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Beloved El Segundo High School Custodian Retires After 35 Years



On January 28, more than 1,400 students, teachers, staff, and administrators, and former employees gathered to help usher El Segundo Unified School District employee Gable Solomon into his retirement with a surprise rally at El Segundo High School (ESHS). Photos by Ralf Stier. For story and more photos see page 2. •

Ballot Arguments Consider Pros, Cons of Hotel Tax Increase

By Brian Simon

In addition to selecting three individuals to fill open seats on the City Council, El Segundo voters on April 12 will also weigh in on a ballot initiative that if approved would increase the local transient occupancy tax (TOT) from the current 8% up to 12%. The TOT, also referred to as “hotel tax,” impacts only persons staying in lodging facilities. Hotel operators do not pay this tax, but rather collect it from customers and then remit the monies to the City. In order for the measure to proceed, a simple majority of voters must approve it in April. The City Attorney’s impartial analysis specifies that the four-point increase would yield the City an additional \$3.2 million in annual revenues, based on public document estimates, and that these monies may be legally used for any general governmental purposes.

Four of the five El Segundo City Councilmembers (Mayor Suzanne Fuentes, Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson, Dave Atkinson and Marie Fellhauer) signed off on the Argument in Favor of Measure B. They note that the initiative adjusts the TOT to market rate “while retaining the City’s competitive edge” and add that the estimated \$3.2 million in new general fund revenues can fund capital improvements, infrastructure, increased services and necessary personnel. “This revenue comes from hotel visitors who benefit from City services without taking money out of El Segundo residents’ pockets,” the Argument in Favor reads. “All TOT revenue goes directly to the City of El Segundo. Best of all, the State and Los Angeles County cannot take this revenue.”

The Argument in Favor compares El Segundo’s TOT, which has stayed at 8% since 1996, to other cities in the market region—with the overall average (including tourism assessment) of municipalities adjacent to LAX or Long Beach Airport at 12.9%. Examples given of TOT rates elsewhere include the City of Los Angeles-Century Boulevard (15.5%), Long Beach (15%), Santa Monica (14%), Inglewood (14%), Hermosa Beach (12%), Redondo Beach (12%), and Hawthorne (12%).

Citizens who signed off on the Argument Against Measure B are former City Councilmembers Mike Robbins and Jane Friedkin, Charles Wilkerson, Marc Renner and Mike Van Biezen. They refer to the initiative as a

“bait-and-switch tax hike,” asserting that “the City lured hotels with a business attraction program and a lower competitive hotel TOT” and now propose to raise the tax by “a whopping 50%.” They go on to say that the TOT is in addition to existing property, business license and utility user (electricity, water, gas and communication services) taxes already imposed on hotels.

The Argument Against also emphasizes that Measure B is a “permanent” tax with no expiration date even if future new development provides millions in new City revenues in addition to the “millions more from Chevron” already received. The opponents maintain that

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School Board Honors ESUSD High Achievers

By Duane Plank

The Tuesday night meeting of the El Segundo Unified School District School Board was highlighted by multiple special presentations that shone the spotlight on some of the District’s best and brightest students.

Seven special presentations were on deck after Board President Jim Garza called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The presentations included the recognition of High School students who recently captured the championship of the MIT Zero Robotics ISS Virtual Challenge championship on January 25; High School students who recently

took part in the SpaceX Hyperloop Pod Design Competition that took place a couple of weeks ago at Texas A&M University; the recognition of a High School student who was one of ten winners in the CSU Sacramento LegiSchool Essay Contest; and Arena Virtual Academy student Izabella Whitley, who was selected as a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. to help further pursue her education and career goals.

High School principal Jaime Mancilla and mathematics instructor Jennifer Cho, one of the team coaches, made the presentation

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
80°/56°



Saturday
Sunny
78°/57°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
85°/60°



School Spotlight

Pep Rally Honors Beloved Gable

By Cece Jane Stewart,
Junior at El Segundo High School
Photos by Ralf Stier

Students rushed into the decorated gym for something very special on Jan. 28. It was the day we were to celebrate Gabel Solomon. Gable has been a custodian at El Segundo High School

(ESHS) for 35 years, and is beloved by generations of students. Every day, Gable comes to work with a smile on his face and a diligent attitude.

The gym was decorated in blue and gold, with streamers everywhere. The stands were full with students, faculty, staff and the band was playing, while cheerleaders danced. The

famous throne was waiting for Gable, sitting in the center of the gym. As the students waited with anticipation, Gable walked in thinking something needed to be open with his keys. When he walked in, to his surprise, balloons dropped and everyone began to cheer. There was a big smile on his face as he went

and sat on the throne.

ASB President Lexi Griffin, opened the ceremony with a speech explaining the "Winter Pep Rally" was a surprise for Gable! Then, there was a slide show/video that honors Gable; in the video, ESHS principal Mancilla says how

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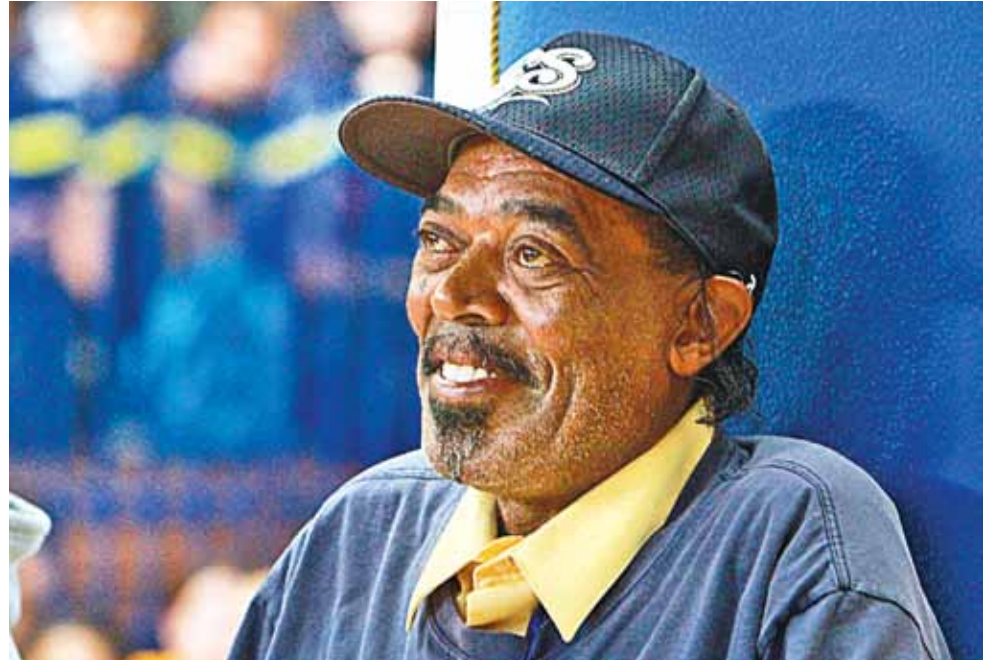
Beth Muraida, former PTA President, presented Gable with a commemorative engraved brick that will be placed on campus on behalf of PTA as well as a box of his favorite doughnuts.



Director of Student Activities, Robin Espinoza presents Gable with a personalized grill apron as he loves to BBQ on behalf of ASB.



Yearbook teacher David Reed presented Gable with a framed picture signed by the staff and the yearbook is dedicated to him this year!



Gabe Soloman takes in all the love and appreciation.





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Police Reports

Monday, February 1, 2016

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 2017 hours from the 2100 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by smashing a window. No property was taken.

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 2031 hours in the 2000 block of East Park Place. Vehicle struck a fence and overturned in a ditch.

One male adult was arrested at 2256 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place for felony DUI and child endangerment.

A found property report was taken at 1004 hours from the 500 block of East Grand Avenue. A key was found at the location.

A property report was taken at 1004 hours from the 300 block of West Acacia Avenue. A rifle was turned in for destruction.

A found property report was taken at 1233 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A credit card was found at the location.

A violation of a court order report was taken at 1248 hours from the 300 block of Standard Street.

An attempt burglary (residential) report was taken at 1454 hours from the 700 block

of Indiana Court.

Unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry into the victim's residence by striking a door knob. Suspect(s) did not gain entry.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

A vandalism report was taken at 1802 hours from the 400 block of West Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) slashed a tire on the victim's vehicle.

Warrant-One male adult was arrested at 2311 hours from 119th Street and Aviation Boulevard for one outstanding Gardena PD misdemeanor warrant.

One female adult was arrested at 2339 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for public intoxication.

An online identity theft report was taken at 1921 hours on 02/01/16 from the 300 block of Bungalow Drive. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim's personal information to open several accounts.

A theft by false pretenses report was taken at 1619 hours from the 900 block of Cypress Street.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

A shoplifting report was taken at 1936

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What Happened to Customer Service?

By Rob McCarthy

You'd think that American companies would have learned by now that poor customer service is killing business. Surveyed buyers say that customer support is as important to them as the price and quality of the product or service. A frustrated customer isn't going to keep quiet.

People will talk when they feel they've been poorly treated by a business, says the head of a consumer-service trade group. One bad experience is multiplied every time it's retold.

"The reality is that our negative customer service experiences are far more memorable than our positive ones and we typically embellish those negative events to anyone that will listen," said Bill Crutcher, president of the National Customer Service Association.

Consumers lately have been telling anyone who'll listen that dealing with customer-service agents is frustrating and time-consuming. If the customer is always right, they wonder why customer-service agents seem to go on the defensive rather than try to resolve the issue.

The Harvard Business Review found that 84 percent of people expected more from their last customer-service experience than what they received. Hearing negative words like "can't" or "won't" or "don't" add to customer dissatisfaction scores, the Review reported.

Another 82 percent of customers have stopped doing business with a company because of poor service, a Zendesk survey found. Two-thirds of people said they'll switch companies because of poor customer service. That survey by Accenture also found that 82% said their service provider could have done something to keep them from switching.

Stephen Burnett, a business professor at Northwestern University, has noticed a "painful" decline in customer service. "I do not even bother to call an airline if there are

weather problems in the U.S.," he said. Getting a person on the phone is nearly impossible, he explained.

"First of all, companies, by and large, like to have as few employees as they can. People are expensive, emotional and you have to supervise them," he said.

Companies have over automated customer service, and in his opinion made a miscalculation about dealing with people. They aren't robots. There is a fundamental difference.

"A robot deals with things completely uniform. When dealing with a customer, he is anything is but uniform," Burnett said.

Today's automated customer service phone systems are a one-size-fits-all design, the Northwestern professor said. Not everyone shares the same level of sophistication and enthusiasm for using technology to report a complaint and have it resolved quickly.

"That's the problem with these automated systems. They're forcing everybody to use the same system regardless of their sophistication. And, they over-automate to the extent that you can't talk to a person."

American Express surveyed customers and learned that 46 percent prefer to talk to customer service by phone about complicated issues. In a separate survey by NewVoice, 75 percent reported that calling is the most effective way to get a quick response to their concerns.

Automation is one direction that companies have taken to reduce their employee costs. Another is outsourcing customer-service duties so that complaints are handled by a non-employee.

"Instead of talking to an employee of Macy's, you may be talking to a person who handles who-knows-what. All they're going to know is what they reading off a computer

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Film Review

Wacky, Wonderful *Hail, Caesar!* is the Coen Brothers' Valentine to Classic Hollywood

By Ryan Rojas for www.cinemacy.com

Around the halfway mark of the Coen Brothers' newest film, *Hail, Caesar!*, an audience member was heard voicing his thought that, this was the weirdest movie he had ever seen—and this reviewer wouldn't say his evaluation was all that far off.

Yet it's exactly this sort of "weird-ness" that defines any Coen Brothers' movie, where colorful but mentally clouded characters are typically confronted with cosmically coincidental events, leading to a type of larger, dead-pan comedy, that's dripping in drop-dead seriousness that forces them to question the meaning of life

the Dixie-whistling cowboy turned bumbling big screen star Hobie Doyle (Alden Ehrenreich), twice-divorced movie star DeeAnna Moran (Scarlett Johansson), twin sister newspaper journalists Thora and Thessaly Thacker (Tilda Swinton), and tap-dancing Gene Kelly inspired Burt Gurney (Channing Tatum), who all amount to being an embarrassment of riches in Coen-land.

The Hollywood send-up may be much more divisive than the directors' other films, and likely because its packaged as a mainstream movie with the likes of George Clooney and Channing Tatum cartooning around as old-timey



Channing Tatum as Burt Gurney in *Hail, Caesar!* Courtesy of Universal Studios.

and their place in the universe.

The universe at large in *Hail, Caesar!* is the 1950s backlot of the fictional Capitol Pictures, an MGM-like Hollywood studio whose theatrical world offers such wonderfully wacky tangents as bumbling cowboy movie stars lassoing with their spaghetti, as well as looming scares of Communism and learning of the first Hydrogen bombs.

At the center of this world, the ringleader of the Circus, is Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin), a Hollywood fixer whose job it is to keep the studio's stars in line, but whose own personal certainties are less assured. As if trying to quit a light smoking habit wasn't the biggest hiccup in his day (the film covers a twenty seven hour day), Mannix learns of the kidnapping and ransom demand of the studio's biggest star, Baird Whitlock (George Clooney), during the shooting of his lead role in the grandly epic big-picture event, titled, 'Hail, Caesar!'

Mannix proceeds to bop around from one looney tuned character to the next, including

Hollywood move stars. But the Coens' only take the shell of old Hollywood and collapse the facade, exploring stories of kidnapping and hijinks, as well as much larger, universal themes of exploration and questioning, such as Politics, Religion, and other head-scratching questions akin to, *What Does It All Mean?* This search for meaning in a world so ridiculous, that it allows its audience to see the coded philosophic themes and lessons that its harebrained characters can't, makes this another winning outing for the Coen's.

The Coen's continue to eschew conventions of narrative structure, allowing their incredible style to drive the film here. Audiences expecting a more classic kidnap comedy will most likely be disappointed by the odd tangential storylines, but should know that the minds of this machine are operating on a top-tier level of intelligence that makes a minute long scene, of Hobie Doyle fumbling the phonetics of a sophisticated line like, "Would that it were so simple," give resonance to the entirety of the story—if only life were so simple. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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- Banned apple spray
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- "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- The -- of the Ancient Mariner
- Authoritative orders
- Driving sensation
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- End of a certain road
- Updated subscription
- Its effect is hard to predict
- Forest clearing
- Exceptional
- Country sensation
- Dry Spanish libation
- Watts in King Kong's hand
- Crayfish
- Types of rentals
- Coin across the Atlantic
- Hosiery shade
- Swimming sensation
- Obtain by interrogation
- Enthusiasm
- "Go on"

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- Change the designation of
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- Light shedder
- Dismal, to Donne
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- "How Stella ___ Her Groove Back"
- U.S.N. grad
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- Garb for grooms
- Color Guard organization, abbr.
- Bar supply
- Weekly chore

- Raven cry
- "A Bridge ___ Far"
- John Lennon's wife
- McCarthy's least favorite color?
- It's in your genes
- Freon initials
- Word with France, Jordan, or America
- Cell substance
- Dustup
- Bird of the outback
- Lightly roast
- Really fancy
- "Pride and Prejudice" novelist
- Albania's monetary unit
- Conspicuous successes
- Threefold
- Miscellaneous
- Tender
- Charade
- Subject of SALT
- Bank of Paris
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- Arrival time
- Pierced body part sometimes

Last Week's Answers

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

Sports

Manning Manages, Defense Defeats

By Adam Serrao

Yee-haw! The old sheriff hopped on his white bronco and rode it off into the sunset. Right when you doubted him, the 39-year-old quarterback for the Denver Broncos led his team to a 24-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers in last Sunday night's Super Bowl 50. Well, Peyton Manning didn't really lead the team. The defense did, all night long. But you have to believe that his presence under center in what was very likely the last game of his entire career gave everyone on the Broncos that much more motivation to dig deeper, play harder, and sweat-out just one last game. In the end, it worked. Now Manning is a two-time Super Bowl champion and the oldest quarterback to ever start, and then win, an NFL championship.

With 194 yards of total offense, the Broncos tallied the fewest yards ever of any other Super Bowl champion in NFL history. That, alone, will tell you the story of the game. It wasn't Manning, coming out of the locker room guns-a-blazin', slinging the football all around the field like it was a shootout in the Old West. There were even times in the fourth quarter when Denver was desperate for a first down on third-and-long that Manning, instead of throwing the ball, simply took the snap from under center and handed it to his running back, C.J. Anderson, for a modest gain of one or maybe two yards. "We weren't going out there to throw it 50 times and do those types of things," Broncos head coach Gary Kubiak explained. "Peyton knew that. He hung in there and just kept battling for us. He knew what it would take for us to win this championship." Anderson finished the night with 90 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries while Manning threw for 141 yards on just 23 attempts. It wasn't either of those players that won a game that featured exactly zero passing touchdowns. It was the Denver defense that won the championship.

I'll spare you the cliché that defense wins championships - although I immediately just went back on my promise. Von Miller totaled six tackles on the night to go along with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles. He was the MVP and caused havoc almost every single time the ball was snapped. "It wasn't about me," Miller said. "I just wanted to play at a level that would influence my team to play to the best of their abilities." They certainly did. The entire Broncos defensive front had Cam Newton on his back all night, leading to one of the worst (if not the worst) games that Carolina and this year's MVP have played all season long. "We were able to get pressure on the quarterback and make the team one dimensional," defensive end

Spencer Ware said. Ware was a major catalyst in that effort, but so were players like Derek Wolfe, Brandon Marshall, Danny Trevathan, Malik Jackson and many more who combined to form what might go down as one of the best defenses in the history of football. If not, they certainly played the part when they needed to the most against what was the NFL's highest scoring offense this season.

10 points. That's all that the Denver defense allowed a team that averaged 31.3 points in the regular season and 40 during the playoffs. The Panthers all but annihilated the Seattle Seahawks Divisional Round and then danced all over Carson Palmer and the Arizona Cardinals in the Championship Round to make it to the Super Bowl. Denver was a different beast, though. The Broncos completely took away the run game of Carolina (who's leading rusher was Newton with 45 yards), forced them into 12 penalties on the night, four turnovers, and one missed field goal. "We picked a really bad day to have a meltdown," Panthers tight end Greg Olson relented. "Right when we started to get something going, something bad would happen." Maybe the biggest reason for that was because Cam looked flat. Mainly because he was being steamrolled by Broncos defenders all night. The typical flashy smile and cool, calm demeanor was literally non-existent from the start of the game and the only dancing being done was by Broncos defenders as they returned fumbles into the end zone for touchdowns. He was nervous. The Broncos had been to the Super Bowl before. Almost everyone on the team had. The Panthers, on the other hand, had no clue what they were getting themselves into. In the end, it was Manning managing the game and the Denver defense winning it.

With the win, Peyton became the first starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl with two different teams. The defense tied a Super Bowl record with seven sacks on the night and while Newton only threw 15 incompletions during the team's first two games of the postseason, he threw 20 in one game against Denver. He had only been hit three times in the first two rounds of the playoffs against Seattle and Arizona. He was hit 10 times against Denver. In three postseason games for the Broncos, they went against Cam, Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger, who threw a combined 92 regular season touchdowns. The trio combined for just one touchdown pass against Denver. In addition to the players, don't forget to give defensive coordinator and former head coach, Wade Phillips, all of the credit in the world.

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Eagles Off to College to Play

Story and photos by Gregg McMullin

Eight very special El Segundo high school seniors will continue their education in the fall. These students aren't special because they are going forward to college for higher education. No, they'll join hundreds of other El Segundo high school seniors who'll continue the next step in their yearning for higher education but with one added element; these eight will be playing a sport in college. These four years are a culmination of hard work in both the classroom and on the field of play for them.

To be a student athlete in high school is one thing. To continue that drive, ambition and passion to play a sport at the collegiate level, while concentrating on a potential degree, is not reserved for everyone. These eight special students will pursue degrees in Biology, environmental specialties, special education and pre-med.

For Jordan Doukakis, Taylor Amaral, Stephen Moye, Nayeli Diaz, Taylor Armijo, Julie Roach, Allison Tatnall and Alyssa Pelegrin the four years at El Segundo high school gave each the foundation, the opportunity and drive to succeed not only on the field of play but in the classroom too.

Sitting in a room with these student-athletes you have to marvel of their poise, articulate demeanor and how they have grown into young adults. To think that a mere four years ago they were scared freshman. In June they will walk up proudly for their high school degree along with knowledge that they'll have an opportunity to have a portion of their collegiate degree paid for.

These eight student athletes recently signed their official Letters of Intent for the college they'll attend. The signing took place in the Hall of Fame Room at the high school in front of their parents, family and friends as well as the El Segundo high school principal and athletic director.

The National Letter of Intent Program is run by the Collegiate Commissioners Association. The program started in 1964 with seven conferences and eight independent institutions, the

program now has over 50 leagues with over 500 participating institutions.

The program calls for a prospective student-athlete to sign, along with a parent or guardian and the athletic director, an "Inter-Conference Letter of Intent". This letter serves as certification that the student intends to enroll at a certain collegiate institution in the fall. The athletic director indicates the type and extent of financial aid the college is willing to provide. This agreement is subject to the prospective student-athlete being able to qualify for admission to the college of their choice and the NCAA requirement for financial aid.

Once the National Letter of Intent is signed the student athlete agrees to attend the college with which he/she has signed for one academic year. In exchange the institution awards financial aid, including athletics aid, for one academic year. Essentially it is a contract to help protect the student-athlete as well as their college they intend to enroll and play for.

When speaking to each one of these student-athletes there is a common bond between each of them; they are humble. In this day and age of athletes being so self-centered that certainly isn't true with this crop. Each are quick to thank their teammates who they call family.

Jordan Doukakis is a life-long El Segundo resident and has been one of her class' top performers in the classroom and on the soccer field. Jordan will attend Chico State and play for the Wildcats. Doukakis will play for a successful program that has averaged 12 wins the past two seasons and reached the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship tournament.

Jordan, who was selected to the All-Ocean League team as a junior, will miss her friends and after school activities. "I really have had a fun four years and we've (her Eagle teammates) have become close and are like a family."

Taylor Amaral is a four year starter for the Eagles on the volleyball court. Her leadership, demeanor and skill set earned her as the team's captain for two years. She says the

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bond between her Eagle teammates and she will be the hardest thing and will most likely miss the most.

This Montana State University recruit was an All-Ocean League first team selection as a junior and selected as the Most Outstanding



Sebastian Hebert made a big contribution in wins against Culver City and Hawthorne.

Player of the Ocean League and second team All-South Bay this past season.

Stephen Moye could be the poster child for the 'Boy Next Door'. This 6'7" middle blocker for the Eagle's CIF champion volleyball team

collegiate volleyball program. His size, power and keen leadership skills will be an added benefit for the Cardinal currently ranked sixth in the nation.

The fact that Nayeli Diaz is smidge over five foot-two doesn't lessen the fact that she is one of the South Bay's best softball catchers. This will be her fourth year playing for coach Keith Cameron and she has relished every moment. She calls her teammates sisters and says they are family on and off the field.

Diaz has that infectious smile but behind that those pearly whites is a competitive player both in the classroom and on the field. She says the most gratifying thing is throwing out someone trying to steal a base on her. For her great year she was selected as the Ocean League's top catcher.

Diaz says the high school memory that stands out the most so far is defeating Orange Lutheran, the sixth rank team in the nation at the time, in the San Luis Obispo Tournament and then winning it. She says the family atmosphere with she and her teammates celebrating afterwards was an emotional one.

Taylor Armijo is one of those rare student-athletes who didn't get noticed on the playing field with her high school teammates but rather playing for travel and club teams her junior year. She played for El Segundo her freshman and sophomore seasons but wanted to concentrate on getting quicker so she participated in track.

This switch-hitting outfielder, who will attend St Lawrence University which is in Canton,

seasons. The Lady Matadors will love having Julie in the lineup especially with her homerun hitting ability. She's hit eight homeruns each of the past two seasons and looks to added to that number this season. With Julie's winning attitude she'll fit into a program that has aver-

for four years and her family of teammates.

"We're a family and we'll always have each other now and in the future. If the whole team isn't having fun then none of us are," she says.

Alyssa Pelegrin is another four-year starter for the softball team. She has been on Oregon



Eli Chaney helped his team to wins over Culver City and Hawthorne.

aged 42 wins per season the past three years.

Julie's tape-measure homerun power can be monstrous. She has blasted homeruns onto Stevenson Field with regularity. But the homerun she remembers most is the one against Burbank's Caitlyn Brooks. Brooks had struck out Julie four times before getting one more chance at the fire-balling pitcher. She sent a fastball deep onto Stevenson Field that landed in the shortstop area or an estimated 375 feet away.

Allison Tatnall is a five tool softball player that Arizona State will gladly open their arms to. Allison is articulate in every sense of the word with that Magic Johnson patent smile. Her course of study will be pre-med which gives you an indication on how successful she has been in the classroom. But her achievements on the softball field have been just as strong. This will be her fourth year as a starter roaming the outfield and she's looking forward to getting her 'family' of teammates deeper in the playoffs this season.

Allison had a breakout sophomore year when she was selected to the All-Pioneer League and All-South Bay teams. She followed that up with gaining all-league, All-South Bay and All-CIF as a junior. But what she says she's most proud of isn't the awards but rather being an Eagle

State's radar since her sophomore year so where else would she go. If Pelegrin's athletic prowess looks familiar its because she is a relative of Alberto Concepcion, arguably one of the greatest hitters not only in El Segundo high school history but perhaps California Concepcion hit twenty homeruns including six in six consecutive at bats and had 72 RBIs his senior year.

Pelegrin has had a wonderful high school career earning All-South Bay honors once and all-league status twice as a third baseman. It's the offense power she generates that had the Beavers courting her. She says that her walk off homerun against Torrance was a highlight so far but the real highlight and memories she has is playing alongside her friends for four years. "That's what I'll miss the most but I do get chance to see Allison (Tatnall) when face each other in the PAC-12 games."

So now you get an idea that not only are these well rounded student-athletes ready to conquer the world in another year but that our world is in capable hands. Finally, where would these eight be without the support and guidance from their parents. I suppose these are the special ones we should be thanking for our future. •



Ani Finau had 16 rebounds against Hawthorne.

is looking forward to his senior year with his friends and perhaps play for another CIF ring. This four-year starter, who was named CIF Player of The Year, says that the most memorable moment so far in his high school career was being down two games in the best of three to Quartz Hills in the CIF Finals; and coming back to win it all.

Moye, who hopes to get his Biology degree, will attend Stanford, one of the nation's top

New York, says her memorable moments of high school is being with her friends and the bus rides they took.

Julie Roach is another four-year starter for Keith Cameron's softball team. This all-everything first baseman has the power that Arizona Western is looking for. Julie, who will study Special Education, has a distinguished resume of accomplishments for the Eagles such as an all league selection for the past two

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As for Manning, it may take a while to get official word of his retirement. "I'll take some time to reflect," he told CBS's Tracy Wolfson after the game. "I'm going to kiss my wife and kids, I want to hug my family, and I'm going to drink a lot of Budweiser tonight, I promise you that." Naturally, Manning wouldn't announce retirement right after the game and

take all of the attention away from his team, but it wouldn't be surprising if the Budweiser tastes so good that he drinks just a little bit more of it than normal come next season. Just two years ago, the Broncos took a 43-8 spanking at the hands of the Seahawks in the Super Bowl. Last Sunday, the team acquired its third championship in franchise history. •

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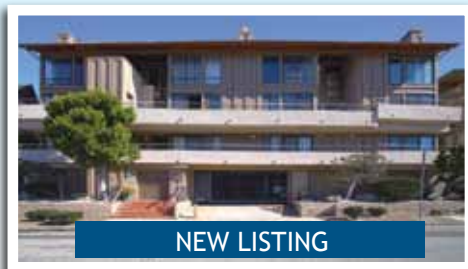
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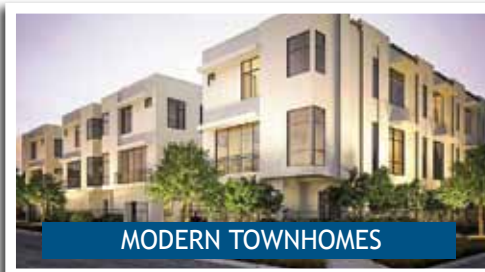
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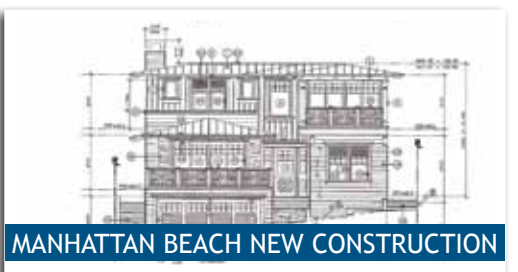
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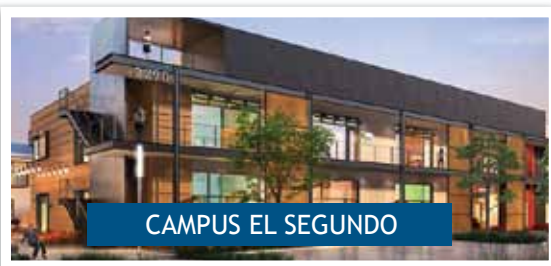
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(BPT) - Water conservation isn't just for Californians and others who live in dry climates. Although the Golden State's water woes grabbed headlines last summer, it's not the only state potentially facing water shortages. Nor is it the only one where conservation-minded homeowners are turning to greywater recycling to reduce water bills and preserve the environment.

Greywater - also called gray water - is all the water that goes down the drain from bathroom sinks, showers, tubs and washing machines. While you wouldn't want to drink it because it contains traces of dirt, hair and household cleaning products, greywater is safe to use for outdoor irrigation. By rerouting greywater outdoors, you can keep your lawn green and your vegetables growing without increasing your water bill.

"We're seeing increasing demand for products that facilitate greywater recycling," says Chris Peterson with Saniflo. The company specializes in above-floor plumbing, including greywater pumping systems and macerating toilet systems for residential and light-commercial applications. "Homeowners are realizing that recycling greywater is an effective way to lower their water bills, meet outdoor water needs and do something good for the environment."

What's more, municipalities and counties in California are blazing trails by rewarding homeowners and businesses that recycle

greywater. Many are offering rebates for property owners who use greywater systems to irrigate their landscapes.

While California's drought conditions have been prolonged and extreme, the state is not alone in being concerned about water consumption. A 2014 study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found 40 out of 50 state water managers expect shortages in at least part of their states within the next 10 years. States have begun taking a number of steps to improve how they manage water, the GAO said, including enacting conservation measures and creating drought preparedness plans.

"Homeowners who begin recycling greywater now could be well ahead of the curve if and when their states begin requiring water conservation measures," Peterson says. "Meanwhile, they'll decrease their water and sewer costs by irrigating with recycled water, rather than fresh."

Greywater recycling systems can be installed in homes under construction or existing homes undergoing renovation. In fact, says Peterson, many Saniflo customers who add greywater systems to their homes do so as part of a kitchen or bathroom renovation. "The compact size of our Saniswift pump makes it easy to tuck away inside a cabinet for a kitchen or bathroom sink, a clothes or dishwasher, shower, laundry or bar sink.

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• Experts estimate about 40 to 50 percent of the waste water generated by the typical American home qualifies as greywater and could be recycled.

• Not all greywater is the same. The water from bathtubs, showers and bathroom sinks is relatively cleaner than the water from kitchen sinks, clothes washers and dishwashers, which may contain food scraps and cleaning products. It's important to choose a greywater filter and pump system that's made to handle the type of greywater produced by the utility you're connecting it to.

• In addition to lowering your water and sewer bill when you install a greywater recycling system, you may be eligible for a rebate. Check with your local water utility to see if it offers a rebate in your area.

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Test-Driving One Of The Most Effective Treatments For Chronic Pain

(BPT) - Nearly 100 million Americans currently live with chronic pain - more than the number of people affected by diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined, according to the American Academy of Pain Medicine. While that number may be difficult to grasp, for those suffering the issue is very real indeed.

A survey by the American Pain Foundation found that patients battling chronic pain feel depressed, have challenges concentrating and deal with both limited energy and problems sleeping. For many patients relief can be hard to come by. Many aren't sure where to turn for meaningful relief.

"Most people don't know that chronic pain is a disease that needs to be aggressively diagnosed and treated, because left untreated the condition has devastating effects on the whole person - body, mind and spirit," says Dr. Tory L. McJunkin, an Arizona pain specialist and co-founder and medical director of Pain Doctor, Inc. "But patients don't have to live with chronic pain. These days, pain specialists have a number of impactful options that can bring their patients chronic pain relief."

Now, a new advancement - the St. Jude Medical (TM) Invisible Trial System - has made it easier than ever for patients to "test drive" one such treatment option: spinal cord stimulation (SCS), a treatment that is successful in treating many forms of chronic pain.

SCS therapy utilizes a small implanted medical device and thin wires with electrodes to deliver low levels of electrical energy to mask or interrupt pain signals as they travel



to the brain, reducing the sensation of pain. Before receiving a permanently implanted device, patients evaluate SCS therapy through a "trial period" that can range from five days to two weeks.

The new St. Jude Medical Invisible Trial System is designed to help chronic pain patients better assess spinal cord stimulation therapy during their trial period. The system relies on Bluetooth(R) wireless technology to provide patients a safe, secure and cable-free SCS trial experience. Rather than a bulky complex patient controller, the St. Jude Medical Invisible Trial System provides patients with an iPod touch(TM) mobile digital device to control their stimulation during the trial period. (Apple, iPod touch and iPad Mini are trademarks of Apple, Inc. Bluetooth is a

trademark of Bluetooth SIG, Inc.)

Dr. McJunkin recalls one particular patient who had struggled with chronic back pain for more than five years. According to McJunkin, trialing spinal cord stimulation was one key to the patient getting his life back.

"This patient felt like his life was wasting away before trying spinal cord stimulation," says McJunkin. "He didn't have the energy or strength to enjoy his grandkids, and even his wife was impacted as she watched her husband consistently deal with his pain. It wasn't until he tried spinal cord stimulation that he was able to get the relief he needed."

According to McJunkin many chronic pain patients spend years trying a number of different treatments. For some, back surgery will help for a while, but the pain may

come back. Others may try physical therapy, chiropractic care, home exercises or several different kinds of injections, but they may not alleviate the pain for very long.

McJunkin says such scenarios aren't uncommon, and that spinal cord stimulation can offer meaningful relief for some patients who are either wary of taking medication long term or who may have failed treatments earlier in the care continuum. However it's important to remember that the implantation of a neurostimulation system can involve risk, such as painful stimulation, loss of pain relief and surgical risks (e.g. paralysis). Patients are encouraged to talk to their physician to determine if spinal cord stimulation therapy is right for them.

"Patients who are eligible for SCS come from all walks of life and have usually already maxed out other pain treatment options like physical therapy or medications," McJunkin says. "By providing an easy-to-use and discreet trial system, St. Jude Medical will help patients focus more on their potential pain relief and functional improvements, and less on the burdens common to traditional trial systems."

Patients living with chronic pain should work with a doctor who is a pain treatment specialist to determine which option is best for them. Some patients may try multiple solutions before finding one that works for them and often exhaust all other possibilities before resorting to surgery. To learn more, visit www.poweroveryourpain.com. •

School Board

touting the accomplishments of the Zero Robotics group, which won first place in the recent MIT competition. Students Jakob Koziol, Ari Berkowicz, team captain Victoria Chu, Adrian Osorio, Henry Smith, and Luke St. Regis bested teams from 19 countries in the competition. The Board feted the students for their "critical engineering skills, problem solving, design-thought-process, operations training, and teamwork." The students briefly shared their experiences about participating and winning the Zero Robotics challenge.

Mancilla was also part of a presentation, along with High School engineering instructor Steve Eno that honored five students who had recently journeyed to Texas A&M to take part in the Hyperloop competition. The ESHS team was one of only three high schools in the country to be invited to the Final Design weekend. In an email sent prior to the meeting, Eno noted that there were more than 120 university and private-sector teams in the competition, many comprised of graduate and doctoral students, and that "while we didn't win any awards, my students and I learned more in one weekend than we ever could have in the classroom."

Added Eno, whose team was comprised of Oliver Chen, Gavin Glynn, Henry Smith, Luke St. Regis, and Julia Taylor: "We saw what it took to be successful in the world of engineering. While we weren't quite at that level, all of the teams and the judges that talked to our team were extremely impressed with what high school students could do."

High School student Amber Carrington was recognized for being one of the winners of the LegiSchool Essay contest. As one of the ten winners, Carrington will receive round-trip travel to Sacramento to take part in LegiSchool's 20th annual Student Legislative Summit on March 2.

In an email sent prior to the meeting, Mancilla wrote that "we are extremely proud of these kids who have represented ESHS so well in these competitions. For the second year in a row we have a student, Amber Carrington, among the top-ten finalists in the state for the LegiSchool Essay Contest. In the area of STEM, we are amazed that our group could hold their own against university students and another group could take first place in an international

competition. This speaks volumes about the students' talents and dedication as well as the teachers and mentors that support them."

Arena High student Whitley was recognized for her accomplishments in securing a \$1,000 scholarship from Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc, who had established a scholarship fund to "provide opportunities for graduating students to apply for assistance to attend four-year colleges, technical schools, and community colleges that provide programs in their area of assistance."

Ed! Foundation CEO Carol Pirsztuk also made a brief presentation, thanking the Skechers company for their support of children with "special needs and education," noting that the October Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk will net the ESUSD \$105,000, which is earmarked for, among other programs, "keep (ing) Physical Education at Center and Richmond Street schools. We can't thank Skechers enough for their continued support of education in El Segundo and the South Bay."

She also reminded the Board members about the upcoming (Feb. 26) Ed! Foundations "Guys Night Out," which will take place at the Beach City Baseball Academy, and provide an evening of camaraderie for El Segundo men, allowing them to compete at poker, and exhibit their batting cage prowess.

The consent agenda portion of Tuesday evening's 85-minute meeting featured the Board giving their blessings to sixteen items, including an April 15 assembly that will take place at Center Street School, and student participation in a boys' High School volleyball tournament that will encompass a trip to San Diego to take part in matches on March 11 and 12.

The "History in Motion: A Museum on Wheels" assembly is on the calendar for mid-April at Center Street. The presentation is slated to inform all CSS fifth grade students about the history of books, starting with the advent of papyrus scrolls, up through the books and newspapers of the 21st century. Students are also scheduled to be introduced to the world of electricity and science via a demonstration of a static electric generator, originally used to create a battery.

The boys' High School varsity volleyball

team will be showcasing their talents next month in the Poway Boys Volleyball Tournament. There will be no cost incurred by the District, with the players being transported in District-owned vans.

Among the other items that were approved by the Board: an agreement with EduServe consultants to continue the management of the PowerSchool database for scheduling questions and help at the High School; and an agreement with DecisionInsite to "provide enrollment projections and StudentView system" to help tackle District enrollment challenges as it relates to the District's long-range master plan and the sale of Imperial Street School.

The action item portion of the meeting was less crowded, with the third and final item that was approved consisting of a Middle School Band and Choir field trip that will take place April 21 thru 24. The students will travel to San Francisco to take part in the "Music in the Parks Program," a special event that "promotes excellence among choirs, bands, and orchestras by providing the best opportunity for learning through seeing, experiencing and interacting with other student performers and

top music professionals."

Next, the Board handled the two information pending action items on the agenda, including discussion of the mandated District school-site Single Plan for Student Achievement. The final approval to be given to the schools plans should occur at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, which is on the calendar for Tuesday, February 23.

Superintendent Melissa Moore then highlighted items on the District's informational calendar.

Board reports followed, and then Moore wound down the meeting with her Superintendent's report.

Prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, the Board had met to view a presentation by Chief Business Official Susan Aceves, detailing Governor Jerry Brown's proposed budget for the 2016-17 school year. The tone of the presentation was that while there has been a recent growth in education funding, the District must prepare for a possible funding "slowdown," while at the same time "advocate for higher funding to continue to move toward at least the national average." •

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School Spotlight

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"Gable is a perfect example of an Eagle," and Romo says he'll be "greatly missed but never forgotten." As teachers and administrators share their thoughts, they mention Gable has worked under six different principals while at ESHS. As Dr. Gen summarizes it "Gable is always there with a smile and ready to work," and we all are overcome with emotion at the thought of showing up on Monday, February 1 without Gable's smile to greet us.

There were many gifts given to Gable by ESHS in his farewell. Ms. Espinoza gave him a grilling apron, since it is mentioned several times in the video that Gable loves to grill. The apron said "Gable always an Eagle." Gable is happy, and puts it on immediately. Then, a member of the PTA thanks him, and says that there will be a brick in his honor outside the school. She also gives him donuts. In a touching moment, Mr. Reed shared with Gable the 2016 ESHS Yearbook, which will

be dedicated to Gable, and gives him a sneak peak of the special page in his honor. Crystal Harding represents the class of 2016 and gives him a plaque. In addition, Coach Shevlin gave Gable a "gold pass" which he can use to get into any ESHS event for free.

As if there were not already enough tears being shed, the ceremony closed with the choir singing "Stand Together", a medley the choir always sings to say goodbye to the choir seniors. Mr. Mancilla gave a brief farewell and our beloved Gable walked up to the microphone and thanked the ESHS and the community for being so great.

"Gable, you are great and each and every one of us wants to thank you for your kindness, hard work, and positive attitude," Mancilla said. "We have all been touched by your smile and the way you so diligently kept ESHS so beautiful. You will be missed, but we wish you many happy days ahead in the next chapter of your life and enjoy your grilling." •

Customer Service

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screen," Burnett said. "They know what the script says, but no authority to do much about what you're calling about."

A former customer-service employee for a home-security company confirmed in an interview on "20/20" that he lacked authority from their bosses to help resolve customer issues.

"You're just entry-level position," Jacob Curtis told "20/20." At the home-security company where he worked, "you just do what you're told."

Customer service suffers, too, when companies outsource the responsibility for resolving customer issues to other countries, the Northwestern professor believes.

"You're talking over a tremendous distance to the Philippines, for example. What language you speak is not their first language. You spend a lot of time on the phone, and once you get them, they have no authority and you can't understand them anyway," he explained.

The frustration isn't just with call centers.

Finding a store employee when you need assistance is becoming as difficult as talking to a person by phone. Price scanners have replaced employees in retail stores, where shoppers more and more are being asked to forgo customer service.

As much as \$41 billion per year is lost by companies because of poor customer service, according to one estimate. Surveys have found customers will switch stores or brands because employees are rude or unhelpful, or because they don't know as much as the customer does.

Amazon top the list of best companies for customer service in surveys. Subscription television and Internet service providers receive the worst customer-service ratings among 43 industries from the American Customer Satisfaction Index. Time Warner was the least popular cable provider, followed by Comcast and MediaComm, which serves smaller markets in the Midwest and South.

Internet service providers rank at the bottom

because of unreliable service, slow broadband Internet speeds, and rising subscription prices, according to the Index. "And they resent being locked into service contracts," it added.

Professor Burnett says that personal experience with a company and its employees is what

the consumer remembers, not an advertising slogan or a television commercial.

"It's when I have a direct interaction and a connection that is powerful that makes a lasting impact on how I think about that company," he said. •

Police Reports

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hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a laptop computer.

A burglary (vehicle) occurred between 1930 hours and 2130 hours on 01/23/16 in the 800 block of South Nash Street. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by prying the lock on the rear hatch. Taken were third row seats.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1940 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a laptop computer.

One male adult was arrested at 0137 hours from Aviation Boulevard and Imperial Highway for one outstanding Long Beach

PD misdemeanor traffic warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0704 hours from 10400 block of South Doty Avenue in Inglewood for grand theft, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Property Report-A found property report was taken at 1115 hours from Grand Avenue and Imperial Highway. Found was a boys twenty-four speed bicycle.

Petty theft report was taken at 1436 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's cellular phone. •

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS FOR THE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT AT CENTER, MAPLE AND WALNUT IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO PROJECT NO.: PW 16-02

The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed bids in the City Clerk's office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until 11:00 a.m. on:

TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 2016

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 Water Main Improvement 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 16-02 as adopted by the El Segundo City Council on Feb. 2, 2016 which is filed with the Public Works Department.

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, Feb. 16, 2016 at 10 AM**, at the HR Conference Room, 350 Main Street in El Segundo, CA 90245. Bidders' attendance at this meeting is **mandatory**. Questions regarding the bid shall be submitted by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 to http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/works/project_request_contact_form.asp. 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.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, 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 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 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.

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 1777.7 outline the penalties for failure 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 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:

SEALED BIDS FOR PROJECT NO.: PW 16-02
WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT AT CENTER, MAPLE AND WALNUT 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 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 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SUSAN A. HENNEBERG CASE NO. BP170045

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUSAN A. HENNEBERG. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RYAN HENNEBERG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RYAN HENNEBERG 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: 02/17/16 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 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 Code. 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 clerk.

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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name Case No. SS028556

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of: Patricia Lisa Potts Andrews for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Patricia Lisa Potts Andrews filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Patricia Lisa Potts Andrews to Lisa Andrews

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.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: March 11, 2016, Time: 8:30am,
Dept.: K

The address of the court is
1725 Main Street
Santa Monica, 90401

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: JAN 15 2016
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH KUTIL

Case No. BP170397

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRIAN KEITH KUTIL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Louis Paul Kutil, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Louis Paul Kutil, Jr. 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 on March 3, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 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.

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Tax Increase

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“there is no guarantee any new tax money will go to infrastructure”—but even if some of it does, they wonder how future Councils will choose to spend the rest and if those dollars might go to “even higher salaries, benefits and pensions.”

Feeling that “two wrongs don’t make a right,” the Measure B detractors add that “it’s not right to charge high taxes just because other cities are doing it” and that “all taxes combined are much too high.” Looking at previous ballot measures, they point out that citizens already voted down proposed residential trash fees, Measure O (2010 utility user tax increase) and Measure A resident and business tax increases.

“The City Council majority can change every two years,” the Argument Against continues. “Any future majority can reverse cost savings from a previous majority and lock-in the City to irresponsible cost increases for many years, expecting to raise taxes and fees on businesses and residents.”

The Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure B authored by Fuentes, Jacobson, Atkinson and Fellhauer states that the current City Council “has been committed to improving the City’s

financial health” with a plan of action that included “controlling spending, cutting back on expenses, increasing the City’s reserve and emergency/disaster funds, collecting fees to sustain services and reducing the number of employees by 25% over recent years.”

While emphasizing that this Council doesn’t spend money it doesn’t have, the Measure B proponents declare that “the time has come to stop deferring much-needed projects to keep our residents and visitors safe.” Examples listed of capital projects that fell to the wayside include sidewalks, streets and buildings (Joslyn Center, the clubhouse at Recreation Park and City Hall, among others) as well as “strategic infrastructure for business attraction and economic development.” Also mentioned is the City being on the hook for more than \$106.5 million in unfunded employee retirement and benefits liability.

Reiterating that residents and businesses won’t pay the TOT unless they stay in El Segundo lodging facilities, the Measure B proponents add that Los Angeles County awarded Most-Business-Friendly City honors to El Segundo in 2015 and that the “Council and City employees are committed to retaining the City’s


business friendliness and providing world-class infrastructure to our businesses and residents.” They conclude by telling voters that the decision should be about “what’s right for the City” and that “support of Measure B will provide revenue required to perform repairs and improvements and increase reduced levels of service.”

The Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of measure B urges citizens not to be fooled by “misused economic terms and cherry-picked details,” maintaining that “taxes are not at a ‘market rate’ when politicians unilaterally impose them and use government’s police power to forcibly collect them.” They go on to state that the measure “will destroy El Segundo’s competitive edge and long-time reputation as a business-friendly city.” To support that notion, they argue that room rates and TOT have increased significantly since 1996 and by 38% (\$1.5 million) since 2009/10 without any tax increases. Additionally, they report that a 12% TOT would move El Segundo to 24% above the 9.69% average for 483 California cities and counties. “Tax percentage rates should not keep increasing to pay for excessive increases to already unsustainable government employee


salaries and pensions that far exceed the private sector,” the Measure B opponents write. “One City employee got a 23% raise and was paid nearly \$600,000 in his last year.”

The opponents go on to describe Measure B as “taxation without representation” since hotel guests who pay for it can’t actually vote on the increase. Additionally, they express concern about the City Attorney’s declaration that if the Council passes a resolution on how to spend the money, it is not binding. “Only language in the ballot measure can be binding—City Council chose the nonbinding route,” the opponents write. They conclude by stating that “the hotel industry doesn’t need hotel tax hikes to ‘promote tourism’ and provide examples of other revenue boosters such as Council raising Chevron’s taxes “by more than \$8.5 million average per year for 15 years in 2013” and the future development of a 142-acre Raytheon property that “will provide El Segundo with \$5 million in fees plus an estimated \$2.6 million annual tax revenue increase.”

Residents will receive sample ballots in the mail in mid-March. The seats for City Clerk and City Treasurer are also up for election, but the incumbents will run unopposed. •



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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016010169
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) SOCIAL SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT, 2) FLEA BOUTIQUE; 550 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET APT 4058, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JONATHAN NICHOLS, 550 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET APT 4058, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. 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: JONATHAN NICHOLS, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 14, 2016.
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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11/2016. **H-1383**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016004704
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as THE ANOGEN GROUP, 8726 S SEPULVEDA BLVD SUITE D320, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GABRIELLE G. THURMOND, 8726 S SEPULVEDA BLVD SUITE D320, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. 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: GABRIELLE G. THURMOND, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 8, 2016.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016002269
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STUDIO 24 SEVEN, 3300 WEST ROSECRANS AVE. STE 202, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JOVON JAMEL SMITH, 3300 WEST ROSECRANS AVE. STE 202, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 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: JOVON JAMEL SMITH, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 6, 2016.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016011209
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) NOLO, 2) MARTINDALE-HUBBELL, LLC, 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MH SUB I, LLC, 909 N. SEPULVEDA BLVD. 11TH FLOOR, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 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: MH SUB I, LLC, B. LYNN WALSH, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 15, 2016.
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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/2016. **H-1386**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016012655
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SEKAI CONSULTING, 12617 CRENSHAW BLVD., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ATSUSHI NAKAJIMA, 12617 CRENSHAW BLVD., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 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: ATSUSHI NAKAJIMA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 19, 2016.
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Hawthorne Press Tribune: Pub. 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/2016. **HH-1387**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016023246
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SICARIUS VICKATE, 1) 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250; 2) 2851 W. 120TH ST # E163, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-29-16. Signed: FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016022955
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NATHAN'S TOWING, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FRANK FUENTES, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. 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: FRANK FUENTES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.
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El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25/2016. **H-1389**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016025920
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YUNG STARZ ENTERTAINMENT, 3779 CAHUENGA BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 91604, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DE'JUAN PARRISH, 1741 EAST HELMICK STREET, CARSON, CA 90746. 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: DE'JUAN PARRISH, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 2, 2016.
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Torrance Tribune: Pub. 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3/2016. **HT-1390**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2016026712
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KELLEY'S LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE, 13715 CERISE AVE UNIT 2, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SONDRAL KELLEY-GILLIAM, 13715 CERISE AVE UNIT 2, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/02/2016. Signed: SONDRAL KELLEY-GILLIAM, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on FEBRUARY 3, 2016.
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Looking Up

Ceres: Celebrating 215 Years of Planetary Discovery

By Bob Eklund

New Year's Day, 1801, the dawn of the 19th century, was a historic moment for astronomy, and for a space mission called Dawn more than 200 years later. That night, Giuseppe Piazzi pointed his telescope at the sky and observed a distant object that we now know as dwarf planet Ceres.

Today, NASA's Dawn mission allows us to see Ceres in exquisite detail. From the images Dawn has taken over the past year, we know Ceres is a heavily cratered body with diverse features on its surface that include a tall, cone-shaped mountain and more than 130 reflective patches of material that is likely salt. But on that fateful evening in 1801, Piazzi wasn't sure what he was seeing when he noticed a small, faint light through his telescope.

"When Piazzi discovered Ceres, exploring it was beyond imagination. More than two centuries later, NASA dispatched a machine on a cosmic journey of more than 3 billion miles to reach the distant, mysterious world he glimpsed," said Marc Rayman, mission director and chief engineer for Dawn at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California.

Piazzi was the director of the Palermo Observatory in Sicily, Italy, which has collected documents and instruments from the astronomer's time, and published a booklet on the discovery of Ceres. According to the observatory, Piazzi had been working on a



catalog of star positions on January 1, 1801, when he noticed something whose "light was a little faint and colored as Jupiter." He looked for it again on subsequent nights and saw that its position changed slightly.

What was this object? Piazzi wrote to fellow astronomers Johann Elert Bode and Barnaba Oriani to tell them he had discovered a comet.

"I have presented this star as a comet, but owing to its lack of nebulosity, and to its motion

being so slow and rather uniform, I feel in the heart that it could be something better than a comet, perhaps. However, I should be very careful in passing this conjecture to the public," Piazzi wrote to Oriani.

By July 1801, Piazzi had calculating the object's orbit and made public his observations, announcing it as a planet, and naming it "Ceres"—after the Roman goddess of agriculture, was also the patron deity of

Sicily, where Piazzi then lived and worked.

The news was especially interesting to Bode because he had championed the Titius-Bode hypothesis: that the positions of planets in our solar system follow a specific pattern, which predicts each planet's distance from the Sun. The pattern demanded that there be a planet, yet undiscovered, between Mars and Jupiter—and this is exactly where Ceres orbited.

In March 1802, Heinrich Wilhelm Matthias Olbers discovered a second, similar object: Pallas. William Herschel, discoverer of Uranus, then wrote an essay proposing that both Ceres and Pallas represented an entirely new class of objects, which he named "asteroids."

The door had opened for many more asteroids to be observed. The discoveries of Juno in 1804 and Vesta in 1807 reinforced Herschel's notion that asteroids are a class of their own. Today, we know there are hundreds of thousands of asteroids in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Now, as we commemorate the 215th anniversary of Ceres' discovery, Dawn is observing the dwarf planet from its lowest orbit ever: 240 miles from the surface. The many craters and other features that Piazzi could not see with his telescope are being named after agricultural deities or festivals, extending the theme that Piazzi began with the name "Ceres." •

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Hello. My name is **Major Tom** and I'm the last member of the trio who ended up at a LA county shelter as strays. I'm a handsome, 2-year old male who, like my gal pals, was a matted mess with long, dirty grey dreadlocks before having a truly



Stardust



Pia

transformational makeover. I'm a little larger, 16-pounds, than the ladies and with my long legs I've been called a tall drink of water. Truth be told, no one knows for certain if I'm actually a Schnauzer/Poodle mix ("Schnoodle") or a Schnauzer/Wheaten Terrier mix ("Schweaten"). One thing is certain; I'm a gentle, quiet young man who enjoys the company of other dogs as well as people. If you are interested in Major

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