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Thank You for Your Selfless Service



Engines 31 and 32 are still on the frontlines, battling the Palisades Fire with unwavering dedication. Thank you to our crews for their relentless efforts and bravery. Photo courtesy City of El Segundo.

City Sees Capital Improvement Project Successes

By Brian Simon

El Segundo's new entry sign at the corner of Imperial Highway and Main Street, highlighted in last week's Herald, is a prime example of a major initiative that falls under the City's all-encompassing Capital Improvement Program. The various projects address maintenance, upgrade, and repair to City buildings, sidewalks, streets, parks/playgrounds, storm drains, and water and sanitary sewer systems, plus traffic-related items such as signal lights, signs, and striping. Each year, the Capital Improvement Project Advisory Committee (CIPAC) provides a list of projects with rankings for Council consideration based also on funding and feasibility. Many of these items fall under the radar. Once a project receives the green light from the El Segundo City Council, the path to completion is often lengthy and challenging as it requires a stringent bidding process, selection of contractors, and design approval prior to construction.

In the case of the new entry monument, informal discussions to replace the previous over half-century-old welcome sign and to visually update and enhance that gateway actually started over a decade ago. Still, budgetary and logistical challenges stalled the project from proceeding earlier. The City Council initially budgeted \$150,000 back in 2018/19 to improve the gateway, but several starts and stops delayed construction to last year. Despite a more sizable budget than the initial allocation (\$250,000 from the General Fund and \$200,000 from the Cultural Arts Fund) available, costs escalated. The project still won't be completely finished even after the fencing comes down (which may potentially happen by next month after additional electrical work and camera installation wrap-up). "Our budget was limited, so we had to

take out landscaping for a later time," Public Works Director Elias Sassoon said. For now, the city intends to add some shrubs around the sign as a barrier. Plans to provide more elaborate plants and trees will depend on when more money is available, with the future timeline unknown. Meanwhile, removing the previous sign didn't entail total demolition. The service organizations and other groups represented had the opportunity to keep their personal pieces for posterity, Sassoon said.

Sassoon praised the Council, City Engineer Cheryl Ebert, dedicated community volunteers, architectural firm Hirsch & Associates, Inc., and the contractor (Front Signs) for their collective contributions to allow the project to come to fruition. He emphasized that it takes a considerable group effort to achieve a successful capital improvement project.

As another notable example, he credited the staff at Public Works, Ebert and her team for their "stellar work" last year on the El Segundo Boulevard enhancements that garnered 2024 Best Project of the Year honors in the "Transportation Category" by the American Public Works Association. The award was particularly impressive given that 977 entries from 53 agencies were up for consideration. One of the largest infrastructure

initiatives in El Segundo's history, the project emphasized road safety and traffic flow. Features included the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, pedestrian crossings and driveways, bicycle lanes, traffic signal modifications (that included video and bicycle detection), and beautification of the median areas with drought-tolerant landscaping. Crews repaired and resurfaced 25 acres of roadway, affecting not just El Segundo but also neighboring communities. Fortunately, funding for the project came from outside sources, including Prop C, Measure M, and grant monies. The endeavor also required coordination, cooperation, and collaboration with Caltrans, Metro, utility companies, corporations in the vicinity, and three other cities.

Sassoon also lauded the ongoing renovation of the Urho Saari Swim Stadium, better known as The Plunge. He reported that the reopening is still on target for the end of 2025 and that the project is moving along nicely despite a few challenges (e.g. some designs had to be modified since original drawings did not reflect how the foundation was actually built over 80 years ago). Additional capital improvement projects of note in the

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
59°/47°



Saturday

Mostly
Cloudy
59°/45°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
58°/46°



WOOO Fire Relief Store: Free support for those in need

The WOOO Fire Relief Store at 121 Penn St., El Segundo, will be open until Saturday, Jan. 18, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM daily. The store provides free supplies to those affected by the recent wildfires, with no appointment necessary.

WOOO is asking the community to help spread the word and invites anyone interested in volunteering to stop by at any time. Wish lists and additional resources can be found at wwoos.com/ community-loving. •

Herald in El Segundo



The El Segundo Herald's team got together for their Holiday Luncheon in El Segundo. An annual and enjoyable way to see each other and start the new year off. (L-to-R) Back Row: Michael Gonzales, Clara Nilles, Cathie Hinkle, Kim Harris, Heidi Maerker, Kristina Kara-Beckman; (L-to-R) front row: Chris Powell, Greg McMullin, Brian Simon and Ron Sokol. (Missing and missed: Chris Benis, Kathleen Umbenhaur, Liz Spear, Ryan Rojas and Morgan Rojas).

Affordable Health Screenings Coming to El Segundo

El Segundo, California – Residents living in and around the El Segundo, California can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. El Segundo Masonic Lodge 421 will host this community event on 1/27/2025. The site is located at 520 Main Street in El Segundo.

Screenings can check for: The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall

vascular health.; HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels; Diabetes risk; Kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

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– Provided by Lifeline Screenings •

Property Tax Relief for Property Owners Impacted by LA County Fires

By Jeff Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor

As our region faces the devastating impacts of extreme windstorms and wildfires, I want to express my deepest concern and compassion for all those affected. The safety and well-being of our residents remain the highest priority and my office stands ready to assist property owners as we navigate these challenging times together.

To ensure the safety of our employees and the public, **effective immediately, all in-person operations at Assessor offices will cease through the end of the week.** We encourage the public to use our website and other communication channels for assistance.

Assessor Office services can be accessed at assessor.lacounty.gov for online assistance, or at (213) 974-3211.

The fires and winds have caused significant damage reported in several areas of the County. Property has been damaged or destroyed and thousands have been displaced. To stay informed about the latest developments, including real-time updates, evacuation orders, safety tips, and other critical information, please monitor updates from:

Los Angeles County Fire Department: fire.lacounty.gov

City of Los Angeles Fire Department: lafd.org

Ready LA County (Emergency Preparedness): ready.lacounty.gov

Assessor's Disaster Response

The Los Angeles County Assessor's Office is committed to supporting property owners during this difficult time. While we await a comprehensive assessment of the damage, we are preparing to activate resources to assist affected residents, including:

• **On-the-Ground Support:** Assessor staff

will be present at Local Assistance Centers established by the County, offering guidance and resources to property owners.

• **Expedited Property Tax Relief:** The County will process "Misfortune and Calamity" claims for property tax relief for properties damaged or destroyed by the wildfires.

Once the extent of the damage is assessed, affected property owners will receive the relief and assistance they need as quickly as possible.

"Misfortune and Calamity" Property Tax Relief

Property damaged or destroyed by the windstorms or wildfires may qualify for temporary property tax relief through the Misfortune and Calamity program. Key details include:

• **Eligibility:** The damage must exceed \$10,000 in the current market value of the property.

• **Filing Deadline:** Claims must be filed within 12 months of the date of the damage.

• **Benefits:** Approved claims may result in temporary property tax relief, with adjustments made to reflect the reduced value of your property until repairs or rebuilding are completed.

More information and to download the claim form (ADS-820), may be accessed at assessor.lacounty.gov/tax-relief/disaster-relief or call (213) 974-3211.

We Are Here for You

Our hearts are with everyone impacted by this disaster. The Assessor's Office is here to help and we remain committed to providing the resources and support those in need. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Together, we will overcome these challenges and work toward rebuilding stronger, more resilient communities. •



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Water Lab Public Education Program Schedule Announced

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin or District) announced that Registration is now open for classes, facility tours and Q&A sessions. The 2025 schedule for its free Water Lab program offering a variety of community classes, tours of the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility (ECLWRF) and online Q&A chat sessions with staff. The Water Lab program provides opportunities to learn about our Southern California water supply and water recycling operations and discover what the District is doing to help people conserve water and save money.

“Communities in our service area have been instrumental in adopting water-wise habits and with the Water Lab program we are committed to providing these valuable opportunities for people to stay informed, conserve resources, and save money,” said West Basin Board President and Division III Director Desi Alvarez. “This program will continue to empower our residents to get involved and make a difference in water conservation.”

The 2025 Water Lab program includes: Know Your H2O Classes (6-8 PM):

These in-person classes, held at the ECLWRF in El Segundo, offer an in-depth look at a wide range of water-related topics, from emerging technologies to practical conservation tips in our day-to-day activities. Free parking is available, and dinner is provided while supplies last.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – *The Politics of Flowing Water*

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – *Water Quality & Monitoring*

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – *New*

Water Efficiency Technologies & Strategies
Recycled Water Facility Tours (10 AM-12 PM):

Join West Basin for a guided, in-person tour of the ECLWRF to see firsthand how a water recycling facility operates. Free parking is available, and a light breakfast will be provided while supplies last.

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Saturday, August 2, 2025

West Basin Chats – Rebate Programs (6-6:30 PM):

These virtual 30-minute Q&A sessions focus on the West Basin’s water conservation rebate programs. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive advice from District staff.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

View the full program schedule and register for any of the 2025 Water Lab events at www.westbasin.org/water-lab.

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, and conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.

– Provided by West Basin •

Highlights of Superintendent Johnson’s First 100 days

By Chris Benis

With 2024 firmly in the rearview mirror, the Board of Education devoted much of its first gathering in 2025 to examining the district’s trajectory under Superintendent Jason Johnson. True to form, Johnson summarized his 100-Day Action Plan and key findings with a bold focus on a bright future.

Regarding his core approach to the past few months, Johnson outlined the importance of emphasizing student feedback and maintaining the district’s previously successful initiatives. “This was not a ‘let me come in and bulldoze everything and do it Jason’s way,’” he explained. “[I knew] this was a highly successful, high-functioning school district. How can I water the plant?”

Johnson, whose tenure as superintendent began in July 2024, met with student focus groups, issued student surveys, and kick-started a creative “student shadow” tradition throughout his first few months as superintendent. By amplifying student voices, Johnson identified practical areas of growth, such as diversifying the career pathway experiences program, fostering vertical integration from elementary grades through high school, and confirming the popularity of campus wellness centers. He also resolved to re-evaluate the facilities master plan through 2030.

“Our facilities are beautiful. They are top of the line,” said Johnson to the Board. “And there’s more work to be done ... right now I feel like [our schools] are in great shape for the 2020s, and now the next step is thinking about, how are they going to be for the 2030s?”

Another of Johnson’s foremost initiatives is to systematize academic, social, and emotional intervention for students. As revealed through dialogues with principals from around the district, this will help identify student health needs and ensure they are being entered and exited from intervention at the proper times. Later, in his board report,

Johnson invited all community members to attend the upcoming Board Workshop on January 22, entailing further discussion of his vision, ideas, and future priorities for the district.

Following Johnson’s action plan, PTA President Cheryl Smith took center stage to remind the community about the upcoming Honorary Service Awards on March 20. This event is meant to recognize the individuals who go above and beyond for the children in El Segundo, honoring exceptional parents, teachers, and administrators alike. Official nominations can be submitted via the PTA subpage on the district website.

Smith also revealed the establishment of a brand-new scholarship for ESHS seniors with 504 and/or IEP plan accommodations in consultation with the school’s special education department. The scholarship is designed

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Sports

Keeping Our Sports World in Perspective

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

If you follow sports like many of us do, it starts with our local teams to watch our kids play. Then there are the sports fanatics who follow our professional teams. Attending sporting events, whether at your local high school or at SoFi Stadium, allows us to escape today’s world, if only for a couple of hours. But when there is a catastrophe like the Southern California wildfires, which literally flattened whole communities, the sporting world takes a back seat.

The haunting images of the Pacific Palisades and Eaton fires over our television screens put our everyday world into perspective. As the news footage covered the apocalyptic scene we wept as home after home depicted total destruction. Also gone were the fields where children played their baseball and soccer games and a gymnasium that was scorched. Memories of cheering on children at these venues became an afterthought for those affected by the destructive fires. Instead, these victims hugged their children with sports as the last thing on their minds.

Life can be unpredictable and frustrating, so we escape one way by attending sporting events. Attending a local high school game can be a relief whether you know someone playing or not. The cancellation of basketball, soccer, and water polo high school games because of the wildfires paused our local sports world. The Los Angeles Rams’ wild card playoff game was moved from their home field at SoFi Stadium to Glendale, Arizona.

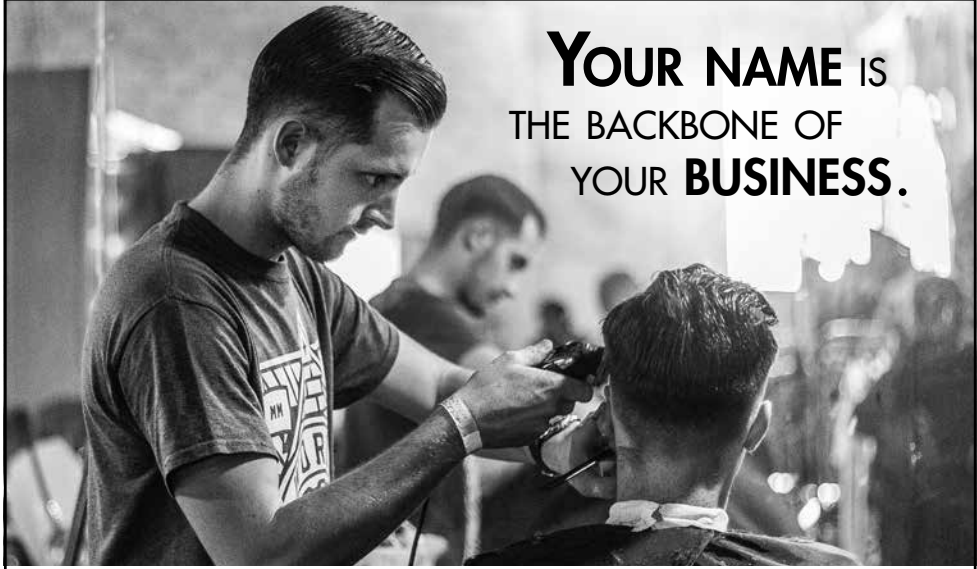
The fires are, hopefully, under control now, and our sports world is back. Though our community was not directly affected, it shut down our competitive teams. During the break, did you take time to reflect on what you would do in the event of a life-changing event?

It may be time to reassess your priorities. It starts by supporting our local teams, whether it is at the high school, Little League, soccer field, or the In-line hockey rink. Attending your son or daughter’s game shouldn’t be enough. Try attending a Friday night football or basketball high school game to support our community’s young athletes. Soccer has been a growth sport here and has been successful at each level. So why not support our successful AYSO or attend an afternoon high school game? When Little League starts in the latter part of February, how about attending Brett Field to watch tomorrow’s stars? Attending a baseball game at Stevenson Field can also be exciting. In-line hockey has been another popular venue to watch our young athletes grow.

The point is to get out, support our local teams, and help create memories for these athletes. You never know when something may alter our everyday lives that might prevent us from supporting our future, and that’s where our real priorities should be.

Eagles Will be Ready for League Play after Layoff

The raging wildfires created challenges in
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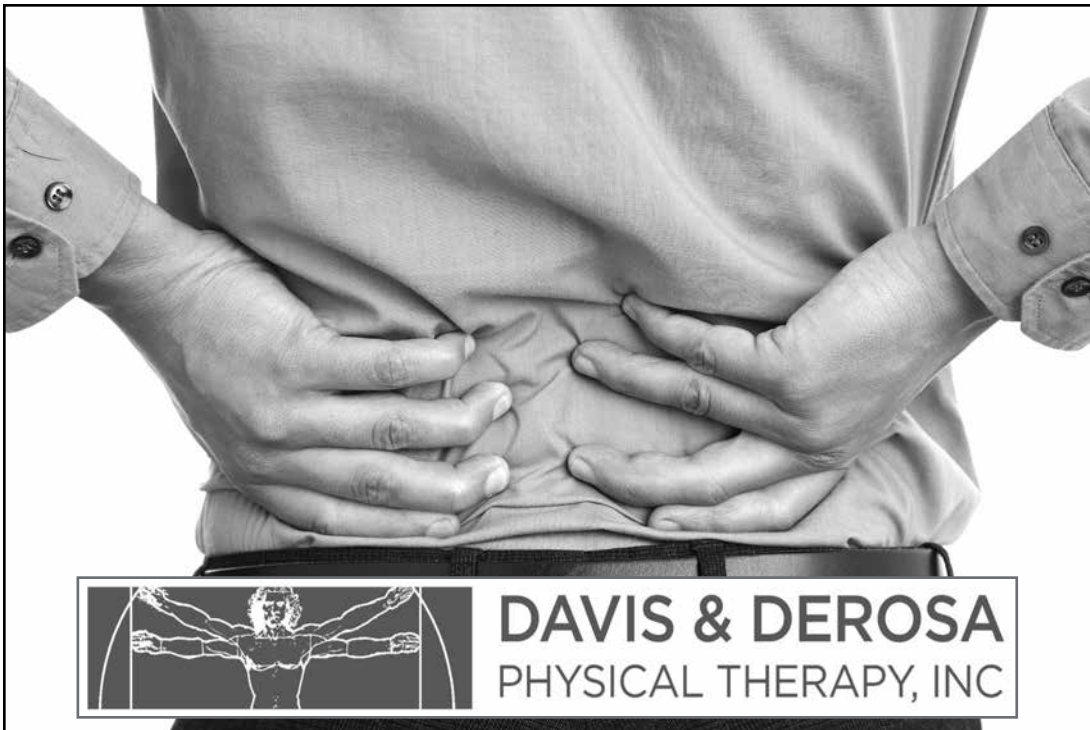


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Police Reports

Monday, Jan 6th

One male adult was arrested at 1208 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for public intoxication.

A hit and run (with injuries) report was taken at 1237 hours from Aviation Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

A battery and grand theft report was taken at 1626 hours from the 300 block of South Douglas Street. The victim was punched by the suspect, who later stole miscellaneous personal property from the victim.

Tuesday, Jan 7th

A traffic accident report (with injuries) was taken at 0801 hours from Pine Avenue and Standard Street, bicyclist versus vehicle.

A hit and run crash report (no injuries) was taken at 1059 hours from the 300 block of Main Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1225 hours from Bungalow Street and Grand Avenue for one misdemeanor LASD warrant.

One male adult was detained at 1902 hours from the 1949 hours from Imperial Highway and Pacific Coast Highway and transported to Exodus-West LA for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

One male adult was arrested at 0204 hours from the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue for two misdemeanor CHP warrants.

Wednesday, Jan 8th

A lost property report was taken at 0559 hours from the 100 block of West Grand Avenue. A black wallet was lost.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1022 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A 2017 Hyundai was stolen.

One male adult was arrested at 1112 hours from Center Street and Grand Avenue for possession of hard drugs with two or more prior convictions, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and battery.

Thursday, Jan 9th

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0835 hours from the 400 block of Illinois Street. An electric bicycle was taken from an attached carport.

A traffic collision (with injuries) report was taken at 0948 hours from Main Street and Pine Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1236 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s)

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Love Thy Neighbor

Dear El Segundoans,

We love the profiles we've done, and we've learned so much about El Segundo's residents. We want to do more, so please keep the suggestions coming. With over 16,000 residents, we're sure there are some gems we may have overlooked or not been aware of them. Do you have a unique and interesting friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague or student? All you have to do is ask their permission and

send us their contact information. Of course, if you find yourself fascinating, you are welcome to send us your information too. 😊

- Best to you all. HM.

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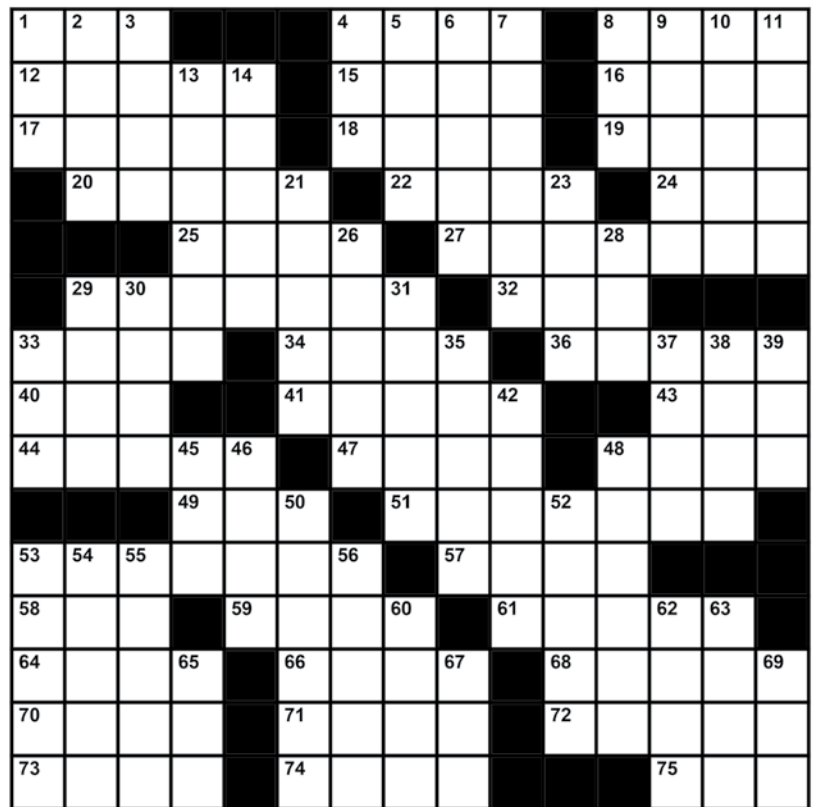
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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Last Week's Answers

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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.

Entertainment

Film Review

In The Last Showgirl, Pamela Anderson's Star Shines Bright

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Pamela Anderson makes a stunning return to the screen in Gia Coppola's inspiring indie darling *The Last Showgirl*. Set in Las Vegas, Anderson plays an aging showgirl faced with the harsh reality of life after the final curtain call. Hailed as one of the year's best performances, Anderson has received much-deserved recognition for her role as the glamorous dancer, including nominations from SAG and the Golden Globes. Gia Coppola lives up to her familial name in this sentimental yet strong portrait of a woman whose resilience shines brighter than any stage lights ever could. *The Last Showgirl* is a must-see.

Las Vegas's "Le Razzle Dazzle" is the last of its kind. A burlesque show that has been a mainstay on the strip for over 30 years, it's one of the city's most cherished and infamous entertainment options. However, its legacy and aura pail in comparison to the newer shows that have begun popping up all around town. The show's downward trajectory is when we meet Shelly (Anderson), a middle-aged dancer and industry veteran. Shelly takes her role in "Le Razzle Dazzle" seriously—both on and off the stage—as she is widely considered a mother figure to the younger dancers Jodie (Kiernan Shipka) and Mary-Anne (Brenda Song). However, tension continues to grow between the dancers and the show's empathetic producer, Eddie (Dave Bautista), who finds himself in the middle of an increasingly somber situation.



In The Last Showgirl, courtesy Roadside Attractions.

One evening, during a get-together at Shelly's house attended by Eddie, Jodie, Mary-Anne, and Shelly's best friend and former dancer/current casino cocktail waitress Annette (Jamie Lee Curtis), Eddie reveals that "Le Razzle Dazzle" will be closing its door imminently. He explains that new casino owners are rebranding the entertainment slate and will be retiring the show in two weeks. In its place will be a "dirty circus", and producers are already casting for roles. Shelly stares at Eddie blankly, expressionless as the emotion drains from her face. Reality sets in that in two weeks, she will be an unemployed middle-aged dancer looking for work in an industry that prioritizes youth.

Pamela Anderson and Jamie Lee Curtis both give unmatched performances. It should come as no surprise to hear that Curtis vanishes into the role of Annette, whose cigarette-saturated clothing you can smell through the screen. One scene in particular, a dance montage to Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse of the Heart", perfectly encapsulates her emotional state in a stunning, dialogue-free way.

Pamela Anderson gives a remarkably memorable performance, commanding the screen with a quiet but sturdy grace. It's hard not to think of Shelly as Britney Spears of an alternate timeline, her passion for performing being both a blessing and a curse for her personal life. Shelly is naive and optimistic, despite being unlucky in love and having a fraught relationship with her daughter, Hannah (Billie Lourd). For years, Shelly was a big fish in a small pond, and this made her feel safe. "Le Razzle Dazzle's" closure is no doubt a disruption to her life but perhaps this is what she needed to finally push her outside of her comfort zone and live bigger.

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Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

The Instrumentalist by Harriet Constable

By Library Assistant, Mary Martes

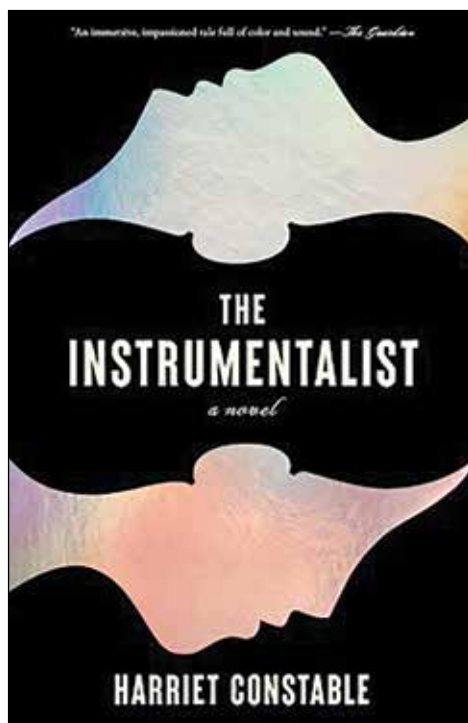
The Ospedale della Pieta was an orphanage located in Venice, Italy for abandoned children, mainly infants. They were passed through a hole in the wall and were raised by nuns. By the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, this institution had become widely known for the musical performances of their female musicians. Select audiences of important persons and high-ranking royalty often requested private performances of these masterful orchestras. Spaces in the orchestra were highly coveted. Strict rules were imposed, and practice was grueling. Nonetheless, members, known as figlie, were widely admired, often given lavish gifts by patrons and special living arrangements within the convent.

Anna Maria della Pieta was one such orphan dispatched through the wall in 1696. Grow-

ing up in the convent was not easy, but she was taught music. Although she was already trained and skilled in multiple instruments by the age of eight, she had never before seen a violin until she heard the music of Antonio Vivaldi. This is a fictional account of Anna Maria's life in the Ospedale della Pieta.

Vivaldi became Anna Maria's teacher, mentor, and tormentor. Recognizing Anna Maria's talent, he quickly realized she could bring his music wider attention and acclaim. Using her as his muse, he created concertos for her to perform. As a stern Master of Music for the Ospedale, he bends Anna Maria to his will despite her own fierce determination to become the youngest Maestro ever. Through the years, this push and pull between them creates a compelling drama.

Anna Maria is a selfish and neglectful friend, driven by her passion and ambitious to a fault. Rising from beatings and starvation to opulent, glittering palaces, she loses much of herself to her single-minded pursuit of excellence. Will she discover that she has lost as much as she has gained before it is too late? Read *The Instrumentalist* to find out – it is a fascinating piece of history. •



The Instrumentalist by Harriet Constable



Mary Martes

DEADLINES

OBITUARIES: Monday at noon.
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City Council

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recent past include water main upgrades and wastewater main repairs in various residential blocks around town; Center Street storm drain improvements; City Hall remodels of the Media, IT, and Finance offices; El Segundo Public Library south wall waterproofing; the

total renovation of the restroom at Brett Field; and alley repairs in Smoky Hollow that solved some annoying draining issues and resulted in several thank-you calls to Sassoon. Coming up in the future are major renovations of recreational facilities. "A lot of the Rec Park

facilities are old and outdated," Sassoon said. After viewing a rundown of needed work and cost estimates, the Council chose to focus on two priority projects: revitalization of the Teen Center (including the plaza, basketball court, and skate park—with plans approved,

but construction still at least a year away); as well as upgrades to Stevenson and Brett fields that will improve drainage at both sites. It's an ongoing and complicated process, but as Sassoon was quick to point out, the end results are "worth the effort." •



After 81 years, the historic Urho Saari Swim Stadium, better known as The Plunge, is undergoing a much-needed renovation. The project includes modernizing the facility and upgrading the mechanical and filtration systems. Photo: City of El Segundo.



The El Segundo Boulevard Improvement Project was a significant infrastructure initiative that enhanced road safety and traffic flow. Photo: City of El Segundo Public Works Department.

Finance

From Career to Classroom: Strategies for Success

(BPT) - Each year we see eager students returning to the classroom with new backpacks, sharpened pencils and a renewed focus - ready to take on school. Nowadays, "back-to-school" season can be anytime, especially with the rise of students - specifically working adults - taking up opportunities to pursue new skills on their own time.

For working adults, this leap from career back to a classroom - whether online or in-person - can be daunting, especially if they've been out of school for a long period of time. Luckily, there are several simple strategies to help reduce anxiety about becoming a student again.

Have a few extra hours a week? Consider taking some courses to sharpen your skills and stay current with your career. There are

numerous online programs designed specifically for adult learners that cater to your unique learning needs and provide electives that can help you potentially expand your career aspirations. Fortunately, online learning platforms offer a lot of flexibility compared to on-campus programs. You can complete coursework on your own schedule, whether that's first thing in the morning, during a quiet afternoon or in the late hours when everyone else is sleeping.

If you're employed, check to see if your employer has a formal education benefits program or, at a very minimum, offers discounts on select partner schools. Earning AP Credits or taking general education courses online may also help you save money. You can then transfer these courses to your chosen college

or university to bring down the cost of college. Be sure to check with your school's advisor about the credit transfer policy.

The ability to manage your time wisely can contribute to your overall success, especially if you're a learner with full-time employment or family care commitments. Safeguard your time for learning by setting specific goals and schedules, creating calendars for deadlines, and asking for help if you're feeling overwhelmed. For example, consider letting your employer know you are utilizing their education program, and ask if they can allow you greater flexibility to manage both work and school.

It's important to remember that an all-nighter study session isn't the most conducive strategy for understanding and retaining your

coursework knowledge. Learn about proven study methods and think about utilizing tools like flashcards, practice tests, homework assignments and developing your own study guides to help foster continuous learning - resulting in higher performance!

Test taking can be stressful for everyone, even if you know the material. Practicing self-care such as getting a good night's sleep, finding a space with minimal distractions to take the exam, eating a good breakfast, and giving your brain a break with a relaxing hobby can minimize nervousness and garner greater success. It's never too late for your own back-to-school season. Practicing these adult learner strategies can help you succeed in opening new doors for your personal and professional growth. •



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Irish Potato Soup

Provided by Campbell's Soup Corp.

Sometimes the simplest recipes are the most delicious, and this creamy Irish Potato Soup - made with just six ingredients - is no exception. The rich, concentrated flavor of Campbell's® Condensed Chicken Broth helps to keep the rest of the shopping list short, and brings out the best in the soup's potatoes, celery, and green onion. If you have an immersion blender, this recipe requires barely any clean-up, since you can blend everything into a silky smooth soup right in the pot. And while it's especially suited to Saint Patrick's Day, you don't have to wait for a special occasion to whip up this dish; serve it with crusty bread and butter for a dose of comfort on a chilly day.



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 4 green onion, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 can (10.5 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Chicken Broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 medium potato, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick (about 3 cups)
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat the butter in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the celery and green onions and cook until tender.
- **Step 2:** Stir the broth, water and potatoes in the saucepan and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender and easily pierced with a fork. Remove the saucepan from the heat (don't drain off the broth mixture, though).
- **Step 3:** Add the milk to the saucepan. Using an immersion blender, blend until the mixture is smooth (if you don't have an immersion blender, add the milk and blend in a regular blender). Season to taste with salt and pepper and heat until hot. Sprinkle with additional sliced green onions before serving, if desired.

Tips

Add some garnishes: Top your soup with cooked, crumbled bacon, chopped parsley, or grated cheese (try a sharp Irish cheddar).

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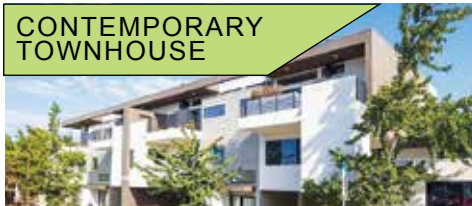
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School Board

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to be inclusive and discreet and draws from a fund of \$1,000 annually.

Meanwhile, a flurry of updates from Richmond and Center Street recapped the usual excitement found at El Segundo's elementary schools. Center Street teachers had the opportunity to see their students outside the classroom last month, where they cheerfully served them ice cream as part of Cold Stone's annual Teacher Scoop Event. Additionally, PTA Council President Cheryl Smith announced that El Segundo Middle School raised over \$78,000 from its Step it Up fundraiser, making the event a major success.

PTSA involvement has reached an all-time peak at the high school, with 100%

of teachers now registered as members and a greater number of student participants than parents. This makes for a uniquely supportive environment, signaling high levels of commitment and engagement. For example, El Segundo now has over 2,000 PTA members.

High engagement levels were certainly needed this week at ESHS in the wake of the devastating Los Angeles wildfires. To spark positivity and community support, the basketball game versus North Torrance on January 14 was paired with an "LA Strong" theme and fundraiser, inviting attendees to wear LA merch and donate food, water, hygiene kits, shelter items, and more.

The Board passed several action items,

headlined by a unanimous approval to establish the Jeffrey E. Fortini Memorial Scholarship, funded through a generous \$500,000 donation. A former El Segundo high school student, Fortini recently passed away and held an earnest desire to give back to his alma mater. The annual scholarship will award \$20,000 to a graduating senior from ESHS, specifically awarded to the student with the highest grade point average in Fortini's favorite subject: mathematics.

Board members also approved the acceptance of gifts from Center Street School PTA (\$1,200) and The Blackburn Giving Fund (\$1,608), issuing a policy reminder that the Board of Education may accept gifts so long as they do not conflict with

the Education Code or any public laws. Additionally, the Board moved to accept the notice of completion for re-routed rooftop voltage lines by State Electric Inc. as part of an ongoing effort to modernize district offices and approved a related proposal from Pringle Group to provide additional office construction inspections not exceeding \$52,800. There was also unanimous support for approving a renewed license agreement with Kaiser Brothers, an automobile repair company and a longtime occupant of district-owned property at 210 Penn St., from now till January 2027.

Fittingly, the meeting was adjourned by Board President Frank Glynn in memory of Jeffrey E. Fortini.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of El Segundo
Notice of Public Hearing

The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

Zone Text Amendment on Residential Development Dedications, Standards, Fees, and Public Notification for Certain Ordinances

Address: Citywide

Project Description: El Segundo Municipal Code (ESMC) amendments to comply with State Law regarding residential development dedications and fees, accessory dwelling unit standards and fees, and public notification requirements for certain ordinances (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1378 and Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 24-03).

Applicant: City of El Segundo

Hearing: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Environmental Determination: The proposed zone text amendment is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Section 15061), because it consists only of minor revisions to existing zoning regulations and related procedures and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Planning Commission Action:
On January 9, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and adopted a resolution recommending that City Council approve the above amendments to the City's Zoning Code.

Further Information: The public can participate in person at the location above and may provide comments via email to allcitycouncil@elsegundo.org by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 4, 2025. In the subject line please state, "Public Hearing for EA-1378." Comments may also be submitted by mail to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (Attn: Paul Samaras).

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HARSHFIELD TERRACE, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 2894882

Registered Owner(s): LANCASTER RHF HOUSING, INC., 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/2011.

Signed: LANCASTER RHF HOUSING, INC., SECRETARY, LAURA FOX BUCHAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 17, 2024.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAYFLOWER GARDENS, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 1136118

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This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/1983.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024255306

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE PASEO AT CALIFORNIAN, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 3487288

Registered Owner(s): RHF HOLDINGS GROUP, INC., 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815.

This business is being conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: RHF HOLDINGS GROUP, INC., GENERAL PARTNER, LAURA FOX BUCHAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 17, 2024.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025003161

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HUM SERVICES, 2217 W 229TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): SAIMA S KAMRAN, 2217 W 229TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA, 90501.

This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: SAIMA S KAMRAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 7, 2025.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024254290

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PALOMA TERRACE, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 200810800016

Registered Owner(s): PALOMA RHF HOUSING, LLC., 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: PALOMA RHF HOUSING, LLC, SECRETARY, LAURA FOX BUCHAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 17, 2024.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024257100

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WILSHIRE HOUSE, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90815, LA COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): SANTA MONICA RHF HOUSING INC, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. CORP: CA.

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2010.

Signed: SANTA MONICA RHF HOUSING INC., SECRETARY, LAURA FOX BUCHAN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 19, 2024.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 19, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 19, 2029. 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).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025004775

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SENIOR DOC IPA, 2592 N SANTIAGO BLVD, ORANGE, CA, 92867, ORANGE COUNTY. AI #ON 4013971

Registered Owner(s): GEISS MED IPA, INC., 5 HUTTON CENTRE DRIVE SUITE 950, SANTA ANA, CA, 92707. CORP: CALIFORNIA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: GEISS MED IPA, INC., SECRETARY, ANGELICA SOTO This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 8, 2025.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 8, 2030. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 8, 2030. 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).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024254037

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MODERN COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS, 800 MEYER LANE APT 18, REDONDO BEACH, CA, 90278, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): JENNIFER CHEN, 800 MEYER LANE APT 18, REDONDO BEACH, CA, 90278.

This business is being conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2024.

Signed: JENNIFER CHEN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 16, 2024.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025005200

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) 90210 SURGERY MEDICAL CENTER LLC, 2) LINDEN SURGICAL CENTER, 3) CEDARS-SINAI SURGERY CENTER AT BEVERLY HILLS, 450 N ROXBURY DRIVE SUITE 600, BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90210, LA COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): 90210 SURGERY MEDICAL CENTER LLC, 450 N ROXBURY DR. STE 600, BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90210. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/2006.

Signed: 90210 SURGERY MEDICAL CENTER LLC, MEMBER, DAVID JOSEPHSON. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 10, 2025.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 10, 2030. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 10, 2030. 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).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025005266

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GETTOGETHER ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE, 16636 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA, 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): as LOV GETTOGETHER INC., 16636 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA, 90504. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2019.

Signed: LOV GETTOGETHER INC, PRESIDENT, ANNA YEPISHIN. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 10, 2025.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 10, 2030. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 10, 2030. 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).

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025007601

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC PLAYA REALTY, 883 N DOUGLAS ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI 30N3314464

Registered Owner(s): as WESTCHESTER PLAYA REALTY ALLIANCE, INC., 883 N DOUGLAS ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2013.

Signed: WESTCHESTER PLAYA REALTY ALLIANCE, INC., PRESIDENT, MUNIF ALI This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 14, 2025.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024253887

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMPHENOL CDI, 358 HALL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD, CT, 06492, NEW HAVEN COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): AMPHENOL CABLE AND INTERCONNECT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 358 HALL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD, CT, 06492. CORP: DELAWARE

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024251939

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SMILEY SIPS COFFEE, 1309 SEPULVEDA BLVD 316, TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): NADIA JASSIM, 1309 SEPULVEDA BLVD 316, TORRANCE, CA, 90501

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024245185

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EDWARD JONES GENERATIONS, 330 N. BRAND BLVD. SUITE 700, GLENDALE, CA, 91203, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON C2032562

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024248906

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOT YOUR 6 PERSONAL PROTECTION, 14721 CONDON AVE, LAWNSDALE, CA, 90260, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ERIC HINCKLEY, 14721 CONDON AVE, LAWNSDALE, CA, 90260.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024255934

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IMPERIAL DECK & CONSTRUCTION, 321 N PASS AVE. SUITE 78, BURBANK, CA, 91505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): O.P. DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC, 321 N PASS AVE. SUITE 78, BURBANK, CA, 91505. CORP: CA

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024256459

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CEDARS-SINAI SURGERY CENTER AT PASADENA, 800 SOUTH RAYMOND AVENUE, PASADENA, CA, 91105, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 200803310080

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024256675

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) PRECISION AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER LLC 2) CEDARS-SINAI SURGERY CENTER AT BEVERLY HILLS, 450 N. ROXBURY DRIVE SUITE 602, BEVERLY HILLS, CA, 90210, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 201234110150

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024260136

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CLEARVIEW OUTPATIENT, 911 COEUR DALENE AVENUE, VENICE, CA 90291, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CLEARVIEW CENTERS, LLC, 105 WESTPARK DR., STE 410, BRENTWOOD, TN, 37027. CORP: CALIFORNIA

2024253890 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #2012023118 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CLEARVIEW OUTPATIENT, 1334 WESTWOOD BLVD STE 3A, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90024. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles ON JANUARY 28, 2021.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024260145

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) ELECTRA, 2) ELECTRA FINE JEWELRY, 550 SOUTH HILL STREET, SUITE 1564, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90013, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): THE DIAMOND PLUG INC, 550 SOUTH HILL STREET, SUITE 1564, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90013. CORP: CALIFORNIA

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024257603

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GEISS MED PALLIATIVE CARE, 5 HUTTON CENTRE DR STE 950, SANTA ANA, CA, 92707, ORANGE COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): J.M. GEISS, D.O., APC, 5 HUTTON CENTRE DR STE 950, SANTA ANA, CA, 92707. CORP: CALIFORNIA

2024260135 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #202440618 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CLEARCHOICE DENTAL IMPLANT CENTER, CLEARCHOICE TORRENCE, 21525 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD PAVILION A, TORRANCE, CA, 90503. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024253891

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACER BATTERY COMPANY, 9440 ANN STREET, SANTE FE SPRINGS, CA, 90670, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 201317010220

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024257600

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SENIOR DOC PALLIATIVE CARE, 5 HUTTON CENTRE DR STE 950, SANTA ANA, CA, 92707, ORANGE COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): J.M. GEISS, D.O., APC, 5 HUTTON CENTRE DR STE 950, SANTA ANA, CA, 92707. CORP: CALIFORNIA

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024256465

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CEDARS-SINAI SURGERY CENTER AT PASADENA, 2615 EAST WASHINGTON BLVD, PASADENA, CA, 91107, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 201127610191

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024263129

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FZ OGAWA FLOORING, 21151 S. WESTERN AVE SUITE 110 TORRANCE, CA, 90501, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) MARIO FERNANDEZ, 1338 HUNT TERRACE, HARBOR CITY, CA, 90710; 2) YURIKA L OGAWA, 1338 HUNT TERR, HARBOR CITY, CA, 90710-2470

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025001311

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BODEWELL HOME SOLUTIONS, 4000 BUECHEL BANK ROAD APPLIANCE PARK, AP2-225, LOUISVILLE, KY 40225, JEFFERSON COUNTY. AI #ON3906253

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025001314

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) THE CHINUCH FUND, 2) NEFJE, 3) THE SOCIETY FOR JEWISH CONTINUITY, 12041 BURBANK BLVD, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA, 91607, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 5877119

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025001317

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) COSTA COLINA II, 2) MONTAGE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS, 17801 TWILIGHT LANE, ENCINO, CA, 91316, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): EXECUTIVE RECOVERY GROUP INC., 516 NORTH LARCHMONT BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90004. CORP: CALIFORNIA

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2025000959

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as IMG COMMUNITIES, 2006 N. SEPULVEDA BVD #526, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 3743212

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024262084

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) SPEED QUEEN FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2) HUEBSCH FINANCIAL SERVICES, 12020 GARFIELD AVENUE, SOUTH GATE, CA, 90280, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ALLIANCE LAUNDRY SYSTEMS LLC, 221 SHEPARD STREET, RIPON, WI, 54971. CORP: DELAWARE

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024255312

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMISTAD PLAZA, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 1742757

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024257962

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARONDELET COURT APARTMENTS, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 3487288

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024254639

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COLONIA JESS LOPEZ, 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815, LA COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): OLYMPIC RHF HOUSING, INC., 911 N. STUDEBAKER ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA, 90815. CORP: CA

Sports

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the atmosphere, so the high school sports scene canceled games. With no games for virtually a week, it created an opportunity for the Eagles to reset their mindset on the run for a league title. The layoff came at a time in the schedule when teams were starting their respective league schedules. The interruption also stopped any momentum teams had after the Holiday break. The teams were not allowed to play or practice due to the poor air quality from the smoke-filled air from the fires.

The Eagle's boys' basketball team was coming off their 68-41 win over West Torrance. It was their first win in the Pioneer League, when they were forced to cancel or reschedule a couple of non-league games. Head coach Scott Martin kept his team together with film sessions for their forthcoming games against North Torrance and South Torrance.

They had a team dinner to keep their team together to continue their unity. They also had the opportunity to send some assistant coaches to scout their upcoming opponent's games that weren't canceled.

The Eagles were scheduled to continue their Pioneer League schedule this past Tuesday and travel to South Torrance on Friday night.

The girls' basketball team defeated Da Vinci before their non-league game against CAMS was canceled. The Eagles improved to 16-4 and were hitting their stride before the cancellation. They weren't allowed to practice, so the team held film sessions to prepare for their Pioneer League games. They were to host Palos Verdes on Tuesday and travel to South Torrance on Friday to play the Spartans at 5:30 p.m.

The soccer teams were certainly affected

by the wildfires due to the smoke in the air. The Eagles (10-1-1) are off to their best start since the 2018-19 season. Before the cancellation, they were to face Mira Costa in a showdown between two of the top teams in the Bay League. The Eagles trained lightly as a team and did some maintenance on the field, including installing new nets on the goals.

The Eagles were scheduled to play on Tuesday and host the Palos Verdes Sea Kings on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in a key Bay League match up.

The girls' soccer team's Pioneer League game against Peninsula was scrapped and will need to be rescheduled. So, during the layoff, the Lady Eagles worked out in small groups led by the senior leadership of Sam Stahl, Shelby Jackson, Nyla Cho, Bella Recalde, and Ava Adlam.

The Eagles faced South Torrance on

Tuesday and travel to North Torrance on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

The girl's water polo team faced the Palos Verdes Sea Kings before their schedule was altered. The undefeated and nationally ranked Sea Kings struggled against the Eagles before handing the Eagles their first Bay League loss. The Eagles were scheduled to face Mira Costa in another Bay League game but it was cancelled. They were also to play in the competitive Thousand Oaks Tournament but the two-day tournament was cancelled too. The Eagles faced off against the Peninsula Panthers on Tuesday and travel to Redondo today to take on the Sea Hawks at 3:30 p.m. in Bay league matches.

It should be noted that, based on schedule availability, only the league contests that were canceled would most likely be rescheduled. •



Kendall Donahue had 11 saves against Palos Verdes.



Ava Albertson scored the Eagle's first goal against Palos Verdes.

Film Review

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The Last Showgirl plays like a spiritual sister to *The Substance* while also existing in the same universe as *The Iron Claw* and *The Wrestler*. It serves as a fascinating character study of not just Shelly's, but also Annette's, threatened livelihood due to the "out with the old, in with the new" mentality. Filmmaker

Gia Coppola offers a poignant opportunity to reflect on what constitutes a "successful" life. Is it wealth, status, or just doing what you love? Ending with the original song "Beautiful That Way" by Miley Cyrus, *The Last Showgirl* is an indie gem worthy of a standing ovation. •

Police Reports

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entered the business and stole merchandise.

A grand theft report was taken at 1247 hours from the 700 block of Lairport Street. Cellular equipment was taken.

A theft by false pretenses report was taken at 1431 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. The victim was scammed into transferring money to the suspect(s).

A found property report was taken at 2214 hours from Atwood Way and North Douglas Street. A Motorola cellphone was found.

Friday, Jan 10th

A grand theft report was taken at 1146 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's E-bike from a parking garage.

A vandalism report was taken at 1327 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) keyed the victim's vehicle.

An identity theft report was taken at 1751 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's identity to fraudulently apply for a job as a driver.

One female adult was arrested at 1850 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for animal cruelty, felony vandalism, and resisting arrest.

One female adult was arrested at 2247 hours from the 1100 block of East Acacia Avenue for robbery and battery.

Saturday, Jan 11th

A petty theft report was taken at 1143 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle.

A dead body report was taken at 1239 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. A male adult passed away.

A lost property report was taken at 1848 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A passport was lost.

One male adult was arrested at 0006 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for one Coffey County Sheriff's Office felony warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 0006 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for one Coffey County Sheriff's Office felony warrant.

Sunday, Jan 12th

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 0754 hours from Apollo Street and Rosecrans Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was detained at 0846 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard and was issued a citation in the field for a restraining order violation.

A theft by false pretense report was taken at 0930 hours from the 100 block of Loma Vista Street. Unknown suspect(s) used a false identity and convinced the elderly victim to send money.

A grand theft report was taken at 1003 hours from the 100 block of Nevada Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycles.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1117 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle through the rear passenger window and took miscellaneous items. •



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As a volunteer, your small acts of kindness can help transform the world for so many cats and kittens. Kitten Rescue operates solely on the time, energy, and dedication of our generous volunteers. In fact, Kitten Rescue could not survive without the help of our volunteers! We have many volunteer opportunities and ways you can get involved. Training can be provided. Look at the volunteer opportunities on our website; not all opportunities involve kitty care. If you have experience in any of these areas or would like to gain experience, we would love to have you as part of our Kitten Rescue team!

Leo is an elegant, handsome grey cat who is very loving and affectionate. He can fall asleep just about anywhere and loves to fall asleep in your arms. Leo also loves

to play and catch flying toys. This sweet, well-behaved boy likes to find his own little nook sometimes yet is usually quite social with anyone who shows him love. If you have not shown him enough love one day, Leo will curl up on your neck and make muffins on your face. He especially loves to take care of his brother Diego and needs to be adopted with him. Even though they are from the same litter and the same age, Leo acts like Diego's big brother. He loves to groom Diego, spoon him, and nap alongside him.

Diego is a polydactyl kitty which means he has extra toes on each hand, so it looks like he is always wearing mittens! This loving gray and white guy looks a bit like a snow leopard. He is hoping for someone who will give him lots of pets and let him cuddle and nap on their lap. Diego is quite sweet, and if he needs something, he is also quite chatty. He needs to be adopted with his best friend/brother Leo. They love to play and cuddle together, and they keep each other entertained. They promise that it is probably less work to adopt both of them!

Lucinda is the most friendly and adorable kitten of her litter. She loves other kittens and cats and gets along with a small friendly dog. She jumps amazingly high chasing the feather toy on a stick. Lucinda will run to greet you at the door when you get home and loves to sleep on the bed with you. This



Lucinda

very playful and cuddly kitten can be adopted with one of her friends or to a home with another cat for her to play with.

Saturn possesses a unique mix of qualities. While he may be slightly shy at first, he quickly warms up to his surroundings and displays a calm and composed demeanor. His playful and funny nature emerges during play sessions, bringing laughter and amusement to everyone's day. Saturn especially loves to play with his siblings, and he gets along well with other cats and kittens. Most of the time he spends his day cuddling with his foster brother Artemis. Moreover, his strong food motivation makes him a willing participant during mealtimes, creating a deeper connection with his human companions.

If you really want to make a difference in a cat's life, consider adopting one like **Libby**. Libby is a gentle soul who has faced challenges yet is more than ready to finally get her happy ending. A senior cat, Libby requires steroids a few times a week for her mouth which is a small price for the love she will give in return. Understandably given her past, where she was dumped and abandoned in a dirty carrier at a pet store, Libby can be a bit shy. Libby appreciates the company of other cats and is looking for a patient and understanding family who will go slow and give her the time she needs to feel safe and loved. True rescues like Libby deserve a chance to find a forever home where they

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Saturn



Libby