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El Segundo Track and Field Team Receive New Warm-ups



Rick Gridley of Big 5 Sporting Goods poses with members of the El Segundo Track and Field team who advanced to CIF this year. Big 5 donated \$15,000 worth of Asics warm-ups to the track team this year. Under the guidance of Head Coach David Washington, the Eagles had 18 athletes advance to CIF this year and are excited about the progress they've made in the last few years.

Council Approves Advisory Group to Study TopGolf Alternatives

By Brian Simon

A newly formed Golf Course Advisory Group will spend the next month looking at potential alternatives to the TopGolf proposal for The Lakes at El Segundo. The El Segundo City Council approved the creation of the short-term committee during a special meeting on Tuesday night. Councilmember Marie Fellhauer, who brought the item to her colleagues, explained that she had received multiple phone calls and emails both in favor and opposed to TopGolf's suggested changes to The Lakes. "Those against wanted to know what other options are out there," she said.

While noting that she likes the idea of capital improvements to the facility, new jobs in town and increased revenues to the City promised by TopGolf's arrival, Fellhauer felt "it would be a shame to make an uninformed decision" by not reaching out to other golf companies. To address this, the Advisory Group will be tasked to research if any established private golf operators are interested in leasing the facility in its current (or improved) form without incurring capital costs or undue risk to the City. Secondly, what level of revenue could the City expect to generate from the arrangement? And lastly, what level of capital investment would a private golf course operator be willing to make towards a leased facility?

By design, the Advisory Group consists of mostly golf professionals not associated with or employed by The Lakes—and will have no voting power. This will allow it, according to Fellhauer, "to get an unbiased collection of evidence."

Councilmember Dave Atkinson, an avid golfer who plays at The Lakes at least once a week and has visited TopGolf's Chicago complex, will chair the Advisory Group. He promised to "get all the facts together" and come back to the Council with the information, but warned

that the timeframe will be short. "We have been [talking] with TopGolf for a year and need to make a decision one way or another," he said. On that note, City staff will verify the Advisory Group's findings, with a report to be presented to the Council at the June 18 meeting. Fellhauer emphasized that there will be "no extensions" to that deadline and the Council will make a decision on the fate of The Lakes within 30 to 60 days after receiving the report.

The Advisory Group's seven appointees include two El Segundo residents—current Golf Course Subcommittee member and former El Segundo Mayor Bill Bue, as well as Mike Dugan. The other five are Gene Krekorian, a principal of Pro Forma Advisors; Jorge Badel, Los Angeles County's Golf Director; Tom Addis III, CEO of the Southern California Professional Golfers of American Section and past President of the National PGA; Craig

Kessler, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Southern California Golf Association; and Casey O'Callaghan, a golf course architect for almost 25 years. Each of the members offered their time on a voluntary basis to assist the City in this fact-finding mission.

The Dallas-based TopGolf made its first presentation to the Council last August to redesign The Lakes' driving range, provide a new clubhouse and pro shop, and add a full-service restaurant. While the proposal had its fair share of proponents, outcry from a mixture of local citizens and residents in surrounding communities led to a petition to "Save The Lakes" with over 1,300 names on it as of mid-April and a related Facebook page with more than 750 "likes" as of press time. Critics of TopGolf expressed concern that The Lakes could lose its family-friendly, youth-oriented

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
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Saturday

Sunny
67°/60°



Sunday

Sunny
69°/62°



Find the Quarterly Recreation Brochure, Activity Guide in the El Segundo Herald

The City of El Segundo Recreation & Parks Department will be inserting the quarterly Recreation and Parks Brochure and Activity Guide, as its own separate section entitled El Segundo Insider, in the newspaper. The brochure will be delivered to each and every household within the city limits, as well as, be available to anyone who picks up a newspaper at one of the 55 El Segundo Herald newspaper racks, which are located throughout the City. Look for the Summer 2013 Recreation and Parks Brochure and Activity Guide in the Thursday, May 23, 2013, issue of the El Segundo Herald. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 310-524-2700.

Memorial Service

Margaret Speed Keenan

May 1, 1921 - May 9, 2013

A memorial service for Margaret Speed Keenan, a 91 year resident of El Segundo, will be held this Friday, May 17, at noon at the United Methodist Church on the South East corner of Main and Mariposa Streets. A luncheon reception from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to celebrate her life, will be held at the El Segundo Women's Club, where Margaret/'Granny' was a member for 60 plus years!

Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to the American Heart Association or the United Methodist Church.

A luncheon reception will be provided so please RSVP to 310-720-1776 with the number of people attending as soon as possible. Please leave a message. •



Calendar

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- Third Thursday ES Certified Farmers Market, 3-7 p.m. 400 block of Main St. Special events and activities.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- El Segundo Education Foundation Gala "Party in the Park", 6 – 11 p.m., at Chevron Park. www.ESEdF.org

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- Concerts in the Library: Castle Brass Quartet, 2 p.m., Friends of the Library Room, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- Seminar: "Controlling Your Retirement

Assets". Also offered June 1. For more information contact Aldo at (310) 647-8051 or aldo.lozano@rbc.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- Evening Book Discussion Featuring Via Skype "The Aviator's Wife" author Melanie Benjamin, 6:30- 8 p.m., 111 W. Mariposa Avenue and Main Street. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

ONGOING

- Please register your incoming kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year at the District Office, 641 Sheldon Street. Please bring proof of residency.

- El Segundo Art Association Spring 2013 Show, Friends of the Library Room. For more information call (310) 524-2728.

UPCOMING

- Registration Open for El Segundo Education Foundation's 2013 Summer Academy, June 17 – July 19. Visit us at www.ESEdF.org for our full course catalogue, registration, and additional information. •

Experiencing the Gold Rush at Richmond

The 4th graders at Richmond Street School along with the Chamber Choir at El Segundo High School had a fantastic cross curricular experience with the Gold Rush History Unit

Ms. Larson, Mrs. Vorboril and Mrs. Garza had a Gold Rush Day at Richmond Street School where a group of the highschoolers ran the music activity. They learned more



that Mrs. Garza was teaching to the 4th grade students. The Choir students wrote and implemented songs and historical lessons to help the 4th graders reinforce their learning's from Mrs. Garza. The choir students took each chapter in the unit and wrote a song, recorded the song and created a lesson to help the students understand the history of the gold rush. At the end of their unit,

songs about the Gold Rush and also taught their self-composed songs to the children. It was a beautiful experience for the high schools to learn how to teach music by writing music for younger learners. Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Garza stated they "had a fantastic time with this unit and look forward to implementing more units like this in the years to come". •

Business Briefs

Keg Hunt Donates to C.A.S.E.

John McCullough, (white shirt), of The Tavern on Main/ Duck Productions



and Scot Nicol, (plaid shirt) of Beach Mex/ReMax present Father Alexei Smith and the great ladies of C.A.S.E with a big check raised by the participants of this year's annual Keg Hunt. Photo by Kristian Krieger, owner of The Tavern on Main and the Keg Hunt host.

Plaza El Segundo Completes Contribution of \$1 Million Dollars to the El Segundo Education Foundation

Plaza El Segundo opened in late 2006 to the excitement of the El Segundo community.



Upon the opening, Plaza El Segundo committed to a \$1,000,000, multi-year pledge to the El Segundo Education Foundation (Ed!). The final \$100,000 contribution was presented Tuesday, March 14. The increased funding from business partners and the community has helped to support the continuing decline in State funding to the El Segundo School District (ESUSD). The State has slashed funding to public schools and as a result, ESUSD has lost over \$4 million in less than 5 years. •



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School Board Welcomes New Principals, Fetes Gates Recipient

By Duane Plank

With a little more than a month remaining in the 2012-13 school year, the El Segundo School Board met on Tuesday night and was officially introduced to the two new principals who will be taking over at Richmond Street and Center Street elementary schools.

Elizabeth Ramirez was previously with the Lawndale Elementary School District, where she

“Ramirez is a “passionate educator with a diverse set of skills who will definitely enrich the staff and culture of Richmond Street Elementary School.”

served as Staff Development Coordinator for the past 12 years. She will take over the reigns at Richmond Street on July 1, replacing the retiring Dickie Van Breene. Ramirez received her Bachelor's degree from UCSB, and her Master's degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Superintendent Geoff Yantz, in a statement released prior to the Tuesday meeting, noted that Ramirez is a “passionate educator with a diverse set of skills who will definitely enrich the staff and culture of Richmond Street Elementary School.”

At Center Street, Martha Monahan will soon occupy the Principal's office, which has been helmed by Marisa Janicek. Monahan, who comes to El Segundo after working for many years in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified District, will also take over on July 1. Janicek will still be working for El Segundo Unified in a new position--Director of Education Services.

Ramirez was unable to attend the Board meeting due to a recent surgery, but Monahan was present and expressed that she was “so happy to be here and be so welcomed by the community.”

El Segundo High School instructor spoke to the Board about some of the exceptional students' accomplishments in a recent renowned engineering competition. They have been recognized in the science-based Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) national competition, which started in 2008. The members of “Team Bridget,” which included Alexander Arroyo, Ryan De Freitas Bart, Alex Koran, Eric Perkey, Bridget Reed and Derek Tran, were feted for their accomplishments in the nationwide competition that partners the public and private sectors in helping to build and promote student growth and achievement

in aerospace engineering.

Next up, El Segundo High student Kevin Qualls, who has been honored with the very prestigious Bill Gates Scholarship, was introduced to the Board by Principal Jim Garza. Qualls is one of a handful of local winners of the Gates scholarship, which was established to foot the bill for the recipients' college education all the way through a possible doctoral program.

Garza lauded Qualls, calling him “a genius in the making...who is a very positive young man, a great ambassador for the city. And we expect great things from him in the future.” Qualls talked about the award, which he termed a scholarship for minority students who have faced adversities. “I thank God for this opportunity,” he said. Qualls also spoke about the support that he received from his parents, who have made major sacrifices, he said, to ensure that he would be able to continue his schooling at El Segundo Unified after the family moved to Carson. Qualls plans to attend the University of Southern California to work towards receiving an engineering degree.

Consent agenda approvals included agreements with consultants for the upcoming school year, including art and gardening professionals hired at Arena High; a District computer specialist; the company that manages the Power School database; Talking Teaching, which works with the elementary school staff to help develop curriculum aligned to the new Common Core Standards; and the Family First agency contract, which has been in place to investigate student residency issues.

The action item docket included a more than \$1,200 bestowment to El Segundo High from the food chain Kroger. Additional approvals included a revised Board policy update dealing with student chronic abuse and truancy; the El Segundo Middle School summer reading list; an expository reading and writing course that will debut this August at El Segundo High; and a resolution for disbursement of District funds related to the passing of Proposition 30 last November.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 28. •

For Local Fire Marshal, CPR a Lifesaver in More Ways Than One

By Brian Simon

On June 1, El Segundo Fire Marshal James Carver will oversee the City's Super CPR Saturday event as he has done annually for all but one year since 1995. About 300 individuals will come to El Segundo High School that morning to receive Red Cross-certified training in how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with Carver serving as the lead instructor. It is a role the long-time Fire Department veteran understands from both sides of the spectrum, as he himself can thank CPR for saving his own life in 2010.

One morning in December of that year, Carver had been feeling tired for a couple of days and was working in the garage of his Orange County home when the unthinkable happened. “My wife heard me fall, heard me gasp,” he said. “My son, who I taught CPR to when he was 10 and has gone through EMT again and works for an ambulance company in Orange County, turned me over, thought I was breathing and called 9-1-1. Then I stopped breathing and he started CPR. The paramedics arrived in three minutes, defibrillated me four times and brought me back. I was dead.”

Carver had experienced a sudden death cardiac arrest. According to statistics that will be noted in a proclamation for Super CPR Saturday during next week's City Council meeting, nearly 383,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually. Over 70 percent of Americans either do not know how to administer CPR or their training has lapsed. Fortunately in Carver's case, he was in the right place with the right people at the right time. Even so, he wasn't quite out of the woods just yet. After the incident, it was touch and go for a few weeks. He endured several complications that delayed

his recovery and eventually had a pacemaker installed, but was finally able to return to work six months later and is feeling fine today. “The CPR I received and the early response from the paramedics are why I am here today—that and the grace of God,” he said. “I am truly a blessed man.”

Carver also feels blessed to work for the El Segundo Fire Department, where he arrived in 1991 after four years as a fire inspector for Northrop Grumman. A Hawthorne native and Leuzinger High School graduate, he knew early on that he wanted to pursue a career in fire service. “I wanted to help people,” he explained. He spent several years in the Explorers program (for youths 15 to 21 interested in careers in fire service) through the Boy Scouts and the Hawthorne Fire Department and then worked at several odd jobs before settling at Northrop. But a desire to work for a city rather than stay in industry prompted him to interview with El Segundo and two other municipalities. “I am so glad I'm here and that the other two cities didn't hire me,” he said.

Carver was an inspector for eight years before becoming Principal Fire Prevention Specialist in 1999. He rose to the rank of Fire Marshal in October 2006. In that position, he runs the City's Fire Prevention Division with two full-time staff and a part-time assistant under his direction. Responsibilities include conducting annual fire inspection programs for all commercial and multi-residential buildings, reviewing technical plans for all proposed construction, inspecting any new construction and tenant improvements, investigating fires to determine origin and cause, and handling public outreach and education programs. Carver and staff also continuously monitor any new code requirements, technologies

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The Council is currently accepting applications for the following Committees, Commissions and Boards (CCB) positions.

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Environmental Committee

One partial term, expires 6/30/15

Library Board of Trustees

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Planning Commission

One full term position expires June 30, 2013

Senior Citizen Housing Corporation Board

Two positions, expires June 30, 2013

Economic Development Advisory Council

One position, no term expiration

Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee

One partial term position, expires November 30, 2014

Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee

One partial term position, expires November 30, 2015

Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee

One partial term position, expires November 30, 2016

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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Once upon a time, there were three brothers. Each was born of exuberance, but two have died of excess. The first brother was named "Dot.Com." In the 1990s, he created instant millionaires by the mere formation of companies whose names started with the letter "e." In March of 2000, he died of a massive heart attack.

The second brother was named "Housing." As values grew faster than the cost of borrowing, legions of unqualified buyers leapt into the fire pit, and by 2008, the second bubble burst.

Today, we are watching the excesses of the third brother and have no doubt that he will meet the same end as his brethren. His name is "Liberalism."

His excesses are everywhere. His primary potentate is a President willing to outspend his revenue by trillions of dollars without an iota of conscience. In 2013, the government will reap its largest revenue in history--\$2.7 trillion--but the President proposes spending \$3.8 trillion in 2014 and \$4.0 trillion in 2015. Without foundation or precedent, he predicts the economy over 10 years will grow at twice its current rate and that tax revenue will leap by 50 percent.

While some countries go into debt by reducing tax rates and improving its infrastructure in order to grow its economy, our money goes to waste with regulatory growth and artificially supported consumerism for which there is no long-term benefit--only the hangover of debt.

In 2011, the GAO reported 162 wasteful programs costing \$100-\$200 billion per year. Yet, two years later, the government

has addressed only 16 of these wasteful programs and the cost has ballooned to \$250 billion per year. There are 82 separate programs to improve teacher training; 80 programs to assist the physically impaired; and ironically, 56 programs to assist citizens with understanding budgeting. Of the \$509 billion spent on Medicare in 2010, \$48 billion went to fraud. Squandered money is everywhere.

This year, the President had asked each agency to account for its purposes and costs, but a problem arose when it was discovered that no one knows how many agencies we have.

As government grows larger, it does things more poorly, more excessively and more irrationally. Consider the U.S. Treasury sells government bonds at an interest rate of one quarter of one percent per year--but since inflation is running at 2.5 percent, they're a tough sell. We therefore sell them to ourselves! The Federal Reserve prints money at the rate of \$85 billion per month to buy our dead-man bonds, expanding its inventory of debt by trillions of dollars. Since those bonds lose money to inflation each year, they have little resale value without selling at a loss and further exacerbating our debt problem.

Irresponsible debt creation carries many adjectives: frightening, irrational and wasteful come to mind. But what ties this liberal bubble to his two brothers is the characteristic of rampant excess. Economists worldwide agree that this greatest of all bubbles will burst and it will do so without warning and with devastating impact. The question is not "if." It is only "when." •

Another Man's Opinion

Ban on Gay Conversion Therapy Serves Step in Right Direction

By Cristian Vasquez

In September of 2012 the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 1172, which sought to prohibit a mental health provider from "engaging in sexual orientation change efforts" with a patient under the age of 18. The bill indicates that any sexual orientation change efforts attempted on a patient not at least 18 years of age by any mental health provider will be considered unprofessional conduct and expose the provider to disciplinary action by their licensing entity.

The bill, introduced by State Senator Ted W. Lieu, does more than set additional guidelines to existing laws regarding the licensing and regulation of healing sciences including physicians, surgeons, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, educational psychologists, clinical social workers and licensed professional clinical counselors. Commonly addressed as "gay conversion therapy," the idea is that a person can be cured of their homosexuality. The law seeks to put an end to the therapies aimed at changing a minor's sexual orientation by labeling such actions child abuse of a psychological nature.

Arguments can be made about the scientific validity of such therapies in favor or against these treatments. Despite the law being challenged in the courts, what must not be overlooked is that the law reminds us that homosexuality is not a disease. Homosexuality is not mental disorder--it is simply part of the human condition. It is a factor that has been present in society and

that mankind has lived with since the times of the Romans. Trying to change someone into a person they are not is not only wrong, but it is heartbreaking--especially when that someone is a minor. Do people forget how difficult it is to be a teenager?

The high school years are difficult enough for every teenager in America. The last thing they need is to see their friends being victimized by a therapy that promises to make the person someone they are not at heart. Even worse is seeing that child forced into a treatment that is unnecessary because the truth is they are not sick. What is sick is the idea that because someone is different, there are a group of people willing to rely on a non-proven science to promote an ideal of morality within their kids. People can argue that a person chooses to be gay or that they are born gay. The truth is, that doesn't matter. Gay by choice or gay from birth should be left alone. That is who these people are and nobody has the right to impose treatment aimed at forcing a change.

There are men who like short women, and women who like tall men. Some people are very attracted to blondes while others go crazy for redheads. There is not a therapy in the world that will ever change that. So why buy into the notion that a therapist can change the dating preferences of our homosexual brothers and sisters? Why torture these teenage kids who already have to deal with the anxiety of teenage-hood. Who are we trying to save? And

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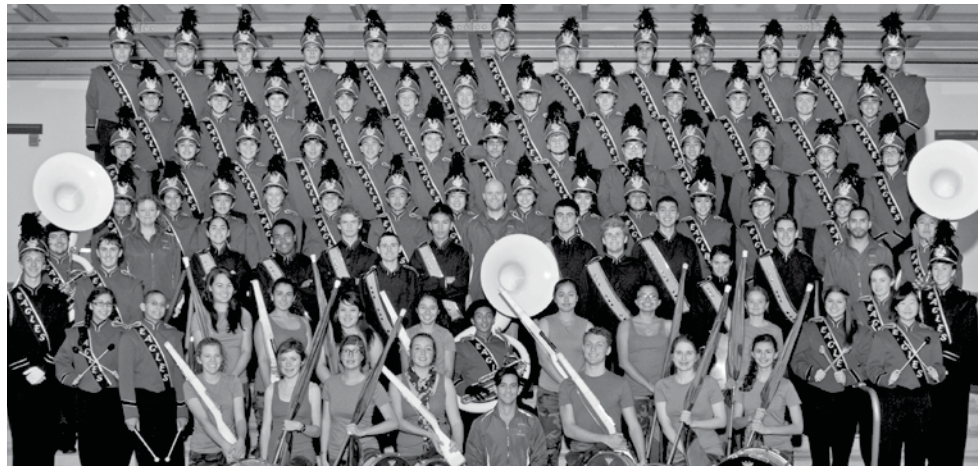
ES High School Band Impacts Lives On, Off Campus

By Cristian Vasquez

Directing a high school band with more than 90 students is what El Segundo High School Band Director Steve Fox has been doing and he does it well. Fulfilling the band's purpose

single age at that school. Music is the only program with such a wide-range in age and we don't really turn anyone away."

Still, through the discipline imposed by the ESHS band program, students in band are taught



to provide a learning opportunity, rehearsals and musical performances for all interested students with the desire, ability, and proper attitude, Fox uses his passion for music to reach students in school and beyond the band room.

"You are motivating teenagers, which all of us who are adults know what that can mean, but they are teenagers that range from 13 to 18 all in the same group," Fox said. "There are very few programs or groups on any high school campus that are a combination of every

coping skills, self-discipline, how to control their emotions during stressful situations in addition to being humble in the spotlight of success.

"The program succeeds because of the hierarchy of leadership that is set up: from the directors, to the drum leaders to the section leaders, to band council to upper classmen," Fox said. "You don't find successful teams that are out there placing high and winning or putting on performances that people recognize

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Looking Up

Sunjammer to Sail the Solar Breezes Next Year

By Bob Eklund

The UK Space Agency has announced that British scientists are now working with NASA to develop a spacecraft, known as Sunjammer, which will use a 13,000-square-foot solar sail to propel itself nearly two million miles towards the sun. The sail will then help control the spacecraft in a steady position in orbit around the star at the center of our solar system.

Sensitive instruments on board will provide scientists with an early warning of solar storms that can produce streams of particles capable of damaging satellites and power grids on earth.

Dr. Jonathan Eastwood, a lecturer in physics at Imperial College London, said the mission's main aim is to demonstrate the use of solar sails as a way of powering and controlling a spacecraft on long missions. He said it would also give scientists a greater understanding of the solar wind—the stream of particles ejected from the sun—and its impact on the Earth.

Sunjammer will have two UK instruments onboard, flying on the largest solar sail ever constructed. Due for launch in 2014, this NASA-led mission will fly towards the sun demonstrating solar sail technology and a range of other technologies. UK scientists at Imperial College London are developing the mission's magnetometer and wind analyzer—instruments that will study space weather and prove new technology in that field.

While in space, the instruments on board Sunjammer will monitor different aspects of space weather, paving the way to a better understanding of its processes and their influence on spaceborne and ground-based systems and assessing its potential to harm property or human health.

Sailing to the Stars? Meanwhile, The Planetary Society, based in Pasadena, is also interested in the solar sail as a means of

space travel over very long distances. One of its current projects, called LightSail-1, is designed to test this concept. A solar sail propelled by light pressure—from lasers rather than sunlight—is the only known technology that might carry out practical interstellar flight, helping pave our way to the stars.

The idea of light-pressure as a means of space travel has been around a very long time. In the 17th Century, astronomy pioneer Johannes Kepler observed that comet tails point away from the sun and suggested that the sun caused this effect. In a letter to Galileo in 1610, he wrote, "Provide ships or sails adapted to the heavenly breezes, and there will be some who will brave even that void."

And in a 1984 novel titled *The Flight of the Dragonfly*, science fiction writer Robert L. Forward proposed using a light-sail propulsion system—pushed not by sunlight, but by an earth-based laser—to send a spaceship and a crew of 20 on a 40-year voyage to planets orbiting Barnard's Star, 5.9 light-years away.

For now, travel to the stars, whether by light-sail or any other means, hasn't progressed beyond the realm of science fiction. But we mustn't forget how few years have passed since space travel itself was only a dream in the minds of authors like Jules Verne and Edgar Rice Burroughs. "Imagination," wrote Albert Einstein, "is more important than knowledge."

Sunjammer

*Set me on a course
That will beam me to a star,
O wild setting sun!*
—Bob Eklund

Images: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/space/10034237/Sunjammer-spacecraft-to-sail-towards-the-sun.html> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:IKAROS_solar_sail.jpg •

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Sports

Frankly Plank

By Duane Plank

So with no NBA fever gripping the local environs, and thank gosh for that, unless you happen to be one of those fans of the round ball who like to watch LeBron James and the Miami Heat slug their way to a second consecutive NBA title, time to move on. At press time, the only team remotely connected to LA pro hoopsters, the Golden State Warriors, had been playing valiantly

My Kings pulled out a very caustic, hard-fought 4-2 series victory over the St. Louis Blues...and started their second round series a couple of nights ago against the San Jose Sharks, courtesy of a Duck loss to the Red Wings in Game 7.

Spent last Friday watching the closeout King game against the Blues with the Kid, who was down from UCSB for a couple of days...then attended about an

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against the top-seeded veteran San Antonio Spurs and had tied up the graybeards from the River Walk City at 2-2. Out on the limb, Spurs in seven.

The aforementioned Heat, who inexplicably lost the first game in their series, at home, to the severely depleted Chicago Bulls, had assumed a 2-1 series edge. With former NBA MVP, alleged super-guard Derrick Rose, who blew out his knee more than a year ago, still comfortably watching the festivities in street clothes from a padded seat behind the Bull bench, and collecting his check, expect the defending champs to roll the short-handed Bulls in six.

The second sem-final series in the East features the always over-ballyhooed New York Knicks and the under-the-radar Indiana Pacers. The Pacers had bounced to an early 2-1 series lead and should be poised to apply the knockout punch to the Gothamites. And the other final semi, involving Western conference foes Oklahoma City and the Memphis Grizzlies had the men from down South up 2-1. Picking Memphis in six.

Have been pretty spot-on with my NHL playoff selections and aim to continue the savvy prognosticating in the second round as the Conference semis kick in this week.

hour of the Kings' apparently optional Sunday morning skate at Toyota Center. And was so privileged to speak about the evolution of the game with local citizen Mel Bridgman, who knows a little bit about what he is talking when it come to the puck. Not only was Bridgman the number one pick in the entire NHL draft back in 1975, but he knows hockey stuff. Landing in a Philadelphia Flyer sweater for a time, the affable Bridgman, after his playing retirement, diligently toiled as the General Manager of the Ottawa Senators--the same Senators who just unceremoniously bounced the fabled Montreal Canadiens from the first round of the playoffs. More from Mel down the road.

The local professional horse hiders, Los Doyers and the Halos, continued to scuffle somewhat. With a gazillion-dollar payroll. Guess we should all be excited because the Trolley Dodgers picked up a couple of wins over the give-it-up Marlins and the Angels won a couple of games against the Astros and White Sox?

And, in conclusion, the historic Hollywood Park racetrack will see the long-assumed wrecking ball striking the iconic edifice in December. More to say, and pen, down the road. •

Sports

Eagles Make it a League Sweep

By Gregg McMullin

All three of the El Segundo high school baseball teams have won outright or a share of the Pioneer League championship for the second consecutive year. The varsity was within six outs of winning it outright before losing and settling for a three-way tie. Both the JVs and soph/frosh teams won their last game of the year that clinched championships.

It was the first time in nine years that the varsity has won a share of the title. For frosh/soph head coach Larry Robinson, it marks the fifth consecutive year his team has won a league title and it is the third consecutive championship for the JV team.

The varsity needed only win one of the two games against South Torrance to claim its second straight outright league championship. In the first game, the Eagles gave up four unearned runs and fell 6-3 at home. In the second game, El Segundo held a 6-3 lead in the sixth inning when the Spartans scored seven runs on four hits and went on to win 10-8.

In front of a home crowd that honored the parents of the seniors, the Eagles loaded the bases in the first inning but came away empty. Trailing 3-0 in the third inning, Kevin Schreiber scored on Eric Gronhagen's three-base error. Gronhagen then scored on Connor Underwood's sharp single up the middle to make it 3-2. In the sixth inning, Seth McKenna sliced a single up the middle for an RBI to cut the lead to 5-3, but the Spartans scored another unearned run in the seventh inning to close the scoring. The Eagles had outit the Spartans 9-5 and Eagle starter Ryan Pordes had thrown well enough to win, but errors at crucial times and untimely hitting spelled doom for El Segundo.

In the second game at South Torrance the Eagles fell behind 2-0 in the third inning after squandering scoring opportunities early on. In the fifth inning, the Eagles erupted for six runs on six hits to take a 6-2 lead.

Gronhagen, Mike Pagan and Underwood hit consecutive singles to load the bases. Nick Martinez had an RBI single and Brandon Yob, running for Underwood, scored on a wild pitch to make it 4-2. Gronhagen's second single of the inning drove in two more for an Eagles' 6-2 lead.

With the Eagles leading 6-3 in the bottom half of the sixth inning and a mere six outs away from a title, the wheels fell off. Eagle starter Willem Mostert was replaced by Dean Abramson after giving up a walk and single. Abramson didn't last long and was replaced by Jake Gafford. McKenna eventually came in and got the last out of the inning, but not before the Spartans had scored seven runs on four hits, four walks and one hit batter off Mostert, Abramson and Gafford.

In the seventh inning, the Eagles tried desperately to get back into the game. With two outs, Schreiber singled and scored on Gronhagen's triple. Gronhagen would score on Underwood's double to close the deficit to 10-8, but Pagan flied out deep to end the game.

The Eagles share the Pioneer League title with South Torrance and Torrance--a team they swept earlier in the year. South Torrance will advance to the playoffs as the number one team from the Pioneer League, while the Eagles will advance to the playoffs for 10h time in 11 years as the second place team.

Eagles JV Team

The Eagle JV team split a two-game series with South Torrance to claim its third Pioneer League title in as many years. It fell 5-4 in the first one on the road and won a dramatic extra inning 5-3 victory at home to clinch it.

In the first game at South, Eagle starter

Davis Salzman gave up three runs (two earned) and gave way to Nick Nesci in the fifth inning. The Eagles tied the game 4-4 in the seventh inning to force extra innings. The Spartans got a timely RBI double off Nesci in the bottom of the eighth to win it and force a winner-take-all game at Stevenson Field.

In front of a big and boisterous crowd, the Eagles scored early. Nick Karsseboom and Jackson Walz each singled and Matt McClean doubled them both in for a 2-0 lead. The Eagles extended their lead to 3-0 when Noah Bergren came around and scored later in the inning.

Mitch Thompson, who started for the Eagles, gave up a run in the fourth and two unearned runs in the fifth inning and the Spartans tied the game. The game went into extra innings with Thompson still on the hill.

In the bottom of the ninth and with two outs, Walz drilled a ball off the third baseman's glove. That gave Noah Bergren one more at-bat and he made the most of it on the first pitch. He hit a 375-foot walk-off home run that brought the home crowd fans to their feet and created a mob scene as a jubilant Bergren reached home plate.

An ecstatic Eagle head coach Derek Earnest took in the celebration. "It was an unbelievable moment for these players," he said. "Seeing the looks on their faces makes all of this very special and why we get into coaching."

The frosh/soph baseball team had navigated through 10 games without a loss before dropping a 2-1 thriller at South Torrance. Albert Galicia took the tough-luck loss, snapping his personal six-game winning streak. Alex Rios and Chris Gomez each had two of the Eagles' four hits in the game.

The Eagles bounced back from the loss to defeat the Spartans at home 8-5. Jason Kehl and Cameron Judge each had two-run singles in a five-run second inning that gave the Eagles a 6-0 lead. Frankie Martinez also had two RBIs in the game.

Wyatt Boyce started and had his best outing since an early season game against Mira Costa. He pitched into the sixth inning to earn the victory and recorded 11 strikeouts. Brett Medford closed out the game as the Eagles won the Pioneer League with an 8-1-1 record and an overall record of 18-5-1.

Eagle News and Notes

The annual El Segundo High School Alumni Baseball Game was held and for the fourth consecutive year, the alumni team came away victorious. Todd McAndrews, his brother



Mike Bundy struck out Austin Brasher left-handed and then pitched right-handed to Ryan Porter and Hunter Lewis.

Travis McAndrews and Alberto Concepcion each hit home runs as the alumni pounded out 14 hits in the 9-3 win.

Mike Bundy had an RBI single and also tossed a perfect sixth inning when he pitched to Austin Brasher left-handed and then to Ryan Porter and Hunter Lewis right-handed. •

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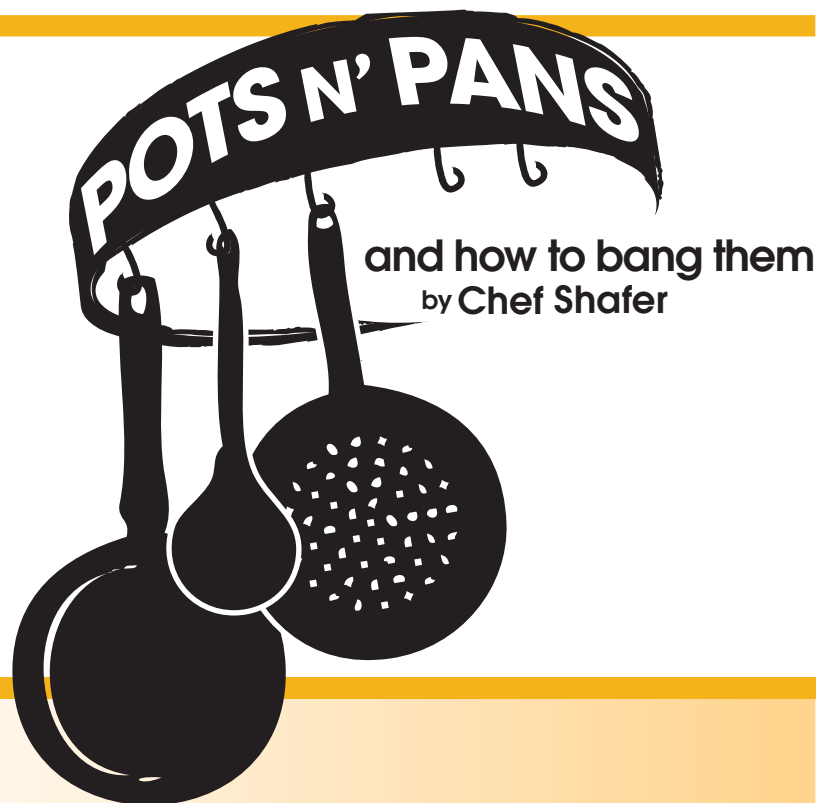
a Southwest Posole. They all tell a story of the culture and

history of the area. I have always loved one pot meals for

its easy preparation...and only one pot to clean up!

Here is one of my favorite O.P.M.

The Chef



Hungarian Paprika Chicken Goulash



- 12 chicken drumsticks
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 2 cups diced onions
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 10 red skin potatoes cut in 4
- 3 tablespoons paprika
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 1 quart chicken stock or broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 bunch green onions chopped finely

Dredge the chicken in the flour with the salt and pepper.
 In a hot sauté pan add the oil and brown the chicken on all sides about 2 to 3 minutes.
 Remove from oil and set on a paper towel to drain.
 In the same pan with the remaining oil sauté the chopped onions and carrots till golden brown, 2 to three minutes.
 Add the paprika and tomato puree. Stir for 30 seconds.
 Add 1/4 of the stock to deglaze the pan.
 Place the chicken in a large casserole dish or roasting pan.
 Pour the onion mix and remaining stock into the pan. Place the potatoes in with the chicken.
 Make sure the chicken is covered with the stock mixture. Note- if too dry, add more stock.
 Roast in oven for 25 to 35 minutes or till chicken is cooked.
 Stir in the sour cream and garnish with the chopped green onions.
 Don't forget to taste it to see if you need more salt or pepper.

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Sports

Eagles Volleyball Win In First Round, Out In Second

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The El Segundo Eagles Boys Varsity started out in CIF-Southern Section Division II Playoffs on a roll at home last week, defeating Burbank in three straight sets, 25-17, 25-21, and 25-12. Outstanding players of the game were Eric Chance with 14 kills and Brendan

Kirk with 10 kills, mostly off of Jacob Richmond's 35 assists.

Unfortunately the victory was short lived, as the defending Pioneer League Champions lost in three to host San Marcos just two days later, ending their season. A strong showing of 17 wins with only six losses proved to be an excellent finishing mark for 2013. •



Libaro Nolan Sharp passes the ball the to his teammate.



Eric Chance prepares to slam the ball past a Burbank defender.



Jake Cruickshank fires a spike back at Burbank.

Sports

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Travis McAndrews pitched, played a flawless centerfield and hit a homerun; he was voted the game's MVP.



Travis McAndrews pitched, played a flawless centerfield and hit a homerun; he was voted the game's MVP.



David Eno makes a play deep in the whole. Three side photos on left by Greg McMullin.



Past meets present as former Eagles surround this year's team after the Alumni Game. Photo by Anne Ferrua.



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Three Home Improvement Tips To Help You Breathe Easier



(BPT) - One in five Americans suffer from allergies, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA). As the 2013 allergy season begins, experts warn that it may be one of the worst in recent years, with people experiencing an unusually strong reaction due to increased tree pollen.

But little attention is paid to the impact of indoor air on allergies, asthma and general health. We spend an average of approximately

90 percent or more of our time indoors, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA reports that "indoor levels of pollutants may be two to five times higher, and occasionally more than 100 times higher, than outdoor levels."

How does this impact your next home improvement project? A survey by Angie's List revealed Americans spend more than \$300 billion annually on remodeling projects.

Yet these endeavors typically focus solely on a home's aesthetics while ignoring one important consideration: Is your home healthy?

Start at the bottom

We all want beautiful floors in our homes. Many people, however, don't realize that some new flooring can threaten your indoor air quality. When flooring is installed, you may notice an odor for a few days or even weeks. The odor might mean noxious gases are emitting from the materials used during installation. And these emissions, particularly those resulting from volatile organic compounds (VOCs), could potentially have serious, long-term effects on your health - as well as an immediate impact on the health of family members with asthma or allergies.

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Manage mold and mildew

If you're noticing moisture or mold building up on your windows, have your home checked by an energy rater or a building analyst. To prevent moisture from getting in your windows, select windows made with double pane, insulated glass to create an insulating barrier and keep moisture, mildew or mold from developing. For added energy savings, you can opt for a Low Emissivity or "Lo-E" coating to keep heat from radiating beyond the side of the window where it originated. You'll save on your heating and air conditioning bills while also minding your health.

Home improvements should be a proud reminder that your home is your castle and you treat it well. This year, consider investing in simple projects that can also improve the health of the castle's residents. •

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High School Band

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from the audience unless there is high quality student leadership happening in that group. The leadership from directors, all the way down is necessary. Quality is based on leadership.”

Fox and Assistant Band Director Edie Rice have solid experience with the business operations and challenges of funding to ensure that the high school band can continue to exist and also compete in the types of programs it participates in every year. In this case there are costs of more than \$100,000 a year,” Rice said. That includes educating, performing, competitions and much more.

Band is a fine art which means it gets very little money. At times there is hardly enough money available. For El Segundo, the marching band will average five to six competitions a year, including state championship. Much of that money has to be donated and the El Segundo Concert Band must finance a huge portion of what the high school band does.

“For me, understanding that the band program is here to stay because the non-profit El Segundo Concert Band is the parent organization was a sigh of relief,” High School Band Parent Council President Penny Armstrong said. “I too was a band student so I feel like I know what it is doing for my child and the other 90 kids in the band. At our school I know that it matters so much that the High School Band is there and the kids are marching.”

Fox and Rice are proud of the work they do to inspire their students and have noticed an increase in graduating seniors seeking out colleges or universities where they can continue to engage in music, even if their area of academic concentration has nothing to do with music.

The reality for music teachers is that they won't have a large number of people majoring in music, but to know that a large number of students are continuing to be involved with

music, that is when you know that something is working.”

The positive impact band has on students also keeps parents interested and committed to music education in the city.

“I am watching my kid, memorize these routines and march for 12 hours in 95 degree heat and not complain,” Armstrong said. “He is excited and all of the kids are excited. I love standing in that band room after a football game (after performing at half-time) or a competition. It is such a sense of accomplishment for all of them.”

The El Segundo Concert Band not only provides funds for the high school band, they finance the summer symposium camp complete with a celebrity staff as well as provide different music programs through the schools and also make available to these young musicians an opportunity to play with the band. Students must try out for a position on the concert band and many of them have managed to earn one. However, in order to make all of that work, money is always needed.

“There are a lot of people in El Segundo that understand the importance of fine arts and of music in schools, Fox said, and what would really be great support from those individuals is if they understand that there are avenues that they can support music specifically through the El Segundo Concert Band. As a 501(c) (3) non-profit the El Segundo Concert Band is a channel to directly impact music in the schools. If they [residents] really believe that fine arts and music should be in the schools, then they need to let the schools know that and give financial support directly to those programs because the schools do not have the funds necessary.”

Persons interested in donating to the El Segundo Concert Band to benefit the high school band can visit: www.esconcertband.org. •

James Carver

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and fire prevention techniques.

To this day, Carver remains enthusiastic about going to work. “I enjoy being able to make sure that things are working and help people fix their problems,” he said. “Yeah, we do inspections and write people up, but honestly, it's more of an educational thing than a punitive thing.” The most common “write-ups” are for items such as exit signs not working, fire extinguishers not being serviced and fire alarms and sprinkler systems not being maintained. “Back in the day [‘80s and early ‘90s] it used to be extension cords, but now that we have desktop computers and surge protectors, those are gone.”

Carver added that El Segundo presents fire prevention challenges that are unique compared to other cities—given the community is home to a refinery, several aerospace companies and other industrial firms with special needs. “There are a lot of different technical issues to deal with here that keep the job interesting,” he said.

Yet despite the presence of big business, the fact that El Segundo also retains a small town feel creates the best of both worlds for Carver. “Everybody who comes here for a meeting is really impressed with our downtown and the residential community that's here,” he said. “I get to have a small town, but also get to work with the likes of Chevron, Boeing, Raytheon and other great companies.”

Carver also appreciates that he gets to work with City staff and his colleagues at the Fire Department. “They're great—and they were especially supportive of me and my wife when I had my condition,” he said. “Some of the firemen came out and helped, no questions asked. We are like a family here. Also, everybody here is very good at what they do and know what they're doing.”

Teaching citizens to know what they're doing in the early stages of a medical emergency is a major goal each year for Carver and company. The first Super CPR Saturday took place in 1995 after Mike Sullivan—a local resident at the time who was also a Red Cross volunteer—approached the Fire

Department about holding an event in El Segundo similar to a successful one already in place in Torrance. Carver coordinated the debut event and also spearheaded the in-house CPR program that still exists to this day. “We used to have fall and summer classes for adult CPR and child/infant CPR, but due to budget cuts we can only offer a class on an as-needed basis if enough people call us or if a business needs it,” he said. Though still an instructor himself, two paramedics—Adam Kruse and Mark Lees—handle most of the CPR training for the City.

For the upcoming Super CPR Saturday, which will run concurrently with El Segundo's second annual Community Wellness Day, classes will take place at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The process will take 2.5 to three hours. Another annual fixture at the event, Mayor Carl Jacobson, will be on-hand to check people in. Instructional activities will take place in the Performing Arts Center, cafeteria and Main Building classrooms. Those who successfully complete the program will receive Red Cross certification good for two years.

With limited financial resources compared to past years and a need to reduce administrative hours, the only way to sign up for Super CPR Saturday will be online on the City's website home page (elsegundo.org). Registration kicked off on May 13 and runs through May 28. “We've been fortunate to receive financial support for the event from corporate sponsors,” said Carver. Companies assisting the cause include Chevron, NRG, Embassy Suites, Continental Development Corporation, Teledyne Controls, Raytheon, Rinaldi's, McDonald's, and Doubletree Hotel.

Happy to continue in his role to raise awareness and help save lives in the process, Carver hopes his own story inspires others to sign up for Super CPR Saturday. Now the longest tenured prevention employee on the civilian side in the City's history, he also has no intention of retiring anytime soon. “If you're gonna retire, you've gotta do something else and I like what I do too much,” he said. •

Another Man's

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from what are we saving them? Everyone is a child of God with the right to be happy by being true to one's self. In the end, God will judge us by how respectful and loving we

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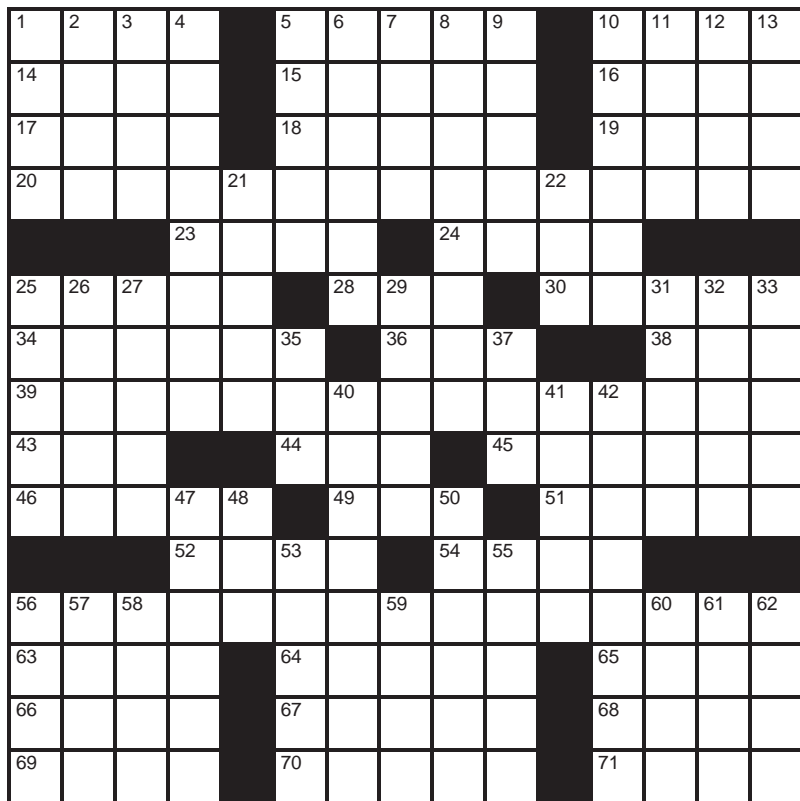
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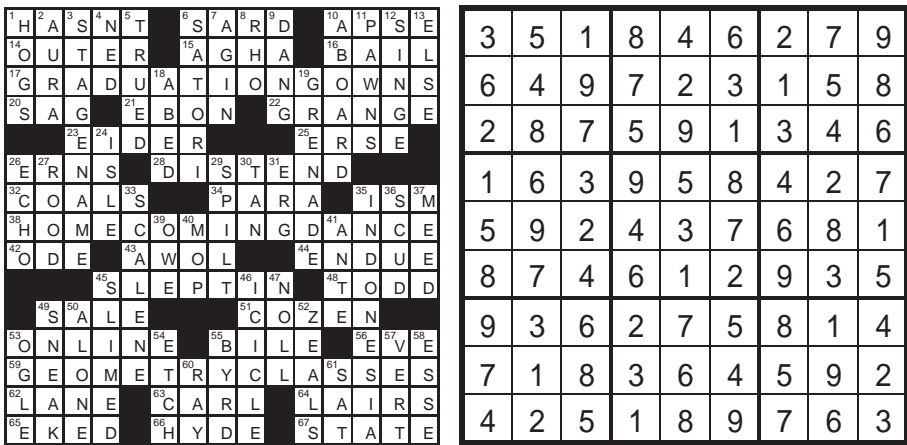
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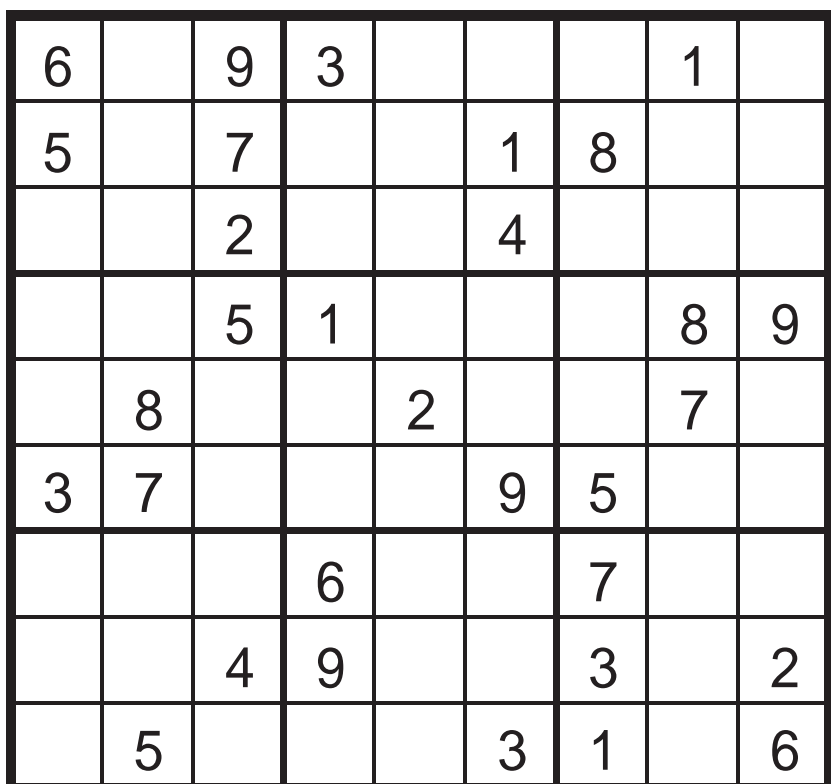


- Across**
- 1. Blubber
 - 5. City on the Loire
 - 10. Ready a gift
 - 14. Hodgepodge
 - 15. Confounded
 - 16. Epitaph opener
 - 17. Red River, to the Vietnamese
 - 18. Addict
 - 19. Copacati worshipper
 - 20. Aims high, like a TV host?
 - 23. Low islands
 - 24. Heads up
 - 25. They meet in the middle
 - 28. Self-image
 - 30. Accords
 - 34. Myanmar natives, e.g.
 - 36. Piz Bernina, e.g.
 - 38. Indeed
 - 39. Appeared on TV host's show twice?
 - 43. Be up
 - 44. Inits. on a rocket
 - 45. Sportsman's guide
 - 46. Feature of some photo layouts
 - 49. Chinese brew
 - 51. Finish lines
- Down**
- 1. Prominent Danish physicist
 - 2. Insect repellent ingredient
 - 3. Stage area
 - 4. Syllogist, e.g.
 - 5. Sweet confection
 - 6. Of no use
 - 7. Tech support caller
 - 8. Landlord's paper
 - 9. Hindu holy man
 - 10. Odd idea
 - 11. City north of Carson City
 - 12. Big name in oil
 - 13. Hymn of praise: Var.
- Across**
- 52. Car until 1957
 - 54. Thai currency
 - 56. Lift the mood of a TV host?
 - 63. Wild ___
 - 64. Object of many prayers
 - 65. Zing
 - 66. Soup vegetable
 - 67. Beat
 - 68. "Le ___," Emile Zola novel
 - 69. Knawe, for one
 - 70. War horse
 - 71. Shelldrake
- Down**
- 21. Angel
 - 22. U.S.N.A. grad
 - 25. Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
 - 26. Assoc. of nations
 - 27. Fare reductions
 - 29. Loud Australian bird
 - 31. African antelope
 - 32. Rhodes of Rhodesia
 - 33. "Land ___!"
 - 35. Pittance
 - 37. Hard throw, in baseball
 - 40. Onion plant
 - 41. ___ owl
 - 42. Record holders
 - 47. The Supreme Court, e.g.
 - 48. Child's play?
 - 50. Erode
 - 53. ___ Tower
 - 55. Expressed pleasure
 - 56. ___ Canyon
 - 57. Snap request?
 - 58. Plot unit
 - 59. Pipe type
 - 60. Hypothetical substance
 - 61. 90's party
 - 62. De novo

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City Council

from front page

atmosphere and worried about changes to the facility footprint that might adversely impact the driving range and nine-hole course.

In response, TopGolf continued to tweak the proposal over the next several months, promising on its website that "virtually nothing will change about the operation or management of The Lakes." According to the latest City staff report, the company would operate "a three-level golf driving range and food service building and the City would continue to operate the nine-hole golf course with some physical modifications necessary to reconfigure the course layout and relocate the pro shop/offices/food service building."

TopGolf, which has multiple locations in the United States and the United Kingdom, developed a patent-protected technology gaming system where each ball contains a silicon microchip to track (and reward) distance and accuracy. Players stationed at one of approximately 100 hitting bays shoot for different targets ranging from 25 to 215 yards away. Initial projections for the revamped

venue estimate the City would generate about \$75,000 in new annual tax revenues plus additional income through a long-term land lease arrangement. TopGolf also estimated it would hire 100-plus new employees as part of the process.

Because revenues generated at The Lakes in recent years have not covered the costs of running the facility, City staff has reviewed various options to improve the financial situation there. Last month, the Council approved green and driving range fee hikes to offset increased operating expenses. Longtime course operators Lane/Donovan Golf Partners also voluntarily took a 12 percent pay cut, dropping its guaranteed management fee from \$9,000 per month to \$8,000 per month to save the City \$12,000 annually.

Atkinson announced that all Golf Course Advisory Group meetings will take place at The Lakes. "We will make decisions--we will move forward," he said. All meetings will be posted with at least 24 hours of public notice. •



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Nikki

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Cheetos

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It's not hard to recognize when a match is made in heaven. Raider and his forever family got the once-in-a-lifetime second chance with each other...

“Not a day passes without our family realizing how lucky we are to have Raider. It is also difficult to put into just one email how he has transformed our family. We are a pretty normal loving family. We never thought there was anything missing from our family life until we met Raider! Raider has been a true blessing to our family! He has changed our family in so many ways. He relieves stress from a busy work day, licks tears from a sad face and is there to greet everyone as they return from school and work. We are constantly thinking about him, relaying funny stories from the day, or discussing our plans that always include a dog park or a nature walk with Raider. Raider has found his way into each and every one of our hearts. He enjoys rough play with our oldest son, likes

walks, training, treats and ball tossing with our younger son. He likes his naps on the couch with my husband, and Raider and I have bonded over morning walks, late nights on the couch and all the other puppy mama stuff like grooming and vet visits.

I am very proud to tell everyone we meet that our sweetie pie Raider is a rescue dog, and I encourage everyone that inquires (and some that don't) that adoption is the way to go! Raider has brought so much happiness to our lives. I honestly feel that he was God sent! We love him soooooo much! Thanks again for everything you do, and for taking part in finding our newest family member! Sincerely, Christina—Raider's Puppy Mama.”

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. •



Raider, the best dog ever!

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If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space.** Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.









There are many reasons why a dog may need space:
HEALTH ISSUES
IN TRAINING
BEING REHABILITATED
SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!
Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!





Chevron in the Beach Cities

OUR HISTORY, COMMUNITY AND HOME...

Just over a year ago, the Chevron El Segundo Refinery celebrated its 100 year anniversary and the many generations of Chevron employees and their families who have called the South Bay home over the past century.

We hold our history and community in high regard and take great pride in the many organizations and events which make our neighbor cities such a special place to live and work.

We look forward our next 100 years of community partnerships.



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