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New LAX Terminal Showcased In 2013 Rose Parade Float



More than 7,000 fragrant roses and nearly 5,000 carnations will adorn a float created by the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board and Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to replicate the \$1.5-billion New Tom Bradley International Terminal opening in 2013, when the 124th Annual 2013 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade steps off on January 1, 2013. Entitled, "Making Connections," the floral extravaganza is based on the tournament's Dr. Seuss theme, "Oh, The Places You'll Go," and is expected to be viewed by more than 130 million people in 220 countries and territories worldwide. Image courtesy of LAWA.

El Segundo: Year In Review

By Brian Simon

Money, or lack of it, again dominated the local landscape in 2012, as the City of El Segundo grappled with budget issues while also navigating through significant changes in its leadership. Despite the short-term uncertainty, City officials held out hope for a brighter future hinging on the success of ongoing economic development efforts touting El Segundo's diversity and unique amenities. Then at the end of the year, the City got a much-needed shot in the arm—it reached an agreement with Chevron that could very well shore up its finances for the long haul.

THE BUDGET

Just one year after achieving its first structurally balanced budget in a decade, the City found itself in the red for \$4.9 million in 2012/13. The main culprits were increased personnel costs, reduced investment income and an unexpected \$2.2 million permanent annual revenue loss after a major local company changed its sales tax reporting method. To even out the ledgers, the City had to use various one-time monies. After successfully negotiating salary and benefit reductions over the past several years to help reduce long-term expenditures, the El Segundo City Council put the finishing touches on pension reform in 2012—revising contracts with CalPERS to implement a two-tier retirement formula for future new hires that will shave liabilities starting in 2015.

Despite cost-cutting measures in place, a three-year forecast presented in the summer by Finance Director Deborah Cullen estimated the City's structural deficit would balloon to almost \$7 million by 2015/16, with expenditures continuing to swell at a higher rate than revenues. Strapped for cash at the time, the Council put off a number of recommended infrastructure projects—though it did approve monies to complete the local

fiber optic network (a move expected to pay for itself over time) and to replace a faulty fire truck ladder. The City managed to secure grant funding for major improvements to Aviation Boulevard and the portion of Maple Avenue between Sepulveda and Nash.

CITY MANAGER

FIRING/CHEVRON CONTROVERSY

The year kicked off with controversy at City Hall. In February, the Council by a 3-2 vote relieved City Manager Doug Willmore of his duties, stating the latter was not a good fit, and replaced him with Planning and Building Safety Director Greg Carpenter. Willmore proceeded to take legal action against the City for wrongful termination, contending he became the fall guy in the aftermath of public outcry following his investigation into Chevron's tax liability. In a December 2011 staff report, Willmore concluded that El Segundo "receives substantially less, both on a gross basis, on a volume basis and on a per-acre basis" from Chevron than other cities do from their refineries. The Council at first considered an April ballot measure to potentially increase the business license tax for refineries by roughly \$10 million per year, but instead chose to negotiate with Chevron in the wake of widespread community criticism.

Council members Bill Fisher and Suzanne Fuentes formed a subcommittee to confer with Chevron officials on what the refinery's current tax arrangement should be and initially set a June deadline to resolve the issue. Due to the complicated nature of the discussions, that timeline (as well as another in September) passed. But in its final meeting of the year last week, the Council directed staff to move forward to complete an Alternative Tax Agreement (actually payments in lieu of taxes) with Chevron expected to net \$134 million in new revenue, or \$8.9 million annually, over the next 15 fiscal years. The deal, which City officials say will bring long-term stability to the

general and water funds, will also include an initial payment of \$11.1 million in combined 2012 taxes and additional funds.

Before his firing, Willmore found records of a 1994 settlement that locked Chevron's utility user tax on natural gas at \$150,000 annually, with consumer price index adjustments. An independent audit at the time concluded the refinery owed millions. The then Council opted to negotiate separately with Chevron, which had disputed the findings. The '94 settlement is now under review by a County civil grand jury.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

During the heart of the Chevron controversy, a local election campaign was also underway. Eight hopefuls threw their hats in the ring to fill three open seats on the City Council. While outgoing Mayor Eric Busch and Councilmember Don Brann opted not to run again, remaining incumbent Carl Jacobson captured a sixth term and finished as the top vote-getter on April 10. Dave Atkinson and Marie Fellhauer won the other two spots, outlasting a field that included Scott Houston, David Burns, Mike Dugan, Cindy Mortesen and Cindee Topar. One week after the election, the Council appointed Jacobson as Mayor (he previously served in that capacity from 1988-96) and Fuentes as Mayor Pro Tem.

With the City Clerk spot up for grabs once Mortesen declared her Council candidacy, Tracy Sherrill Weaver came out on top in a three-person race that also included Susan Truax and Lisa Wood. Chris Powell ran unopposed for City Treasurer to replace the retiring Ralph Lanphere. Powell abruptly resigned earlier this month, citing a personal issue that prompted him to step down from the position. The Council will likely appoint a replacement rather than commit as much as \$100,000 or more of City funds to hold a special election in June.

Also on Election Day, local voters
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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
60°/49°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
58°/50°



Sunday
Few
Showers
57°/47°



Year in Review

from front page

overwhelmingly rejected the controversial Measure P initiative that would have transferred El Segundo Fire services to Los Angeles County, with just over 90 percent of the ballots cast against the move. Because of the City's budget woes, El Segundo's public safety departments continued to run at lower than optimal personnel levels. Police Chief Mitch Tavera also reported that Part 1 crimes were up this year in El Segundo, attributing the problem to the state's recently implemented prison realignment law that has put more criminals on the streets.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ BUSINESS COMINGS AND GOINGS

To address ongoing budgetary concerns, the City continued to pin its hopes on business attraction and retention, bringing on Economic Development Analyst Ted Shove in January to implement short and long range strategic plans. Shove promptly launched a business visitation program to identify companies that need resources to steady their growth and/or implement retention efforts for those struggling to remain profitable. Taking recommendations from a panel of experts from the Urban Land Institute that visited the area in the spring, the Council instructed staff to develop a specific plan for Smoky Hollow—with the goal of addressing parking issues there, building a fiber optic network and transforming that district into a mixed-use office/industrial hub in the vein of Culver City or Santa Monica. Not all the news was good in Smoky Hollow, as longtime tenants International Rectifier announced in August it would shut down its El Segundo fabrication facility.

Shove also began to target businesses along Sepulveda and Rosecrans identified in a baseline study conducted by Buxton Co. that provided a list of potential "perfect match" retailers to come to town. Other economic development opportunities exist in Continental Park, Campus El Segundo, and the recently sold Hacienda Hotel property.

In Downtown, the struggling Cooke's Market shut its doors in April, with a 25-year lease seemingly in place for Fresh & Easy to eventually move into the store space. However, the deal fell through mid-year, leaving Downtown without a grocer and the property still empty. As expected, the Main Street post office also closed in May and retail mail services moved to a facility on Mariposa near Aviation. Then in early December, David Schat's Bakery Café went out of business less than a year after opening, creating another major vacancy on Grand and Richmond. On a more positive note, the popular Rock & Brews reopened in March after an extensive remodel that included more patio space, a new kitchen and bar, a kids' area and a revamped menu. Coming up, the grand opening of the El Segundo Museum of Art next to the old post office site is set for later next month. And finally, longtime Downtown tenants Laurence and Sally Martin—owners of Studio Antiques on Richmond Street—made headlines by starring in a reality show on the Travel Channel called *Baggage Battles*, now

in its second season.

East of Downtown, the City looked forward to a number of upcoming commercial projects with hopes that several of them will generate significant revenues down the line. The list includes Raytheon's proposed 142-acre mixed-use project on the aerospace giant's south campus; Plaza El Segundo's planned upscale retail complex at the hard corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans; and the USDA facility on Grand and Kansas. Meanwhile, construction for the new Hyatt Place Hotel recently wrapped up and NRG's modernized power plant should be up and running in the summer.

El Segundo reported growth in industries such as entertainment, retail, media, Internet sales, energy, data centers, creative and hospitality—with key arrivals such as PC Mall.com and Stamps.com leading the way. Projects of note included Time Warner Cable's expansion, Chevron's Beautiful Operations and Reliability Center, and the T-5 data center and adjacent Equinix expansion.

However, the long-awaited grand opening of the beach lifeguard and restroom facility was still on hold at year's end primarily due to contracting glitches, while lack of funding also continued to postpone plans to build a new aquatics facility in town.

WISEBURN HIGH SCHOOL

One upcoming project did not sit so well with City officials. The Wiseburn School District took the next step in its long-time quest to unify and open a new high school campus in El Segundo when it signed a purchase agreement to acquire an existing 335,000 building that Northrop Grumman will soon vacate, plus 12 acres of land at 201 N. Douglas Street. Wiseburn officials see the site as a "cost-effective and speedy route" to open a 1,200-student, state-of-the-art high school by 2015/16 to house students from the two DaVinci charter campuses. But City leaders balked at the prospect of building a school in the middle of a high-technology commercial zone and estimated a loss of \$250,000 in potential annual tax revenues from lost development. While the Council can challenge the project environmental report if certain elements are objectionable, it doesn't have any say on Wiseburn's final decision. The eastern part of El Segundo that includes the Douglas site lies within Wiseburn's boundaries, giving the 116-year-old District that pre-dates the City and serves east of Sepulveda students the power of eminent domain. Wiseburn will use voter-approved bond monies to subsidize the project.

THE LAKES AT EL SEGUNDO

Another potential project that intrigued the Council didn't connect with the general public. A proposal by TopGolf to revamp The Lakes at El Segundo spurred citizen outcry that the move would turn the family-friendly, youth-oriented atmosphere at the facility into a bar/nightclub scene. TopGolf, which operates seven other complexes worldwide, initially proposed to redesign the driving range, modify the nine-hole course, provide a new clubhouse

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Sports

2012 Year in Review I

By Gregg McMullin

As we come to the end of 2012, let's look back on a year in sports in our community and reflect on what teams and players accomplished. We shared their glory when they won and held them tightly in defeat. We celebrated and cheered them on through each step of their seasons. Through it all, it was a great year in sports in El Segundo.

In January, we welcomed in the new year. The high school basketball teams were coming off December known more for their tournaments. The boys' team opened with a non-league comeback win against Palos Verdes 44-42, but struggled the rest of the way. The team's biggest win of the year was coincidentally its only league victory. The Eagles defeated North Torrance 45-44 to give the Saxons their only league loss.

The girls' basketball team was led by Chapman-bound Lauren Sato all season long. The all-league selection, who averaged nearly 20 points per game, led her team to a fourth consecutive postseason playoff berth. The Lady

mentored the team and helped pave the way to a second place finish in the Pioneer League.

The El Segundo High School baseball program continued its high-profile presence with all three levels including varsity, JV and frosh/soph teams winning league championships. The varsity won its second consecutive Pioneer League championship. The Eagles struggled throughout the year, but found their stride in league play. Pitchers Leo Fahmie and Ryan Pordes were solid on the mound and UC Irvine-bound Josh Bornstein won some key games.

Eric Gronhagen hit a mammoth walk-off home run in the St. Paul Tournament, but it wasn't enough to propel the Eagles on a winning streak as they dropped their next four non-league games. In the Pioneer League, four teams battled it out for first place. It all came down to El Segundo versus South Torrance in the last game of the season. The Eagles led 13-6 going into the last inning, but after a series bizarre plays and errors the Spartans tied the game. In the bottom of the seventh, Austin Brasher doubled and Derrick Abramson

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Eagles upset Centennial in a key Pioneer League game, but fell to Pasadena Poly in the playoffs.

The boys' and girls' soccer teams had nice seasons in which both advanced to the CIF playoffs. The boys' team defense shut out league titlist North Torrance and placed third to advance to the wild card round of the postseason. Only a fluke goal in the first half and a breakaway goal in the second half against Laguna Beach prevented the Eagles from advancing any further.

The girls' team was hit hard with injuries in December after starting the season so promisingly. Playing shorthanded, the Lady Eagles fell to Lawndale and their chances of claiming a league title were slim. They ended up settling for third place and qualifying for the playoffs for the 10th consecutive year. After a hard-fought match, they fell 1-0 in the first round.

Hayden Green's stellar career came to an end for the girls' water polo team. This Michigan-bound goalkeeper helped lead her team to a 24-7 record, including an undefeated Ocean League crown. Green set a CIF record for most saves in a match (19) and made 44 saves over three playoff games. Breanna Telfair led the team in scoring and got plenty of help from Lizzie Ginther, Tessa Barbee and Trisha Mullen. The team fell in the waning moments to Pasadena Poly 5-4 in the CIF-SS semifinals.

The 20th Annual Run for Education kicked off the spring in El Segundo. On a cool Saturday morning, nearly 1,200 runners ran the hills of El Segundo for the annual 5K that benefits El Segundo schools. Kristopher Chacon blistered the course for a winning time of 17:26, while female overall winner Amy Shertzer ran a 19:17.

The boys' volleyball team led by Bobby Romano went into league play with a 15-1 record. With high expectations of taking down South Torrance in the Pioneer League, the Eagles fell in straight games in each match and settled for second place. They would enter the CIF Division 3 playoffs and reeled off wins against Westminster and Western before meeting Warren in the quarterfinals. The Bears put the Eagles away in three games.

The girls' softball team had a roster filled with freshmen and sophomores. But even with a young team on the rise, it had some early season success and was 9-3 at one point. The Lady Eagles reached the finals of their own tournament, but fell to second-ranked Lakewood 7-2. Senior leadership from Jackie Gonzales, Iliana Morales, Julia Smith and Miranda Peterson

singled in Bobby Dean, running for Brasher, from second base with the winning run and a league championship.

The Eagles would win their first playoff game against Oaks Christian 4-3 in one of the season's most thrilling games. Gronhagen accounted for all four of the Eagles' runs with a two-run homer and a two-run single. The Eagles made the long trip to Palm Desert to meet the top-ranked Aztecs in the second round. It was the third time in four years the two teams had met in the playoffs in the desert. The Eagles would fall to the eventual CIF champions 7-1.

The Little League season entered its 59th year and it was another success. One of the highlights of the season was Jarod Whitney of the Giants tossing the only perfect game of the season. He struck out 14 batters in the process.

The AA Pirates came through the losers' bracket to reach the championship game against the Mets. Jaiden Lance and James Pearson each had two RBIs to lead the Pirates, but the Mets blew the game open with a five-run fifth inning keyed by Cooper Stolnack and Cooper Gamble to win 12-6.

In the AAA championship game the Giants, who had the best record, awaited the Dodgers, who came through the losers' bracket to reach the championship game. The Giants' roster was filled with pitching led by Cameron Long and hitters such as Tyler Ralls and the Samuelson brothers Hunter, Jackson and Manus. The Dodgers would counter with a potent lineup of their own that included Brandon Maddalon, Jackson Slavens, Nicholas Villa and Aiden Mc Roberts. Trailing 2-1 in the third inning, the Giants scored five runs on their way to winning the championship 11-2.

In the Major championship game, it came down to Dodgers and Indians. During the regular season, there was no clear-cut favorite team. With plenty of parity throughout league, the Dodgers had demonstrated that they had two of the top five pitchers. The Indians had the other two along with Whitney of the Giants. In a game that was filled with great defensive plays, the lone run came in the first inning when the Dodgers' Michael Graner reached on an error and later scored on a single by Dylan Marquez-Wasson. Graner would out-duel Justin Ostler and Spencer Long on the mound in a game that took just over an hour to play.

It was a great first six months of the year and next week we'll look back at the second half of 2012. •

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Calendar

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

• Complimentary Easybridge! Class, 1-3 p.m., at the El Segundo Woman's Club, 541 Standard St. For more information call Jeff Grotenhuis at (310) 600-4275 or email jeffgro@gmail.com.

ONGOING

• 2013 Recreation ID Card Renewal, Dec. 17, 2012-Jan 5, 2013. Adults: \$10, youth (3-17 years old): \$5, free for infants (under 3

years old) and seniors (62 Years+). For more information call (310) 524-2700.

• The Dept of Recreation and Parks accepting registration forms for group swim lessons (first swim session of Winter 2013). Registrants selected for registration by random lottery. Lottery deadline: Dec 29. For more information call (310) 524-2362.

• Farmer's Market is held every Thursday on Main Street between Holly and Pine Avenues from 3-7 p.m. For more information contact Farmers' Market manager, Val Patterson, at (310) 615-2649.

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Letters

DISTRICT PROTEST BALLOTS DUE JANUARY

Some property owners within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) have not received or lost this district's proposal for a "clean water fee" for "reducing pollution from stormwater and urban runoff in Los Angeles County waterways".

The LACFCD has mailed property owners something called a protest ballot. If less than a majority of these protest ballots with the "I protest clean water fee" box being checked and mailed to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the Board of Supervisors January 15, 2013 public hearing, it is by fiat/assumed that we property owners approve this new fee. The amount of the fee varies, I know of fees ranging from \$45 to \$102/year/property. The fee for city properties is \$52,000/yr, the council voted to protest this fee. Supervisor Knabe and Antonovich opposed the entire issue.

If you have not received/lost this protest ballot you may "write a letter to the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 866006, Los Angeles, CA 90086.

To be counted as a protest, this form or your letter must include the Assessor's Parcel Number and parcel address, have name printed and signed by the property

owner or an authorized representative, say you protest and be delivered no later than January 15, 2013.

- Liz Garnholz

THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO AND CHEVRON

Dear Editor,

The 15 year agreement reached between the City and Chevron is good news for our community. There will be differing opinions of the amount that was negotiated, but it's a welcome step to address an inequity from the past. Thank you to City staff and Chevron for working together to forge a solution. And we must also thank former Council members and the former City Manager for bringing this issue to light. Otherwise we would not have the result we are discussing today.

Thank you also to the Council for voting 3-2 (3 in favor and 2 abstaining) to protest the Clean Water, Clean Beaches ballot measure to protect public health and improve water quality in our Los Angeles County waterways. As a resident of a beach community, I am glad you are looking out for our children and grandchildren's health and safety with your No vote on this measure on behalf of the citizens of El Segundo.

- Scott Houston

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Externships El Segundo Hits Ground Running

**Courtesy of Janice Hickey,
Assistant Superintendent**

If “seeing is believing,” then the group roaming downtown El Segundo last month, was on a path to true enlightenment. Fourteen El Segundo Unified School teachers, ranging from elementary to middle to high school, volunteered to be part of the first cohort of “Externships El Segundo,” the result of a

for help in finding local businesses and corporations willing to sponsor a “Take A Teacher to Work Day.” That’s where Pirsztuk stepped in, and before long, Boeing, DirecTV, Murad, Rhythm & Hues, and four downtown El Segundo businesses were on board.

Enter Nancy Cobb, retired El Segundo High School English teacher, who in years past was the active organizer of “Leadership

honors, also accommodating the inquisitive teachers. After the visit, the teachers met and caucused on the sidewalk out front, comparing observations and notes.

Then it was down the street to visit the as yet unopened El Segundo Museum of Art (ESMoA), where owners Brian and Eva Sweeney met the group and took them on a tour of their facility. Their vision is to open

ESHS Art teacher Theresa Kadonaga was surprised at the commonality of “must have” skills among all the various businesses in terms of what they look for in employees. “Of the four very different businesses we visited, the skills that make people desirable were transferable across the board. You absolutely have to be collaborative and work with others; nobody works in a vacuum anymore. You must be capable of communicating your positions and ideas clearly -- not just in writing but orally as well. Critical thinking and problem solving came up again and again – from designing a space to exhibit art to figuring out the perfect piece of jewelry best suited to a customer.”

The idea of developing risk-takers struck a real nerve and drove the conversation into even deeper waters, with everyone in agreement that the dependence on “getting the right answer” on state tests as opposed to developing innovative thinkers was anathema to good teaching. Branka Cvejic, an English teacher at El Segundo High School, was especially verbal about the topic. “It’s one of the reasons I’m so excited about the new Common Core State Standards. The are all about going deep into a topic, posing open-ended questions to students that require them to draw upon all their experiences across the board to build a reflective, analytical answer – and then back it up with research or facts from what they’re reading to defend their position.”

Jennifer Hedayat, another high school English teacher agreed. “Just from today’s experience I’m already reworking in my head existing lesson plans so they have more relevancy to what I saw in the workplace today,” she stated. “I also couldn’t help but notice how what was stressed today were things we all intuitively know,” Hedayat continued. “Things like good old common sense, the ability to dress appropriately for the position, working with people you don’t necessarily like, being able to think on your feet, it was very reassuring to hear those skills mentioned repeatedly.”

Kirsten Larsen, Richmond Street Elementary 4th grade teacher, succinctly summed up the emotions swirling around the room, which seemed to be the collective take-away from the day’s experience. “The real world is not standards based,” she intoned, sending the entire group into raucous laughter.

“Externships El Segundo” will continue throughout the year, next visiting Rhythm and Hues and DirecTV in February, Boeing in March, and Murad in May. •



Fourteen teachers participated in the “Take A Teacher to Work Day” externship. Photo courtesy of ESUSD.

brainstorming session between El Segundo Unified School District’s Superintendent, Dr. Geoff Yantz, and Carol Pirsztuk, Chief Executive Officer of the El Segundo Education Foundation.

Yantz recalls, “ESUSD was fortunate enough to host Ian Jukes, the renowned futurist, at our newly renovated El Segundo Theatre for the Performing Arts in November of 2011, and he said something that resonated with me. In a nutshell, Jukes pointed out a lot of educators had been going to school their entire lives, from the time they enrolled in kindergarten as five-year-olds, through their college educations, and then straight into the classroom as young teachers. Talking about ‘21st Century Skills’ in the context of how that translates to the workplace can be a difficult concept in terms of conceptualizing what that would look like if you have personally never been exposed to a private enterprise workplace before.”

That became Yantz’s “ah-ha” moment, leading him to approach the Ed! Foundation

El Segundo,” a program run through the Chamber of Commerce designed to build capacity for leadership among community members by exposing them to opportunities within El Segundo. Cobb eagerly stepped in to help design the program, as well as work with ESUSD to ensure the visits to the corporations and businesses were designed with teachers’ needs in mind.

Thus fourteen teachers headed down Main Street, starting the day with a visit to The Jewelry Source and Studio Printing, two businesses gracious enough to integrate the group into their busy days. Each business had been supplied a group of questions of interest to the teachers, based on previous surveys, so they could be well prepared for the onslaught of interest from the professional educators. Ed Su, owner of Studio Printing, facilitated a tour of his enterprise, then settled in to address the hard questions pertaining to skills necessary to make a student a “model employee.” Across the street, Lance Say, Manager of The Jewelry Source, did the same

their state-of-the-art museum to the general public Friday through Sunday, then create programs for K – 12 Education Monday through Thursdays, as well as entertain the concept of “internships” for students from the high school with a passion for art.

The final visit of the day was with John Clark, owner of Looking, a branding and identity design consulting firm. Teachers peppered his employees with questions about their education, the skills necessary to succeed in the world of graphic design and artistic concepts, as well as the importance of the “Four C’s.” Then exhausted, it was back to the high school for a debriefing in the Hall of Fame Room.

What struck Tony Bancroft, ESMS Music teacher, was the continued mention of “character.” “Employers want people who are honest, decent, hard-working, dedicated to the task at hand, who step in to help a fellow employee without worrying about whether it’s part of their job description, and who positively represent the employer,” he commented.

Sports

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The AA Mets celebrated their triumphed championship.



The annual Run for Education had its largest field of runners ever led by eventual winner Kristopher Chacon wearing bib #1245.



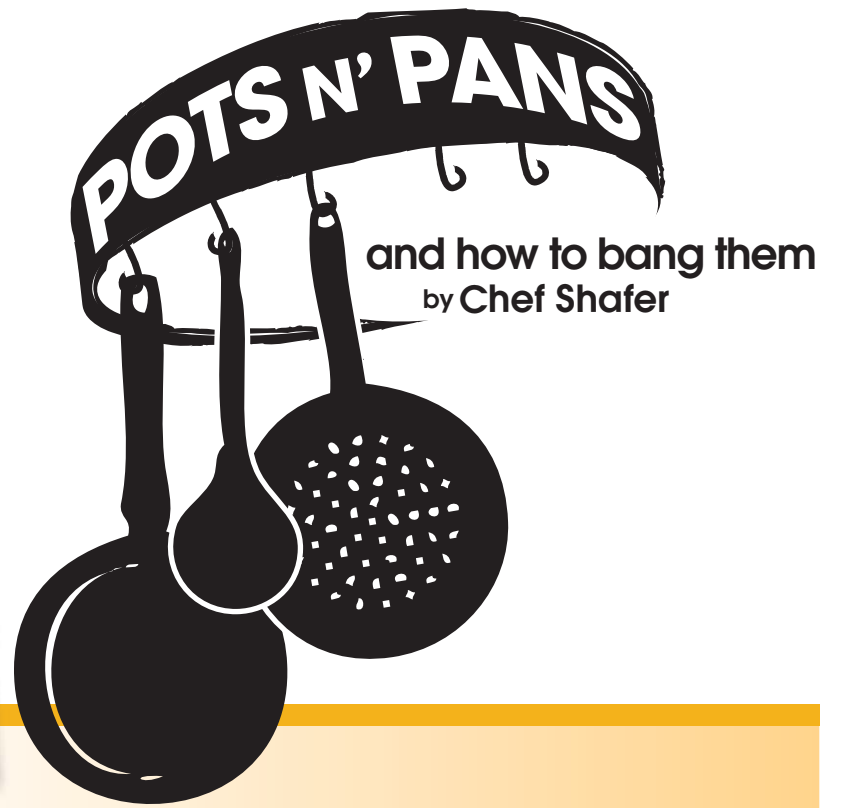
The past meets the present at the annual ESHS Baseball alumni game. Photos by Gregg McMullen.

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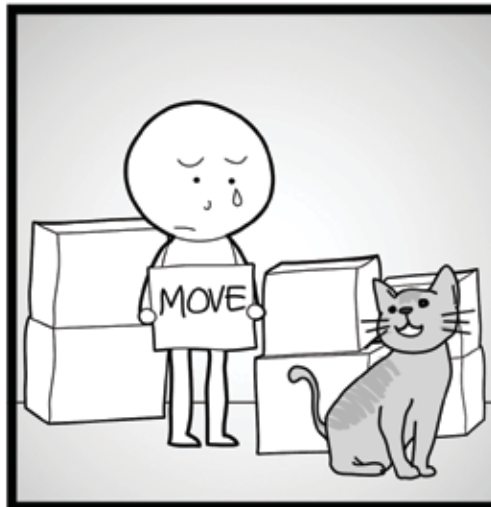
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012232061
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012246642
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WSA SUPPORT SERVICES. 1. 10311 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. 2. 16835 ALGONQUIN STREET, SUITE 425, LOS ANGELES, CA 92649. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed 12/08/2012. Signed: WSA Landscape Services, Inc. CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 12, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 12, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 12, 2017. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: December 20, 27, 2012 and January 03, 10, 2013. H-835.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012247117
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012248699
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012251313
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. THE ARMoured ROSE. 2. ARMoured ROSE CREATIONS. 13952 BORA BORA WAY #301, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed 12/19/12. Signed: Janene C. Aksoy, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 19, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 19, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 19, 2017. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: December 27, 2012 and January 03, 10, 17, 2012. H-841.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2012250658
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUPPORT SERVICES. 1. 10310 GLASGOW PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. 2. 16835 ALGONQUIN ST., SUITE 425, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed December 18, 2012. Signed: Paula Benom. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 18, 2012. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 18, 2017. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 18, 2017. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: December 27, 2012 and January 03, 10, 17, 2012. H-842.



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Year in Review

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and pro shop, and add a full-service restaurant and corporate event facility. Responding to complaints, TopGolf agreed to revise its site plan to accommodate many of the concerns, with continued public input planned in the coming months before the proposal returns to the Council. To help its cause, data revealed at the December 5 Golf Course Subcommittee meeting showed only one total alcohol-related incident had occurred over the past three years at TopGolf's existing locations.

SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

One other upcoming project managed to receive thumbs up from everyone concerned. In March, the Council approved long-awaited plans for a senior assisted living facility at the fallow site at 540 E. Imperial Avenue owned by El Segundo Unified School District. Under Option 1 of the project, the developer (to be selected by the School Board through a bid process) can build a three-story, 150-unit assisted/independent living complex and 150 senior apartments/condominiums plus four non-age-specific apartments/condos (a maximum of 304 units). As part of the arrangement, 15 percent of the units (46) will go to qualifying low, very low or extremely low income applicants 55 years or older. The back-up Option 2 calls for up to 24 non-age-specific single-family and 34 multi-family dwellings.

EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Revenues from the likely lease of the Imperial Avenue site will help El Segundo Unified School District, which continues to deal with the adverse impacts from decreased education funding from Sacramento. The recent passage of Prop 30 helped stem further bleeding, but didn't provide new monies for local schools. The District will still be able to file a positive certification, stating that it can meet all of its financial obligations over the next two fiscal years. Meanwhile academic scores continued to excel with gains in several subject areas, while three District campuses achieved honor roll status this year. To shore up funding, the El Segundo Education Foundation upped its annual contribution in 2012 to a record \$800,000 and set the bar for \$900,000 next year. Continental Development Corporation President (and Education Foundation Chair) Richard Lundquist pledged to match every new donation dollar for dollar. Additionally,

the El Segundo PTA Council unveiled plans to bolster its own fundraising efforts with a revamped Run for Education in 2013, among other programs. Chevron continued its support of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programming with another large monetary contribution to El Segundo and surrounding campuses. On a high note of the musical variety, members of the El Segundo High School Choir performed at the Summer Olympic Games in London. And during its December 11 meeting, members of the El Segundo School Board selected new officers for the year, with Ann Coles now the President, Robin Funk Vice President and Jeanie Nishimie serving as Clerk.

TEACHER/SOCCER COACH ARRESTS

Bad news rocked the School District and the rest of the community in October when police arrested Center Street Elementary School fifth grade teacher Jeffrey Simonek on suspicion of molesting two boys in his classroom last year. The District Attorney later rejected the case to allow investigators more time to interview other potential victims who could be added to the counts filed. Only a month prior, officers also brought in girls' soccer coach David Tinoco on charges of committing lewd acts with a 15-year-old girl. A second victim also came forward, leading to an arraignment scheduled on December 20.

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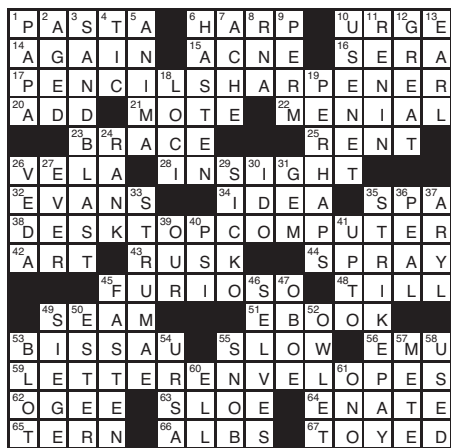
Continuing its commitment to environmental responsibility, El Segundo became the pilot municipality for a community sustainability program for residents and businesses sponsored by NRG at no cost to the City in the first year. Program goals include outreach and education, improving green building practices, reducing energy costs, and boosting tax revenues. Other components of the plan include reducing air and water pollution, improving energy reliability and diversity, and fostering clean transportation.

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And finally... in a move to preserve local history, The Friends of the El Segundo Public Library launched a project to digitize thousands of editions of the *El Segundo Herald* stored on microfilm dating back to 1916. The group used its own funds to cover the first part of the project, but then asked citizens and businesses for donations to help subsidize the additional costs of posting and hosting the papers online.

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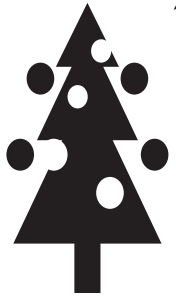


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