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# Local Resident Takes It to Heart to Give Back to the Community



The Keldorf Family. To read more about Michelle Keldorf, see story below. Photo's courtesy of Michelle Keldorf.

# Michelle Keldorf: A Leader Now, and a Leader in the Future

By Duane Plank

Someone who knows El Segundo's Michelle Keldorf well highly touted Keldorf to be a *Herald* profile candidate. Said she was "a rising community STAR with a heart of gold, a do-good, feel-good person, with real-life drive, but most importantly, she puts steps behind her drive and walks the walk," emailed El Segundo School Board member Dieema Wheaton. "I peg her as one of our town's future leaders. She is smart, actively uses her talents and skills to make a meaningful difference."

Ryan Baldino works with Keldorf on the El Segundo Planning Commission, a post that Keldorf has held since 2018. Emailed Baldino: "We are very lucky to have Michelle on our Commission. She is incredibly smart and dedicated. Her work experience in large multifamily and commercial projects provides her insight into the projects that come before the Commission and allows her to ask important questions. I am most impressed with Michelle's compassion. She cares a lot about our town. I am grateful that someone as knowledgeable as Michelle is willing to volunteer her time and put the work in to help keep El Segundo this special place that we call home."

Kelsey Chittick is not on the Planning Commission but has known Keldorf for more than three decades, having met as middle-schoolers. Chittick adds to the Keldorf story. "Michelle has a deep desire to leave the world a better place. She takes her time learning about issues, problems, and people," emailed Chittick, "to see what she can learn and what different ways she can impact growth and progress. She takes her time learning about both sides of the issue. She never jumps to conclusions or makes emotional decisions.

"Michelle has always been very smart," Chittick continued, "but what I have seen in the past ten years is her focus of wanting to give back, to use her knowledge to help our town,

and leave the world better for our children. She loves to talk to city leaders or residents about small and large topics and always has time to learn about what we can do next to make sure our kids have the best experiences possible."

Angela Damante has known Keldorf for a tad bit shorter time than Chittick - like 30-some years less. But Damante, like Chittick, is a Keldorf fan. "Michelle is a zephyr," Damante said. "She provides a steady, guiding force to all of the people she encounters. It is her superpower."

OK, laudatory comments, one and all, but who *is* Michelle Keldorf, who moved to town in 2011? She was born in Virginia and raised in Florida. "I had a pretty fabulous childhood," she said. Her father was a surgeon who landed in the Bronx after immigrating to the United States. In Orlando, Florida, she went to high school and later matriculated to Princeton

University in New Jersey.

She knew that she wanted a liberal arts education at Princeton and earned an opportunity to become part of the varsity swim team. Her family counseled her to embark on a medical career pathway, but Keldorf said, "I didn't think that my stomach could handle it." She has always had an affinity for mathematics, so she went down the economics pathway, also evincing an interest in political science.

Her impressive schooling background includes having achieved a Bachelor of Arts in economics degree and a certificate in political economy from Princeton. She followed that up by dropping into the state of North Carolina and scoring joint master's degrees from the University of North Carolinas Kenan-Flagler Business School in multiple disciplines. Keldorf

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# **Couple Ties Their Love Story to El Segundo**

**By Kiersten Vannest** 

"Is Keith Puckett coming to my house?" Genesis Jackson moved to El Segundo two years ago. A single parent of two boys, ages 7 and 13, she began looking for ways to get connected with her new community: Volunteering her time, attending events, meeting new people, and, fatefully, joining some local Facebook groups.

In 2015, a resident named Michael Earley created a page called the El Segundo Single Parents Network, a Facebook group for local single parents to connect and help each other out with things like ride shares, babysitting, parental advice, and more. Jackson joined the group, and the world plunged into a

time of lockdowns, distancing, masks, and an urgency for social justice.

As people turned more to social media for human connection, Jackson came across another profile in the group that piqued her interest. Another single parent, Keith Puckett, seemed to be very active in the community while caring for his son. As all interested parties do these days, she casually perused his page and determined that he was someone she would be interested in learning more about. Little did she know, Puckett had done the same with her.

In 2020, Jackson and Puckett attended a Black Lives Matter event here in El Segundo

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## **Obituaries**

#### **Irving Theodore Erlandson** 10/9/29-1/5/2022

Irving "Whitey" Erlandson left this world peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones on January 5, 2022. He was born in Los Angeles, CA to Axel Ted Erlandson and Anna Sorrensen on October 9, 1929 where he grew up and attended local schools. At age 9, when WW2 broke out, he was stranded with his family in Sweden while visiting relatives. He had to attend school there and learned to speak Swedish.

He had a passion for outdoors at a young age and spent a lot of time in the mountains with his parents and friends, fishing or riding motorcycles. They started out camping and eventually he helped build their family cabin at Lake Arrowhead as a teenager. Later he built his own family cabin in Kernville, where so many family memories were

made. Everyone was always welcome to come and we often had aunts, uncles, cousins and friends sleeping across the floor and spilling out the door. There was always laughter, love and lots of adventures. He passed on his love for fishing, hunting and exploring the world to all of his family.

Working in construction with his father at a young age, Whitey received his apprentice carpenter certificate at age 14. He built the apartment buildings in El Segundo where his family would live for over 60 years. He was very involved in the local El Segundo Community, volunteering to serve in many different capacities and running for the City Council.

Whitey married Mary Alfano on September 1, 1950 and they celebrated their 71st anniversary



together in 2021. They eloped to Las Vegas with another couple and Whitey left the next week after being called up for a "Truman year" serving in the US Navy on the USS Worcester during the Korean War. He had many adventures and traveled all over the world. He was proud of his time serving and was a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the NRA.



Starting to work in construction for LA City, he worked up to supervision. He then worked many years as a Building and Grounds Administrator for the Los Angeles School and College Districts and eventually returned to LA City to finish his career.

Mary and Whitey are parents of two daughters, Linda Shaul (Bryan) and Ann Guy (Richard). They have six grandchildren,

Joshua Majors, Jessica Shriner, Jacob Majors, Jolie Anselmo, Jacob Guy and Lucas Guy, along with 14 great-grandchildren. His priority in life was always his family. He loved fiercely and taught us many life lessons. He shared his wisdom and helping hands with friends and family members becoming a mentor to many, especially nieces and nephews in the Alfano clan.

A Celebration of Whitey's Life will take place in the spring.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

There's a place in me where your fingerprint rests, your voice still lingers, and your laughter softly echoes. It's a place where a part of you will forever be, a part of me. •

#### **Dorothy Doukakis**

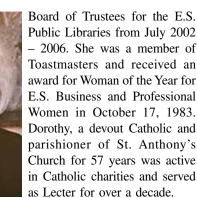
Dorothy Doukakis left us this past Thanksgiving and joined her husband John in Heaven. She passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family. The same home her and Jack resided in since 1964.

Life with Jack, her future husband, started shortly after the War. Her husband recalled, "A young girl walked by and glanced my way. The young girl was blonde,

well-built, and beautiful." Her name was Dorothy Alberts; she was 15 years old from the Polish Hills District of Pittsburgh. Four years later, they were married. This was the beginning of a long and loving family that would span generations.

A strong-willed woman who insisted her husband buys their first house in a suburb of Pittsburgh in 1950. Fourteen years later she pushed her husband to take a chance on a new future in California. This resulted in him becoming Chief of Police in Hermosa Beach.

Dorothy worked as a Van de Kamp's Lady stocking shelves in the traditional Dutch outfit. Later, she worked for Hughes security as a secretary. During this time, she piled up her own list of accomplishments. She was on Recreation Parks Board of Trustees, Library



Dorothy and Jack loved to travel. They cruised the Mississippi and toured the South. They saw the Great Wall, the Berlin Wall, Asia, and the Pyramids of Egypt along with

She was an avid walker and could be seen in her broad rim hat and shorts walking through the neighborhood. Her active life was cut short by a stroke 8 years ago. Her health declined over the past years and gave out a year after her beloved husband's passing. She leaves behind four sons; Bob, Rick, Chris, and Scott, nine Grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Rest in peace Mom, you will be missed.

Service will be held at St. Anthony's Church in El Segundo on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 12pm. A memorial will follow at the Moose Lodge, 514 W. Imperial Avenue, El Segundo. •



# Pasta, Amore e Fantasia

#### **Article and photos** by Ben & Glinda Shipley

In 1969, a good friend named Robbie dropped out of New York University and vanished from the social scene. Nothing unusual about that in those rootless, peripatetic days-except for the shocker two years later, when we ran into him sitting in a café in the Communist quarter of Florence, Italy, reading a book and sipping on a glass of Grappa. Such are the vagaries of travel in the modern age—or so it felt—that we all seem to end up where we're supposed to be.

As it happened, Robbie had just started the first Montessori school in Italy north of Rome. His Open House for parents and friends was scheduled for that evening. Did we want to come? Well, obviously. So we went and, as usual at such parties, ended up in the kitchen, where the real action always is. That night, the action was a petite, attractive Florentine souschef, graduated that year from Le Cordon Bleu Paris, who offered to teach us how to make an authentic Tuscan spaghetti sauce.

Decades later, we befriended a purchasing agent at one of the major Hollywood studios. Sam had frittered away his youth on the rougher edges of society, losing himself to drugs and violence with the Hells Angels. Yet no matter how ugly his circumstances, on the first Thursday of each month, Sam showed up for

a Neapolitan feast his father, a first-generation Italian, cooked for the first eighteen relatives to reserve a seat. When Papa passed on, a more mature and settled Sam found a job and took over the family and this responsibility.

The heart of Sam's feast was a classic Neapolitan spaghetti sauce based strictly on tomatoes grown in the ashes of Mount Vesuvius, the brooding volcano across the harbor from downtown Naples. When we told Sam about our own family connection to that ancient, unstable neighborhood, he broke with the firmest of traditions and handed over the "secret" family recipe.

Some people eat to live, and some people live to eat. Some people can't stop wandering, and some people never leave home. But it's impossible to separate food from travel. Think of that every time you twirl a fork-load of spaghetti—a food we associate with a distant land like Italy, that actually arrived there from a much farther China, in 1493, in the luggage of Marco Polo. Even if you never leave your kitchen, the foods you cook and eat have traveled since the dawn of civilization.

#### The Tuscan Sauce:

If you order pasta Bolognese anywhere from Siena north to Bologna, this is more or less what you'll be eating. Keep that in mind if your twelve-year-old has grown up on American

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A cherub, a washerwoman's fountain, and a trattoria in a lost corner of Marco Polo's Genoa



## **High School Sports** Resumes in 2022....Kinda

By Gregg McMullin

Before we turned the page on 2021 and the Eagles returned to their respective sports, the uptick in Covid and the new Omicron virus changed things again to start 2022. High school games were canceled or rescheduled, and alternative plans were considered for winter sports to complete their respective seasons. The Eagles play in the Pioneer League with the four Torrance schools and Lawndale. Each of the athletic directors came up with a solution to play a five-game schedule instead of the typical ten-game schedule. It meant playing each team once instead of twice. that same time period. So with the revamped Pioneer League, El Segundo traveled to North Torrance for their league opener against the Saxons. In front of a masked-up crowd, the Pioneer League's defending champions played a solid game on both ends and came away with a 49-35.

Head coach David March was relieved to win after such a long layoff. "Seriously, I had some doubts about us playing after not playing for so long." Coach March had set the season up by playing in a tough tournament after Christmas. "We played some really good teams that pushed us to be better. Tonight,



Holden Coulter controls the opening tip for the Eagles in their Pioneer League opener; the Eagles defeated North 49-35.

The high school sports world all but shut down the first two weeks of the New Year.

The CIF Southern Section office has monitored the cancellations and revised scheduling and offered an additional alternative. Previously, high school sports were restricted from playing contests or practicing on Sundays. They are in meetings that allow games to be played on Sundays, but no practicing would still be the rule. According to Athletic Director Steve Shevlin, this would only be put into action in an emergency of canceled games or a scheduling conflict.

So, what has happened in the past several weeks for the high school sports world to make alterations? The rising positive tests of students have concerned to the point that there were nearly 700 students absent in one day. "It was like a ghost town around here," said Shevlin.

It's no surprise that other school districts are facing similar situations. In fact, there was one report that the Culver City school district was shutting down in-person classroom learning for a week to get a hold of the pandemic. According to Shevlin, El Segundo tests each week, and every student gets validated to attend school in person. With the increase in positive tests, maybe it is time to reconsider getting vaccinated if you haven't done so already.

#### **Eagles Win Opener**

It's been 21 days since the Eagles last played a basketball game. It also means that the team hasn't practiced much, if at all, in

we shook off the rust as if we'd been playing without missing a beat."

In the first quarter, El Segundo showed off their mettle with their play on both ends. Jesse Gutierrez started the offense going with a jumper followed by Preston Engle's long-range jumper to make it 4-0. North's Josh Eguchi and Kai Bradley gave the Saxon's their only lead of the game when they connected on back-to-back baskets for a short-lived 6-4 lead. Gutierrez connected from beyond the arch to give the Eagles a 7-6 lead. Good passing from Holden Coulter to Nolan Kelly for an easy layup and two free throws by Farren Affel closed out the first quarter.

It was the tenacious defense the Eagles displayed that was impressive. The Eagles controlled the rebounding, and when the Saxons had second-chance shots, the tight web the Eagles put up caused shots to come up short. It was a preview of what would be the theme of the night.

In the second quarter, the Eagles took their game to another level by controlling the tempo. With Holden Coulter, Jack Pintens, and Nolan Kelly controlling the defensive rebounds and starting fast breaks, it made scoring by Preston Engle, and Farren Affel look easy. On offense, the Eagles made unselfish moves by getting the ball to open teammates. Kelly's passed on an open twopoint attempt and fed Coulter, who drained a three-pointer. Affel connected on a 17-foot

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# **Preferred Parking Discussed at Council**

By Liz Spear

Holiday awards, the city's new police chief, updates on COVID-19 and the Hyperion Plant, a standing wave facility, reports from the city's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee as well as the new non-profit economic development corporation, creating permit parking in a specific area, and the organization and direction of city committees and commissions were most of the topics tackled by the El Segundo City Council at its regularly scheduled Tuesday night meeting.

In a COVID-19 update, Marc Cohen, M.D. and a member of the city's Incident Management Team that has been dealing with the virus' deadly outbreak since early 2020 (his other credentials include EMS/Fire Department Medical Director for the cities of Torrance, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo; regular emergency department practitioner in a level 1 trauma center; a clinical faculty member with UCLA, and the medical director for the paramedic training program at Mt. San Antonio College), said the city and its residents and visitors are "in the middle of the 5th wave" of the virus. He advised community members to no longer wear gaiters and cloth masks and to instead use surgical masks, N95, and KN95 masks, given the high transmissibility of Omicron. He noted that local hospitals are "overwhelmed" and overcrowded in spite of the fact that Omicron appears to be less deadly than previous variants of COVID-19. And while fewer deaths and fewer complications are seen in Omicron patients, being vaccinated and having a booster shot on top of the first vaccinations ( two doses for Pfizer and Moderna; one for Johnson & Johnson) does translate into preventing those individuals from needing to be hospitalized or have complications from infection by Omicron. He said that

hospital intensive care units are admitting and treating people with Omicron who did not receive any vaccinations or received just two doses (or one is J&J) without a booster dose. He recommended "very, very strongly" that community members wear surgical and N95 and KN95 makes to protect themselves, make sure they fit properly and get a booster shot 6-8 months post your first vaccination(s). He said that the PCR test to determine COVID-19 infection is the best and that antigen screen tests are "crude" and not very reliable. He credited the city's Incident Management Team with "saving lives" during the pandemic.

During a public hearing during its meeting, City Council also discussed an application from residents of Holly Avenue and California and Kansas streets for a "preferential parking zone" to deal with employee parking from nearby businesses, LAX travelers who leave their vehicles for several days while they are out of town, Uber and Lyft drivers who wait in the area for their next ride assignment, and residents of nearby condominiums and apartments who use the parking in front of the petitioning residents' homes. The petition was submitted in February 2021, and in August, staff held an online community meeting with 20 residents attending, according to the city staff report in the agenda packet. While the petitioning residents asked for daytime and nighttime preferential parking zone, the city's Public Works Director Elias Sassoon told the council that in keeping with the city's only other such parking zone, city staff recommended only prohibiting parking without a permit between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m. The proposed preferential parking zone is about two blocks toward the ocean from Pacific Coast Highway and between Grand See City Council, page 4



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## **Your Neighborhood Therapist**

Dear Neighborhood Therapist,

My adolescent child will not look up from his phone. He seems to either texting, on twitter or playing a game 59 minutes out of every waking hour. I try to speak to him and he dismisses me or walks away, or asks me to wait a few minutes until he finds a break in the game or finishes his text. He only takes breaks when I force him to, and that seems to get harder as he gets older. He is doing fine in school and he has nice friends, but I worry that he's going to spend his whole life buried in a screen. Is this a problem?

- Too Much Screen Time, El Segundo

#### Dear Screen Time,

We're going to adapt. Our necks will start to naturally bend down to see our phones better. Our eyes will adjust to having light shined directly into them. Our bodies will require less exercise and running around, and our brains will learn to search for information from the nearest electronic device, instead of needing to store it somewhere among the neurons. It will be great to have everything we want at our fingertips all the time.

Or.

Screens will ruin our lives. We'll end up unable to sleep, unable to think, unable to find our next door without the help of our electronic buddies. Kids will never learn to talk to each other, or relate to anyone else. We will have a generation, or generations, of virtual zombies. They will grow up terrified of the outside world, will never learn to wait for anything, and won't be able to have an actual conversation if their phone is dead.

Those are extremes, of course. The reality is almost certainly somewhere in between. We have wholeheartedly adopted new technologies and ways of being that are going to have effects on us. We just don't know what they are yet. But we can decide what we value and what we intend. And we can act on those values and intentions.

My hope Is that 2022 is the year that we officially decide to reclaim our lives from screens, and more specifically social media and our "addiction" to our phones. Does this

mean getting rid of them completely? Of course not. (They have flashlights, for goodness' sake. Who would want to get rid of a flashlight?)

But can we be more intentional about how we use our devices? Can we decide what role we want them to play in our lives, instead allowing algorithms designed to hold our mindless attention to do their work on us? Of course, we can. But we have to make those decisions. So, is it a problem? Yes, but no more and no less than what you as a parent define (to the best of your abilities) what he is losing by spending so much time on his phone.

Important: it's not just kids. Sure, young minds may be more easily influenced, but grown-up minds are susceptible, too.

I'm certainly no exception. There was a point in my life when I could stand in line at the grocery store and look at the surroundings without feeling compelled to check my phone. Perhaps I'd strike up a conversation. It's much easier to do when everyone else isn't also checking their phone. There was also a time where I was comfortable waiting to find out the answer to a question instead of googling it right away. Maybe I would have gone to a book and looked it up, and in the process stumbled across something else that was fascinating.

Sure, we gain a lot from our connectivity. But we need to ask what we've lost, and if it's worth it.

This conversation is the tip of a much bigger iceberg, of course. Some will argue that it's inevitable. Some will argue that this is "the way we do things now." Maybe, but human societies and behavior can change. I'm old enough to remember when airplanes had a smoking section.

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## **Police Reports**

#### Monday, January 10th

A vandalism report was taken at 1014 hours from the 800 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Unknown suspect(s) damaged the victim's residence wooden gate and attempted to pry the gate open.

Two female adults were arrested at 1224 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for burglary of fragrances from a retail store. One female was additionally charged on an outstanding OCSD felony warrant.

A robbery (strong arm) report was taken at 1557 hours from Maple Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. An unknown suspect forcefully tugged at the victim for a shopping cart and left the location with property.

One male adult was arrested and released in the field at 1716 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway with a citation for petty theft.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1738 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway

An online vandalism report was taken at 1953 hours that occurred from the 500 block of West Holly Avenue, unknown suspect(s) damaged the victims vehicle key lock.

A petty theft was taken at 1943 hours

from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a package from the victim's porch.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 1944 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) broke the victim's vehicle window to gain entry and miscellaneous personal property was taken.

An online vehicle burglary report was taken at 2256 hours that occurred in the 2200 block of East Park place. Unknown suspect(s) broke the victim's vehicle window to gain entry and miscellaneous personal property was taken.

#### Tuesday, January 11th

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1022 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) entered the business and took several clothing items.

A petty theft report was taken at 1220 hours from the 300 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a package from the victim's porch.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1309 hours from the 700 block of South Allied Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the vehicle and took the victim's property.

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#### **City Council**

Avenue, just short of East Mariposa Avenue by one block. It would impact the 400 block of Kansas Street, allow for curbside parking at Kansas Park, put permit parking on the south side of Holly Street and the west side of the 300 block of Kansas Street.

During the hearing, Grand Tropez residents asked the council to allow them access to the preferential parking zone (it was stated that Grand Tropez residents have driveways, garages, and guest parking spaces and that garages are sometimes used for storage or offices instead of for parking) while others in the proposed preferential parking zone wanted some sort of overnight regulation or zoning to keep people from congregating on their street and leaving beer cans, trash, and from awakening their children. Council members discussed whether or not granting such a zone would simply move parking to other nearby blocks, therefore simply pushing the problem elsewhere while not solving it and potentially bringing another petition for a preferential parking zone from a new group of residents. It was also stated that the city has no ability to make residents use their garages for parking. The staff report also noted that the El Segundo Police Department does not have the resources to monitor any overnight parking restrictions that might be put in place. ESPD favors the daytime preferential parking zone "because they have limited enforcement resources for preferential parking programs and could readily enforce a program that has limited hours."

Council also discussed taking a "comprehensive citywide approach" to parking issues. However, City Manager Scott Micknick said that would take "at least a year," if not longer. Mayor Drew Boyles suggested making the Preferential Parking Zone 2 a pilot program that would be revisited at a designated time. Public Works Director Sassoon told the council that setting up the program "will take a few months" due to paperwork and securing decals. When a six-month pilot was suggested, he recommended a minimum of nine months, with a year being even better. Council and city staff also said the pilot program would need criteria for determining how successful it is, and City Attorney Mark Hensley recommended that the council provide city staff with 60-90 days to return to council with criteria. City Manager Mitnick also said that city staff could work with any neighborhood experiencing "tremendous spillover" due to the pilot parking program. With council member Scot Nicol removing himself from the conversation due to conflicts, city council approved staff returning in 60-90 days with criteria for the pilot Preferential Parking Program Zone 2.

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In other news, council heard from newly promoted Police Chief Jaime Bermudez, who began his law enforcement career when he was 18 and has been with ESPD for 30 years; El Segundo Chamber of Commerce President Marcia Hanson who announced winning entries from the 57th Annual Holiday Parade held in early December; Kenneth Chancey of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, who reported the findings of a demographic review of the city's workforce (city leadership, non-sworn personnel, and police and fire department sworn personnel) and resident population, its recommendations and conclusion and next steps; Eric Chan, Los Angeles Clippers Chief Financial Officer and President of the 9-month-old El Segundo Economic Development Corporation, comprised of top executives from businesses in the city, including Mattel, Beyond Meat, Boeing, Techstyle, Hackman Capital, L'Oreal, Chevron, Los Angeles Times and Nantworks, Raytheon Space, Aerospace Corporation, and Continental Development Corporation, reported on the non-profit's "priority initiatives," which revolve around attracting and retaining top employees, including creating a "greenway" walking path on Aviation Boulevard and perhaps different types of housing more affordable to young professionals just starting out.

City Manager Mitnick's move to "align" city committees and commissions with the city's organization chart received a 5-0 vote for examining and redetermining bylaws and work plans. Council members Nicol and Carol Pirtzek did not agree with other aspects voted on, including discontinuing the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee, and a lengthy discussion took place about the Environmental Committee becoming the Public Works Committee. During public comment, resident Eric Bahor proposed a "Plunge Alternate Use Project" of a "standing wave type facility" and his desire to build it in El Segundo. Public Works Director Sassoon said \$3.8 million had been paid to 1,952 residents due to the Hyperion Plant emergency of July 2021 as of January 13th for a total of 90% processed claims. The delivery of the two mobile trailers that will be used to monitor the air quality along the fence line bordering the city has been delayed from January to either late February or early March. On January 5 and 6, respectively, South Coast Air Quality Management District received six and eighteen odor complaints. Sassoon said the plant's clarifiers were not working at the time. Residents are encouraged to sign up to attend the January 20th Hyperion Citizen Forum. The city website has more information and signup details for the online meeting. •









### If You Haven't Seen Any of Asghar Farhadi's Films, Start With 'A Hero'

#### By Ryan Rojas, Cinemacy

I'll admit, I hadn't seen a film by Iranian director Asghar Farhadi before watching his newest film, A Hero.

I guess the only positive thing that I can say to that is, without having seen any of his other movies to date, I was able to watch his newest film with eyes anew (hey, we're all here to continuously discover new films, aren't we?).

Although, it is particularly embarrassing that I (a film critic) am just now seeing my first of Farhad's films, an accomplished director who has won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language



Amir Jadidi in Asghar Farhadi's 'A Hero.' Photo credit: Amirhos-

Film twice, for A Separation (2011) and The Salesman (2016). It's a feat shared by only a few directors worldwide.

His newest film, A Hero (which is also Iran's official submission to this year's Academy Awards), has been on a lot of 2021 year-end lists and has received a ton of critical reception to date. Last year, it won the Cannes Film Festival's Grand Prix (the second-most prestigious prize of the festival after the Palme d'Or).

Knowing all of this, and very much wanting to begin my journey into seeing the Oscarwinning director's work, I watched a digital screener of the film at home in advance of the film going up on Prime Video this Friday.

First off, A *Hero* is a film without an obvious directorial style to it. It's not visually flashy and doesn't use grandiose camerawork in its storytelling. I don't even think there was any score, either. So, it's not exactly a film that rings as "cinematic," in those senses.

However, forgoing style makes its substance resonate so deeply. The people in this story, who are brought to life by a fantastic ensemble cast of actors, make the story feel even more human and real. And for a film that is intent on exploring the human condition, removing these layers of cinema to let the performances and story shine is exactly the right choice.

At 2 hours and 7 minutes, A Hero is about Rahim (Amir Jadidi), a man imprisoned for not being able to pay back a loan, and on temporary leave for two short days. With only a part of the money he needs to pay back his debt, he asks his creditor to withdraw his complaint against the payment of part of the sum. When the creditor denies, Rahim enacts a plan to attempt to settle his debt.

Fabricating a story of goodwill that is picked up by the local media, Rahim instantly turns into an overnight hero in his community. However, just as soon as his fame has risen, cracks in his charitable story start to emerge threatening his reputation, and his plans of freedom.

What makes A Hero such a great film—which it is-is that it's not a movie that lets you easily pass judgment or ascribe labels on people or their motives. Rahim may sound like a calculating, contemptuous figure, but what Farhad adds in his excellently written script is to show that Rahim, in fact, has purer motives underneath.

While he may not be telling the full truth in his story, the larger truth is that Rahim embellishes his story as a means to an end, looking to use his new goodwill to land a job to then pay back the creditor the rest of his money. Farhad's nuanced writing and shrewd observation of such a complex and conflicted character, as well as the larger human condition, forces the audience to consider the entire spectrum of ethics, as well as our own.

So, if you're like me, and have been largely unfamiliar with Asghar Farhadi's films to date, start with A Hero. You'll not only find a wealth of rich, thrilling drama that looks at the human condition but even consider the ethics by which you live your own life too.

2 hours 7 minutes. 'A Hero' is rated PG-13 for some thematic elements and language. •

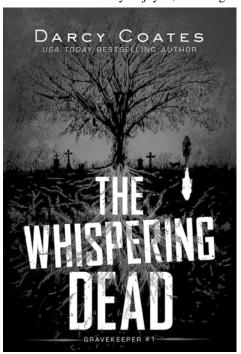


# **Check It Out**

## The Whispering Dead by Darcy Coates

#### By Roz Templin, El Segundo Public Library

There are a LOT of paranormal fiction books out there: paranormal mysteries, thrillers ... even paranormal and extraterrestrial romances! Here's one that I truly enjoyed, that might



#### The Whispering Dead by Darcy Coates.

hook you (and, oh joy, it's the first of a new series!). The Whispering Dead introduces an amnesiac heroine, who discovers she can see and hear ghosts. Conveniently for her, after landing in a little village called Blighty, after being pursued by unknown assailants, she winds up in a cottage beside a graveyard.

Keira can't remember much but her name when she turns up in an injured and muchbedraggled state at the doorstep of Pastor Adage. He takes her in, binds her wounds, feeds her stew and becomes her support as she tries to figure out her past.

While familiarizing herself with the town, she makes new friends: Zoe, the conspiracy theory "specialist" and Mason, the mysterious medical student who casts a romantic glow in Keira's eyes. These three form an unlikely trio of sleuths when Keira's investigation of a local murder takes a dangerous turn of events for all.

Although it seems Keira's memories have been wiped clean, during her stay in Blighty she discovers several things about herself: She has keen self defense skills, a considerable tolerance to pain and by exerting some pressure on a "muscle" behind her eye, she can see and hear the dead. A particular spirit, Emma Carthage, makes an impression on Keira and she decides she will pursue every avenue to put her to rest. In addition to Zoe and Mason, there's a sweet stray cat that befriends her and may turn out to be somewhat supernatural as well.

This story is like a grown-up version of an old Nancy Drew mystery, fun and a pretty quick read. Not all of Keira's questions are answered here (although she does find out that she prefers tea to coffee,) so it's good that this new series ("Gravekeeper") will return with the second installment next year.

Author Darcy Coates has been quite prolific in horror fiction, and we have quite a few of her other novels in stock - maybe I'll try another!

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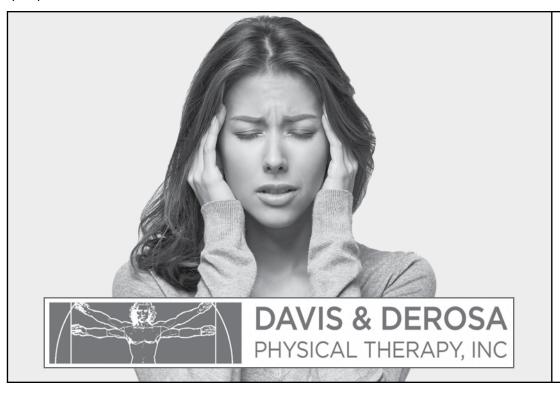




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#### Finance

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#### What Is Umbrella Insurance?

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#### Do You Need an Umbrella **Insurance Policy?**

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Adding umbrella coverage can provide a higher level of protection for your assets and wages - as well as any loved ones in your household.

A good rule of thumb is to have enough liability protection to cover your net worth - everything that you own minus everything you owe. If your net worth exceeds your limits on your auto and home insurance, get an umbrella policy.

#### What Does an Umbrella **Policy Cover?**

Umbrella policies typically offer four general categories of coverage:

- 1) Bodily injury liability refers to the cost of injuries to other people.
- 2) Property damage liability refers to the cost of damage to another person's property caused by you or a member of your household.
- 3) Other personal liability covers other types of claims beyond bodily injury and property damage. If you're sued for slander, libel, pain and suffering, or lost wages, an umbrella policy can help cover damages and legal fees.
- 4) Landlord liability helps protect owners of rental units against liability. For example, an umbrella policy can help cover bodily injury or property damage that occurs on your rental property - or even by a tenant's pet.

#### **How Much Does Umbrella Insurance Cost?**

Believe it or not, umbrella insurance isn't expensive. Typically, you can get \$1 million of coverage for about \$1 a day.

Keep in mind that some insurers will require you to purchase a certain amount of liability coverage on your underlying policies before they'll sell you an umbrella policy. According to the Insurance Information Institute, the typical requirement is about \$250,000 of auto liability coverage and \$300,000 of liability insurance on your property policy.

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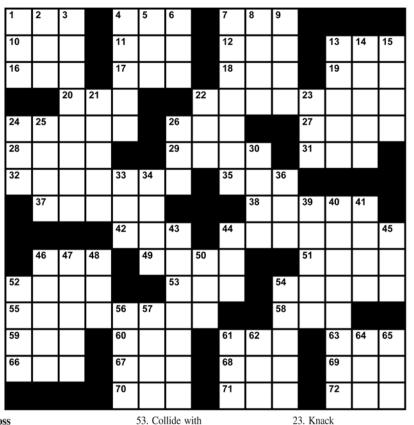
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- Supply with weapons It has nine lives
- Vintage
- 11. Ready Bio stat
- 13. Ewe or sow
- 16. Mother's group 17. Worker on a hill
- Door sign
- 19. Check for gold
- 20. Graduating student's headwear 22. Toward LA from New York
- 24. Disconnected
- 26. Rule out
- 27. Kind of race
- s of Hazzard" 29. Graceful horse
- 31. Twenty Questions answer 32. Imagined
- "Green" energy source
- Editorial piece
- 38. Noontime meal 'For' vote
- 44. No longer the same
- Vessel 49. Break
- 51. Gradually disappear, with

- 52. Finished

- Was out in front 2. 'You' verb3. Tasty breakfast foods

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67. \_\_\_ race 68. "I told you so!"

69. Have a marker out

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60. Inspiration

66. Query

70. Ogle

Down

71. Secures

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- Stocking mishap 6. Came face to face with
- 7. Movie equipment
- 8. Entries in a family album
- 9. Army-camp structure
- Tire extra 14. Brings ill to
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- 21. Delineated sections

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43. Iron man

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Food

57. On the road

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62. Area with swells 64. Second in a movie series

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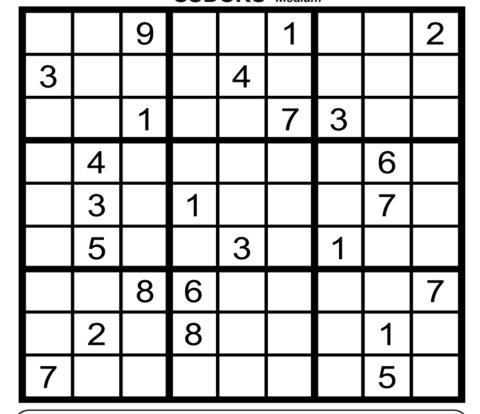
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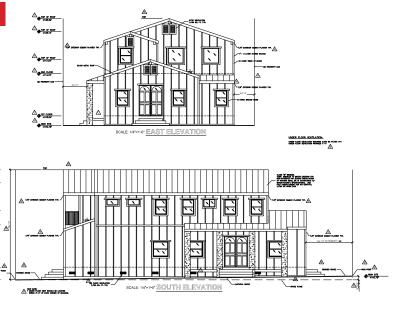
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(BPT) - Home is more than just where the heart is. Whether creating an office, a socially distant gathering space or making room for a loved one to move in, people are using their homes in ways they may never have before. Experts predict homeowners will focus on upgrades and home improvements that fit this evolving lifestyle in 2022 and beyond. In fact, the Leading Indicator for Remodeling Activity from Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies predicts a steady and significant rise in remodeling projects that is projected to reach \$401 billion of annual spending by the third quarter of 2022.

If you're looking to make some moves with home renovation projects in the New Year, here are five trending upgrades for 2022 that will have lasting impact.

#### Refresh the staircase

You probably don't spend much time using staircases compared to the rest of the house, so staircase design isn't likely top of mind. However, if you have dated carpet on your stairs, you have a prime

opportunity to revamp a central component of your home for a small investment. It could be as simple as installing new treads, selecting new paint for the walls and maybe a new stain on the trim. To go the extra mile, local ironworkers are happy to custom fabricate a handrail. If you have kids in the house or older family members moving in, keep safety in mind on stairs to help them navigate your home with ease.

#### Modernize the bathroom

It's amazing how the right paint and new hardware can revitalize a row of sad old cabinets. With no major construction involved, you can transform your bathroom vanity over the course of a weekend. Select new hardware that looks bold and stately (think chrome bars, not little plastic knobs) to match the tones in your countertop, and remove the cabinets and give them a fresh, neutral shade. If you're over the white-on-white bathroom look, try a dramatic dark finish that will make your new hardware and fixtures really pop. Install new flooring

Flooring is quite literally the foundation of design, so it must strike a blend of fashion and function. Research flooring with a good combination of durability and timeless aesthetics, like the Duravana hybrid resilient flooring, a waterproof and eco-friendly product exclusive to LL Flooring. Duravana's range of styles are

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designed to replicate the natural color, grain and texture of real hardwood, with more unique plank patterns than traditional vinyl plank or laminate. Plus, its easyclick installation makes it DIY friendly. Learn more at LLFlooring.com.

#### Organize the mudroom

A little bit of organization in an entryway can make a huge difference in the functionality and flow of the home. Start with simple shoe and boot storage, like a DIY bench or wall rack, so those items don't spill out to hallways and bedrooms. Wall hooks are helpful for when guests arrive. And if you don't have a true mudroom, a bit of wall-mounted storage can make even the slimmest entryway feel intentional and inviting.

> <u>Define outdoor spaces</u> Once the snow melts, adding a dedicated lounge to your back or side yard can feel like adding a whole room's worth of square footage to your house. It could

be as easy as a new patio set and a fire pit with some gravel or simple flagstone landscaping. Gabion baskets, framed with good-looking lumber, can be made into a simple divider or group seating. Pergolas with climbing plants continue to be popular. This outdoor space can become a year-round retreat that everyone will love. \*



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#### **ES Romance** from front page

at City Hall. At the last minute, Jackson decided to speak her truth, baring herself in front of a crowd to honestly discuss the difficulties she faces and the struggles specific to raising an African-American autistic child in a world fraught with tension.

When she left the stage, vulnerable and with tears in her eyes, she felt a hand on her arm. Jackson turned to see none other than Puckett, who said only, "You are such a good mom."

"I was like, 'Who is this person?" Jackson says, "And I was absolutely smitten." After their chance meeting at the event in June 2020, the two had minimal contact for another month or so, save for the Facebook group.

In August, Jackson and another community member, Cheryl Polsky, organized a local book drive. Jackson offered her extra garage space to hold donations, thinking only Polsky would be seeing her home. Polsky started a group chat to get the event organized and said that she (Polsky) and Keith would be involved in running the event. Not knowing the other number was Puckett, Jackson's immediate response was to ask if Keith was going to be at her house. Puckett says on his end that when he read that, he knew there was no way he would be missing this event.

When the answer was yes, Jackson went



Jackson and Puckett celebrate their El Segundo romance.

out and refreshed her pandemic look, getting her nails done and styling herself. Puckett shares that he decided to take his piece of his mother's advice, which is to give a smile if you like someone. So at the end of the event, when he was distanced enough, he lowered his mask to flash her a smile. When she smiled back in kind, Puckett knew there was a connection. With the pandemic in full swing, asking someone on a date proved a difficult task. Before he even made it home from the

event, he got a call from Jackson.

"As we were texting, getting to know each other, you know, he's asking, 'What are your ten favorite songs of all time? And I tell him, and I know my taste in music will not be what he would listen to. There was a lot of Michael Bolton," Jackson laughs. When she got in the car for their first date, she realized all of her favorite music was playing. Puckett had created the playlist the moment she told him, and they still use it on dates sometimes.

The two got to know each other on distanced walks, quarantined dates, and careful conversations for the next few months. With Jackson's youngest having a weakened immune system, the two had to be very conscientious of how they interacted, sometimes going weeks without being close to each other, walking on opposite sides of the street.

After about a year of volunteering together and going on long walks, the vaccine became available to all. With the excitement of being able to be around each other more safely just around the corner, the two were both fully vaccinated - and then Jackson's mother suffered a major health problem. She traveled to Georgia for the rest of the summer to care for her while Puckett watched her dog and checked in on her from El Segundo.

Finally, after fighting so long for this relationship, they got to take a trip together in October of 2021. The two went for a week-long vacation in Hawaii to spend some quality time alone. This is the time that they both point to being the moment they knew this was the person they wanted to spend the rest of their life with.

Puckett planned to propose on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Throughout the talks the two had had about marriage, Jackson was convinced that the timeline for a proposal might be sometime in late spring, so Puckett knew she would be surprised to see a ring during the holidays.

Around that time, with Covid variants springing up, Puckett wanted to take no chances with his proposal. On the 22nd, the pair visited Candy Cane Lane. He asked a passerby to take their picture and then dropped down on one knee.

"He caught me completely by surprise," says Jackson, "It was a wonderful surprise, and all the kids were there."

Now, Puckett is just finishing moving into Jackson's place. All three of their children are thrilled to gain new siblings and enjoy being around their soon-to-be step-parents. As for Jackson and Puckett, they are just beginning to plan an El Segundo wedding in 2023. •



All three of their children were present at the proposal.



Keith Puckett proposed to Genesis Jackson at Candy Cane Lane in December 2021.

#### **Sports**

jumper to give his team an eight-point lead just before halftime.

El Segundo's defense was brilliant in the first half, but they were just getting started. In the third quarter, they held the Saxons scoreless until 1:29, remaining in the quarter when Drew Mitsuuchi sank two free throws. He scored his team's only field goal in the quarter's final minute; by then, El Segundo held a 38-27 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles stretched

their lead to as many as 17 points. Kelly teamed up with Coulter for an easy layup to make it 41-28. Coulter's two free throws in the next possession gave his team a 43-28 advantage. After North's Kai Bradley sank his team's first field goal of the final period with two minutes remaining, Preston Engle's reverse layup extended the Eagle's lead to 47-30. Liam Endo's two free throws towards the end of the game helped seal the victory, and the Eagles came away with their Pioneer League opener win.

Coach March was happy with his team's effort on both ends of the court. He said the team played with as much zest as if they acknowledged the fact that they needed to play this way for the remaining four league contests. "With just a five-game league schedule, every game is like playing two."

Preston Engle led all scorers with 13 points, and Holden Coulter had nine points and seven rebounds, while Farren Affel and Nolan Kelly each scored eight points.

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#### **Remaining Home Schedule**

With all of the schedule changes for each sport, here is a tentative home schedule for the basketball and soccer teams and girls water polo:

Thursday, January 20, girls water polo 3 p.m. Friday, January 21, girls' basketball 6 p.m.; boys' basketball 7:30 p.m.; boys' soccer 3 p.m. Friday, January 28, girls' soccer 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2, girls' basketball 6 p.m.; boys' basketball 7:30 p.m.; boys' soccer 3 p.m.; girls water polo 3 p.m. •



Liam Endo drives towards the basket. He was fouled on the play and converted two free throws.



Preston Engle drives for two of his game-high 13 points as North's Kai Bradley attempts to stop him.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### **Fictitious Business** 2021265785

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as VALTRUS NURSE CONSULTING, 12263 LA MIRADA BLVD #448, LA MIRADA, CA 90638, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CASTLE VAN BRUNT CORP, 14108 WHITEROCK DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. 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: 10/2021 Signed: CASTLE VAN BRUNT CORP REEVA ROCHELLE CASTILLO VAN BRUNT, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 7, 2021.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

expires on December 7, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 7, 2026. 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: Pub. 12/30, 1/6, El Segundo Herald: 1/13, 1/20/22 H-2425

#### Fictitious Business 2021278154

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASSEMBLY, 801 NORTH BRAND BLVD SUITE 1020, GLENDALE, CA 91203, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PMX AGENCY, LLC 801 NORTH BRAND BLVD, GLENDALE CA 91203. DELAWARE. 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: 09/2021. Signed: PMX AGENCY, LLC, MICHAEL LAW, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2021.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 27, 2026, A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 27, 2026. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 FT SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
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#### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2022008103

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WORLD DESK PRO, 431 LOMITA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GARY TRUESDALE, 431 LOMITA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. CA. 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: GARY TRUESDALE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 12, 2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

expires on January 12, 2027. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 12, 2027. 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: Pub. 1/20, 1/27 2/3, 2/10/22 H-2438

#### **Fictitious Business** 2021277671

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TDSM LAW, 222 N PACIFIC COAST HWY, SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JAMES PAUL MANISCALCO, 222 N PACIFIC COAST HWY, SUITE 2000, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2021. Signed: JAMES PAUL MANISCALCO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2021.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 27, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 27, 2026. 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: Pub. 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/22 **H-2426** 

#### Fictitious Business 2021278148

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) MUSICOR MUSIC, 2) UNIVERSAL – GEFFEN AGIN MUSIC, 3) UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP, 4) ZABUTONOMOUS MUSIC, 2100 COLORADO AVENUE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SONGS OF UNIVERSAL, INC., 2100 COLORADO AVENUE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. 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: 11/1999. Signed: SONGS OF UNIVERSAL, INC., SHERYL L. GOLD, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2021

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 27, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 27, 2026 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: Pub. 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/22 **H-2430** 

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2021280595 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KESCO LOGISTICS, 130 INTERSTATE BOULEVARD, SUITE MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831, COUNTY. KESCO Registered LOGISTICS MIDDLESEX Owner(s): HOLDINGS LLC, 130 INTERSTATE BOULEVARD, SUITE 1, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 088231. DELAWARE. 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: 09/2021. Signed: KESCO LOGISTICS HOLDINGS LLC, ROBERT AGRESTI, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 30, 2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 30, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 30, 2026. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code) El Segundo Herald: 2/3, 2/10/22 Pub. 1/20, 1/27,

#### **Fictitious Business** 2021276459

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JAMILEH BOUTIQUE, 107 N CENTRE ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) ERIKA HAMUD, 107 N CENTRE ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731, 2) BRAYAN HAMUD, 107 N CENTRE ST, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731.This business is being conducted by a Married Couple The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: ERIKA HAMUD, WIFE. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 22, 2021.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 22, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 22, 2026. 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: Pub. 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/22 H-2427

#### Fictitious Business 2021277162

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EYEAM, 25900 OAK ST. UNIT #104, LOMITA, CA 90717, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 202134810273. Registered Owner(s): EYEAM LLC, 25900 OAK ST. UNIT #104, LOMITA, CA 90717. 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: 12/2021. Signed: EYEAM LLC. LATOYA EVANS, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles

County on December 23, 2021.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 23, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 23, 2026. 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** 2021280374

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SYLVAN LEARNING OF EL SEGUNDO, 720 SOUTH ALLIED WAY B3.02B PLAZA EL SEGUNDO, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s):
OPEN MINDS LLC, 1137 AVIATION
BLVD, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254. CALIFORNIA. 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: OPEN MINDS LLC, AMBER CASTILLO, MANAGER. This statemen was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 29, 2021. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 29, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 29, 2026. 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: P 1/27, 2/3/22 **H-2429** Pub. 1/13, 1/20,

#### Fictitious Business 2021271412

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TAZA, 984 KOLEETA DR, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JOSE AGUIRRE, 984 KOLEETA DR, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/2021. Signed: JOSE AGUIRRE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 15, 2021.
NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 9, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 9, 2026. 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). Pub. 1/13. 1/20 El Segundo Herald: H-2434

#### Fictitious Business 2021278151

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASSEMBLY, 801 NORTH BRAND BLVD SUITE 1020, GLENDALE, CA 91203, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): THE SEARCH AGENCY, INC., 801 NORTH BRAND BLVD, GLENDALE, CA 91203.
DELAWARE. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/2021. Signed: THE SEARCH AGENCY, INC., MICHAEL LAW, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 27, 2021.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 27, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 27, 2026. 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: Pub. 1/ 1/20, 1/17, 2/3/22 **H-2431** Pub. 1/13,

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2022001208

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STUDIO8, 214 MAIN STREET - STE 336, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): NATHAN CASS, 214 MAIN STREET - STE 336, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, CA. 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: NATHAN CASS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 4, 2022.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 4, 2027. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 4, 2027. 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 2021280592

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SHELL EV CHARGING SOLUTIONS AMERICAS, 767 S. ALAMEDA ST, SUITE 200, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AI #ON: 3572835, Registered Owner(s): ZECO SYSTEMS, INC., 767 S. ALAMEDA ST., SUITE 200, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. DELAWARE. 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: ZECO SYSTEMS, INC., LYNN S. BORGMEIER, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 30, 2021.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 30, 2026. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 30, 2026. 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: 2/3, 2/10/22

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement 2022004933

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THREADING ZONE INC, 16604 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AI CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI MON: C4674063. Registered Owner(s): THREADING ZONE INC, 16604 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90504. 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: THREADING ZONE INC, RAZIA SULTANA SIDDIQUI, CEO, This statemen was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 7, 2022. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement

expires on January 7, 2027. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 7, 2027. 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: Pub. 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/22 **H-2441** 

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ABANDONMENTS: \$125.00 **ABC NOTICES:** 

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\$125.00 DBA

(Fictitious Business Name) \$75.00

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– Vince Lombardi

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEPHEN P. GROSSMAN AKA STEPHEN GROSSMAN AKA STEVE GROSSMAN

**CASE NO. 21STPB12169** To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors contingent creditors, and persons who otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of STEPHEN P. GROSSMAN AKA STEPHEN GROSSMAN AKA STEVE GROSSMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/31/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the

hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

Attorney for Petitioner LINDA ESHOE - SBN 159481 PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

COUNSEL 500 W. TEMPLE STREET SUITE 648

LOS ANGELES CA 90012 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/22

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#### City of El Segundo Notice of Public Hearing



The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

#### Adoption of a resolution to establish regulatory fees for the City's cost recovery of Unified Program single system costs and AB1646-related costs.

TAKE NOTICE that the El Segundo City Council will conduct a public hearing on February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter may be heard, to consider adopting a resolution to establish: (i) a single fee for the City's cost recovery given its costs as a Certified Unified Program Agency pursuant to the Unified Program established by Senate Bill 1082, including without limitation, the ongoing fee component required under Assembly Bill 1646 for ongoing operation and maintenance associated with the refinery-emergency notification system; and (ii) a one-time fee to allow the City's recovery of costs related to the design, building, and installation of such notification system. The City will make data publicly available regarding the estimated cost of the fee per Government Code § 66016.

The City Council meeting and relevant public hearing will be conducted via electronic means pursuant to AB 361 and associated City Council actions. You may provide written public comments prior to the meeting by emailing comments to ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org or during the meeting using the log-in information posted in the agenda that will be available for download at https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/city-clerk/agendas-minutes. If you wish to judicially challenge this item, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at or prior to the public hearing described in this notice.

Date, Time, and Location of the Public Hearing:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:00 pm City Council Chambers 350 Main Street El Segundo, CA 90245

Members of the public may also view the meeting and participate remotely via Zoom using the information set forth

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing at the following URL:

http://zoom.us/j/96459637962 and enter PIN: 730770 or to join by phone, dial 1-669-900-9128 then enter Meeting ID: 964 5963 7962 Passcode/PIN: 730770

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Please regarding Further Information: submit written communication this project ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org by 3:00 PM on February 1, 2022, to be uploaded to the City's website. Emails received after 3:00 PM will be posted the next day

#### Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. 21TRCP00329

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

Petition of: BOKAI ZHANG BY PARENTS RUIFENG ZHANG & YANG WANG for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner BOKAL ZHANG BY PARENTS RUIFENG ZHANG & YANG WANG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows **BOKAI ZHANG** 

#### PIERS VINCENT JUNG

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB 04, 2022, Time: 8:30 AM., Dept.: M

The address of the court is 825 MAPLE AVE

Notice of Hearing:

TORRANCE, CA 90503 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county; EL SEGUNDO HERALD

Date: NOV. 24, 2021 DEIRDRE HILL

Judge of the Superior Court Pub. 1/6, 1/13. El Segundo Herald

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#### NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE

W. MARIPOSA AVE. AND W. PINE AVE. SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

PROJECT NO.: PW 21-07
The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 at which time they will be publicly opened.

Bids will not be accepted after that time. As described in the Bidding Documents the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of demolition and removals; surveying; grading as needed complete tree, root, and stump removal; concrete repairs to sidewalk, curb and gutter, and driveway approaches; installation of retaining wall; installation of walkway steps asphalt removal and replacement; and striping replacement as necessary as shown plans on file with the City's Public

Works Department. Work on the Project must be performed in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 21-07 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on April 20, 2021 which is filed with the Public Works Department. Contractors bidding the project shall provide a minimum of five government agency, preferably municipal, references for building similar projects (in terms of scope, size, type, magnitude and complexity), as the prime

contractor in the past five (5) years. Bidders shall include references, etc. to demonstrate

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245. Plans and Specifications are alternately available electronically via http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/ project\_request\_contact\_form.asp

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM at the Southwest corner of Virginia St./W. Pine Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245. Failure to attend the mandatory meeting will disqualify your bid. All questions regarding the project are due to http://www.elsegundo. org/depts/works/project request contact form.asp by Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions.

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by California Department of Industrial Relations Pursuant California law, the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor including, limitation, Labor Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4 to be nonresponsive.

The contractor to whom the contract is

awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants employment, as set forth in Executive Order

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be

Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor, Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the Contractor, or Sub-Contractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the **Contractor**, without further acknowledgment by the parties.

Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside:
W. MARIPOSA AVE. AND W. PINE AVE.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 21-07 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

#### DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL"

The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract.

No bid will be accepted from a **Contractor** 

who has not been licensed in accordance the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A" or "C-8". The successful Contractor and his Sub-Contractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to

reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El Segundo.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2022

CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

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H-27424



#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TERESA O'BRIEN **CASE NO. 21STPB12082**

contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TERESA O'BRIEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PATRICIA MACDONALD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PATRICIA MACDONALD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/26/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST.,

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file El Segu written objections with the court before 1/20/22

the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250, A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

Other California statutes and legal

Attorney for Petitioner ONYINYE N. ANYAMA - SBN 262152, ANYAMA LAW FIRM, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

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# **PUBLISH NOTICES**

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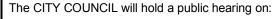
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#### City of El Segundo Notice of Public Hearing





subdivisions and construction of multiple units in the R1 Zone

also proposed to include subdivision standards for General Urban Lot Splits.

Address: Single Family Residential (R1) Zones in El Segundo Project Description: (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1317 and Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 22-01) Amend Chapter 15-4A (Single-Family Residential Zone) of the El Segundo Municipal Code to add a new section that allows subdivisions and allows construction of multiple units in the Single Family Residential Zone, and creates objective standards to implement the requirements of Senate Bill No. 9. An amendment to Title 14 (Subdivision Regulations) is

Zone Text Amendment to implement State Senate Bill No. 9, which allows

The proposed zone text amendment to title 15 was initially reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 13, 2022, at which time the Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council approve the proposed zone text amendment. The City Council is the final decision-making body.

Applicant: City of El Segundo

Date, Time, and Location of the Public Hearing:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:00 pm City Council Chamber 350 Main Street El Segundo, CA 90245

Members of the public may also view the meeting and participate remotely via Zoom using the information set forth

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing at the following URL:

http://zoom.us/i/96459637962 and enter PIN: 730770 or to join by phone, dial 1-669-900-9128

then enter Meeting ID: 964 5963 7962 Passcode/PIN: 730770

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Environmental Determination: The proposed zone text amendment is exempt from further review (CEQA Section 15061), because SB 9 specifically authorizes local agencies to impose objective zoning, subdivision, and design standards consistent with the bill's provisions, and to adopt an ordinance to implement its provisions. SB 9 further provides that such ordinances are not considered a "project" under CEQA.

regarding Information: Please submit written communication this project ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org by 3:00 PM on February 1, 2022, to be uploaded to the City's website. Emails eived after 3:00 PM will be posted the next day

**Police Reports** from page 4

A female adult was arrested at 1453 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for grand theft.

One male adult was detained at 2242 hours from the 500 block of West El Segundo Boulevard and transported to Harbor Exodus Medical Center for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

#### Wednesday, January 12th

One male adult was arrested at 0641 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for driving the influence of alcohol after being involved in a solo vehicle traffic collision

A grand theft (vehicle) report was taken at 0821 hours from the 1300 block of East Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and took several miscellaneous items valued over \$1,000.

One female adult was arrested at 0905 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for a full extradition warrant out of Maricopa County, Arizona.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 1908 hours from the 600 block of Penn Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and took items.

One male adult was arrested at 2045 hours from LAPD 77th Street Division for an outstanding felony warrant out of ESPD.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 0203 hours from the 400 block of Indiana Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into two vehicles.

#### Thursday, January 13th

A burglary (auto) report was taken at 0744 hours from the 400 block of Indiana Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole his property.

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 1046 hours from the 2200 block of East Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus bus

#### Friday, January 14th

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 0923 hours from the 300 block of Sheldon Street. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's property.

A vandalism report was taken at 1358 hours from the 200 block of South Douglas Street, graffiti was sprayed along the railroad tracks.

One male adult was detained at 1427 hours from the 100 block of Virginia Street and transported to MLK Medical Center for a 72-hour psychological evaluation.

A found property report was taken at 1456 hours from the 800 block of Eucalyptus Drive, a key fob was booked for safekeeping.

One male adult was arrested and given a citation in the field at 2232 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

One female adult was arrested and given a citation in the field at 2232 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a switchblade.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0238 hours from the 300 block of West Maple Avenue, vehicle versus parked vehicles.

An online burglary (auto) report was taken at 0452 hours from the 100 block of Loma Vista Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to enter the victim's vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0529 hours from the 300 block of Sheldon Street for drunk in public.

#### Saturday, January 15th

A vandalism report was taken at 0639 hours from the 800 block of Hornet Way. Unknown suspect(s) cut the lock to an exterior gate.

One female adult was arrested at 1445 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway for misdemeanor DUI, misdemeanor driving with a BAC above .08%, driving a vehicle without an interlock device, and for driving under the influence of alcohol while on probation for prior DUI.

An attempted vehicle theft report was taken at 1607 hours from the 800 block of Dune Street. Unknown suspect(s) punched the door lock and tampered with the ignition.

#### Sunday, January 16th

A petty theft report was taken at 1401 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole a skateboard.

One male adult was arrested at 1629 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for vandalism. The suspect kicked and damaged two vehicles.

A female adult was arrested at 1907 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for trespassing.

A dead body report was taken at 1857 hours from the 300 block of West Imperial Avenue. A female adult was found deceased

A burglary report was taken at 2014 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the victim's vehicle and stole the victim's property. •

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### City of El Segundo Notice of Public Hearing



The CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on:

#### 2021-2029 DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT AND **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Address: Citywide

Project Description (EA-1271): The proposed project is an update of the Housing Element of the El Segundo General Plan. Pursuant to State Law, the City must adopt its Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period not later than February 12, 2022 The Housing Element must be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and comment. Revising the Housing Element requires public participation to provide the public with an overview of the Housing Element process including a review of applicable law; Community Profile information and an existing conditions report; an overview of the existing Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Objectives; and an opportunity to receive public input regarding the Housing Element Update. Additionally, revising the Housing Elements requires public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council

The City held a community workshop on April 13, 2021, a Joint City Council and Planning Commission study session on June 14, 2021, and a Planning Commission workshop on September 30, 2021. These meetings were held to provide the community an overview of the Housing Element process including a review of a) applicable law, b) Community Profile information, and c) an existing conditions report; and an overview of the existing Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Objectives. The meetings were also an opportunity to receive public input regarding the Housing Element Update.

Planning Commission Action: On January 13, 2022, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council approve the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

Copies of the current Housing Element of the El Segundo General Plan and the proposed Draft Housing Element are available for review at the El Šegundo Public Library or in the Development Services Department at City Hall and on the City website located at www.el

Applicant:

City of El Segundo

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:00pm

Members of the public may view the meeting and participate remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing at the following URL https://zoom.us/j/96459637962

OR

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Environmental Determination: Environmental Impact Report. Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA *Guidelines*, the City has prepared and completed an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ND) for the proposed Housing Element update (SCH # 2020050508).

The Housing Element and the Initial Study/Negative Declaration are available for review at the Development Services Department in City Hall and on the City's website at:: www.elsegundo.org/housing-element

Further Information:

For Public Communications, members of the public may provide comments in the Lobby and/or Council Chamber or via Zoom. For in person comments, please fill out a Speaker Card located in the Chamber Lobby and for Zoom comments, notify meeting host by raising your virtual hand (see hand icon at bottom of screen) and you will be invited to speak. (If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop-down menu and click on "rename" to rename ourself "anonymous") Please note that you will be placed in a "listen only" mode and your video feed will not be shared with City Council or members of the public

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

FOR SEWER MAIN CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) INSPECTION PROJECT

IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO PROJECT NO.: PW 21-12

The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022** 

at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. As described in the Bidding Documents, the bids are for a public works project ("Project") which consists of sewer main mechanical pipe cleaning, CCTV inspection, and related work as shown on the plans on file with the City's Public Works Department Work on the Project must be performed

in strict conformity with Specifications No. PW 21-12 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on **January** 18, 2022 which is filed with the Public Works Department. Contractors bidding the project shall provide a minimum of five government agency, preferably municipal, references. The references shall be for the contractors' building similar projects (in terms of scope, size, type, magnitude and complexity), as the prime contractor in the past five (5) years. Bidders shall include references, etc. to

Copies of the Plans, Specifications. Contract Documents and Engineer's estimate are available from the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, City of El Segundo, 350 Main Street El Segundo California 90245. Plans and Specifications are alternately available electronically via https://www.elsegundo.org/government/ departments/public-works/requestpublic-works-bid

A mandatory pre-bid meeting

2022, at 10:00 AM at 2050 S Hughes Way in El Segundo, CA 90245. Failure to attend the mandatory meeting will disqualify a company's bid. All questions regarding the project are due to https:// www.elsegundo.org/government/ departments/public-works/requestpublic-works-bid by Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 4:00 PM

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the attached Bidding Instructions

This project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at www.dir. ca.gov.

Note that the Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by California Department of Industrial Relations Pursuant to California law the City must find bids failing to comply with all applicable Labor Code requirements including, without limitation, Code §§ 1725.5 and 1771.4 to be nonresponsive

The contractor to whom the contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Compliance with the prevailing rates of wages and apprenticeship employment standards established by the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required.

Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national scheduled for Monday, January 31, origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also

The City of El Segundo hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

The Contractor's duty to pay State prevailing wages can be found under Labor Code Section 1770 et. Seq. and Labor Code Sections 1775 and County. The contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job to pay prevailing wages and employ apprentices including forfeitures and debarment

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code ("PCC") § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor's request.

In entering into a Public Works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract the Contractor or Sub-Contractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be

made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the Contractor, without

acknowledgment by the parties. Bids must be prepared on the approved Instructions to Bidders and submitted to the City Clerk, 350 Main Street, City of El Segundo, in a sealed envelope plainly narked on the outside:

SEWER MAIN CLOSED CIRCUIT **TELEVISION (CCTV) INSPECTION** PROJECT "SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO .: PW 21-12 IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR

The bid must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of El Segundo for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid for the base contract.

MAIL?

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the State Business and Professions Code. For these projects, those acceptable classes of license shall be "A." The successful Contractor and his Sub-Contractors will be required to possess the correct license for their project classifications, and valid City Business Licenses from the City of El Segundo.

The City of El Segundo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

Any contract entered into pursuant this notice shall become or enforceable against the City of El Segundo only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officer(s) of the City of El

DATED this 20th day of January, 2022. CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA Tracy Weaver, City Clerk

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#### **Cheese Pasta Bake**

Provided by Campbell Soup Company

Why was condensed cream of mushroom soup invented? So home cooks wouldn't have to make a cream sauce from scratch for recipes like this 3-Cheese Pasta Bake. The butter, the flour, the time spent stirring hunched over the stove, it's all obsolete thanks to this creamy soup that melts with three types of cheese for a mac and cheese that tastes amazing but bakes up in 20 minutes. Cook the rotini while the oven is heating, stir in the soup, milk and cheeses and bake- that's it! 3-Cheese Pasta Bake is so easy to make, and you can even customize it using whatever pasta shape and shredded cheese you have on hand.



#### Ingredients

- 8 ounces (about 2 1/2 cups) uncooked rotini (spiral) pasta
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup or Cheddar Cheese Soup or 25% Less Sodium Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 2 cups shredded two-cheese blend (about 8 ounces)
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup reduced fat (2%) milk

#### **Directions**

- Step 1: Cook and drain the rotini according to the package directions. While the rotini is cooking, heat the oven to 400°F.
- Step 2: Stir the soup, cheeses and milk in a 1 1/2-quart casserole. Stir in the cooked rotini. Season with salt and pepper.
- Step 3: Bake for 20 minutes or until hot.

Tip

• Easy Substitution - Substitute 2 cups your favorite shredded cheese for the 2-cheese blend.

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#### Michelle Keldorf from front page

relished her years as a student. "If I could be a perennial student," Keldorf said, "I would be."

She finished her studies in North Carolina, then took the big leap to relocate in California. She had visited family in Northern California and said she was "drawn to the West coast." She ended up in Hermosa Beach, scouting out long-term employment opportunities. She took a job in Seal Beach with the Olson Company, where she worked as a director focusing on land acquisitions and later as director of marketing.

After working for a couple of other companies, she started the Marin Acquisitions firm, an independent brokerage company, in 2016. She saw opportunities in her field that she did not think were being mined, so she decided to strike out on her own, looking for "more autonomy and freedom," which also afforded Keldorf the opportunity to collaborate with her old employer, the Olson Company.

When she is not working, Keldorf finds the

time to participate on the Planning Commission and the L.A. County Affordable Housing Coordinating Committee, entities that allow Keldorf to leverage her areas of expertise in city planning.

Keldorf has always had an interest in giving back to her community and felt that serving on the Planning Commission was a perfect outlet for her acquired skill set "to be part of the fabric in this community." Her duties on the Commission include instructing city staff on decisions pertaining to certain planning applications, recommendations involving the City's General Plan, as well as work-related to land subdivision, planning, and zoning.

Jay Hoeschler is also a member of the Planning Commission. "What impresses me about Michelle as a planning commissioner is that she dives deep into understanding how each land use topic affects all stakeholders—residents, businesses, developers, and the City," he



Michelle Keldorf. Photo courtesy of Michelle Keldorf. emailed. "She researches way beyond what is in the typical PC agenda and formulates smart observations and questions that always make for an excellent discussion on the dais. "From her day job, she brings tremendous knowledge of real estate development and particularly

residential and affordable housing issues. That is so timely right now in our town, and I really appreciate the insight."

Keldorf said that she "couldn't imagine a better place to raise a family" than El Segundo. She is raising three sons with her husband, Chris; all the boys attend ESUSD schools. She likes to "walk miles around the town," seizing a coffee and traversing west to see the waves crash on the beach, as well as chauffeuring her children to their extra-curricular events and building relationships with locals. "I feel incredibly blessed to have a great network of friends," she said.

Keldorf sees the future of El Segundo to be unlimited and is planning to be a part of that future. "When much is given," she said, "much is expected. We all have an obligation to make this place the best that we possibly can."

And Keldorf continues to do more than her part in that regard. •

#### Travel

restaurant spaghetti—this sauce won't taste the same to them. We don't use the name here, because in America, "Bolognese" has evolved to mean just about any meat-tomato-based sauce with "Italian" seasonings. Surprisingly enough, this Tuscan sauce is the quickest and simplest of our two favorites.

2 lbs. beef, 1 lb. pork, 1 lb. veal, separately ground or (if you have the time) chopped.

Equal parts beef stock (1 can approx.), red

ally recognize this sauce as something like the version they've ordered in a better Italian or Sicilian restaurant. Sicilian-Americans might call it "gravy".

True San Marzano tomatoes are grown only on the ashy slopes of Mount Vesuvius and are absolutely unique and non-negotiable. Beware of "SM type" and other fakes. We buy the whole ones and hand-squish them-yes, that will freak out some people, but it ensures

Sicilians will come looking for you.

Le Creuset loves to burn tomato paste, so your options are medium heat, constantly watching for 2 hours, or low heat forever. We sometimes make the sauce at night, cooking on low heat for 3 hours, then leave it on the stove and cook the next AM for another hour. A spoon should stand up in it.

#### On Oils:

Never use any oil except olive, preferably

more than a cup or two of sauce and pre-mix it with the pasta on the stove, then give it a minute for absorption. If the restaurant's sauce splatters all over your pristine white blouse, they're disguising cheap ingredients.

from page 2

You can't add too much grated cheese. Seriously. There has to be a law somewhere.

Spaghetti is twirled on the fork in the base of your plate. In Italy, if the server offers you a spoon, it's because they expect Americans



A table and a bottle of Chianti on a summer afternoon in Fiesole above Florence.

wine, and chopped fresh Roma tomatoes.

1 large onion, 1 bell pepper, 1 box mushrooms, 1 head (not a misprint!) garlic, all chopped.

Start the liquids and tomatoes in a large Le Creuset with too much oregano, basil, bay leaves, salt, sugar (a dash to mitigate acids), and black pepper. This gives the sauce time to start evaporating and thickening.

Chop, sauté (in olive oil), and add everything else, one ingredient at a time. Cook until the thickened sauce tastes right, at most an hour. Add more herbs if needed. Top with Parmigiana Reggiano (no substitute). Freeze in apportioned baggies for future feasts.

#### The Neapolitan Sauce:

When you order any pasta al Sugo south of Rome, you'll be eating whatever the owner feels like serving you. But usually, it will taste something like this one. Americans will generactual pieces of tomato in the sauce. 2-3 large cans, along with 1 small can of tomato paste. Equal parts red wine and beef stock (1 can),

plus 4 anchovies. 1 onion, 1 bell pepper, 1 box mushrooms,

1 head of garlic. 1-2 lbs. top round or chuck steak, hand chopped.

6 hot/sweet Italian sausages, sauteed or grilled (but not pricked), and sliced on the thin side. Parmigiana Reggiano (no substitute).

As with our Tuscan sauce, start the liquids and tomatoes in a large Le Creuset with too much basil, bay leaves, salt, sugar (a dash to mitigate acids), and black pepper. This gives the sauce time to start evaporating and thickening. Meantime, chop, sauté, and add everything else, one ingredient at a time. Add more herbs as needed, but hold the oregano, or else the true



A grumpy Mount Vesuvius at sunset from downtown Naples.

Italian, and too expensive. If you can't taste the difference, you're not using enough of it.

#### On Pastas:

Don't waste a good sauce on cheap or fast pasta. The quicker it cooks (anything less than 10 minutes), the lower the quality (if any) of durum wheat semolina. Check the package. In the USA, we only buy the Italian product Rustichella 'd Abruzzo (on Amazon as a last resort). Here too, if you can't taste the difference, you might want to cut back on the sauce.

#### On Preparation:

It might sound obvious, but the main ingredient in any pasta dish is the pasta. The sauce is meant to flavor, not drown it. That's the reason we never, ever skimp on pasta (but don't necessarily mind repeating ourselves). We rarely use to ask for one. If you're older than ten years and chop your spaghetti, we might have to disown you. Your Italian friends certainly will.

#### And BTW...

You might have noticed that we play rather fast and loose with quantities of ingredients. This isn't out of laziness. Any Italian dish has to be cooked to your (not our) taste and adjusted on the fly to suit your whim. Sometimes it all works beautifully, sometimes not so much. And that's what makes Italian cooking such a fascinating ride.

#### **Next up: The Thing About Bruxelles.**

Ben & Glinda Shipley, published writers and photographers, share their expertise and experience of their many world travels. If you have any questions or interest in a particular subject, please email them at web@ heraldpublications.com. •



Tuscan sauce over fresh cheese and spinach tortellini.



Neapolitan sauce over #12 spaghetti.



#### **WELCOME BACK TO SAVINGS!**

The Mattel Toy Store will re-open TUESDAY - JANUARY 25 @ 11AM

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# PETSPETS PETSPETS Featured Pets of the Week

#### Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

China is a 4-year-old domestic short hair mama who gave birth to a litter of five while at spcaLA. Her kittens have all found homes, and she's ready for a forever family, too. She's a pretty little Tabby who loves to relax on a cushy bed or soak up the sun in a windowsill. https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-1996

Meet **Dobby**, a 1-year-old female Pit Bull mix looking for a new home. While here, he'll be working on his basic obedience so he can be the best dog he can be! https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-2064

**Nico** is a gentle giant searching for a mellow home. He is an eight year old domestic



Hashbrown

short hair who enjoys his people's company and may follow you from room to room, or sit next to you. He likes attention and has lived in a home with other small dogs and children. He has a low activity level and would be best as the only kitty. https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-2443

Some call **Hashbrown** a big ol' baby. He's very gentle 5 year old Pitt Bull mix who likes a good petting session. He's working on his skills like sit, down, crawl, find it, and recall. He walks well on a leash but can pull hard on the leash at times. Hashbrown will be the best pet as the only baby. https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-1229 •



Nico



Dobby

## Happy Tails

spcaLA is saddened by the passing of Betty White, American actor and activist. Betty was a friend to animals and worked closely with spcaLA to promote the humane treatment of all living beings since the 1940s. For nearly 80 years, Betty worked to further the mission of spcaLA – participating in spcaLA telethons raising money to extend programs and services, voicing public service announcements (PSAs) to educate the community, and fundraising, which has

provided adoption and enrichment services for thousands of homeless animals since it opened in 2001.

This year, on what would have been Betty's 100th Birthday – January 17th – please consider making a special donation in her honor. Your support will help her legacy live on in speaLA's work to fulfill our mission of preventing cruelty to animals through Intervention, Law Enforcement, Education and Advocacy. speaLA.com/donate •



Betty White Charity LA.



China