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Chevron Generously Gives to Local Education



Chevron's done it again. At the joint Chamber mixer, which was held on July 10, and attended by the El Segundo, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Chambers of Commerce, Chevron gave a jaw-dropping 1.6 million dollars to schools in the South Bay. Front row, from left to right: Edie Rice, El Segundo Unified School District; Carolyn Seaton, Manhattan Beach Unified School District; Dr. Bill Watkins, El Segundo School Board Member; Dr. Jeanie Nishime, Clerk, El Segundo School Board of Education; Robin Funk, Vice President, El Segundo School Board Member; Laura Gabel, El Segundo School Board Member; Frank Semancik, Chevron General Manager; Dr. Tom Johnstone, Wiseburn School District Superintendent; Nelson Martinez, Wiseburn School District Board President; Janice Filer, California Academy of Mathematics; John Jackson, Manhattan Beach Unified School District; Rod Spackman, Chevron's Manager of Policy, Government and Public Affairs; Back row, left to right: Geoff Yantz, El Segundo School District Superintendent; Carrie Watkins Schat, Wiseburn School District; Dr. Matthew Wunder, Executive Director Da Vinci Schools; Dr. Mike Matthews, Manhattan Beach Unified School District Superintendent; Dr. Steven Keller, Redondo Beach Unified School District Superintendent Israel A. Mora, Wiseburn School District Board Member and Da Vinci Schools Board Member.

Council Gives Go-Ahead for Downtown Bike Racks

By Brian Simon

During its Tuesday night meeting, the El Segundo City Council approved a plan to install bicycle racks throughout the Downtown corridor. The City secured \$9,723 in Transportation Development Act Article 3 funding from Metro to cover the costs for the project, which will allow about 40 racks to be put up at 25 locations.

Feedback from customers prompted a local business owner to approach the City about the need to secure bicycle parking in Downtown El Segundo where there are no racks other than one in front of the library and another at Stevenson Field in Recreation Park. Cyclists who come to Downtown currently use City benches, trees, light posts, railing and other forms of private property to lock their bikes.

According to Recreation Superintendent Meredith Petit (who collaborated with staff from Recreation and Parks and Planning and Building Safety to research benefits, feasibility and funding), the project will tie in nicely with the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan; reduce vehicle impacts; encourage alternative transportation; and provide secure, safer and convenient bike parking. It will also promote Downtown branding. The proposed design will be consistent with the look of other fixtures (black and metal) in the area, while certain racks will also display the Downtown logo. The design will provide flexibility for future expansion or extraction based on demand. Staff will evaluate usage after installation.

Petit added that the bike racks will be spaced equidistantly and arranged so that there are minimal impacts to sidewalk traffic. Proposed placement areas include along portions of Main Street and Grand Avenue and in front of City facilities (e.g. the library, Civic Plaza, the Plunge and Recreation Park), with potential future spots on Richmond Street and at El

Segundo Beach. City staff will soon contact Downtown business owners to discuss the project and address any concerns. "It's another way of bringing in new business or recouping old business," said Councilmember Dave Atkinson about the plan.

Also on Tuesday, City Manager Greg Carpenter provided a report on the history of property tax allocation in El Segundo. Currently,

the City nets just over six cents on every dollar of property tax paid by property owners—the lowest of the South Bay communities and half the amount that Manhattan Beach receives. As a result, property tax revenues make up an inordinately low percentage of the City's general fund. Carpenter went on to explain how this "inequity" came to be and if the City has

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Senator Lieu Optimistic About State's Prospects

By Brian Simon

California has turned its financial fortunes around in dramatic fashion, according to Senator Ted Lieu (D-28th District). In an upbeat State of the State address last Friday at El Segundo's Hacienda Hotel in front of business and civic leaders, Lieu reported that California has a projected budget surplus of over \$2 billion, continues to reduce its debt, has shored up education funding and is poised to become the eighth largest economy in the world once again. This just five years after struggling mightily with a \$60 billion budget deficit, double digit unemployment and a negative credit rating. The state of our state is once again solid and we are gaining momentum," said Lieu. "Our unemployment rate has now dropped to the lowest in nearly five years, our credit rating went from negative to stable to positive, and last year we created more jobs in California than any other state—at a higher rate."

To maintain that momentum, Lieu said that California must emphasize its competitive advantages in the industries in which it does well. The list includes hi-tech, aerospace, entertainment, tourism, ports, energy production, agriculture, and biotech, among others.

On that note, Lieu views Governor Jerry Brown's Enterprise Zone reform as a major step in the right direction since the program now incentivizes industry on a statewide basis rather than just in a specific geographical area. "Part of the reform allows companies who manufacture, or biotech companies who purchase equipment for research and development, to be exempt from sales tax on the equipment," said Lieu, adding that numerous firms in his district (including several that sponsored tables for the State of the State event) can qualify for the credits.

In an update on legislation designed to grow the economy, Lieu noted that

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Weekend Forecast

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Sunny
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Saturday
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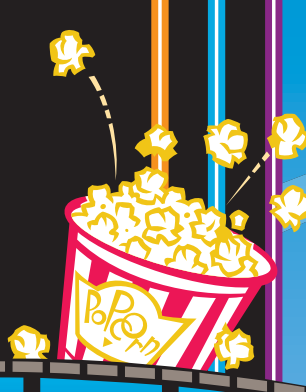




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Herald In Giverny, France



The El Segundo Herald traveled with resident Linda Shepard to Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny, France in June. In the background are the water lilies made famous in many of the famous Impressionist artist's works.

City Council

from front page

any recourse to improve its take.

Prior to the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, local jurisdictions could set their own property tax rates. El Segundo's rate in 1977 was 15 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation—an amount based on additional revenues needed to provide City services. El Segundo's City Council of the time had reduced that rate by 82 percent from 1974 through 1978. Property tax rates elsewhere in California averaged about three percent of market value, but were on the rise due to escalating home values—spurring concern from homeowners. Prop 13 limited tax increases on any

unsold property to no more than two percent per year. Once sold, the property was reassessed at one percent of the sale price, with the two percent cap then implemented to limit future increases.

In the late '70s, El Segundo generated healthy revenues from natural gas and fuel taxes so property taxes were set extremely low. "Our piece of the pie was very small," said Carpenter. Clean-up legislation passed in 1989 helped ease some of the burden on cities that received either no or a low share of property taxes. "El Segundo went to Sacramento to

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Letters

Taxis are Trying

I love living in El Segundo. City representatives actually listen to residents and constantly improve facilities. That being said, I often hear locals say that two specific improvements are needed in our little gem - a market Downtown (RIP Cooke's), and better LAX transportation options. This letter is about the latter.

After a recent business trip, I arrived home to LAX after 10PM. Typically, I beg friends to pick me up, but tonight that wasn't an option. I grimaced as I walked to the taxi line. Not because it was 15 people deep, but because the moment I tell any driver that my destination is El Segundo I get a lecture on how wasted rides make cabbies go broke. I always interject that I am ok paying that 'locals' surcharge, but it doesn't stop the verbal beatdown I receive during the ride. Often times, I'm screamed at with such heat that cabbies don't pay attention to the road (there have been near scrapes), and the only response I can muster is: "What am I supposed to do? Walk?"

I've heard of similar experiences from many others in town. Is walking really the only option? Beach Cities Transit doesn't run past 8:30PM on weekdays. To go four miles, the preferred MTA bus route requires two buses, a shuttle from Lot C and 40 minutes. Is it worth it to park in a lot that is two miles from home for \$20/day? Should I Uber? Am I missing something? Help!

— Samantha Delagardelle

Feels Taxed About Tax

In her letter to the editor, Virginia Butler suggested a little more water would make El Segundo a lot greener, and she's right.

The question is why does the El Segundo City Council vindictively and financially persecute those who would make El Segundo a little greener by imposing a filthy blackmailing sewer tax on our water bills that some months is higher than the water bill itself. It isn't the cost of water that inhibits irrigation, it's that filthy obscenely high sewer tax. Why does the City Council charge more for filthy sewer water than it does for clean drinking water Mayor Bill Fisher? And why hasn't this filthy sewer tax been abolished Councilman Dave Atkinson; you told me you were against the Eric Busch sewer tax when you were campaigning for votes about two years ago! And what have you done to abolish it?

— George Hoopes •

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, JULY 18

• Third Thursday Farmers Market, 3-7 p.m. 400 block of Main St. Special events and activities on the third Thursday.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

• The Best in Live Jazz Outdoor Concert, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. free concert, ESHS South Quad, 640 Main St. www.esconcertband.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

• El Segundo Childrens Hospital Auxiliary Bunco Night, 4-6 p.m., Rebeckah Hall, 406 E. Grand Ave. Donations benefit Childrens Hospital LA. For more information call (310) 904-9827.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

• Concerts In The Park – Doobies Inc., 4-6:30 p.m., Library Park, 600 block of Main St. For more information call (310) 524-2700.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

• El Segundo Concert Band "Heroes and Villains Concert", 5 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. free Concert, 640 Main St. Dress-up Costume Contest! www.esconcertband.org.

• Tree Musketeers' Community Tree Care, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Trees to the Sea on Imperial Highway. For more information contact volunteers@treemusketeers.org or (310) 322-0263.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

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We have all experienced the sensation of the distinct feeling a room communicates. Maybe it's the silence, the looks and mannerisms of people in the room, the things we see or just a vibe that we feel. Maybe that feeling is warm and homely, or maybe it is a feeling of fear and trepidation in the shadows and sounds of an alleyway. Real estate agents know how important "staging" a room is. Prospective buyers must feel the room and what it's like to live there; the furniture, smells, colors, pictures, etc. We all communicate with more than words - posture, mannerisms, gestures, eyes, tone and voice inflection. Psalm 19 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard."

Science is the new religion of the masses. I heard it said on the Discovery channel this week, "Any questions we can't answer now about life and the universe science will answer soon enough." Seems faith is needed in science as well; faith in something you can't see now or prove with a ruler. Even atheism's leading evangelist, Richard Dawkins, admits science cannot actually disprove the existence of God and for that reason he considers himself an agnostic. For all the good that science has afforded us (medicine, disaster warnings, etc.), science will never be able to prove or disprove the existence of God. So, using science as the reason why you do or do not believe is empty and risky. When it comes to the questions that matter most to us, science falls painfully silent to answer. **Why** is there any of this? What

purpose am I here for? What is **right** and **wrong**? Science and the human mind that drives it are a gift from God. We should use all of His gifts. Science and faith are not incompatible.

By definition, a Creator is necessarily outside and above and beyond His creation. This is why science will never prove nor disprove God. The Creator is always bigger than the creation. Though God's creation has His fingerprints all over it creation only testifies to God. To know God, He must reveal Himself to you personally. If you have a genuine longing to know God or have Him reveal Himself to you, it will be done according to His will and ways. That is why we seek Him and not the other way around. The Good News friends is that God has promised to reveal Himself and has revealed Himself personally in Jesus Christ, and Christ has promised to reveal Himself to you personally if in fact you are truly seeking Him. His Word is where He has promised to meet with us and reveal Himself to us. To deny God without giving serious consideration to the whole counsel of the Word, where He said He would meet with us, is insufficient.

I think the words of author Cecilia Ahern in her book *The Gift* lend some words worth investing thoughtfulness. "What is it with science these days? Everyone is so quick to believe in it, in all these new scientific discoveries, new pills for this, new pills for that. Get thinner, grow hair, yada, yada, yada, but when it requires a little faith in something you all go crazy.' He shook his head, 'If miracles had chemical equations then everyone would believe.'" As Jesus said time and again, he who has ears to hear, let him hear.

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Non-Profit Dedicated to Changing Lives One Girl at a Time

By Cristian Vasquez

In 2005, Jane Phillips decided that she would pursue her passion in charitable work and decided to establish the Crown Jewel Club. Pursuing her new mission in life meant early retirement from her news editing and engineering career at NBC, but Phillips knew it was what she needed to do.

"I had a party for a girl that I met at NBC and her sister mentioned how kids need manners now in days--I just love manners and etiquette," Phillips said. "So she suggested that I come to her school, Trinity Street Elementary School, and teach manners and etiquette. I thought it sounded like heaven."

What was born out of a conversation at a party to teach girls proper manners and etiquette has developed into an eight-year commitment by Phillips and a group of dedicated volunteers who work to better the lives of young girls in the fifth grade at Trinity Street Elementary and St. Eugene School. Based in El Segundo, the Crown Jewel Club provides a positive environment for girls considered to be at-risk in order to foster improved self-esteem and self-confidence. Crown Jewel Club attempts to teach these at-risk girls social skills such as how to make introductions, basic manners, how to write thank-you notes, grooming and personal hygiene, correct place settings, and proper table etiquette.

"Where I came from in Ohio to the person that I grew up to be was because of all the incredible people in my life and the self-help that I have engaged in--and I share that with the girls," Phillips said. "I just felt that it was the right thing to do, so I poured my heart into putting it together."

Phillips, an Emmy Award-winning news editor and engineer who left behind a 26-year career, has seen how her commitment of introducing manners, civility and social skills to underprivileged girls through a fun and playful

environment has had more of an impact on the girls than she expected. "It started out all about etiquette and manners, but when I saw everything else we did more," Phillips said. "A lot of these girls never leave a five-block area and I am blown away about that. So it became my passion to show these girls that there is an entire world out there and they just accepted it. We even had perfect attendance from the girls for a year and a half straight."

The Crown Jewel Club is entirely a non-profit organization. It operates its core programs during after school hours one day a week, two hours each day, for seven weeks. Toward the end of the seventh week, the girls attend an afternoon tea. During this tea, the girls showcase the skills that they acquired with members of the community.

"I was just going to do it for six weeks, but these girls were in such amazement at everything I told them," Phillips said. "The girls loved it so much, they went and told the principal and they loved it so much that we received our own classroom. The next week while I was setting the classroom up, I hear this noise getting louder and it was the girls running to class. It was at that point that I was hooked. I just want to get them excited about their future."

This year, the first group of girls that Phillips and the Crown Jewel Club worked with is graduating high school and some of them are moving on to universities such as UCLA. For Phillips, such opportunities are only possible when a child is convinced that there is much for them to do in the world.

"I had a teacher in ninth grade that showed us pictures of Europe and from that point on my life kind of changed," Phillips said. "I knew that I wanted to do all those things and I try to do that for the girls. When I started, my thinking was that the program would be about manners and etiquette and the program has not changed."

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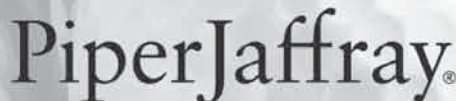
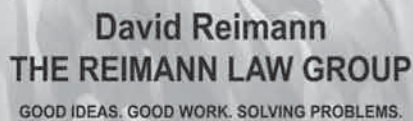


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Politically Speaking

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

By now, even the casual observer knows that the Obama economy and Obamacare are as inextricably tied together as the front and rear wheels on a car--and right now, all the wheels are falling off. The June 24 Gallup Poll showed 60 percent of small businesses were either reducing staff or freezing hiring because of Obamacare. In the first quarter of the year, investment in office space and factories fell by 8.3 percent while projected economic growth for the year is expected to fall to 1.7 percent--a pace lower than the rate of inflation.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since June 2009, payrolls have increased by four percent while food stamps grew by 130 percent. Predictably, of the 175,000 jobs created in May, 96,300 were in retail, temporary, leisure and hospitality--the lowest-paying segments of the economy. For rational businesses, it is unlikely they will pay high insurance premiums for low wage earners. Low wage earners must therefore face the prospect of buying insurance at the highest individual rates or pay government penalties.

Other results of the Gallup Poll showed 48 percent of businesses felt Obamacare would be bad for their businesses; 55 percent believed it would lead to higher healthcare costs; 52 percent believed it would reduce the quality of healthcare; and 24 percent believed they would drop employee healthcare coverage entirely. This is devastating news for an economy in which only 47 percent of adults have a full-time job (Labor Department).

Undoubtedly, these statistics impacted

the Administration's decision to push back the mandate that employers provide employee health insurance by one year to 2015. But such a decision carries several costs. First, the Administration had projected receiving \$10 billion in penalties from businesses for failure to provide insurance in 2014. That money is now gone, so the cost of Obamacare just rose by another \$10 billion.

Second, since individuals will still be required to buy insurance in 2014, they will be required to buy insurance without knowing whether or not their employers will cover them later.

Third, as the cost of healthcare rises, the government will have to raise the subsidies it must provide to the 20 million eligible buyers. These increased subsidies in turn raise the cost of Obamacare in a vicious, escalating cycle.

And what should healthcare providers do? In Indiana, St. Vincent Health, the operator of 22 hospitals, will eliminate 865 jobs because the government has pledged to cut Medicare hospital reimbursements by \$155 billion over 10 years. The Fiscal Cliff agreement and sequester cut another \$25 billion, so hospitals must cut employee costs by five percent to stay alive. The nexus between the economy and Obamacare damns us all.

So around and around the track the smoking jalopy goes--nuts and bolts flying off at weird angles, tires wobbling, brakes gone... With each turn, costs rise, personal income falls, tax rates rise, the economy lags and the quality of care diminishes. Such is the legacy of expanded government providing for each and every man's needs. •

Another Man's Opinion

By Cristian Vasquez

There has been much national attention given to the issue of bullying in our public schools. Sadly it takes stories like that of Phoebe Prince to draw attention to an issue that has been in our schools for years. Bullying is nothing new to our society, let alone our schools. However, the methods of harassment have changed to such a degree that old solutions to the problem are no longer efficient. Recently Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia authored a bill that would allow schools to discipline students for cyber bullying even if it occurs from outside campus or on a smart phone. I'll be the first to admit that punishing a child is the best and only way to change a behavior. However, it is a big part of the solution and as long as kids have a legal loophole to bully others, these mean-spirited acts will never go away.

Growing up for me, 32, was different. If I was bullied, I had a few options: I could get in a fight and hope that my willingness to throw a punch would convince my bully to leave me alone. Or, I could have lunch at a different table or spend recess in a part of the playground and avoid trouble. Unfortunately, smart phones and social media don't give victims of bullying that option today. A victim of bullying can be filmed, with a smart phone, eating alone and have that video put out on Facebook and Twitter to ridicule the victim. Social media gives the victim no privacy and the aggressor an infinite amount of tools for torture. Having a bill introduced that would hold these bullies accountable is a great step toward curbing such cruel and aggressive behavior.

In many instances these bullies are not evil or bad kids. Even the most mild-mannered child will test the limits of their power and they can caught up flexing their leverage over someone else. With the way cyber bullying laws are written there aren't any consequences associated with such behavior hence, there is no incentive for the aggressor to change their behavior. Fortunately there are programs available to schools and children that help change the culture that leads to and allows bullying to thrive, such as Challenge Day; however, in the interest of teaching accountability for one's actions we do need laws like that proposed by Assemblywoman Garcia.

If a child bullying a classmate in school uses his smart phone to record and then post the video on social media, there needs to be consequences. Also, if the bully records his actions off campus and proceeds to make them public on social media, there needs to be a consequence. The reason: while the actions are occurring off campus or being documented on a child's private property, the act of putting it out on social media is for the sole purpose of torturing the victim in school. It is a form of public shaming that allows the bully to ridicule the victim in front of the entire school and anyone associated with students in that school.

Bullying has always been a problem. However, in today's high-tech society there are too many tools to be a bully. As a result there should be rules and laws that will hold bullies accountable for their behaviors. Maybe then we will no longer have to report on tragic incidents like that of Phoebe Prince. •

City Council

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try to get taxes raised and it was almost to a stone wall until we included no-tax cities and they [legislators] were willing to do a little something," said Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson. "Ours went from four to seven [cents] and then came back down."

Because it is a State tax concern, any correction requires a two-thirds vote from the Legislature and Senate to enact a new

law. Atkinson noted that he recently asked Assemblymember Steve Bradford and Senator Ted Lieu to look into the matter and promised to stay on top of the situation. Carpenter suggested that the City should start by contacting Los Angeles County, which is by far the biggest recipient of the local property tax pie--garnering 53 cents on every dollar.

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Crown Jewel

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However what ignited my passion were all the extra things that I saw as a result, such as building their self-esteem and self-confidence, showing them pictures from around the world and getting them excited about their future. My passion was showing these incredible children that they can actually have a life."

From gang prevention to academic growth, the Crown Jewel Club has dedicated its resources to helping these young girls feel good about themselves in order for them to succeed in all areas of life. At Trinity, there are three sets of sessions—each seven weeks long. At Eugene, since there are significantly fewer girls, there

is only a single seven-week session.

"I love these girls so much, but the other thing that filled my passion is that a lot of these girls do not get loved," Phillips said. "When they walk in the door, they have a gauntlet of three to four volunteers who love them and tell them they are special. We have this exercise where we hold a mirror up to them and ask them to say five things that they love about themselves. It is all about building their self-esteem."

For more information on the Crown Jewel Club, persons interested can visit: <http://www.crownjewelclub.org/> •

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The County's cooperation could help pave the way for a favorable vote from State legislators. If the County is not open to lowering its share

of the tax, Carpenter recommended banding with other low-tax cities to plead the case. "El Segundo has the worst case scenario in property tax allocation," Carpenter said, noting that it is a full-service city that has never taken advantage of redevelopment and receives no additional tax dollars from the County or special districts.

Carpenter also provided an update on The Plunge, which has been closed since May due to leaks stemming from the facility's 75-year-old pipes. As of press time, the pool was full, holding water successfully and ready for chemicals to be added. Before the pool can reopen, the Health Department must come out and certify it. Carpenter hoped that the City could get clearance by the end of the week. Details will be posted on the City's website.

In other action, the Council announced its decisions to fill openings on the Planning Commission (John Nisley reappointed), Library Board of Trustees (Kevin Smith reappointed/Jennifer Martin new member) and Senior Citizen Housing Corporation Board (Terry Aikens reappointed/Jim Latta new member). All terms will expire on June 30, 2017.

During presentations, South Bay Workforce

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Ted Lieu

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his pending bill SB 118 would require the California Workforce Investment Board to dedicate resources towards in-demand occupations that have an economic impact on the State, train those workers accordingly, and provide annual reports to identify industries facing shortages of skilled workers or those with growth potential. Passed last year, the Senator's SB 1402 was one of 20 bills listed as a "job creator" by the California Chamber of Commerce. The bill preserved and made various improvements to the Economic and Workforce Development Program in the community college system.

Another bill, SB 209, aims to stop the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) from retroactively penalizing people who legally claimed a certain tax incentive provided to entrepreneurs/investors in California start-up small businesses. A 2012 appellate court ruling found elements of the incentive to be unconstitutional, prompting the FTB to seek back taxes on capital gains from thousands of individuals who had sold qualified small business stock—with the amounts assessed in some cases as high as \$500,000 plus penalties and interest. Lieu said that some people may no longer have the ability to pay these taxes anymore and that the bill will ensure that agencies "won't go after you for doing what was right at the time you did it."

Lieu additionally hopes to reform Proposition 65—the initiative passed in 1986 that requires businesses to provide a "clear and reasonable" warning before knowingly exposing anyone to any chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Despite the inherent merits of the proposition, Lieu pointed out that "warnings something can kill you" have become virtually meaningless because they are everywhere. He hopes his reform can reduce lawsuit abuse, while making warning signs more sensible and administration more efficient.

Lieu also discussed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that gave school districts more flexibility to spend money by removing categorical funding and replacing it with block grants. But when first proposed, the LCFF took monies away from some school districts—including many in the South Bay—in order to provide additional funding for disadvantaged districts. After months of negotiations, Governor Brown increased base grants for all school districts by \$537 per pupil and implemented an economic recovery payment to help districts that still fall short in receiving adequate funding. "Every school district will get more money next year than they did this year," said Lieu. The Senator also announced that he helped secure a two-year delay in implementing an inadvertent provision of the LCFF that wiped out funding for two Regional Occupational Centers, including one in Torrance. Lieu hopes the delay will buy enough time to resolve the issue and preserve those facilities.

Asked if some of the State's surplus could be earmarked towards economic development to invite businesses back to California, Lieu pointed out that another bill (SB 500) would increase the tax credit on research and development expenses from 15 to 20 percent. "Nissan left, but came back and opened an R & D facility in Northern California," said Lieu. "Samsung opened a huge campus in San Jose in R & D. It's one area we can compete in and we should incentivize."

At the same time, Lieu emphasized that in looking how to spend its surplus, the State "went all in on education and some on health" while also making sure to stabilize its financial situation. "We made a lot of deep and painful cuts," he said of the sacrifices that helped balance the State's coffers. On that note, a number of programs won't be restored. "[We will] pay down more debt and bring back education to levels before the recession." •

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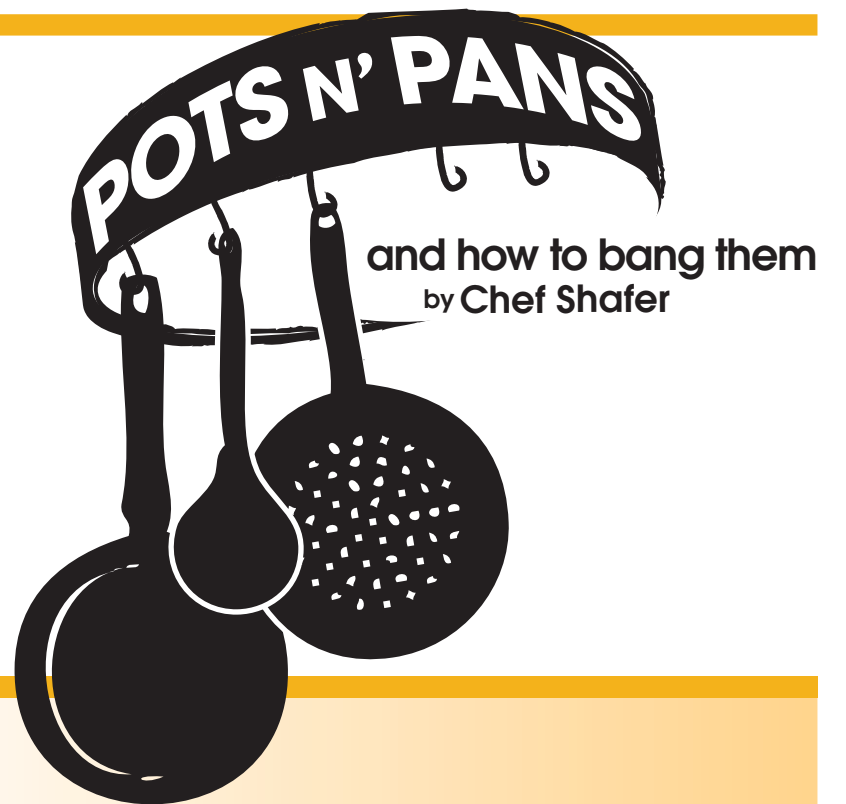
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- 1 pound tomatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon red miso paste
- 1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- chopped Serrano or Jalapeño peppers (optional)

Cook the beets in boiling water till you can stick them with a tooth pick and it comes out easy. When they are done, strain off the water. Let them cool for 5 minutes then run them under a little cold water and the skin will peel off easily. Let them chill.

In a hot sauté pan, place the olive oil and brown off the onions and corn 2 minutes. Then chill.

When the beets are chilled dice them in 1/4 inch cubes.

Mix the miso with the vinegar.

Add the chopped cilantro.

Add the chilies if you want to spice it up.

Mix together the beets, corn, tomatoes and the vinegar miso mix and serve over greens. Or you can use as a salsa or relish for grilled chicken, seafood or a nice piece of seared Ahi tuna like in the photo.

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Sports

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Babe Ruth 13s All-Star Team gets Second Chance, Reaches State Final

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo 13-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars thought their season was over after reaching the championship game in the District

tournament because one team had dropped out," said Motta.

To get to the championship, El Segundo needed to defeat Torrance in an elimination



Michael Graner has been an effective pitcher. Photos by Gregg McMullin.

2 playoffs. After all, they had just been shut out by Westchester 12-0. As the players gathered around for a post-game meeting, head coach Bob Motta gave his team the news he had known from the start of the contest. Both Westchester and El Segundo would advance to the Southern California state tournament in Simi Valley starting this past Saturday. "Both managers were told before the game started that we were both advancing to the state

game. The all-stars were decisive in their 12-0 win over Torrance. Sean Emery clobbered a two-run home run and Nico Celestial had an RBI single to spark the first inning rally. In the second inning, Jacob McBride singled and later scored on a fielder's choice by Joey Acosta to make it 4-0.

El Segundo came up with an impressive eight-run fourth inning. Spencer Song reached base on a dropped third strike, McBride reached on

a fielder's choice and Spencer Long singled. Acosta had an RBI single to score Song and Emery's two-run double made it 7-0. Justin Ostler had an infield RBI single and Celestial drew a bases loaded walk to make it 9-0. Song and Ryan Maryoung came up with consecutive sacrifice fly balls to make it 11-0. Jake McDonnell came home from second base on an error to end the scoring for El Segundo.

Ostler looked sharp on the mound. In the third inning when Torrance had its only rally, he got out of the jam by getting a strikeout with runners in scoring position. Michael Graner pitched a scoreless fifth inning and El Segundo easily won the 10-run mercy rule game.

El Segundo faced Westchester in the first elimination championship game. With the score 2-2 in the fourth inning, Emery hit a grand slam home run to pace El Segundo's 9-2 win and force a true championship game.

In the championship game, El Segundo never really threatened and Westchester went on to a 12-0 win in six innings. Westchester's bats came alive and throttled three first inning El Segundo pitchers. At the end of one

inning, Westchester had a 6-0 lead. It added three more runs in the fourth and three in the sixth inning.

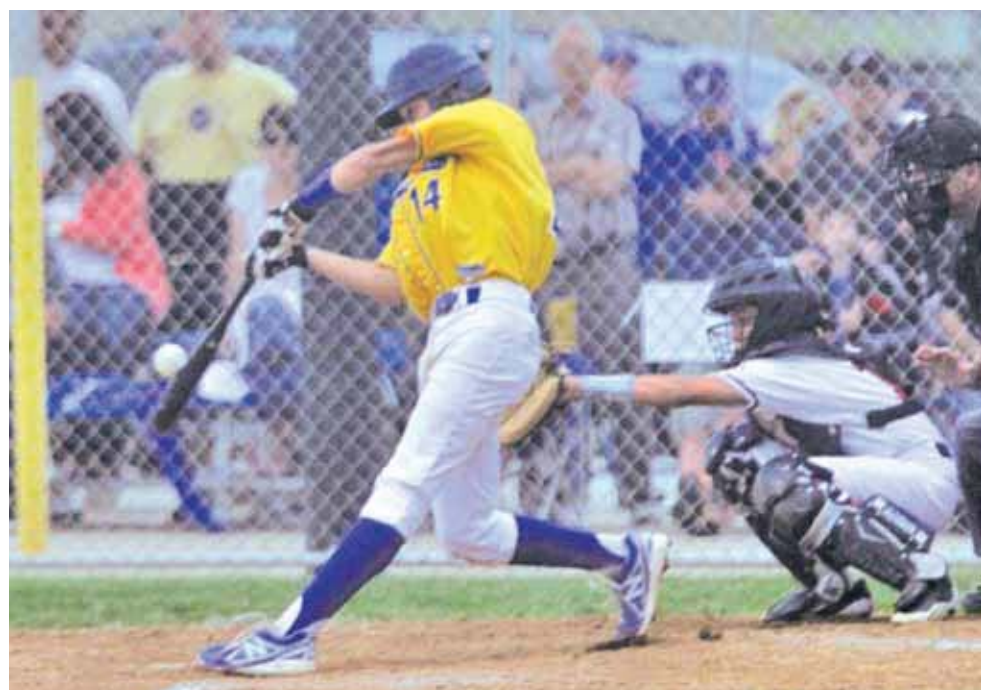
The all-stars then played Heartwell Babe Ruth League from Long Beach in the first round of the state playoffs held in Simi Valley. El Segundo scored early and often on its way to a 15-1 victory.

El Segundo pounded out seven runs on five hits and benefited from one Heartwell error in the first inning. Celestial had a two-run single, Ostler and Graner had RBI singles and Long drew an RBI walk to highlight the big inning.

In the third inning, El Segundo put the game away with a five-run inning. Celestial continued his torrid hitting with another two-run single. Chris Penna had a two-run double and Graner had a run-scoring single to highlight the big inning.

In the fourth inning, Long doubled to centerfield and Emery hit his third home run of the all-star season to give El Segundo a 14-0 lead. McDonnell reached on an error, and Raymond Bautista and Josh Sheck walked

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Sean Emery turns on a fastball and hit a grand slam against Torrance in the District 2 playoffs.

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to load the bases. Stevie Aldana's RBI single scored McDonnell to conclude the scoring for El Segundo.

Ostler was masterful on the mound, throwing



Justin Ostler threw a gem against Heartwell Babe Ruth League in the opening round of the state playoffs.

a five inning no-hitter and striking out seven. Heartwell's only run was unearned and came in the fifth inning.

El Segundo scored eight first inning runs against Westchester and went on to win 14-3 to reach the state championship game. Chris Penna had a two-run double to score Long and Acosta. Song's fielder's choice scored Emery to make it 3-0. Graner's RBI single

made it 4-0. Long added a run-scoring single and Acosta's double brought home two more runs to highlight the big inning. With Long on the mound, El Segundo's confidence was evident. The hard-throwing right-hander gave up three runs on three hits and struck out seven in the five inning mercy rule game.

El Segundo has advanced to the state championship game on Sunday at 11 a.m. A win would bring the team to the Pacific Southwest Regional held in Vernal, Utah, starting July 29.

15-Year-Old All-Stars

El Segundo, the defending Pacific Southwest champions who placed third at the 2012 Word Series, was playing short-handed throughout the District 2 playoffs. Prior to the tournament, one of the pitchers from the World Series team was injured during the high school year and was ruled out. Another opted to decline to play for his all-star team.

Another notable player missing from the first elimination championship game against Westchester was shortstop/pitcher Dylan McDonnell. McDonnell was injured in an American Legion game and was unable to play against Westchester. The result was a 15-9 loss to Westchester, a team made up of players from last year's 14-year-old team that reached the Babe Ruth World Series.

Westchester had a 1-0 lead in the third inning when it went on to score seven runs on seven hits, including a three-run home run by Anthony Chavez. El Segundo answered with a run of its own when Frankie Martinez walked and later scored on Ryan Graner's RBI single to make it 8-1.

In the fourth inning, the locals took the lead

with an eight-run inning. Alexis Rodriquez was hit by a pitch, Bradley Heckman singled and Sam O'Conner doubled in two runs to make it 8-3. Frankie Martinez then sliced a two-run single, making it 8-5. Zac Christian's RBI single made it 8-6.

The inning continued with Nick Saucedo drawing a walk and Ben Martinez hitting a slow ground ball that was not fielded, scoring Frankie Martinez to make it 8-7. Brandon Craig's single tied the game and Rodriquez's RBI walk gave El Segundo its only lead of the game at 9-8.

Westchester went on to score four runs in

the fifth and three more in the sixth inning to hold off any chance of an El Segundo rally.

14-Year-Old All-Stars

Most of this year's squad played for the all-star team that reached the Pacific Southwest Regional final in 2012. But the team was missing two potential starters who opted to not play for their all-star team this year. The result was a thinner pitching staff. When El Segundo fell into the losers' bracket, it became a challenge. In the losers' bracket final, the team could not overcome a huge deficit and fell to Westchester to end the season. •



Spencer Long is one of the spark plugs on offense. Photos by Gregg McMullin.

Eagles Boys Volleyball Libero Goes National



Nolan Sharp reached All-Tournament status at The Boys 2013 Junior National Volleyball Tournament held in Reno, Nevada. Sharp's defensive efforts led the SCVC Quicksilver 16s team to a 5th place finish in the nation. Following this accomplishment, Sharp was named to the U.S. Boys Youth National Continental Team training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida July 18 to 28. The ten-day High-Performance Program includes player development and an international tournament that is the pipeline for the future stars of the U.S. Men's Olympic Volleyball Team. Courtesy of Stephen Sharp.

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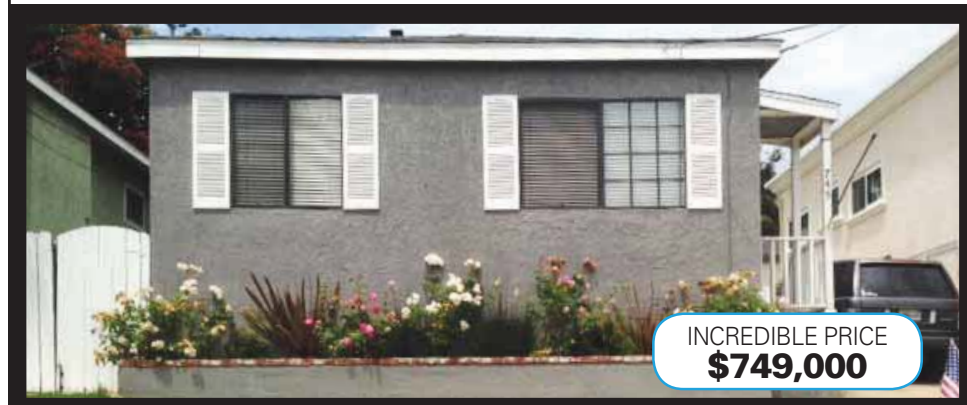
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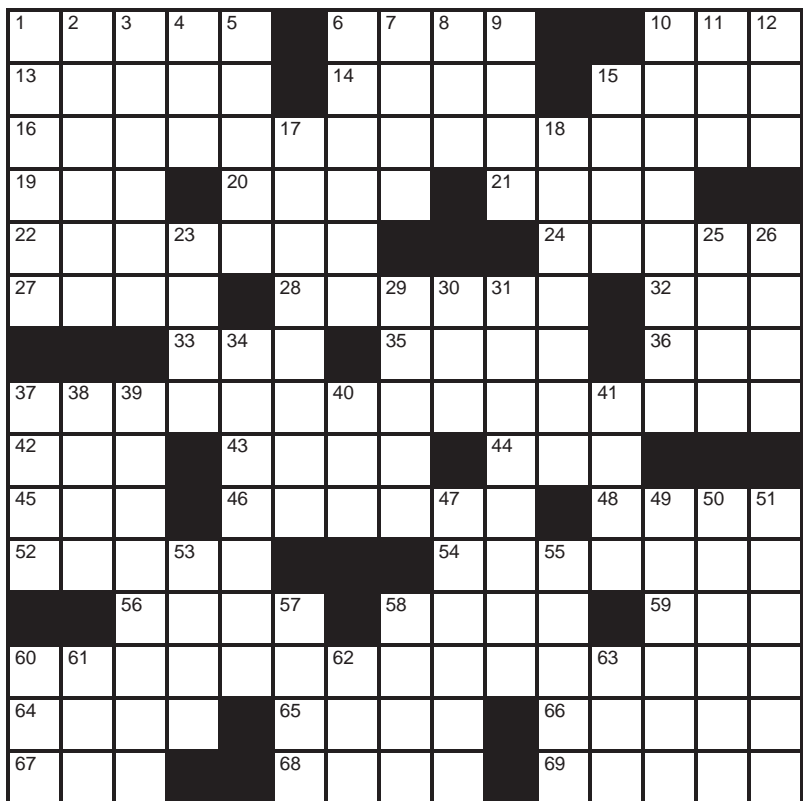
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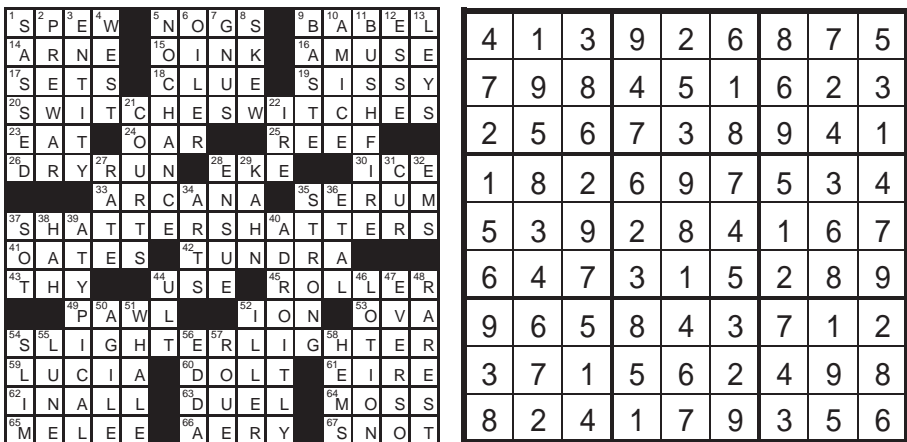
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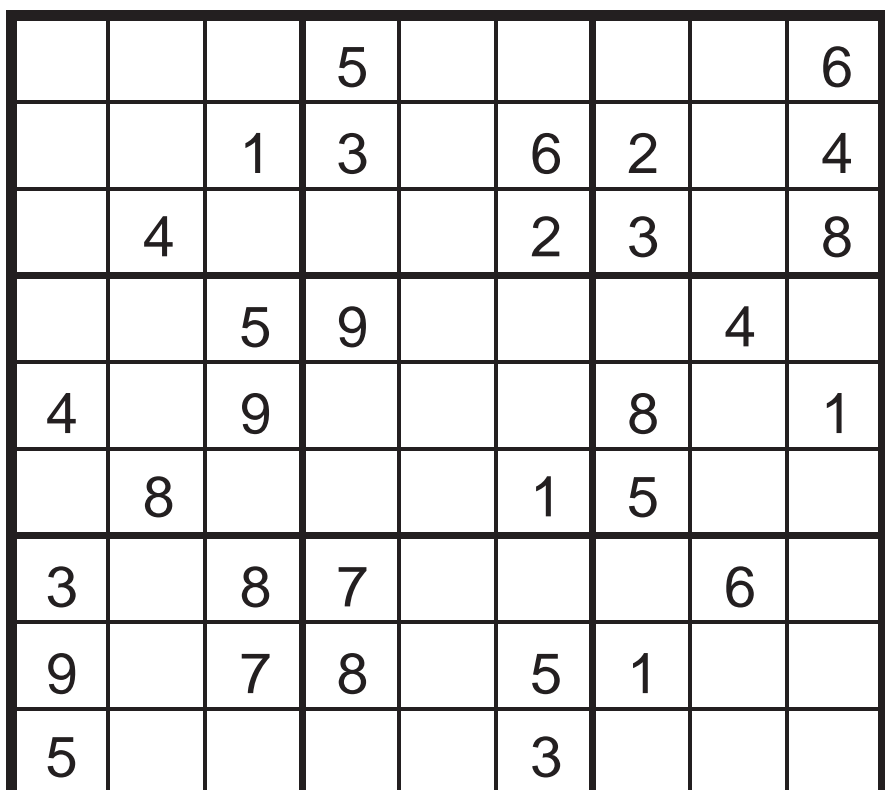


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 - Buck
 - Back, in a way
 - Case
 - Piece
 - Try hard
 - Evil spirit
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 - New Look designer
 - Of a river in Hades
 - Denotes
 - Finnish river
 - Tenant
 - "Tush!"
 - Poet Swenson
 - Phyla
 - Alkaline liquid
 - Even thinking
 - Neruda poem, e.g.
 - "The Alienist" author
 - Turn
 - ___ Huon (1906 Kentucky Derby winner)
 - Punish with an arbitrary penalty
 - Had taken the plunge
 - Barn part
- DOWN**
- Ancient official
 - Pithy sayings
 - Embraces
 - 1980's White House nickname
 - Jenny Lind, e.g.
 - Saturn satellite
 - Detail
 - Blazer, e.g.
 - Seven up, e.g.
 - Like some tumors
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 - Village in southwestern Wales
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 - Commerce, slangily
 - Some progenies
 - Fresh
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 - First Super Bowl M.V.P.
 - Kind of story
 - Critical analysis
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 - Casualty
 - Polish writing?
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 - Branch headquarters?
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Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU *Medium*



Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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SEEKING ROOM FOR RENT

Clean, older married male, infrequently in town, seeking shared apartment with own bathroom in El Segundo. Roommate reference available. (661) 618-8866.

City Council

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Investment Board (SBWIB) Business Services and Economic Development Manager John Parsons provided an overview of the agency's offerings. SBWIB serves nine cities, including El Segundo, with four one-stop center locations in Carson, Gardena, Inglewood and Redondo Beach. The one-stops provide job-seeker programs serving adults who have been out of work for awhile, dislocated workers who recently lost their jobs and are on unemployment, youths (including high school, college and foster) and incumbent workers who have jobs but may need additional training. For job-seekers, SBWIB offers placement services, workshops, training, rapid response to address large-scale layoffs, and incumbent worker training.

For El Segundo specifically, SBWIB staff comes to the main library every fourth Thursday of the month (through October) to provide onsite services; periodically walks the local

business district to discuss services; engages new businesses; recruits youth for summer employment; works with the Teen Center for programs such as business visitations; and includes El Segundo Unified School District on its Youth Council.

During public communications, several speakers reported on upcoming events, including El Segundo Rotary's Movie in the Park on Saturday, August 3 from 4-10:30 at Chevron Park with 2,500 attendees expected; the South Bay Jazz Sextet performing a free show outdoors at the El Segundo High School Quad on Friday, July 19 (dinner at 5 p.m. and concert at 6:30); and the El Segundo Concert Band's Symposium Outdoor Concert on Saturday, July 27 (dinner at 5 and concert at 6) at the El Segundo High South Quad. The free event (food for purchase) has a "heroes and villains" theme and will feature a costume contest. •



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Pogo Joe

the shelter alive if we did not pull him out of there. With his current medication, his coat will be back to normal in no time and he otherwise has a clean bill of health. We named this circus clown Pogo Joe. What a personality! Absolutely hilarious! He is an English Bulldog mix who is four months old and already 40 pounds, so he is going to be a big boy when he grows up. Pogo Joe *loves* everyone, is sweet, kind, tenderhearted and funnier than a barrel of monkeys. Pogo Joe loves all other dogs big and small. He also loves the water and bites the hose when we have it out. He waddles like a little duck



P'Diddy

when he walks and his little docked tail never stops wagging. This is a *lovely* dog you will not want to miss. Pogo Joe will be neutered after his mange goes away, is current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with other dogs.

Little **P'Diddy** was pulled out of another county shelter where he was a favorite. The volunteers there named him and it fit him so well that we kept the name. His photo does not do this little dog justice. P'Diddy is absolutely darling and has a matching personality. His little tail is always wagging and he comes when called, running all the way to you. He is *tiny* at only 3.8 pounds and a total love of a dog. P'Diddy has very friendly play manners, loves all people and is good with children. However due to his extremely small size, children need to be over the age of 10. This little guy will win your heart over in a split second when you meet him—he's that endearing. P'Diddy is neutered, current on vaccinations, de-wormed, microchipped, and great with other dogs.

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Happy Tails

Lexi Finds Furever Family

Lexi, through a sad set of circumstances, found herself looking for a new home. She kept her head held high and found a family to call her own...

“Greetings! Thank you for your e-mail and the pictures of Lexi! I think we have been settling in with each other very well. With the exception of her being a chow hound and a ‘dumpster diver,’ we’ve had no issues. She’s probably frustrated that she’s not getting the food she wants when she demands it (knocking her dish around, which is hilarious!)...she’s learning to enjoy treats of cherry tomatoes and frozen peach pieces and blueberries for those times. We’ve relocated wastebaskets and close bathroom doors routinely to prevent her explorations. We also try distracting her by

playing tug of war or throwing a ball. She responds beautifully. Since we live on a hill, she comes back from her walks pretty tucked out, which is good for all of us!

She has no problems riding in cars or being in crowds. We’ve taken her on a couple of quick errands to test her ability to ride without getting sick or anxious and recently we took her to a music concert in the park, meeting friends who also have a dog. There were at least 1,000 attendees and probably 200 dogs and Lexi was completely unfazed! Our friends took both dogs for a walk and to visit the vendor booths and reported back that Lexi was very well-behaved and good on the leash (we’ve been working with her, but we’re not being obsessive about it—just consistent). She has only had one accident in the house, which

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Jaspurr

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Sweet Pea is the team leader of her litter. She’s the first to try new things...climbing the cat tree, meeting the big cats in the house, and exploring new places. She is also the chatty one in the bunch. Sweet Pea loves to chase the crinkly ball and hide under the ottoman to jump out and chase her sisters. She also loves a good cuddle and will stare up at you with

her beautiful topaz eyes. Sweet Pea is waiting to meet you and find her fur-ever home.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped,

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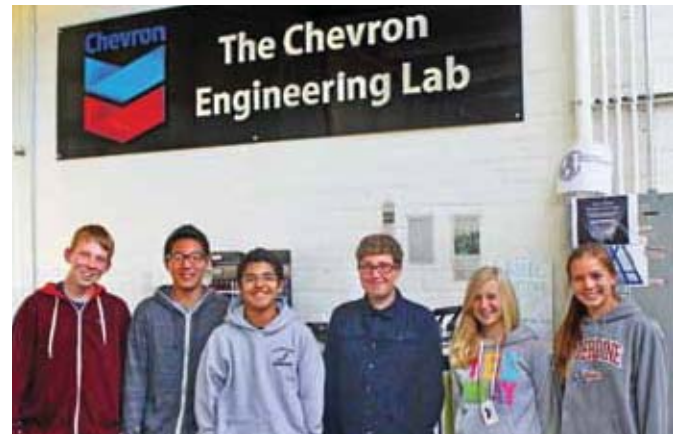
Sweet Pea



was on her first day. Since then, she has been using the puppy door with no problem.

We’re really happy to have adopted her, but we frequently think she feels she has adopted us! She keeps us chuckling every day! We’re not changing her name--she seems to like it and so do we. Last night we were concerned about how she would react to all of the fireworks, but she sat with us looking at them, listening to several neighbors having holiday parties with different kinds of music and food smells and she was content curled up and napping between us. We’re good and plan to keep it that way! Thanks!”– Deborah E.

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