, the economy is dead in the water. But who cares? As long as there is compensating entitlement growth, economic growth is irrelevant. We'll all be fat and happy without working...living a life of leisure.

"The plan is a win-win program, Barack. China and foreign lenders will be happy. Our children and grandchildren will be relieved of repaying our debt. We haven't been able to make the economy grow in four years, so let's just give up and replace growth with free money to all."

With that, a smiling Tinker Bell covered Barack and Ben with a thick layer of pixie dust and flitted off to save the EU.

So relax, Michael. Tinker Bell has taken care of everything. Our economy is perfect and nothing can go wrong...Nothing can go wrong...Nothing can go wrong.

POOF! •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Improving Education

By Cristian Vasquez

It was difficult to walk away from the issue of education that was brought up last week since the area of K-12 education was not touched. There is much to be debated about the state of our public education system in California and across the country. While small school districts have demonstrated improved API scores and efficiency in math, science and English among their students—as a whole, the nation's scores are not too impressive. This is not a new problem and it was one that former President George W. Bush tried to fix through his No Child Left Behind Act. While \Bush was bombarded with criticism by opponents for what they claimed to be an ineffective act, we must remember two things: the act was heavily influenced by the late Senator Ted Kennedy, who even though he criticized the funding aspect of the act, strongly believed in its goals. Second, President Obama's Race to the Top program used NCLB as a sort of blueprint to move forward with reforming our nation's K-12 system.

In many regards both NCLB and RTTT deal with the same issues, but the approach is different. While NCLB provides mandates for schools to improve tests scores, RTTT actually provides incentives. One can get technical and argue that incentives and mandates are one and the same, but the truth is they are not. RTTT seeks to provide states with monetary incentives to reform their education systems based on the needs and inefficiencies in their system. NCLB mandated a variety of changes at the state and local education systems as a requirement to receiving Title I funds.

Title I is the nation's largest federal education grant that states receive and distribute to their local school districts for children from low-income families. Title I funds pay for such things as educational programs for disadvantaged children. Under NCLB, a school would lose funds as a form of punishment for underperforming and be made to change its educational approach. It is difficult to refute the idea of changing a system that is not working, but it is irrational to believe that a school can make a change for the better when Title I funds are withdrawn from its budget.

RTTT grantees receive additional federal funding while NCLB requires states to make reforms in order to continue receiving the same federal funds they currently receive and are entitled to get. While NCLB provides a framework for RTTT, a stark difference is that RTTT encourages different methods of measuring student, teacher and school performance without fiscally crippling the school. The intent of NCLB is great—to fix the educational problems afflicting our nation's schools. However, the financing approach of it all is flawed.

K-12 education is very much needed and RTTT is a major improvement from NCLB. We shouldn't completely discredit the qualities of NCLB, but you can't ask a school to improve the quality of its education for low-income students by taking away the Title I funds intended to provide these children a good education. RTTT isn't focused on punishing low-performing schools, but rather it seeks to reward good academic performances. •



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# Sports

## Sports

### Eagles Playing it Close

By Gregg McMullin

The old adage that defense and pitching wins baseball games is really showing its true colors early on in the El Segundo High School baseball season. With wins of 9-6 over Firebaugh and 3-2 over California and a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Paramount, the Eagles are seeing first-hand why defense and pitching are so important.

The Eagles have struggled on offense, once thought to be the team's strength. But now it seems that has been their Achilles heel. They have scored just 16 runs in their first five games while playing great defense. The Eagles went 3-2 in their own tournament to open the season. "I can't put my finger on it," said Eagle head coach Steve Shevlin of the slow start on offense.



Dean Abramson picked up his first win against Firebaugh.

Other than the opening game against hard-throwing Dominic Smith of Serra, El Segundo has pounded the ball at times against everyone else. The Eagles are getting base runners, but haven't seemed to get the timely hit. They have out-hit each opponent other than Serra, but it hasn't translated into runs.

On the other hand, the pitching has been brilliant starting with Ryan Pordes' first two outings. In his latest stint against Paramount, the senior right-hander went six innings and scattered four hits, walked two and gave up just one earned run. It was the unearned run that did him in, though.

The Eagles collected six hits and were issued two walks and reached on an error, but came away with just one run. That one run came in the seventh inning when Mike Pagan singled sharply up the middle. Kevin Schreiber then tripled him in, but he was left stranded and the Eagles came up empty.

Defensively, the Eagles have been playing well and against Paramount came up with three more double plays. The infield combination of Nick Martinez at third, Lars Nootbaar or Seth McKenna at shortstop and Schreiber at second base has come up with nine double plays on the year.

In the two wins against defending CIF Southern Section Division 7 champion Firebaugh, the Eagles pounded the ball. The sharp ground balls were just that, but playable. The Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and starting pitcher Dean Abramson looked sharp in his first varsity start. At times he looked unhittable and took advantage of some great defensive plays by Schreiber, Martinez, and Connor Underwood.

With the Eagles leading 4-1, Abramson's start was finished after he tossed 95 pitches through five innings. Jake Gafford came in to pitch the sixth and seventh innings and the Falcons took advantage of the change when they scored two runs in the sixth to make 4-3.

The Eagles scored five runs in the seventh on just two hits, a couple of walks and two errors. Chris Gutierrez's two-run single was a backbreaker. Gutierrez ended the day going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Firebaugh wouldn't go quietly when it came up with three runs of its own on an array of bad hop extra base hits, an error and an error. The Eagles escaped with the win, though.

El Segundo waited until the last inning

to make its statement against the California Condors. Trailing 2-0, the Eagles came up with three runs to prevail 3-2. This was another game that boggled the coaching staff's minds.

Sophomore sensation Willem Mostert had another solid outing. He gave up a run in the first inning and an unearned run in the fourth inning and trailed 2-0 when he exited after the fourth. He threw 68 pitches and gave up just two hits, but hit three batters and walked one--which is uncharacteristic for a control pitcher like him.

Mostert gave way to Tanner Stevens, who was unhittable and gave his team the opportunity to get back into the game. The Eagles put runners on base in each inning, but just couldn't get the timely hit they needed until the seventh inning.

Pordes led off with a single and Hunter Lewis doubled down the right field line. Nootbaar walked to load the bases with one out. Eric Gronhagen then worked a full count into a walk to make it 2-1. Gutierrez singled sharply to left field, scoring pinch-runner Ryan Porter with Nootbaar holding at third base to make it 2-2. Austin Brasher then struck out on a questionable call and Martinez worked a walk to score Nootbaar with the winning run to give the Eagles a 3-2 victory. "Hate to



Hunter Lewis helped ignite the Eagle's win over California High. win a game on a walk-off walk but we'll take it," said Shevlin.

Shevlin would have much rather had the bats do the talking and perhaps this is just the game that will ignite those powerful bats. When he was reminded that the bats are routinely slow to start the season, he shook his head in agreement. "The pitching and defense have kept us close and when the bats catch up, I think we'll be a team to watch," he said.

The Eagles play a twilight doubleheader at Redondo (3-2) today starting at 3:15 p.m., with the second game at 5:45 p.m. On Saturday, El Segundo hosts La Mirada at 11 a.m. in the first round of the Redondo Tournament. Next week, the Eagles travel to Mira Costa on Tuesday for a day-night doubleheader at Marine Park starting at 5 p.m. The Mustangs have started the season on a roll and played in the El Segundo Tournament championship game.

The JV team ran its record to 4-1 with a 5-2 win over South Torrance and 11-0 shutout of Mira Costa. It did drop a 11-4 decision to Peninsula. In the early going, Davis Salzman has been impressive on the mound and he dominated Mira Costa for six innings in giving up just two hits. He's 2-0 on the season. Eric Perkey, Noah Bergren, Jackson Walz, Matt McClean and Joey Garza have led the team to a strong first week of the season.

The Frosh/Soph won at Mira Costa 1-0 to run its record to 3-1. Sam O'Connor walked, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double by Brandon Craig in the second inning. Wyatt Boyce was nearly perfect through the fifth inning, allowing no hits. Albert Galicia came in and got the save, allowing one hit while striking out five. Frankie Martinez keeps impressing behind the plate and threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Chris Gomez was 3-for-3 with three RBIs in leading the Eagles to a 13-3 win over Taft. Frankie Martinez and Jason Kehl each had two hits apiece while Mario Morales walked three times and scored three times. Alex Rios picked up the win, going three strong innings while Bradley Heckman finished up. •

## Frankly Plank

By Duane Plank

So to all of the readers who somehow missed the official Frankly Plank birthday soiree, you still have time to make up for your thoughtlessness. I will be celebrating until the end of the week, culminating (maybe) in a raucous St. Patrick's Day tumult. Course, I probably forgot your birthday, but never mind. A couple of big time column supporteristas will be celebrating milestones in the next few months and I may choose to promote them in my limited time and space... maybe.

And while I may not be all that Irish--in fact, claim to be Mexi/Italian, I count many an Irish man and woman amongst my posse of supporters. Married one, in fact.

So as we morph onto the world of sports, my Lakers have now played enough crummy teams, and figured out a way to beat some of them, to move into playoff position. Good for them. I never quit as a Laker fan, as some of the frontrunners may have. Doesn't matter, right, 'til the playoffs start? Although in the NBA, most eight seeds are sent packing in round one of the playoffs.

Utah out, Lakers in. And a probable first-round exit against a superior team. But I have to give it up for Kobe Bryant. Awesome stallion, befuddling the defenders over and over again as he goes one-on-five to rescue the sinking Laker ship in the last couple minutes of most games.

So this Sunday apparently is the monotony of the selection show for the NCAA basketball tourney, which I am sure some of you worry about watching and then studiously fill out your brackets? Good for you. Gotta admit I

pay little attention to the hoops extravaganza after the first two weekends.

Now I like watching the first four rounds of the tourney, but then find my sporting attention drifting back to hockey and baseball. Used to fill out the bracket thing when the Kid was home, but now seem to have too much else going on and can't figure out the time to do that anymore. Guess the resurgent Bruins are the number one seed in the Pac-12 tournament this week.

Go Gonzaga? Why not?


Watched a couple of the innings of the not-so-amusing World Baseball Classic. Saw a brawl, apparently because the Mexican team got a little heated cuz they were getting their rears kicked by the guys from Canada in an early-round game. Apparently the Mexican team took umbrage to the fact that the Canadians were trying to continue scoring runs after taking a comfortable lead. So the pitcher drilled the Canadian batter and a tiff ensued. Gotta love those "unwritten rules" in beisbol.

Watching the sporting events this weekend, doing my due diligence, and have to note that nary a fan wanted to watch hoops. Or Cheetah Woods win a golf tourney in Miami. More people seemed to be interested in the NASCAR race, the one in which my ex-girlfriend, Danica Patrick, finished...way in the back. Kinda like she always does, eh, unless magically the NASCAR promotional machine elevates her to the lead lap?

Out of time and space. Had an amusing local salvo that I was going to spring on you. Maybe down the road. •

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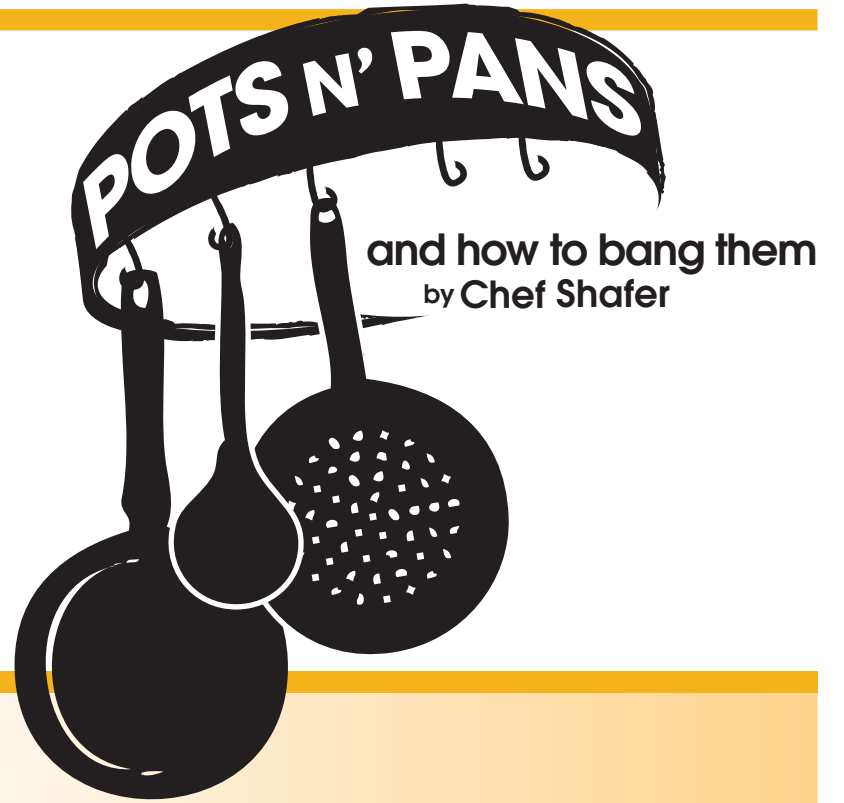
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*The Chef*



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- 1 cup diced carrots*
- 1 cup diced celery*
- 1 cup diced red bell peppers*
- 1 cup diced squash zucchini or yellow squash*
- 2 to 4 chopped fresh jalapeños-depending on how hot you like it*
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander*
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin*
- 4 tablespoons chili powder*
- 1 15 ounce can of diced tomatoes*
- 1 gallon chicken stock or broth*
- 1 15 ounce can of hominy drained*
- Salt and pepper to taste*
- Garnish with Chopped cilantro*
- Tortilla chips*
- Lime wedges*
- Chopped onions*

In a hot soup pot sauté in oil the garlic onions celery carrots and bell peppers for 2 to 3 minutes.  
 Add the dry spices and jalapenos and stir together with the other veggies.  
 Add the tomatoes stock and hominy and simmer for 10 minutes.  
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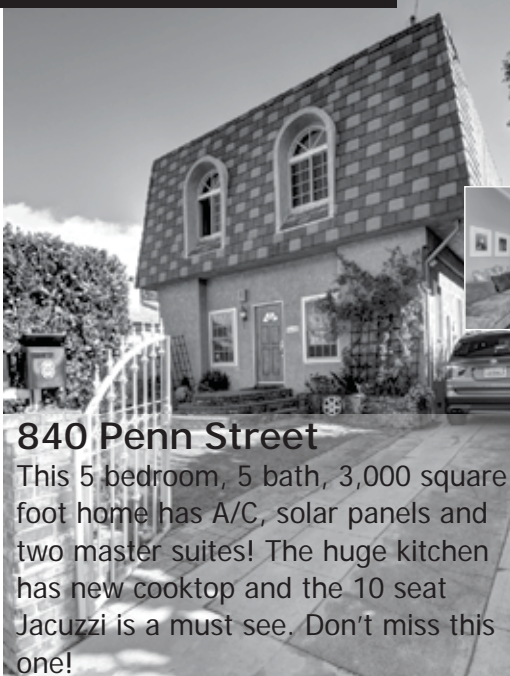
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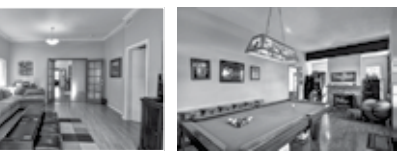
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timely manner," she said. "On the flip side, laws, statutes and regulations have become much more complicated and require much more analysis and research."

Still, such technology has helped Domann's office achieve new heights that have streamlined the system, including implementation of a City document imaging system and the electric archiving of almost a century of legislative and historical records. "My goal for this year is to complete a City-wide records retention policy," she said.

Though she has quite a bit on her plate, Domann said she is blessed to work with incredibly supportive people who are at the top of their profession. "Cindy, Tracy, Mona [Shilling, Deputy City Clerk I] and all the part-time staff who have worked in the City Clerk's office have been wonderful—very knowledgeable and professional," she noted. "City employees have continued to do a great job in providing services to the community despite shrinking resources. Everyone is awesome to work with."

Weaver feels the same way about Domann. "I love working with Cathy--she has been a fabulous teacher and resource," she said. "The City Clerk's office is an integral part of the City and Cathy is the backbone of the office. Her knowledge is invaluable. I refer to Cathy quite a bit and if for some reason she doesn't have the answer, she knows exactly how to find out the answer. Cathy is also helping me with the process of earning my CMC [Certified Municipal Clerk] and letting me know which courses and conferences are the best ones for educating and networking." Weaver went on to note that the City Clerk's office is a team that works well together, helps each other out when needed and still manages to have a bit of fun together.

As for working at City Hall and living in El Segundo, Domann has no plans to leave either place anytime soon. "The town has come a long way," she said. "El Segundo's recreation facilities and parks are fantastic and with all the new developments, we now have great places to shop and dine. And the five-minute commute to work isn't bad either..."

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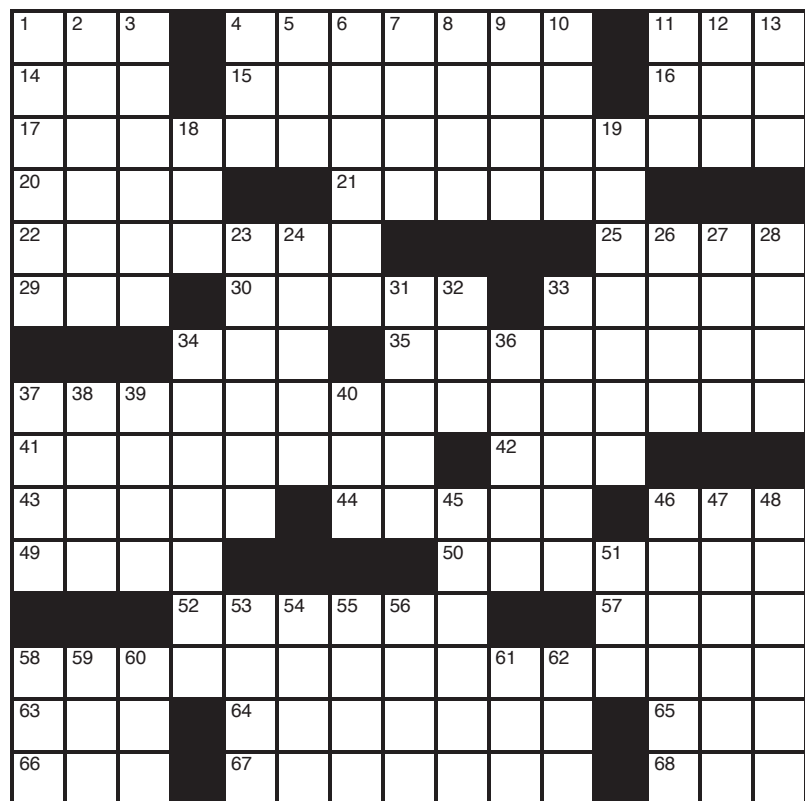
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- Across**
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  - 4. Asian area
  - 11. Rapture
  - 14. Hidden winner, \_\_\_ in the hole
  - 15. Get too many
  - 16. Lode load
  - 17. Wizard of Oz footwear
  - 20. African flower
  - 21. Encounterer
  - 22. Card game
  - 25. Footnote abbr.
  - 29. Live
  - 30. Airs
  - 33. Drudge
  - 34. Bust
  - 35. Pan type
  - 37. Field of play
  - 41. Flowering plant
  - 42. Cheer starter
  - 43. Flock
  - 44. Principle of life, in Hinduism
  - 46. Fancy neckwear
  - 49. Military Order, for short
  - 50. Overcoats
  - 52. Darth Veda's side
  - 57. Cool one's heels
- Down**
- 1. Rattle
  - 2. Eyepiece
  - 3. Fillet
  - 4. In place of
  - 5. Blvd.
  - 6. Saxophonist, Joshua
  - 7. Leprechaun land local
  - 8. Fully fit
  - 9. Legal action
  - 10. Create an email
  - 11. "Mud"
  - 12. "Catch-22" pilot
  - 13. Go word
  - 18. Vote of support
  - 19. Before the finals
  - 23. In a consistent manner
  - 24. Eustacian area related
  - 26. Poi source
- Across**
- 27. Cosmetics company
  - 28. Advance
  - 31. Elaborate display
  - 32. Bummed
  - 33. Spots
  - 34. Nor partner
  - 36. Agave rug fiber
  - 37. Bee \_\_\_
  - 38. M\_\_\_: Chinese owned area
  - 39. Craft
  - 40. Meadow
  - 45. Granola cereal
  - 46. Goatees
  - 47. Familiarize
  - 48. Off course
  - 51. Wee hour
  - 53. Periodical publications
  - 54. Surveyor's work
  - 55. Without purpose
  - 56. Commuter line
  - 58. Squeeze (out)
  - 59. "Cool" amount
  - 60. Call off
  - 61. Biddy
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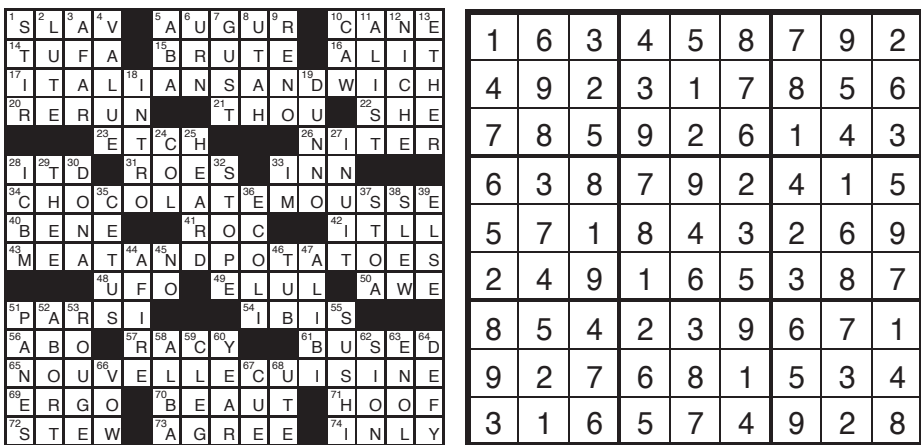
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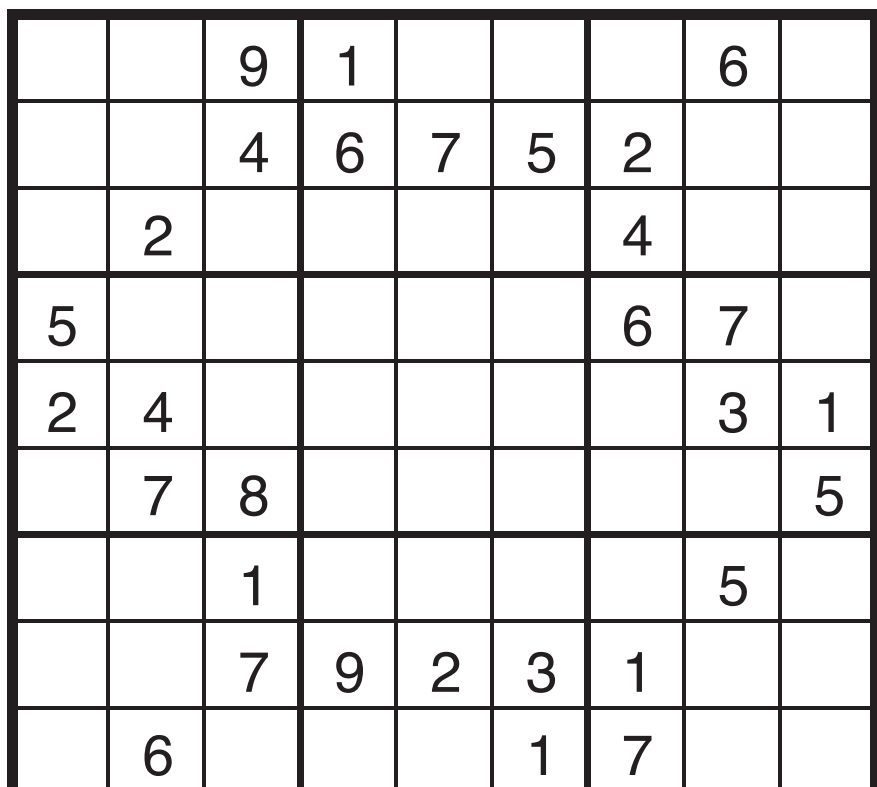
reading, the Board consented to two new high school courses--Business Economics, Entrepreneurship, and Exploring Computer Science. Both classes are slated to start during the fall semester of the 2013-14 school year. The new business class adds another course to the potential Business and Finance Pathway at the El Segundo High. The computer science course is "designed to introduce students to the breadth of the field of computer science through an exploration of engaging and accessible topics." Rather than focusing on software tools or programming languages, the course hopes to help the students focus on the conceptual ideas of computing and gain a better understanding of why certain tools

or languages may be utilized to solve specific challenges. Students will also be introduced to topics such as interface design, limits of the viability of computers, and societal and ethical issues. Also on the action item docket were the procedural details that will ensure that the high school practice field turf upgrade project that is about two weeks away from completion will continue to come in under budget. The informational calendar portion of the meeting was highlighted by the upcoming March 23 Run for Education, which this year will feature a US Track Association-sanctioned 10K run as part of the perennially popular festivities. •

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# PETSPETS Pets PETSPETS

## Pets Without Partners

These beautiful dogs and their friends are all wishing that you will be the pot of gold waiting at the end of their rainbow. Adopt a "pet without a partner" and give a homeless pet a second chance in life.

**Bonnie** is a beautiful little Beagle girl who is 10-12 months old and weighs 15 pounds. She came from a breeder who got into trouble with animal control for having too many dogs on her property. Bonnie is now safe at our rescue. Bonnie is an inquisitive, sweet little Beagle mix. She is fine with other dogs and loves to be on your lap for love and attention. Bonnie is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and good with other dogs.



Bonnie

**Jackson's** prior family needed to move and for some reason could not bring him along, so they left him at a high-kill shelter. We pulled him right out! He is a stunning purebred Harlequin Great Dane. The Great Dane is an impressive creature who does best around people. They are powerful, energetic and athletic--yet lazy, loyal, gentle, understanding, sensitive and caring. We were told he is good with other dogs his size and fine with children. Jackson can sit, shake and lay down. He is totally housebroken and he will chase toys and throw them around. This guy is very playful with a lot of energy, so he would be best placed with larger dogs--he is not fond of cats. In public, Jackson is fine



Jackson

around little dogs, but would be best placed in a home without them. Jackson will make a great addition to any family. He is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, good with dogs his size, and would be best with older children due to his large size.

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

San Pedro, CA 90731. All donations are tax-deductible. We are a registered 501©3 non-profit organization.

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

## Purrrfect Companions

Add a little luck and a lot of love with a new best friend when you adopt your purr-fect partner.

If **Brad Kitt** were a human, there's no doubt he'd be a leading man in the movies. He's beyond handsome, muscular, very smart, elegant and graceful. He's also an alpha male and should probably be an only cat, considering he prefers the limelight all to himself. With his humans, he's very affectionate and *loves* attention. He's also quite vocal, but then what actor isn't? Now all he needs is a home of his own, with humans all to himself and lots of well-deserved admiration and love.



Brad Kitt

**Uma's** first guardian was a college student who for some reason turned her outside at only a few months of age.



Uma

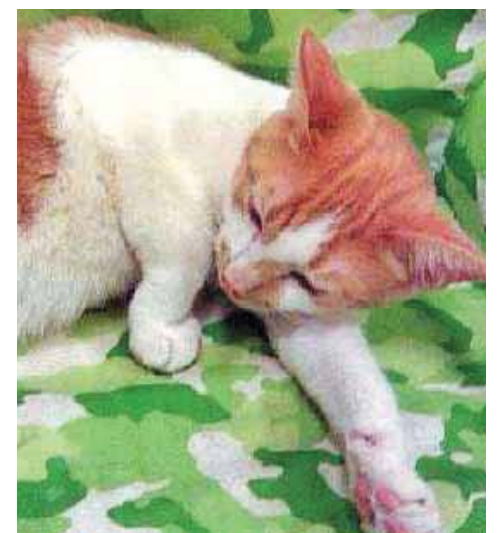
Unspayed and left to fend for herself, Uma was pregnant at 10 months old. Spayed, she is now ready to go into the care of someone who will never abandon her. A silver Tabby whose coat shades delicately from pewter to platinum, Uma is a masterpiece in subtlety. From a confused young cat too quickly pushed into adulthood, she has grown to an elegant, poised lady. She will be the adornment of your home and the gentle companion of your life.

**Fudgecicle** is a kitty who loves people and other cats! He loves to sit on your lap and purr while you watch TV. He also loves to play with other kitties, so he would enjoy having at least one other cat in his new fur-ever home. If you're looking for a sweet, playful boy, then Fudgecicle is waiting to

come home with you.

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](http://www.kittenrescue.org), or email us at [mail@kittenrescue.org](mailto:mail@kittenrescue.org). Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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



Fudgecicle

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

## Happy Tails

### **Bunnies Bring Hop-piness to New Loving Families**

Each of one these adorable bunnies found "fur-ever" happiness in their new homes. And from the look of their faces, so did their adopting families. They found their perfect matches thru LA Rabbit ([www.larabbit.org](http://www.larabbit.org)), which has many more bunnies awaiting their own "Happy Tail." So if you're looking for a little "hop-piness" this spring and for many years to come, please don't shop--adopt from a shelter or rescue group. Give an abandoned bunny a springtime to remember.

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





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## GET TO KNOW THE CHEVRON COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

There are some amazing people in the South Bay, people who care about the community and volunteer their time. We're happy to know them as neighbors and proud to have them serve on the Chevron El Segundo Refinery's Community Advisory Panel (CAP). These volunteers represent the "voice of the community" and meet each month at Chevron to share ideas, raise concerns and advise us on our relationship with the community. CAP members are a reflection of the community and when they speak Chevron listens.

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