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El Segundo PTA Hosts Race to Raise Funds for Education



The El Segundo PTA is hosting its Annual Run For Education 5K on Saturday, March 23 beginning at 8 a.m. in front of El Segundo High School at 640 Main Street. Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Awards given to the overall winner and top three finishers in each age category. For more information, interested persons may visit www.esrun4education.com. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

City Council Honors Police Officer, Firefighter of the Year

By Brian Simon

During its Tuesday night meeting, the El Segundo City Council issued commendations for the Police Officer and Firefighter of the year. On the police side, Ken Cheng garnered honors for his “strong work ethic, exceptional accident investigation abilities and constant desire to improve not only his performance but that of the entire El Segundo Police Department.” Cheng joined El Segundo Police Department (ESPD) in 2003 and is a “Reconstruction 2” Accident Investigator, which is the State of California’s highest level of certification. Recognized for his skills throughout the South Bay, he conducted investigations for three fatality accidents in El Segundo over the past year as well as several major incidents in surrounding communities. Cheng also developed, organized and was instructor of a Slow Driving Class for all department personnel. The class included presentations with case studies promoting the importance of safe driving and seatbelt use. Cheng’s other responsibilities include maintenance of most traffic division equipment and proficiency with the Total Station collision device. Cheng also reviewed repair receipts and analyzed prior annual costs for the motorcycle fleet, in the process helping ESPD choose a brand to replace the current fleet. “Ken is one our finest young officers and has a bright future with the ESPD,” said Chief Mitch Tavera before the meeting. “Ken contributes in every aspect to our organization. I appreciate his efforts to meeting our commitment to our community.”

Cheng noted that while he was honored to be selected for such an award, he didn’t feel he deserved such praise. “I’m just a normal guy who really enjoys serving this great

community,” he said the day before receiving his commendation. “It would be selfish of me to accept this recognition on my own, since my accomplishments represent the collaborative effort of the officers whom I work with. So on behalf of the officers who serve in this department and all officers serving the police

profession, I humbly accept this honor on their behalf and thank you for your kindness.”

Hired in 2006 and singled out for his “professionalism, work ethic and skill,” Dan Engler earned Firefighter of the Year honors by being “active in department operations

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Police K9 Unit Says Farewell to Arthur, Officer Cameron

By Brian Simon

While he won’t have a career quite as long as most humans, Arthur has had a pretty good run. The striking Czech Malinois who joined the El Segundo Police Department’s (ESPD) K9 unit in November 2007 served as Officer Chris Cameron’s partner for over five years before recently reaching his street work “retirement” age (he is almost seven) and hanging up his leash. Well, not completely...The still spry Arthur will continue to assist narcotics teams in the county with detection duties.

After his purchase as a one-year-old from the Riverside-based vendor Adlerhorst International where he received his training, Arthur hit the ground running (literally) with the ESPD in November 2007. He quickly became a popular community fixture, making friends with kids at local schools during Red Ribbon Week and other events. But he distinguished himself even more through his police work, with 100 felony searches to his credit that resulted in 20

arrests. Perhaps his finest hour (actually, half-hour, to be precise) was a memorable night when he found two attempted murder suspects under a house in Inglewood and then just 30 minutes later discovered a carjacker hiding under a tarp.

Adlerhorst hand-selects dogs in Europe that are already titled, brings them back to the States for six weeks of patrol training to adapt to police work, and then adds another month of specialized training that could even include bomb detection. Arthur’s basic training was to locate people and things--the latter of which could include guns and, when necessary, illegal pharmaceuticals. In fact, he developed a sterling reputation throughout the county for his ability to detect narcotics and money related to criminal drug sales. His uncanny scents of direction led to seizures of 500 pounds of marijuana, 32 kilos of cocaine and \$4.5 million in currency in separate arrests. He conducted over 250 narcotic searches in all

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
62°/52°



Saturday
Sunny
62°/53°



Sunday
Sunny
62°/53°



People

Happy Birthday

Joey and Jake Gayer celebrate their first birthday! Proud, and busy, grandparents, George and Barbara Hickert, parents Bryan and Sarah (Hickert) Gayer, and older brother Mikey, join in the celebration.



Familiar Faces Guarantee Stability During Transition

Courtesy of ESUSD

With expected upcoming leadership changes in Principals at both Richmond and Center Street Elementary Schools, the announcement of the assignment of two Assistant Principals helps guarantee stability for students, staff and parents as the transitional process moves forward. Dickie Van Breene, Principal of Richmond Street School, will retire effective June 30, while


of both sites to come on board during this transitional time. "Knowing that both schools will experience a change at the Principal position, having Travis and Kim at the respective schools will provide much needed stability and consistency desired by many. This will help ensure a successful transition and will allow them to provide constant advice and consultation regarding all school matters to the new Principals."

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Marisa Janicek, Principal of Center Street Elementary, will also say goodbye to Center Street effective June 30 to step into her new position at the district office as Director of Educational Services.

Travis Long will serve as Assistant Principal at Richmond Street. For his four-year tenure

In addition to the traditional roles of assistant principal, Mr. Long and Ms. Jones will also be charged with assisting teachers in key initiatives over the coming years due to the implementation of the Common Core Standards. This includes, but is not limited to, the development of new common



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Travis Long

with El Segundo Unified School District, ESUSD, Long has split his time between both elementary schools, lending his talents to support the principals and programs integral to the success of elementary students.

With ESUSD since 2000 where Kim Jones started her career at Richmond Street School as a Reading Specialist, Jones took a sabbatical from ESUSD from 2003 to 2007 to teach at an International School in Tokyo, Japan, before returning in 2007 to resume the position of Reading Specialist at Center Street School. She too joins Long on July 1 in the Assistant Principal position.

Dr. Geoff Yantz, ESUSD Superintendent, was especially gratified to have two professionals with an in-depth knowledge



Kim Jones

assessments at each grade level, report cards, adapting to changes in state standardized testing, staff development, and advancements in technology.

Both Long and Jones are thrilled with their new opportunities. Jones is "incredibly fortunate to have wonderful mentors who guided me and provided me with exciting opportunities to continue to push me as an educator. This is one more step I am very excited to take." As to Long, "I look forward to the opportunity to be at Richmond Street School, and to continue my collaboration with my colleague Kim Jones, with whom I closely worked at Center Street. I am looking forward to a productive 2013-14 school year!" •

Join us for a **free** seminar designed for people planning on embarking on a remodeling project such as an addition, kitchen, bath or whole house renovation. The following questions and topics will be discussed:

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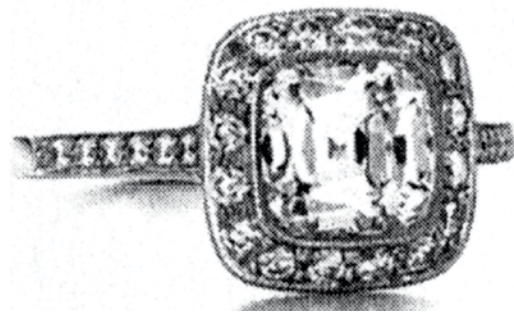
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Calendar

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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

• PTA Run 4 Education Carbo-Load Spaghetti Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., ESHS Quad. Proceeds benefit HS Band.

• Free Spring Concert featuring El Segundo Concert Band, ES High School Band, guest narrator Dr. Ray Gen, 7 p.m., ESHS Performing Arts Center, 640 Main St. www.esconcertband.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

• Rummage Sale fundraiser, 9 am-1 pm, also Sat 3/16, 9 am-1 pm, United Methodist Church (rear). For more information contact info@esmomsclub.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

• El Segundo Library Evening Book Club – “The Light Between the Oceans” by M. L. Stedman, 6:30 p.m. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

• Spring Teen Program: Game Day (kids 6th grade and up), 3:30-4:30 p.m., in the

Library’s Friends of the Library Room. For more information call (310) 524-2726.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

• City of El Segundo’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Recreation Park, between Grand Ave. and Pine Ave. along Eucalyptus St. For more information call (310) 524-2700.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

• City Council Meeting, 7-10 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main St. For more information call (310) 524-2306.

ONGOING

• Nominations Open for “El Segundo 2013 Older American Of The Year” Award. Any ES resident 60 years of age or older that has demonstrated strong volunteer and community service is eligible. All nominations must be submitted by April 3. For more information call the Joslyn Center at (310) 524-2705. www.ESRec.Org.

• 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 2012 tax return documents and all W-2 and 1099 forms (Social Security, Interest Income, Retirement, etc).

• El Segundo Public Library “Let’s Celebrate Good Reading” Event through March 30. For more information call (310) 524-2722. •

Police Reports

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

A vandalism report was taken at 0802 hours from the 700 block of North Nash Street.

Missing persons report was taken at 0944 hours from the 300 block of West Sycamore Avenue.

An identity theft report was taken at 1113 hours from the 900 block of Cedar Street. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim’s credit card information to make several unauthorized online purchases.

Vandalism occurred on 03/10/13 at 1043 hours from the 1000 block of East Acacia Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) damaged a gas cap door on the victim’s vehicle.

A grand theft report was taken at 1213 hours from the 500 block of West Walnut Avenue.

A traffic accident with no injuries occurred at 1240 hours in the 300 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

A court order violation report was taken at 1743 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. Known suspect refused to give custody of the child.

A burglary report was taken at 1943 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took money from the victim’s hotel room.

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 2135 hours from the 1300 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim’s purse.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

A grand theft from a vehicle report was taken at 0826 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard.

One male adult was arrested at 1513 hours from the 800 block of Douglas Street for one LAPD felony warrant.

One female adult was detained at 1850 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court and transported to HGH for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A traffic accident (no injuries) occurred

at 1912 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus fire hydrant.

A burglary report was taken at 2123 hours from the 200 block of Sheldon Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a bicycle from an attached carport.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

One male adult was arrested at 0540 hours from LAPD Pacific Division for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0536 hours from LAPD for one ESPD and one Ventura County Sheriff’s Department felony warrant.

On-line identity theft report was taken at 1400 hours from the 700 block of Indiana Court. Unknown suspect(s) opened multiple credit accounts using the victim’s personal information.

On-line lost property report was taken at 1415 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. The reporting party lost her identification card.

Lost/Stolen license plate report was taken at 1513 hours from the 400 block of 400 E. Sycamore Avenue. A rear license plate was reported missing.

One male adult was arrested at 1932 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for plain drunk in public.

One female adult was arrested at 2105 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for identity theft, forgery, forgery of access cards, and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

One male adult was arrested at 2443 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance.

One male adult was arrested at 2354 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for numerous gun related charges, receiving stolen property, identity theft, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance to transport, forgery,

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City Council

from front page

above and beyond his routine duties as a Fire Engineer while also finding the time to serve as a part-time instructor of firefighter trainees at El Camino Fire Academy.” A member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team, Engler was also recently instrumental in researching specifications for the department’s new ladder truck. “Dan is highly respected by his peers,” said Fire Chief Kevin Smith before the meeting. “He has demonstrated competency and poise

truck, the Council through the consent agenda authorized the purchase of the much-needed apparatus through its longtime vendor Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for \$1.2 million. The City will piggy-back on the purchase with the San Jose Fire Department and will pre-pay the total in order to save \$43,000 from the purchase price. The existing ladder truck is now 19 years old and is frequently out of service. Chief Smith estimated it has been inoperable

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well beyond his years since he joined the El Segundo Fire Department. I see tremendous potential in Dan to become a valuable leader in our organization.” During the presentation, Smith added that Engler had “demonstrated tremendous ability, knowledge and a great dedication to the Fire Department and this city.” Reacting to his commendation last week, Engler said he was “very surprised” and “flattered” to be recognized by his peers. “I view this as just doing my job at work,” he said. “I want to see our department keep growing and getting better despite limited resources and I will do what I can to help achieve our mission and our goal.”

Speaking of the aforementioned ladder

for at least two of the last five years while also costing the City over \$200,000 in repairs.

The new apparatus will be a 105-foot heavy-duty tiller-type aerial ladder truck that allows firefighters to access elevated structures to assist in rescue operations. The ladder truck also carries much of the specialized equipment used at the scene of emergency incidents. It’s used to respond to structure fires, traffic accidents on the east side of town, highly technical rescue events and high-rise building incidents. Because the apparatus must be custom-designed and built with the process taking up to a year, the new equipment likely won’t arrive in El Segundo until sometime in 2014.

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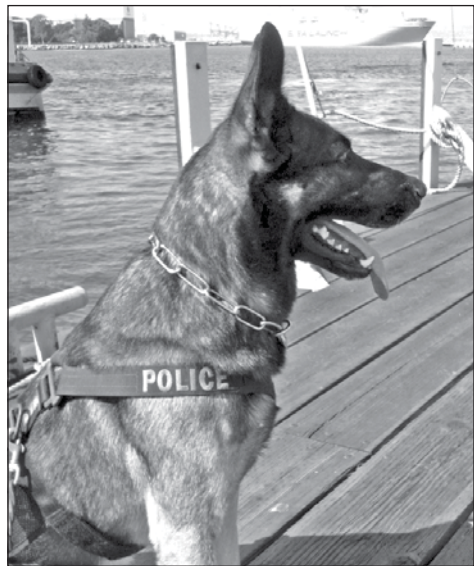
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K9 Retires

from front page

and was part of 28 canine demonstrations, 10 evidence searches and the aforementioned 100 felony suspect searches (for crimes including murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, armed carjacking and burglaries).



“One of Arthur’s favorite activities was doing K9 demonstrations at the various El Segundo schools,” said Cameron, who worked with the dog an average of 40 hours a week plus overtime. “He is a very social dog and loves playing with the kids. While working my normal patrol shift, I’d regularly get flagged down by kids wanting to see Arthur.” During demonstrations, K9 dogs display a number of capabilities that go well beyond standard house pet skill sets, including lying down and staying put until instructed to get up; heeling at an officer’s side without a leash; laying down on hand signals; walking on an officer’s left side and promptly moving to the right upon command; and, of course, locating lost articles.

More than just a work partner, Arthur is part of the family and will continue to live at Cameron’s home. By standard arrangement with the ESPD, Cameron officially purchased him for the reasonable sum of \$1. Of course,

retirement comes with a bit of an adjustment period. “The first night I came to work without him, he sat at the front door for over two hours waiting for me to come back for him,” said Cameron, who has also left the K9 unit. All special assignments, including K9s, rotate every three to five years to allow other officers opportunities for those positions. The department reassigned Cameron to the field training program. Officer Steve Trujillo is the new K9 handler with his partner Leo. The two just completed the basic six weeks of training required to become a police K9 team. The other duo, Officer Cory McEnroe and his dog Ty, have been partners since the summer of 2010.

A typical day for a K9 team involves patrolling the community by car as well as taking part in ongoing article and evidence training. It is arguably the most dangerous position in the organization, requiring the most training for officer handlers. Police dogs are considered full-fledged members of the department and even have their own penal code section. Maintaining two dogs allows the ESPD to provide K9 coverage seven days a week, which also saves an average of 800 to 1,000 man hours per year. Funding to keep the division going appears safe for the long haul because it is so cost-effective, in addition to the fact that it pays dividends when it comes to apprehending criminals.

“I believe our K9 unit has continuously gotten stronger over the past 15 years that I have been involved with it,” said Cameron. “I began training with the El Segundo K9 unit as a cadet and have continued to help out ever since. I love working with dogs and believe they are the greatest tool we have in law enforcement. I am very honored to have worked as a K9 handler for six and a half years and to have had the privilege to serve the community alongside some of the finest officers in the South Bay.” •

Community Celebrates 26th Annual Arbor Day

Courtesy of Tree Musketeers

A jogger accustomed to a solitary trip down the industrial portion of West Grand Avenue to the beach stopped to ask, “What’s going on here?” He looked around at the nearly 300 volunteers, tools and materials neatly positioned by trees along the street, sponsor banners on the fence and young people in yellow hats clearly in charge. Upon learning that this was Arbor

to the 104 Melaleuca trees that were planted on January 29, 2000. That is why this area is known as Millennium Row.

Life for the trees in this inhospitable area has not been easy. Most trees only require intensive care for the first three years, but the Millennium Trees still need significant attention due to the ocean salt and industrial pollution. These trees have faced other affronts as well.

“Among the original goals of third-graders who founded Tree Musketeers in 1987 was to green up all the entrances to El Segundo.”

Day and he had wandered into El Segundo’s 26th Annual Celebration, the jogger asked if he could help too.

That was the spirit driving the volunteer effort to care for the Millennium Trees that line the western entrance of El Segundo, a street that is technically in the City of Los Angeles.

“We have been working on this for months, and in a couple of hours it was over,” remarked

Berry vines the community planted in 2001 to further green the street by covering the rusty fences were removed by Scattergood gardeners who then beheaded the Millennium Trees three years later.

When elected to City Council in 2004, Eric Busch’s first adventure in diplomacy was to lead a painstaking process of getting a written agreement between Tree Musketeers



Samantha Cano who was one of the 18 youth supervisors who made that possible.

In truth, this was a continuation of an effort begun by the TREE MUSKETEERS pioneers in 1988. Youth Manager Hannah Poyourow explained.

Among the original goals of third-graders who founded Tree Musketeers in 1987 was to green up all the entrances to El Segundo, including this one. They set to writing letters and sitting through long public meetings. While avoiding the young Musketeers, the City of Los Angeles planted trees on this street twice, but they all died both times.

One of Tree Musketeers’ founders, Tara Church, was asked to represent America’s youth on President Clinton’s White House Millennium Council in 1999. The prestigious group planned Millennium Green celebrations around the country. Church returned home intent upon having a South Bay millennium celebration right here on this street. Finally a deal was struck for DWP to provide water

and DWP regarding Millennium Row. That was instrumental to forging the congenial relationship that exists today.

Busch has served among community leaders since 2004 on the Arbor Day task force. This year that group also included Lily Craig of Chevron, Mike Rotolo of TG Construction, El Segundo City Council members Bill Fisher and Marie Fellhauer, Tree Musketeers board member Scott Houston, youth leaders Julian Poyourow and Blake Parker, Recreation and Parks staff Art Murphy and Allison Fiorini, and the Tree Musketeers staff.

When asked why he keeps coming back after 10 years of Arbor Days, Fisher replies this way. “There is a great tradition and wonderful legacy of Tree Musketeers in El Segundo, and we are lucky to have such an organization in our city. They empower kids in ways that I haven’t seen before and accomplish big things year after year. It’s quite inspiring, and that’s the reason I support them. Plus we get trees planted and cared for on a scale that most organizations would envy if they understood what is done year after year after year. It’s quite inspiring, and that’s the reason I support them.”

In addition to its own generous contribution to Arbor Day as presenting sponsor, Chevron matched tree care donations of any size while providing morning snacks, T-shirts and lunch. Contributions are still being accepted and are not for just a day, but an entire year of nurturing over 1,800 trees that depend on Tree Musketeers and its volunteers. Contributors can be proud of how effectively donations are used. Because of this generous community, Tree Musketeers can boast of a 97 percent tree survival rate. This becomes even more impressive when you learn that 90 percent is the industry standard.

Arbor Day 2013 was topped off with a drawing for great prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. While thanking the spirited troops for their participation, youth director Julian Poyourow reminded, “Mark your calendars for March 8, 2014 when we will once again celebrate Arbor Day!” •

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

We've finally reached the point of total insanity, haven't we? One good thing about the required \$85 billion in government spending called Sequester is that it has made the public focus on the total insanity of government spending. Blogger Alan Caruba, quoted from Citizens Against Government Waste and the government's GAO, points out that if it weren't so tragic, it would be comedic. For example:

The government spends between \$1.7 billion to \$25 billion to maintain 55,000 empty or partially empty office buildings. The Office of Management and Budget doesn't know how much we spend, nor how many buildings we maintain. And to think, they're responsible for "management and budget."

The federal government already owns one-third of all the land in the United States, for which the National Park Service says it has a \$5 billion backlog in maintenance cost. The Park Service says that due to Sequester, it will reduce hiring and furlough existing police. It will close certain parks and reduce trash pick-up. Yet, the Administration has budgeted \$2.3 billion to buy more parkland!

Homeland Security is bemoaning its loss of revenue even as it sits on \$9 billion in unspent funds.

Congressman Tom Coburn (R-OK) has identified funds for a space ship to another galaxy, funds for advancements in French beef jerky, and \$6 billion to find out what lessons about democracy and decision-making can be learned from fish!

The National Science Foundation granted a university \$350,000 to determine ways to

improve individuals' golf games. Concurrently, the National Institute of Health granted \$940,000 for research to confirm pheromones decline over time in fruit flies. Apparently, male fruit flies are more attracted to younger females. Surprise!

Federal Stimulus funds spent \$2.6 million to train Chinese prostitutes to drink responsibly. It spent \$500 million to find out why "five-year-olds cannot sit still." We are now spending \$1.5 million to study obese lesbians.

The list of stupidity goes on and on, but among the most egregious is the White House itself. The American taxpayers paid \$1.4 billion (yes, that's with a "B") to support the White House last year. Among the costs was a video operator living in the White House to satisfy the need of anyone wanting to watch a movie 24/7. There is the \$104,000 for a dog walker and the \$314,000 for three calligraphers. There are 22 handmaidens for Michelle Obama. The Obama vacations to Hawaii, Florida, Vail and now Martha's Vineyard, of course, go without mention.

Above all, however, is the spending for welfare. In 2011, the government spent \$168 per day for food stamps, housing support, child care and Medicaid for 46 million living below the poverty level. By contrast, the family earned the median wage of \$50,000 per year, which translates to \$137.13 per day. After payment taxes, the average worker is paid \$21 per hour while the average recipient of government largess receives \$30 per hour. A person is therefore \$9 per hour better off receiving government support than working!

We have clearly reached a point of spending insanity. •

Another Man's Opinion

Environmental Legislation Benefits More Than Special Interest Groups

By Cristian Vasquez

Part of President Barack Obama's agenda has included improving the quality of our environment, much to the displeasure of some Republicans and leaders in private business. There is no denying that changing the way a business operates comes with a certain price tag and it is natural that private business owners would oppose any changes. However, the importance of maintaining a clean and safe environment outweighs the desire and right of any citizen to make a profit. The area of focus this week is air quality and let's establish that these words

limits on new power plants. He also tightened fuel efficiency rules as part of the auto bailout all while directing billions of federal dollars to clean energy projects. Despite the displeasure this has caused among his opponents, these are changes for the country. Allowing private industries to pollute the air indiscriminately not only presents a health risk for Americans, but it also takes away the incentive within private industries to make the necessary changes to run a cleaner business.

One must only look at the auto industry as an example of how federally imposed

"At one point in our nation's history, we used fuel filled with lead. That is no longer the case."

are not intended to convince anyone of the legitimacy or falseness behind climate change. This will simply address the basic reality behind poor air quality--that it is bad for a person's health.

It has been proven that air pollution is a major environmental risk to health and reducing air pollution levels leads to a decrease in the number of incidents of respiratory infections, heart disease and lung cancer. Also, the lower the levels of air pollution in a city, the better respiratory (long- and short-term) and cardiovascular health of the population will be. Given these facts, why do people have a hard time adjusting to new regulations seeking to clean up our air? At one point, we used lead-based paint and asbestos-filled products for our homes but because of the health hazard those presented, that is no longer the case.

President Obama has had to rely on his executive powers, including his authority under the 1970 Clean Air Act, to push for a sweeping change on air pollution in the United States. The President has moved to have the first carbon dioxide

regulations produced safer and less toxic products. At one point in our nation's history, we used fuel filled with lead. That is no longer the case. To register a vehicle, we must pass an emissions test and that has significantly reduced the amount of pollution in our air. Given the benefits, why is the President still being criticized for his regulations?

As consumers, we have the power and responsibility to ensure that we don't contaminate the environment: air, water and ground included. We are asked to dispose of recyclables, trash and compost in the appropriate manner and we do so without going bankrupt or hindering our everyday routine. Asking private business to do the same is a reasonable request. The President's use of executive power to continue pushing for clean energy projects is necessary for the health and well-being of Americans. As more and more cities continue to ban smoking in public places due to the detrimental effects it has on third parties' health, the same standards need to apply federally to the businesses that produce the items we consume on a daily basis. •

From the Source

Political Q & A

By Gerry Chong

Question of the Week: "How will the State's proposed \$.035 per gallon gas tax increase affect South Bay communities?"

Assemblyman Steve Bradford replied:

Traffic congestion in Los Angeles is the worst in the nation. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, seven of the 10 most congested freeways in the United States are located in Los Angeles. All of this congestion means longer commutes, more pollution and worse health for everyone in the region – even those who don't drive.

And this will only worsen as California's and LA's population continues to grow, unless we focus now on expanding and modernizing our transportation system. Maintaining a stable source of funding for transportation ensures that we are able to do this.

Although it may not always seem like it, the revenue generated by excise taxes on gasoline directly impacts your life and the life of everyone in the region. Important projects like the 405 expansion, the Crenshaw/LAX rail line, the Green Line extension, and the Metro ExpressLanes are happening right now and will continue to move people more quickly, efficiently and with less pollution.

All residents will benefit when traffic on the 405 moves more freely, when travelers from the South Bay and Downtown LA can all get to the airport on the train, and when visitors to Southern California can access all points more easily, more cheaply and more conveniently. To ensure Los Angeles and Southern California remain a world destination, we need a transportation system that can meet the demands of 21st Century travelers. •



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Sports

Frankly Plank

By Duane Plank

Well, the self-promotion for my birthday worked out pretty well for Plank. Birthday was officially on Thursday the 14th, but my cunning, brilliant flim-flamming of the exact date allowed me to reap the benefits with column supporters all the way into the middle of the afternoon on St. Patrick's day, when I made the mature decision to return to the mansion and type the column out, instead of bumping into a bunch of morons drinking Irish car bombs and screaming like it was day one of spring break.

Thanks to all who texted and Facebooked regards. Guess no one sends cards anymore? No one but Plank? Finally getting a tad bit into that Facebook thing. Received a couple of text shoutouts early Thursday morning---made the day start off on a chipper note, as did the cupcakes and brewskis that the lovely ladies whom I work with bestowed upon their very worthy and deserving co-worker.

Now, a couple of folks went above and beyond, per usual. But let's just say one of them, misguided as she is baseball-wise, passionately roots for the Dodgers. And will be celebrating a cheery birthday that I will over-publicize in... August? Much to her consternation, I may add. And thanks to the old softball coach JS, who sponsored a nice taco dinner after our 14U softball team, the Benchwarmers, notched a thrilling victory Saturday night, 9-8, to run our early season record to 5-2.

Last add birthday for now: Sister Laura will be celebrating another candle on the cake this Saturday. Still single, she has begged me to not include her in the column. Like I listen to her. Sorry, sis.

Coached in the winning run from third Saturday night, with an awesome bit of judgment as the ball careened about 25 feet

past the poor catcher. Sent a very fast gal home--not that she paid any attention to me yelling at her. Smart enough to go on her own. It's not so easy doing this coaching gig, parents. Tons of pressure. Don't you think I might rather be sitting up in the bleachers with my sippie cup, second guessing?

All in good fun, right? As this column is supposed to be. The not-so-fun stuff, the really TMZ-type penning, usually get edited out around 4 or 9 a.m...Monday morning.

So that's why I will have nothing to say about the behavior of a couple of allegedly over-served lasses last St. Paddy's weekend. Or the near shut-down of Main Street last Wednesday because of some backpack imbroglio.

Anyway, the UCLA men's hoops team is in the NCAA tournament, though they are in deep after one of their better kids broke a foot last weekend in the Pac-12 Tourney. Shockingly USC is out again, and the failure that is AD Pat Haden will probably send another coach overboard soon. Anyone but Lane "Sir Lanecelot" Kiffin, apparently.

The Lakers are still on the cusp of the playoffs, but with the injury to Kobe Bryant, who knows how that will play out? Still see the Purple and Gold making the playoffs, but departing one and done.

And my Kings are still hanging around the Western Conference playoff picture. They will be heading out on a five-game roadie soon, but seems like the Crown Shirts play just as well on the road as at home? Not sure who the numero goalie is, but if the always mirthful coach Darryl Sutter looks into his heart, it has to be Jon Bernier, right? He stops the puck. As the Kid texted last week when Jon Quick was being yanked from a 4-3 loss to the San Jose, "Bernier wins, Quick doesn't." Brilliant kid, eh? •

Sports

Young Eagles' Softball and Volleyball Teams Looking Good

By Gregg McMullin

The 2013 El Segundo High School softball season is in full swing. The Eagles have a roster full of underclassman and injured experienced players. The result has been measured with quality wins over Ocean League powerhouse Santa Monica 11-6 and City power Banning 8-4.

Though it is still early in the season, the Eagles appear to have the potential to be very good. With all of the freshmen and sophomores on the team, they will have to grow up fast. Add to that the injury factor and a key player deciding not to play and you have the recipe for a possible numinous season if all goes according to plan.

Mia Quintero returns to play third base and coach Keith Cameron will lean on this versatile senior to help lead the team. Quintero will be surrounded by freshmen Allison Pelegren, Allison Tatnal, Julie Roach and Nayeli Diaz who all have unlimited potential. When you add in sophomore Kaitlin Covington and junior Tess von Flue's budding talents, Cameron has reason to be optimistic.

With all of the talent on the field, Cameron's sanguinity reaches a higher level when you add in star pitcher McCall James and shortstop Rhianna Rich. Both are injured, but should return to form before the Pioneer League schedule starts. James has been relegated to playing first base while Rich continues to rehab a leg injury.

Pelegren is filling in at shortstop for Rich and made some spectacular plays while also adding three RBIs against Santa Monica. Tatnal looks to be one of the team's better hitters and went 3-for-4 with two runs scored against Santa Monica. El Segundo trailed Monica 3-1 in the third inning before the Eagles sent 14 batters to the plate and hammered out nine runs and went on for the easy win.

With James not in the circle, Shannon Brooker has taken over the pitching duties and was effective against Santa Monica. She was able to work out of jams and allowed her defense to make the plays behind her.

Playing one of the City Section's teams proved to be another challenge that the Eagles handled successfully. El Segundo pounded out 11 hits and scored an 8-4 win over Banning. The eight runs scored against the Pilots were more than all of the runs allowed in their first five games of the season.

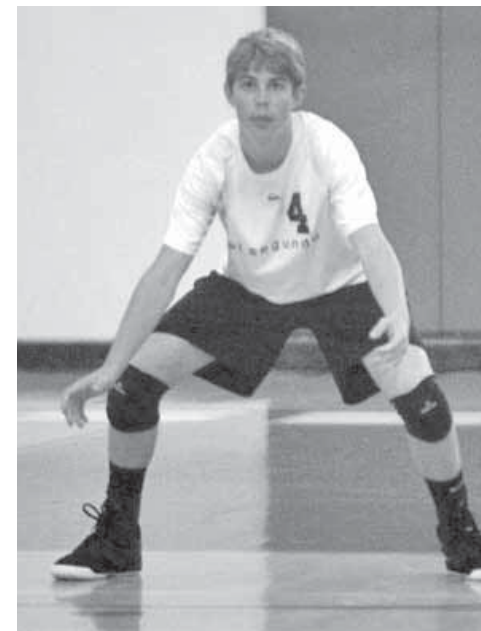
The Eagles scored early when Brooker tripled and scored on Quintero's sacrifice fly. Tatnal, who had two more hits on the night, had an RBI single and the Eagles scored on an error to take a 3-0 lead. Banning closed the gap to 3-2 in the third inning, but the Eagles batted around in a five-run fourth inning.

Brooker improved to 3-0 and looked sharp by scattering six hits while striking out 11. Though her control was an issue early in the game, she showed her mettle throughout.

The El Segundo boys' volleyball team is coming off a 22-5 record in 2012. The Eagles reached the CIF Southern Section quarterfinals a year ago, but the good news is they are even better this year. Assistant coach Tim Hovland believes this team is capable of challenging South Torrance, the defending CIF champions, for a Pioneer League title. To do so, they'll need their young team to continue their overall improvement in all areas of their game. They have the size, experience and athleticism to compete with any team around. The Eagles showed their spirited exuberance against a solid Santa Monica team that is expected to vie for an Ocean League title this year. Samo was ranked first in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 polls and the Eagles swept the Vikings in the three games.

The team will be young with a number of experienced juniors leading the way. Jacob Richmond, Eric Chance, Jason Brandlin and Casey Montz will be important to the Eagles' success. Add in sophomores Nolan Sharp and Teddy Karrer and senior Tyler Minton and it spells success for a team ranked 10th in CIF Southern Section Division 2 latest polls.

Against Santa Monica, Chance had nine kills, Brandlin had seven kills, and Brandon Kurke four kills while Karrer had 10 digs and



Teddy Karrer, a sophomore, has played brilliantly for the Eagle's volleyball team. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

Richmond had 28 assists. The Eagles improved to 4-1 on the year.

BASEBALL NEWS AND NOTES

The varsity baseball team made a complete turnaround. After dropping a doubleheader to Redondo, El Segundo faced an always potent La Mirada lineup. The Eagles exploded for seven runs on six hits in the first inning, highlighted by Lars Nootbaar's leadoff home run. The Eagles went on to hold off the Matadors 10-9 in eight innings. Nootbaar led the Eagles' 18-hit attack with a 3-for-4 day that included a double and five RBIs. Chris Gutierrez was 4-for-4 on the day and upped his batting average to .550.

The Eagles led 9-1, but that lead disappeared in the sixth inning when La Mirada came up with a six-run rally to tie the game in the seventh inning. Mike Pagan led off the eighth inning with a towering home run to give the Eagles the 10-9 win in the first round of the Redondo Tournament.

Ryan Pordes got his first win of the season. The senior right-hander came in and quieted the Matadors' bats, giving up two runs (one earned) on two hits in 2.1 innings in relief.

The Eagles faced Mira Costa in a doubleheader on Tuesday and travel to Long Beach Wilson on Saturday at 11 a.m. for the second round of the Redondo Tournament. Tuesday they travel to St John Bosco at 3:15 p.m. for a non-league game and host Beverly Hills next Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.

The Frosh/Soph improved its record to 4-1 with a 7-4 victory over Cathedral. Shane Keil, Sam Gallardo and Ben Saucedo combined to hold Cathedral to five hits. Jason Kehl had two hits and two RBIs and Mario Morales had three hits and two RBIs, while Griffen Martes had two hits and scored twice to lead El Segundo.

However, the Frosh/Soph saw its record drop to 4-3 after losing a doubleheader at Redondo. Alex Rios and Wyatt Boyce each had two hits while Martes drove in two runs in the first game. Sam O'Connor and Ben Saucedo each had two hits in the night game. Brett Medford looked solid and was the most effective pitcher on the day by retiring all seven batters he faced. •



Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the following prize winners for the D-Fenders vs. Idaho game on March 20:

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First Prize (Two courtside seats to the game and two fan packs)
Cynthia Osejo

Second Prize (Pair of General Admissions tickets to the game)
Margaret Kingman



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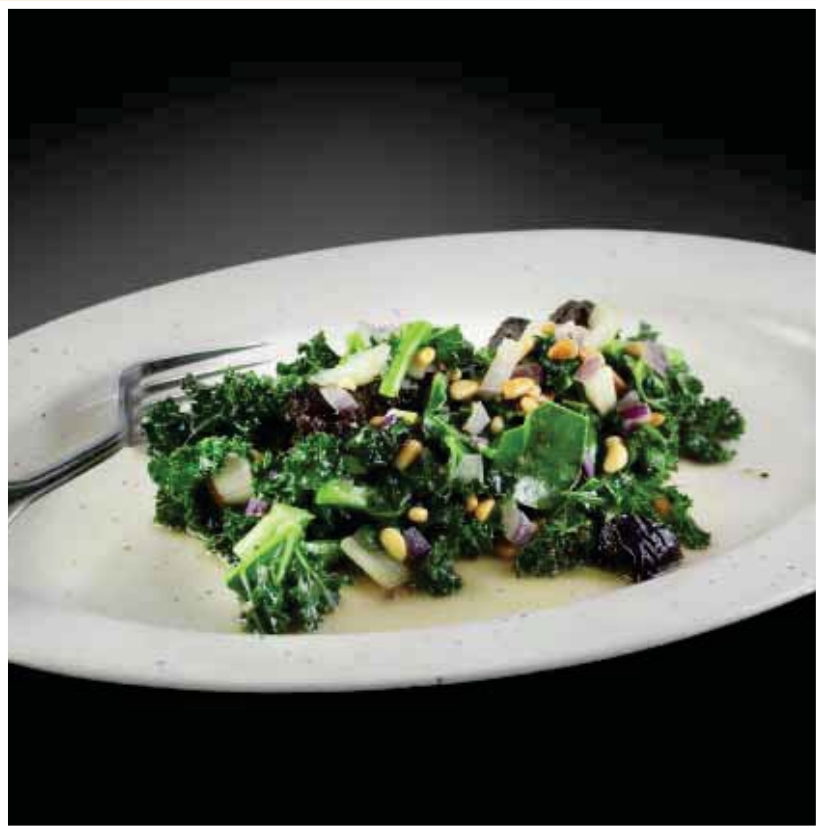
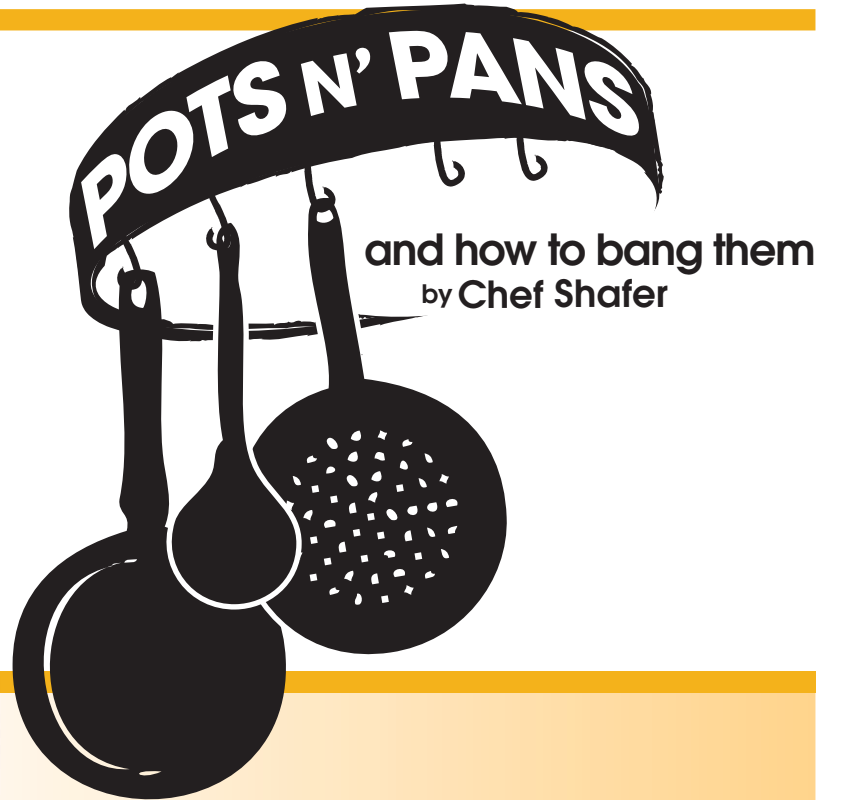
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The Chef



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- 1/2 cup chopped red onions*
- 2 pounds of cleaned chopped kale*
- 1 cup of chopped dried figs*
- 1/2 cup of vegetable stock or chicken stock*
- salt and pepper to taste*

In a large hot saute pan or sauce pot that you can cover up place the olive. Then, your chopped garlic. Stir quickly to prevent it from burning. Then add your onions and stir for 30 seconds. After the onions have browned, add your kale, figs, stock and cover. Steam for two minutes. Season with salt and pepper...and get ready to get healthy.

You can serve it with some grilled fish or chicken, or even stir in some pasta and a little feta cheese to spice things up.

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Center Street School Welcomes New Cougar Garden

By Cristian Vasquez

Teachers, parents, students and City leaders attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the

learn where food comes,” Hudspeth-Shearon said. “Also, when the kids plant in the garden and then harvest the vegetables, they are

became interested in helping with that as well.” Through the Cougar Patch, there has been an expansion of the curriculum for the students and a small program is now offered to kids in the third, fourth and fifth grades. “It is amazing how much crossover there is between the garden and what they learn in the classroom with what we are teaching on the

use any synthetic fertilizer or pesticides,” Hudspeth-Shearon said. “The food that we grow is very healthy. With the curriculum, we are teaching the children about vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates and fats—and when we look at foods that have high vitamin content, we are really talking about the produce that is in the garden and they are familiar with them. They



Cougar Patch at Center Street Elementary School on March 7. The new Cougar Patch consists of a plot bed for each of the school’s 28 classes and each is watered with an efficient drip system. Visitors can make their way through the Cougar Patch on the decomposed granite pathway passing by the garden beds and solar-powered fountains. Fruit trees are lined on one side of the garden, while guava, strawberry and blueberry bushes can be found throughout the grounds.

“It is beyond a dream come true and it has exceeded all expectations,” Center Street School Principal Marisa Janicek said. “To have a PTA that can fund such a generous gift and to have the docents willing to attend to it

much more inclined to eat it. Anybody who has small children knows that they don’t get very excited about salad. However, after the harvest we go back to the classroom and eat everything—every scrap gets consumed. The kids clamor for seconds. Because different children learn in different ways, having the experience of being able to come out and do some hands-on learning is great. We use the garden for social studies, math lessons, art lessons, science lessons, biology. It really enriches the way that the kids learn and it complements the curriculum.”

Without the support of the financial backing of the PTA and the time and effort put forth by volunteers, improving the Cougar Patch

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nutrition side and what they should be eating,” Desemone said. “I think what is really cool is not just a correlation between the garden and eating well, but the correlation from the student in the classroom and into the home because we are enlightening children about how to eat better. We are not teaching them how to diet. We are not teaching them how to lose weight or how to avoid eating bad,

have familiarity with, on a personal level, the things that we’re talking about.”

The food grown in the Cougar Patch will be seasonal and there is a curriculum tailored for the fall and spring. There will be some work done in the summer, but it will not be as extensive as the effort during the regular school year. There will also be garden workdays in the spring and in the fall to help with pulling



Photos by Tracey Miller-Zarneke.



to make sure that our kids are in the garden digging all the time, I don’t know if anyone else is so lucky. We are just blessed.”

The garden has been a part of the school for several years, but it was renovated in a matter of four weeks through the efforts of Center Street School Garden Coordinator Cathy Hudspeth-Shearon, Lisa Desemone and Mike Macerek, along with many parent and teacher volunteers.

“I was not here when the garden started, but it began with the parents and Mrs. Janicek when they conceived the idea of having a space where kids could come and receive exposure to the garden so that they could

would not have been possible. “I started in the Cougar Patch about three years ago with my kids coming into elementary school and I found that it was a fun way to be a part of the classroom while I was still a full-time working mom,” Desemone, who is also part of the non-profit Growing Great, said. “I came in not with a lot of experience in gardening, but what was great was the curriculum and the leadership in the garden program made it easy. You really couldn’t make too many mistakes. Then I learned that we were bringing a nutrition program in and it was being done in conjunction with the garden program last year, and I thought it made a lot of sense—so I

but we are teaching them to understand the difference between a bad fat and a beneficial fat and how their bodies need all types of fuels. We are teaching them to be nutrition detectives and they are learning how to read labels—how to identify the contents of food.”

It is expected that the health education provided through the Cougar Patch will have both an immediate impact and a long-term presence in the lives of the students. “They are much more likely to eat food that they have grown themselves. We all know that everybody should be eating more fruits and vegetables and our garden is grown organically—we don’t

out weeds.

“Cathy [Hudspeth-Shearon] is instrumental in giving support, guidance and making parents feel comfortable, even if they have never gardened or if they are not successful in their own garden. They can be successful here because they come out, they have a curriculum and they have the seeds,” Janicek said. “It is well-organized and the kids love coming out here. It is one of their favorite things to do and between everyone working together, they all feel that support and want to come and help our kids in the garden. Having the parents supporting the kids and teachers is amazing.” •



Robotics students Headed to “Real World Design Challenge”

Courtesy of the El Segundo Unified School District

Third year Engineering students enrolled in Aerospace Engineering at El Segundo High School dove into the nationwide competition of Robotics students eager to win a berth in Washington D. C. for the “Real World Design Challenge” – an annual event created in 2008 that challenges students to design aircraft to

of 20 states who do not have an individual Governor’s Cup – making their level of competition that much more fierce.

Scott Parks, Director of Navy and Regional Missile Defense Systems at Boeing was impressed.

“These kids are doing post-graduate level work. I’d be ecstatic if a first-year employee at Boeing gave these kinds of presentations



From right to left: Ryan de Freitas Bart, Bridget Reed, Eric Perkey, Alexander Arroyo, Derek Tran, Alex Koran.

specific requirements.

The program, which has grown exponentially over the past several years, has the support of Space X, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, EADS, the FAA and the Department of Defense.

Six students, dubbed “Team Bridget,” were

to a customer,” Parks said.

El Segundo High School had a wealth of riches: four different teams submitted entries to the competition.

Steven Eno, who teaches the Project Lead the Way series of courses in Engineering in the Chevron funded Engineering Lab, was

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selected as the Independent State Champions and will be flying to Washington D.C. April 19 to April 22 to compete in the National Competition.

Bridget Reed, Eric Perkey, Ryan De Freitas-Bart, Derek Tran, Alex Arroyo, and Alex Koran already competed at the state level Governor’s Cup. This year’s challenge is to create an “Unmanned Aerial Vehicular System (UAVS)” to rescue a child lost in the forest. Their winning entry took the prize for the “Independent States” category – a cohort

equally impressed with the level of talent in his class.

“All four groups of students submitted great reports that included 3-D models of their designs, aerodynamic analysis, flight paths, sensory payloads and budgeting. But Team Bridget stood out from all the rest. Next they will be challenged to refine their design with additional requirements that will entail long hours outside of school, but they are excited to have a chance to use their engineering skills to win the National Competition,” Eno said. •

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Police

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burglary tools, resisting arrest and one outstanding LASD felony warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0014 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, one LBPD misdemeanor warrant and one Orange County Sheriff’s misdemeanor warrant.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

One female adult was arrested at 0156 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Walnut Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0555 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for commercial burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0528 hours from the 300 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken were milk and hair care products.

Vandalism report was taken at 0902 hours from the 1500 block of East Grand Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted graffiti on a billboard.

One male adult was arrested at 2350 hours from the 400 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for felony DUI, felony hit and run, and driving without a license.

One female juvenile was detained at 1708 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychological evaluation.

One female adult was arrested at 0040 hours from the 400 block of West Maple Avenue for domestic battery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Vandalism report was taken at 0137 hours from the 700 block of North Nash Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke the window on the victim’s vehicle with an unknown object.

Fraudulent use of an access card report was taken at 0818 hours from the 200 block of Virginia Street. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim’s access card to withdraw funds from a bank account.

Felony hit and run report was taken at 0916 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Nash Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1527 hours at Alaska Avenue and Aviation Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Petty theft report was taken at 1725 hours from the 900 block of Pepper Street. An iPod was taken from an unlocked vehicle.

An online lost property report was filed at 1017 hours from the 2200 block of East Imperial Highway. A pager was lost at the location.

An online lost property report was filed at 1430 hours on 03/11/13 from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. A military identification was lost at the location.

One male adult was arrested at 2231 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for giving false information to a peace officer and driving without a license.

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 2336 hours at Grand Avenue and Continental Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

One male adult was arrested at 0252 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of 08% or above.

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 0219 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard, vehicle versus light pole.

One male adult was arrested at 1226 hours from the 900 block of East Walnut Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

One female adult was arrested at 1240 hours from the 900 block of East Walnut Avenue for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1502 hours from the 800 block of Apollo Street. Known suspect stole checks from a business. •

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El Segundo Concert Band Hosts Spring Concert

Beginning with a night in Vienna, then taking the audience on a musical pictorial



Dr. Ray Gen.

of America, the El Segundo Concert Band, is continuing its simulated worldwide tour, this time in Russia through storytelling. On Friday, March 22, 7 p.m. at the El Segundo

"The award-winning El Segundo High School Band is also featured in the show, kicking off the second half and helping to create the incredibly fast-paced concert finale."

Performing Arts Center, 640 Main Street, El Segundo, the performance will include the ever-popular Peter and the Wolf and Lara's Theme from the film Dr. Zhivago, while the Band traverses Russian classical and popular music. The show includes a special appearance by Dr. Ray Gen narrating Peter and the Wolf. Dr. Gen is a long-time faculty member of El Segundo High School and Board of Trustees member for El Camino Community College. The award-winning El Segundo High School Band is also featured

in the show, kicking off the second half and helping to create the incredibly fast-paced concert finale. Just prior to the show, the two bands are partnering with the PTA and its Run for Education event happening the next day. To help prepare the runners for the 5K marathon, a high-carb spaghetti dinner will be offered prior to the Concert, March 22 at 5 p.m. at the ESHS Quad. The Concert is Free with donations appreciated to support instrumental music and keep the music playing in the schools. For more information, interested person visit www.esconcertband.org.

Old Town Music Hall Presents 'King of Kings'

Old Town Music Hall is presents Cecil B. DeMille's silent classic film "King of Kings" on March 22, 23 and 24. This film celebrates the Easter season and offers a rare opportunity to see DeMille's classic film depicting Jesus during the weeks before the crucifixion. "King of Kings" has been acclaimed by scholars, critics and audiences around the world as the most ambitious presentation of the final years of the life of Jesus ever pictured on the screen. The film will be accompanied live on a "Mighty Wurlitzer" theater pipe organ and can be experienced as it was when it first opened in 1927. Old Town Music Hall is nestled in "Old Town" El Segundo adjacent to LAX in a theater built in 1921. The Hall was opened by two musicians in 1968 as a non-profit organization to preserve classic film and music. The most striking and truly incredible centerpiece of this unique theater is the Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ, a massive wind-driven musical instrument built in 1925 to accompany silent films. Before each film, there is an old-fashioned audience sing-along and a short silent comedy accompanied by the pipe organ. Old Town Music Hall is located at 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo, CA 90245; phone number is 310-322-2592. Parking is available in the lot next to the theater. Showtimes: 8:15 p.m. on Friday; 2:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. on Saturday; 2:30 pm on Sunday. Admission: \$8 (cash or check only). Popcorn is \$1 •

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- 934 Sheldon. \$550,000. 3bd/2ba SFR
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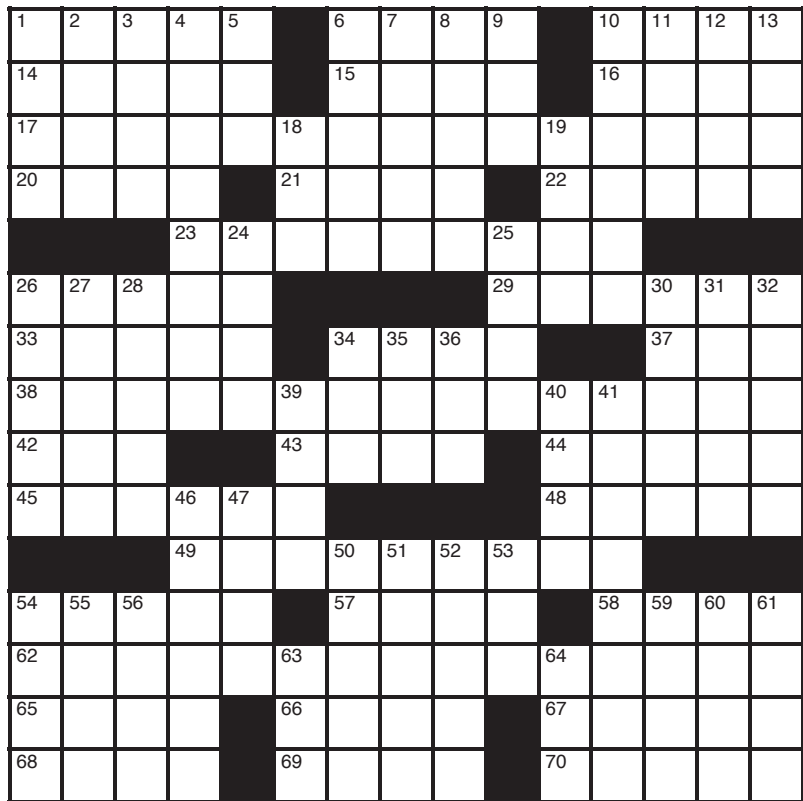
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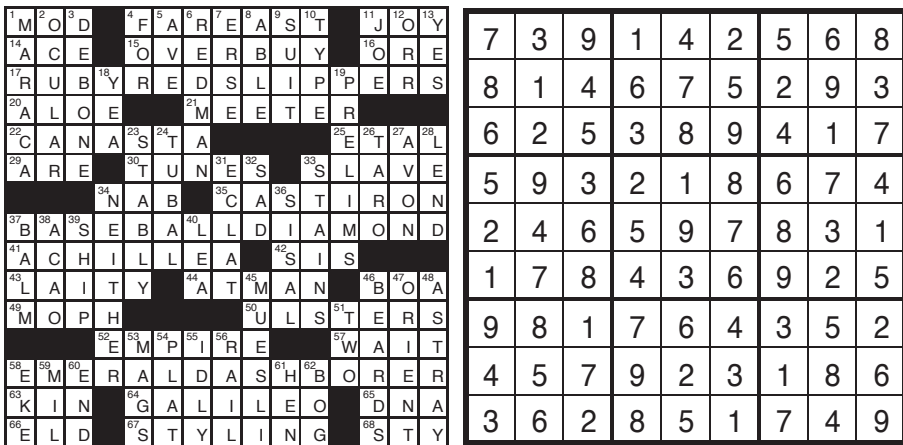
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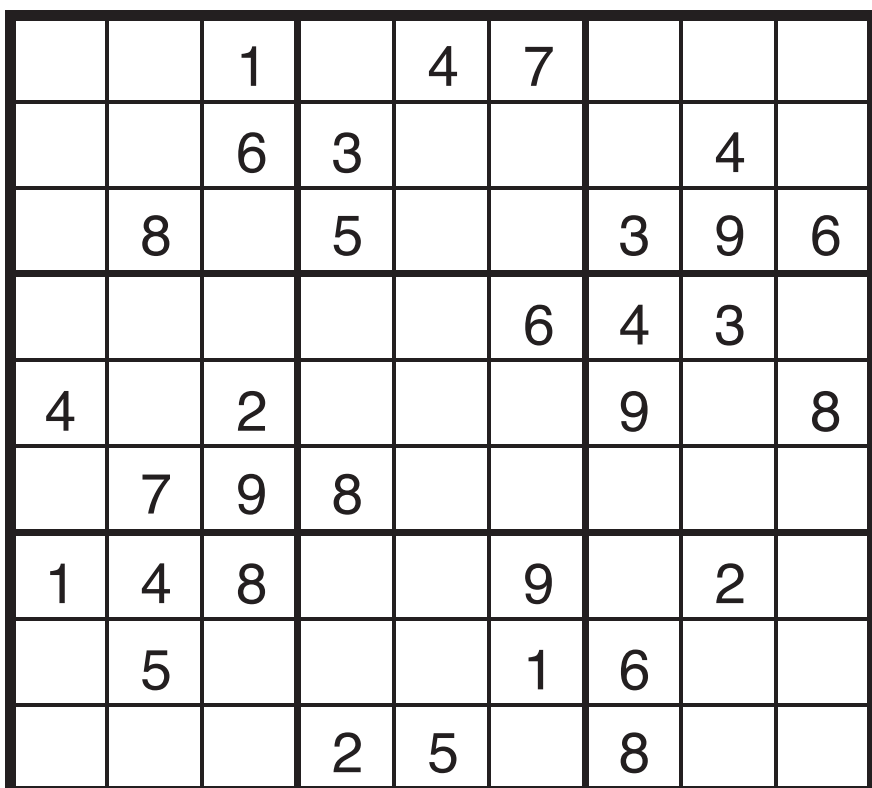


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- Kingdom ruled by Herod
 - Special disposition
 - Magazine for pool and spa pros
 - Reversed
 - Tissue additive
 - Indigenous Brazilians
 - Coveted response
 - Transformers, e.g.
 - Salon creation
 - Failed to act
 - 10-year-old, for one
 - Match
 - Tense
 - It flows into the North Sea
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Torn comic?
 - Warm response
 - Long-eared beast
 - Makes a scene?
 - Japanese cartoon art
 - Cleans, in a way
 - Carpentry grooves
 - Religious instructor
 - Member of the Donner party?
 - Cross
 - Enough, for some
- Down**
- Merely
 - "Law ___ oneself"
 - Make-or-break time
 - Brainiac
 - Combine
 - Pirogue
 - Ice cream thickener
 - Bath sponge
 - Bulgarian cash
 - Habiliments
 - Mouthful of tobacco
 - ___ reflection
 - Isn't wrong?
 - Italian ___
 - Yemeni city
 - Proceed
 - Scale
 - Capital of Pas-de-Calais
- Across**
- Spirited responses
 - Book before Nehemiah
 - Le ___, city in Switzerland
 - Sticky sweetener: Var.
 - 2002 Robbie Williams single
 - Earth barrier
 - Puff ___, old Combs nickname
- Down**
- Hamlet's father, e.g.
 - Put into service again
 - Ancient Celtic priest
 - Doodad
 - Old weapons
 - Ozone depleter: Abbr.
 - Skimmer, e.g.
 - Wife of Saturn
 - Hops heater
 - Shavers
 - Turkey part
 - Volatile liquid
 - Foot pads
 - Bud Grace comic strip
 - Computer programmer
 - Mediocre
 - International language
 - One who takes orders
 - Sludge
 - Oliver's request
 - Unlikely candidate for prom king
 - "Phooey!"
 - Make out
 - Priestly garb
 - Leary dropped it

Last Week's Answers



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City Council

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The Council also approved ESPD's purchase of 62 TASER International Model X26P tasers from Pro Force Law Enforcement at a maximum price of \$70,448.68, with monies coming out of the City's equipment replacement fund. The new items replace the previous generation tasers acquired in 2006 that have now reached the end of their service lives. The X26P includes technological advances not present in its predecessor along with extended battery life, event, engineering and pulse logs, and audible alert and automatic

shutoff capabilities.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Suzanne Fuentes reminded citizens to reach out to elected officials in protest of Governor Jerry Brown's plan to divert Prop 30 dollars away from schools and to "tell them it's not acceptable that this money is not going to our children." Fuentes added that the City's website will soon post links to contact Assemblyman Steve Bradford, State Senator Ted Lieu, Congressman Henry Waxman and US Senator Dianne Feinstein. •

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Date: April 2, 2013
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: City Council Chambers
200 Main Street
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a public hearing on the following items:

1. Adopting a resolution regarding the fee schedule for the City of El Segundo for various services.

All interested parties are encouraged to appear and be heard on the matter. If you challenge the content of this notice and require a copy, you may be asked to make any necessary arrangements to ensure that you are heard at the public hearing.

A copy of the schedule of fees for the City of El Segundo will be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk at 200 Main Street, El Segundo, California, on the date of the hearing.

For additional information please contact the City Clerk, John J. Smith, at (310) 433-2000, or the City Clerk's Office at 200 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245.

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Ready...Set...Cute! **Hamster's** little Puggy face is to die for. This two-year-old little gal



Riley

goes four miles a day in her foster home. She uses the doggie door to do her business outside and is housebroken. Hamster crates well also and is very animated when she is playing with toys or another dog. This little gal would be great as a second dog in the home, as she loves to run and play with other dogs. When it's time to get snuggly, she is a pro as she puts her head right in the fold of your neck for love. Hamster is spayed, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with children and with other dogs.

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Hamster

is shy at first, but comes out of her shell quite quickly once she knows you. She comes alive when she is around other dogs and loves her kennelmate Scoobie, who also available for adoption. Hamster walks great on a leash and

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Scotty, short for Butterscotch, found his way into a classroom one day where he decided to make himself at home. As luck would have it, one of the teachers was a Kitten Rescue adopter and took him home. This insanely handsome boy is a super affectionate love bug who wants to spend all day snuggling and playing with his person. His favorite toy is any shape, size and color of kitty ball. He will spend hours batting them around, chasing them down and pouncing on them. Scotty has a fantastic purr that just doesn't stop, rumbling through his entire body without pause. He would prefer to be your only kitty subject to all the attention. If you are looking for a devoted companion to be by your side,



Scotty

Scotty is the guy for you!

Sophia is a stunning Siamese beauty. Like many Siamese, she is highly intelligent, curious, affectionate and talkative. She is quite amusing with her playful antics, loves to tease the dogs, follows the older cats around and urges them to play, and rolls all over every inch of carpet in the house! When Sophia wants attention, she simply walks up and tells you. She is incredibly intelligent and talented in that she has learned how to open doors, drawers and cabinets, giving her more new smells and places to explore! If you would like to add a creative and vocal little four-legged beauty to your family, please come meet her! Sophia might be a bit shy when you first meet, but her charming personality will quickly emerge and you'll be treated to a display of her humorous antics!

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Sophia

Happy Tails

Maggie Mae Finds Loving Family

Maggie found a new family and name. Her “mom” sent us news about her life with them and her new brother Georgie....

“Hello...I hope your week has been pleasant so far... Me? Don't know when I've had a better one. I've got the most perfect little pal and I'm happy the weather has warmed up!

Just thought I'd let you know...First, 'Celia' is now Maggie Mae Mollica. She has brightened our home and lives tremendously in the few short days she's been here. While still skittish with others, she seems to trust us already. She readily and cheerfully runs up when she hears her name. She is mischievous, smart and loves to play--a paper-shredder extraordinaire. She adores

her big brother Georgie. He is oh-so patient and sweet with her. In fact, she is all but housebroken, thanks to Georgie. The first evening, I took her out, stood there coaxing and freezing for 30 minutes... nothing. So we came back in. A few minutes later, Georgie went to the door and I opened it. She merrily followed him out and did her business straight away. So now, every couple of hours, or if we see her sniffing, we call George and they both go out... even if he doesn't 'go'--he stays with

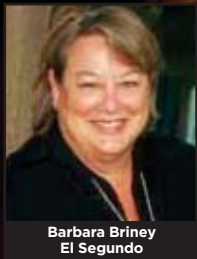


her until she's ready to come back in. It's really adorable to watch.

After a day or two of no boundaries, just love and encouragement, we have started to lay down some rules to which she seems open to learning--eager to please and so amazingly loving! We visited our vet yesterday--she gave her a solid gold A plus. Our vet was also *extremely* impressed with the complete medical files we were able to provide. She said they were probably the most complete she has ever seen from a rescue!

Maggie loves her new bed(s) and toys and completely delights us with her antics, as she is coming out of her shell and making this her home. She now 'marches' through the house and yard like she owns the place... scampers up/down our stairs like a rocket... tail high and wagging madly. She is walking surprisingly well on a leash and enjoys her walks and meeting our neighbors, both human and canine. We will be forever grateful to you for your efforts and bringing such joy into our lives. My best always..." – Andrea Mollica.

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. •



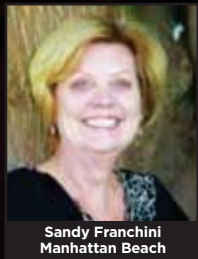
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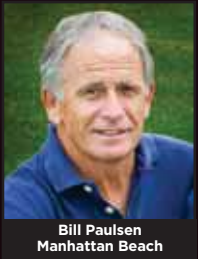
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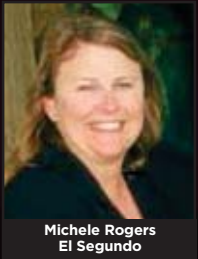
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