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Eagles Finish 2nd in CIF Finals



The Eagles fell to the Castaic Coyotes 63-52 in the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA finals. Head Coach Scott Martin poses with team captains Gavin McKinnon, Jack Pintens, Shane Biscaya, Athletic Director Steve Shevlin, Eli Coles (captain) and El Segundo High School Principal, Steve Gebhart, after accepting the runners-up plaque. See sports page 2. Photo by Gregg McMullin.

California's "Right to Repair" Act Is Just the Fix

By Matthew K Branin

California's Senate Bill 244 (SB 244) "Right to Repair" legislation was passed and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsome on October 24 of last year, and it will go into effect July 1, 2024. Electronics have become completely integrated with everyday life; this bill protects consumers' right to have the freedom to choose where their sensitive and private electronics are repaired. It regulates manufacturers' and corporations' ability to limit and completely restrict access to vital tools and instruction in the repair process. The intention is to create a competitive marketplace for repairs and reduce overall e-waste by allowing components to be repaired and not just replaced.

California has joined with three other US states that have passed similar legislation, but the Right to Repair Movement has been a global effort dating back to the early 2000s. Manufacturers began using proprietary parts and accessories as consumer electronics such as laptops and cell phones became more common. Before cell phone charging ports were standardized, thanks to laws recently passed by the European Union, the 2000s were plagued with dozens of different chargers for all major phone manufacturers. While most cell phone brands began to use Micro-USB ports during the 2010s uniformly, Apple remained a notable hold-out, continuing to use its own design.

Electronics is not the first industry to have this type of legislative oversight; the Right to Repair Movement gained momentum back in 2012 when Massachusetts passed a law requiring car manufacturers to provide independent mechanics access to diagnostics and parts, previously only any available directly through the car manufacturer.

Companies have been making subtle changes to their products in an effort to restrict access to parts or components. By design, any simple or complex upgrades or services could only be performed by the company itself, without competition or alternatives. Batteries are a great example of how users previously had the ability to replace components themselves. Cell phone and laptop batteries were originally external, allowing for third-party vendors to develop and sell compatible products offering longer battery life and a variety of other improvements. With our devices continuing to get smaller and more complex, the ability to repair the items we own has become unrealistic for the typical consumer.

This is precisely what California's SB 244 hopes to correct. The law provides a foundation to protect consumers and allow third-party businesses to have access to the repair marketplace. Specifically, it requires parts, guides, and tools to be made available and set strict pricing guidelines. The products covered include cell phones, laptops, tablets, and home appliances sold or used in California on or after July 1, 2021. Products specifically excluded include equipment related to agriculture, forestry, or construction, video game consoles, and alarm systems.

SB 244 also hopes to build on the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 in reducing **See Right to Repair, page 12**

ESUSD Superintendent Dr. Melissa Moore Announces Retirement

Dr. Melissa Moore, superintendent of the El Segundo Unified School District, has announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2024. Dr. Moore assumed the role of superintendent in July, 2014, dedicating a decade to serving the district. In a letter to ESUSD families and the community, Dr. Moore expressed gratitude to all who have supported her throughout her more than three-decade-long career in education.

"This decision, made with joy, anticipation, apprehension and acceptance, marks the end of a noteworthy chapter in my life," said Moore. "It has been my distinct honor and privilege to lead this school district for a decade, alongside an extremely talented team of dedicated faculty, staff, teachers, ad-

ministrators, Cabinet, and Board Members."

During Dr. Moore's tenure, ESUSD achieved significant milestones, including the establishment of an ongoing revenue stream through the investment of \$16 million from the sale of the Imperial Street School, the development of a comprehensive Graduate Profile, adoption of the RULER Program for social-emotional learning, and the passage of Measure ES, a \$92 million bond measure addressing critical facility needs district-wide. This year, ESUSD plans to open three new school buildings.

"While the Board and I are happy for Dr. Moore to move into her next chapter in life, we know we will all feel her absence

See Dr. Moore, page 2

Weekend Forecast

Friday
PM Showers
61°/55°



Saturday
Showers
59°/50°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
59°/47°



Obituaries

Deborah Ann Dent-Bishoff

Deborah Ann Dent-Bishoff died suddenly in the afternoon of February 2, 2024 at home surrounded by family. She was born May 3, 1949 to Fred and Frances Dent (both deceased).



She loved telling everyone her stories of her vacations and how proud of her family she was.

Her brother Clifford Dent preceded her in death in 2011 as well as her ex-husband, Larry Bishoff in 2021. She is survived by her daughter Brenda (Sal) Cirincione, granddaughter Alexandra (Matthew) Roach, grandson Eric (Kaitlin) Cirincione, great grandsons Ryder Roach and Leone Cirincione and nieces Kelly, Patty and Margaret Dent.

Deborah graduated El Segundo High School in 1967 and later on continued her education and graduated From National University with her masters in business. She was employed by Continental Airlines and later went on to work for Raytheon in El Segundo and retired in 2005.

She was a very involved grandparent, always making time for school activities, sporting events and traveling with her family. Debbi was a funny, opinionated, and unique woman.

The family asks that you please donate to our military veterans in lieu of flowers. Debbi requested a "Going away party" which will be April 7, 2024 at 12:00 pm., Zimmerman Automobile Museum in El Segundo. •

Dr. Moore

from front page

greatly," said Board President Meredith Beachly. "We are thankful for her decade of dedication to our students and our community, and we deeply appreciate how she has served ESUSD with thoughtful leadership and innovative vision, raising our District up to its highest level of being a great place to learn and work."

In 2018, Dr. Moore was named Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (Region 14), recognizing her exemplary leadership.

"As I step into this new chapter of my life, I carry with me many fond memories, as El Segundo is indeed a truly special place," said Moore. "I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your collaboration and friendship over the years. I am confident that the commitment of teamwork, innovation and inclusion will continue to thrive and succeed under the capable hands of our amazing team of employees."

Dr. Moore will collaborate closely with the El Segundo Board of Education and district administration to ensure a smooth transition. The board will initiate the search for the next superintendent immediately.



ESUSD Superintendent Dr. Melissa Moore

Sports

Eagles Fall in CIF Basketball Final

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo high school boys' basketball team had an incredible season. They won 23 games, claimed their first league title in three years, and advanced to the CIF Southern Section Division 5AA finals for the first time in over twenty years. It marked the fourth time in 61 years the program had reached a final. The first and only time the Eagles won a basketball CIF final was the year President John F. Kennedy was in the final months of leading our nation. After a see-saw battle, the Eagles fell to the Castaic Coyotes 63-52.

This season, the Eagles were the top-seeded team heading into the playoffs, and they lived up to the hype. To get to the finals, the Eagles defeated Filmore by 55 points

in the opening round, Tarbut Torah 60-36 in the second round, Trinity Academy in the quarter-finals 66-52, and fourth seed Buckley 74-41 in the semi-finals.

The somewhat easy schedule through the playoffs did not prepare the Eagles for a date in the finals against Castaic, a team that finished winless in the Foothill League. Don't let the fact the Coyotes were 0-12 in Foothill League play fool you. They entered the playoffs 14-14, meaning the Coyotes were 14-2 outside their league. The Coyotes' march to the finals included wins over the second-seed Godinez and third-seeded Dunn. Played at the University of Azusa-Pacific, the Eagles were supported by a large contingent of community and student body fans.

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Jack Pintens gets held by Castaic's Giovanni Valentin on the left and pushed by Kevin Curtis on the right; no foul was called.



Led by CEO, Founder, and President Nury Gomez, Accounting Breeze is a local small women-owned accounting firm based in El Segundo. We partner with small to medium businesses and the general community to provide them with customized organizational bookkeeping, payroll, and tax services.

Nury is very proud to announce that on Saturday October 19th 2024, she will be hosting the firm's 10th Year Anniversary at the historic El Segundo Women's Club. In addition, she wanted to highlight that she is paying it forward on our 10th Year Anniversary as Accounting Breeze. Her non-profit, Financialize the Future Foundation (DBA El Segundo Vita Program) has partnered with the IRS, to offer a free program for low-income families to serve the greater community of El Segundo with their taxes beginning, March 2nd, 2024 by appointment only! The link is <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>



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Thankfully, They've Gone to the Dogs

By Ron Sokol

Talking with Luciano Aguilar and thinking out what to write here without going on too much, it dawns on me that his decision to marry his high school sweetheart actually put his destiny on course. That tender decision has greatly influenced who he has become, what he is accomplishing, what his family is doing, and the ample good they provide to others.

Luciano's family moved from Los Angeles to Lennox, where he lived until he was nine years young. They then moved to Hawthorne, where he continues to reside today.

Upon graduating from Leuzinger High School, Luciano was quite clear: "I did not know what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to marry Leticia, my high school sweetheart. Joining the Air Force made the

most sense so that I could provide. It just seemed like the only solid decision."

So it is that Luciano enlisted as a Security Force member, which means military police. He will have a ten-year career, which will include duty in South America and other foreign locations. It was helpful he could speak Spanish. An opportunity arose; if he could pass a specific test, young Luciano would make a little more money. His work at that time focused on "the drug war," as well as educating other countries about how to defend themselves. Although Luciano wanted to return to the States to be of direct assistance here, he was told that he had two choices: CATM (Combat Arms Training and Maintenance), basically how to work with guns, one option; or "Young man, you can

See Luciano Aguilar, page 14

Police Reports

Monday, Feb 19th

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1024 hours from the 300 block of Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence under construction and ransacked it.

A found property report was taken at 1248 hours from 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A handgun was found and booked for safekeeping.

One male adult was arrested at 2234 hours from the 200 block of South Aviation Boulevard for one CDCR felony no bail warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 0151 hours from the 900 block of Main Street for possession of drug paraphernalia.

One male adult was arrested at 0323 hours from the 1000 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and possession of a firearm with an altered serial number.

A petty theft report was taken at 0248 hours from the 300 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. A female suspect took items without rendering payment.

Tuesday, Feb 20th

An attempted vehicle theft report was taken at 0849 hours from the 700 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to steal the victim's vehicle.

A pass/make a fictitious check report was taken at 1330 hours from the 200 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. The reporting party mailed a check that was not deposited into the correct recipient account.

A defrauding an innkeeper report was taken at 1341 hours from the 400 block of North Pacific Coast Highway. Two suspects fled the location and failed to pay the balance for their hotel stay.

A lost property report was taken at 1608 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A wallet was lost.

A traffic collision (injuries) report was taken at 1802 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus vehicle.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1842 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Two suspects stole merchandise from the store.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1824 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Two suspects stole merchandise from the store.

One male adult was arrested at 2013 hours from the 900 block of Main Street for public intoxication.

A felony evading report was taken at 2300 hours from the 400 block of West Walnut Avenue. A stolen BMW X7 fled from officers when a traffic stop was attempted. The vehicle was later located unoccupied on the 405 Freeway at Manchester Boulevard and recovered.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 0111 hours from Indiana Street and Mariposa Avenue for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wednesday, Feb 21st

A found property report was taken at 0908 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue. A wallet was found.

A vandalism report was taken at 1050 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the victim's vehicle window.

A lost property report was taken at 1543 hours from the 400 block of East Imperial Avenue. A wallet was lost.

One male adult was arrested at 1556 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for shoplifting and possession of a controlled substance.

One male adult was detained at 1635 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for possession of a controlled substance.

See Police Reports, page 14

City Council to LA Mayor Karen Bass: Do Something

The Mayor and City Councilmembers sent this letter to Los Angeles Mayor Bass on February 23, 2024.

RE: Failed Management of the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dear Mayor Bass,

We are writing to you on behalf of the City of El Segundo with grave concerns regarding the appalling state of affairs at the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant under the current leadership. The recent string of failures and compliance breaches at Hyperion have made it abundantly clear that there are significant deficiencies in the management and maintenance of the facility, posing serious risks to public health and the environment.

As you already know, since the nearly catastrophic spill on July 11, 2021, El Segundo residents and businesses have continued to suffer from terrible odors and gases being released from the plant. Our community members have reported that the odor causes headaches, itchy eyes, nausea, and vomiting. It has been over 2.5 years since that unfortunate incident and there continues to be multiple compliance and equipment failures at Hyperion, resulting in South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) issuing over 70 Notices of Violation (NOVs) to the plant.

At the end of 2023, it seemed that the situation with Hyperion was improving, and the plant was making progress toward complying with AQMD's orders of abatement. Further, we are very grateful to Ryan Jackson in your office, who has done great work connecting us with Hyperion leadership and taking action on a number of requests – he has been excellent to work with. After connecting with Hyperion, we thought we established improved lines of communication. However, it appears that has all fallen apart.

In the past three weeks:

- AQMD issued FIVE NOVs to Hyperion for odor.
- Air Quality Monitoring website failed.
- Electrical damage led to storage of solid waste in truck loading areas.
- Process equipment failures caused biogas flaring and implementation of tanks with faulty covers.

• Extremely delayed - by 3-5 days - or non-existent, and incomplete communication to the community about odors and plant activities.

• Willful misinformation from Hyperion senior leadership to the City Manager and staff about plant activities. Stating that there were no odor causing activities or that the smell was caused by increased inflow from the rain, only to later discover:

- They were cleaning tanks without proper notice.
- The bar screens failed again, causing flooding.
- 25% of the bypass was opened, but they did not have a heavy equipment operator to open the system fully.
- Flooding, combined with the sludge released to the settling tank, caused pumps to fail.
- They are in violation of their water purity levels.

The repeated instances of equipment failures, lack of proactive maintenance, odor leaks, poor communication, faulty information, and flagrant violations of regulatory standards are nothing short of reprehensible. Such negligence and incompetence cannot be tolerated, especially when they jeopardize the health and safety of our community and the integrity of our natural resources.

We refuse to stand idly by while our constituents suffer the consequences of the gross mismanagement of Hyperion by the City of Los Angeles. We demand immediate and decisive action to remove Los Angeles Sanitation Director and General Manager Barbara Romero from office. The position must be replaced with an individual with extensive expertise and training in wastewater management, unquestionable integrity, and dedication to upholding the highest standards of environmental protection and regulatory compliance.

Our community deserves better. We will not rest until we see meaningful change and accountability at Hyperion. As elected officials, we are duty-bound to champion the interests of our constituents and hold those in positions of authority accountable for their actions—or lack thereof. We expect nothing short of your full commitment and immediate action in addressing this request. The health and safety of our community depend on it. •

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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Across

- Plugs
- Software program, briefly
- Astro
- Seafood entree
- Rap sheet listing
- Neck and neck
- Vegan diet staple
- Backward-looking
- Nevada/Arizona lake
- Human being
- Casual clothing, 2 words
- Doesn't come to terms
- Juvenile
- It has waves and swells
- Weather goes with it
- Seance phenomenon
- Watch closely
- Found you!
- Feminine pronoun
- Had a taste
- Finish off
- Supporting
- Like some oats
- "If ___ only knew!"
- Nine-to-five drudgery, say
- Widespread
- Convention group

Down

- Make a play!
- Dew ___
- Unharmed
- Game sites
- Hole
- Plays the role of
- End
- Ended
- Essential part
- Means justifiers, at times
- Stressful concerns
- Whizzes
- Ceremony on "The Bachelor"
- In as much as
- Female lobster

Across

- Link
- Far-reaching views
- Get copy ready
- Skier's mecca
- Departure
- Knot
- Passionate
- Full-bodied
- Ride with runners
- ___ do person
- Blue yonder

Down

- "Gosh!"
- Take care of
- Humans' home
- Partitions
- Bedding item
- Not just any
- Polar worker
- Piercing locale
- Baking term
- "CSI" type of evidence
- Changes spots
- Gypsum
- Persian, e.g.
- Blue penciled
- Vote of support
- Bar
- Baker's unit
- Minuscule
- Camera part
- Simon Cowell's old show
- Man Friday
- Central line
- Twisted
- Potpie morsel
- Biblically yours

Last Week's Answers

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SUDOKU Medium

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

Entertainment

Film Review

The Arc of Oblivion is a Kooky Mediation on Impermanence

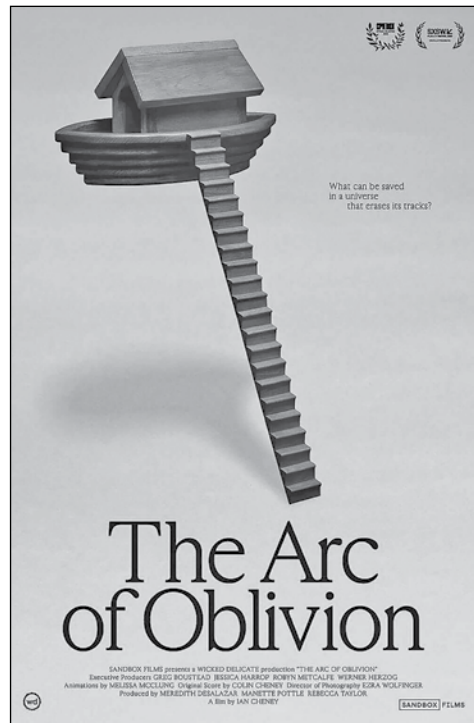
By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

Two of the documentary world's most respected filmmakers, Werner Herzog and Kirsten Johnson, give their stamp of approval to Ian Cheney's expansive and rhetorical film *The Arc of Oblivion*. Lending their astute insights to this cinematic meditation on mindfulness, *The Arc of Oblivion* playfully explores the human desire for keepsakes amidst an ever-evolving world. Confronted by a question with a myriad

draws comparisons, quite literally, to Noah from the Bible, asking what he would take with him on his arc if he existed in today's modern times. Wanting to experience this scenario from a very method perspective, Ian enlists help from his parents and neighbor to build a 10ft arc in his backyard, using wood he excavates from the neighboring forest. This act of building a backyard arc gets Ian thinking about the fragility of memories, how to cope with their impermanence, and the theory that nothing ever "goes away"—rather, that energy is placed elsewhere.

The Arc of Oblivion has a kookiness to it that feels fresh and unexplored. The incorporation of video art, stop-motion animation, interviews with top subjects (including Johnson and Herzog), and timelapse sequences gives this unconventional thought experiment a sharp edge that is both fun and poignant. Werner Herzog is the film's Executive Producer and he makes an appearance in the last 10 minutes, breaking the fourth wall in a way that feels exciting. He comments on the power of the word "Oblivion" in the film's title, calling it a blessing because we would be miserable if we remembered everything. The human mind needs to be able to forget, he states. He even goes so far as to let us in on a little secret: Herzog discards all of the unused footage that doesn't make it into his films. Never will you see an outtake, director's cut, or extended scene. If it's not in the film, it's deleted from existence.

Acting as a philosophical springboard into the discussion of a desire for permanence, *The Arc of Oblivion* begs us to question, in the nicest of ways, if we are beautifully insane in our efforts to continue to preserve memories, despite the natural order of disregarding them. It's a fascinating film that I hope remains in the public's consciousness for a long, long time. •



The Arc of Oblivion, courtesy Abramorama

of possible answers, Ian Cheney encourages audiences to ponder what from this world is worth saving or, even more profoundly, "Are we insane to imagine that anything can last?"

Film is a tangible medium that has been around since the Lumière brothers presented the Cinématographe in December 1895. Images are captured and stored on rolls of film or hard drives, accessible when needed. Through the medium of film, we can experience cultures, periods, and places beyond our wildest imagination. The thought of this portal getting erased is terrifying, both from an enjoyment perspective and a historical one. As a filmmaker himself, Ian has always had a fear of losing his life's work from one accidental deletion or natural disaster. In opposition to our need for preserving history, Planet Earth archives it by burying its dead, as seen in limestone layers, tree rings, and fossils. Is that the true order of how we should approach archiving—here one minute, and gone the next?

This train of thought sparks a chain of wild hypothetical theories about memories and the human desire to want to preserve a legacy. Ian



Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

Prophet Song by Paul Lynch

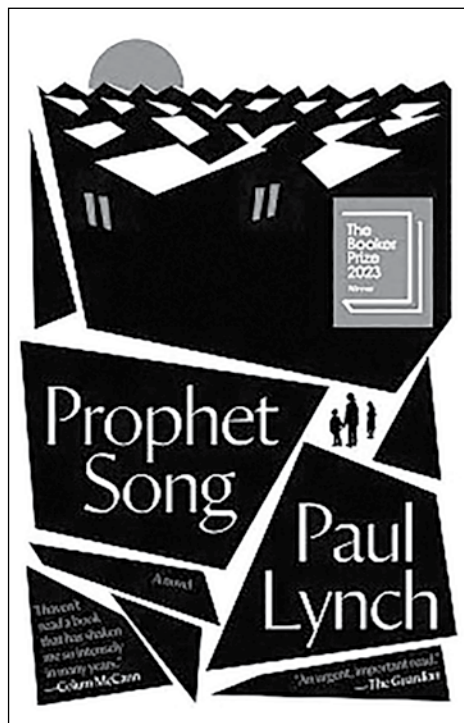
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Prophet Song, the Booker Prize Winner of 2023, is a harrowing account of the descent into authoritarian rule by the fictional National Alliance Party in Dublin, Ireland. Viewed through the lens of one family, mainly matriarch Eilish Stack, the novel is an unrelenting assault on the belief in human decency and democratic rule. Told in running prose with no paragraph breaks, *Prophet Song* is a frightening look at societal collapse from the ground up.

When the secret police come knocking on the Stack family door, looking for her husband Larry, the deputy general secretary of the Teachers Union of Ireland, Eilish feels the haunting dread of things to come. "This feeling now that something has come into the house, she wants to put the baby down, she wants to stand and think, seeing how it stood with the two men and came into the hallway of its own accord, something formless yet felt."

As Eilish tries to hold her family together through the inexorable slide into fascism, she refuses to see the truth. When Larry is disappeared, as so many are, Eilish continues to cling to the Ireland she knows, not the one that it has become. With four children ranging from nine months to sixteen years and a father sliding into dementia, Eilish rebuffs all

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Prophet Song by Paul Lynch



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Smart Steps to Economic Empowerment

(BPT) - Despite today's challenging economic climate, the majority of Americans feel economically empowered and continue to strive for their professional goals, but there are generational differences, with Gen Z and millennials feeling more confident than Gen X and baby boomers.

According to a survey commissioned by Herbalife, 55% of Americans are currently taking steps to feel more economically empowered. In fact, 73% of respondents said that starting their own business or partaking in freelance work feels like the only way to become economically empowered.

The study, which surveyed 2,000 Americans and 5,000 international respondents from 6 different countries, defined economic empowerment as providing people with the education, training and skills that they need to find a job, earn an income and become self-supporting.

Economic Realities

According to survey findings, 78% of Americans are more aware of their economic situation in the past five years, with almost half (47%) attributing it to the pandemic.

"In recent years, Americans have faced a number of barriers to achieving economic empowerment such as inflation, business closures and unfair lending processes. Providing more opportunities for economic empowerment is essential for all," said Humbi Calleja, vice president and general manager of Herbalife, North America.

Nevertheless, Americans are hopeful. In fact, 67% believe that they will be economically empowered in the future.

Finding Economic Opportunities

The new year is the ideal time to embrace economic empowerment and set goals. Of those Americans taking steps to become more empowered, 40% are educating themselves about personal finance, budgeting, investing and managing debt.

The survey also revealed generational differences. For example, Gen Z and millennials are the most likely to currently feel economically empowered (66% and 70%, respectively) compared to 51% of Gen X and 52% of American

baby boomers.

Interestingly, over half of both Gen Z and millennials have a side hustle compared to 35% of Gen X and only 7% of baby boomers.

"There are many opportunities available for people looking to achieve economic empowerment by starting their own business," said Ibi Montesino, executive vice president, chief of staff, Herbalife. "For example, network marketing allows you to start a business at a manageable cost, plus receive ongoing training, resources and support."

Calleja and Montesino suggest these tips to help people take steps toward economic empowerment:

Improve your financial literacy: Learn more about effectively managing, saving and investing your money. This can include budgeting, eliminating debt, buying insurance, exploring investments and creating retirement savings plans.

Set clear financial goals: Goals should be specific, measurable and achievable for your short-term and long-term future, including saving money regularly and paying off debts. Creating goals can help you turn vision into reality.

Invest in education and skill development: By attending continued education like on-the-job training, online and certification courses, you are investing in yourself and your future. This demonstrates your commitment to your personal and professional growth, which can lead to better career prospects and financial rewards.

Start your own business or side hustle: Today, almost half of Americans have a side hustle outside of their day job to generate additional income. Consider your interests and options to set yourself up for success.

Work to build strong personal and professional networks: Having strong connections in your personal and professional life offers many benefits. You have access to support, mentors, opportunities and so much more.

Now is the ideal time to set yourself up for professional success and take steps toward economic empowerment. To learn more about starting a new business and earning some extra income, visit Herbalife.com. •

Seniors

Don't Let Shingles Interrupt Your Ability to Thrive

(BPT) - In 2020, Cassandra was making the most out of her full, busy life. At age 60, her active social calendar included spending plenty of time with friends and family, especially her three grown children. The last thing she expected was for all of this to be disrupted.

Thinking back, Cassandra remembers happily browsing a garage sale one weekend when she felt something on her back. "It was a very painful bump that felt like a spider bite," she recalled. "After twenty-four hours, the bump had risen, and I was in a lot of pain."



But it was no spider bite, and it only got worse. After two days when the pain became unbearable, she contacted her doctor. The diagnosis? Cassandra had shingles.

What Is Shingles?

Shingles (herpes zoster) is a common disease, in fact, an estimated one million people develop shingles annually in the United States.

After someone has had chickenpox, the virus stays dormant inside their body and can reactivate years later, causing shingles. Shingles usually begins as a painful, blistering rash on one side of the face or body. This debilitating disease has the potential to keep you from living your everyday life for several weeks.

"Shingles is not just an ordinary rash," explained pharmacist and GSK medical educator Dr. Leah Smith. "Because of the intense discomfort that can come with it, shingles can keep you from doing everyday activities like working and socializing. Having shingles can be an isolating and painful experience."

Who May Be Impacted By Shingles?

Adults 50 years and older are at an increased risk for shingles. In fact, 99% of adults 50 years and older already have the virus that causes shingles inside their body, and it can reactivate at any time, even though not everyone at risk will develop shingles.

The immune system naturally declines with age, beginning around age 50, making people more susceptible to developing shingles as they get older. According to a survey performed by GSK, 86% of people 50 years and older may think that shingles won't impact them; however, that may not be the case.

For Cassandra, despite feeling like a well-versed health advocate, she was still unaware of how her age increased her risk for shingles. "Awareness is the key factor here. So many people that I talked to, so many people that responded to my experience, said that they

really weren't aware of the impact that shingles can have," she added.

Are There Other Potential Effects Shingles Can Have?

While shingles can be a painful experience that can disrupt a person's life for multiple weeks at a time, the disease can also lead to long-term, debilitating complications that can last for months or even years.

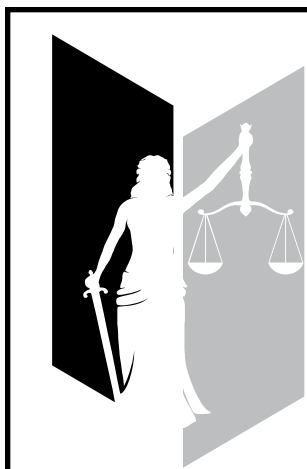
What Can You Do to Help Prevent Shingles?

Cassandra, who started documenting and sharing her shingles experience since it began, advocates for people 50 and over to talk to their doctor or pharmacist about their risk for shingles, and about vaccination. "I want people to be aware of shingles and feel empowered to speak with their healthcare providers about their risk."

Cassandra joined GSK's THRIVE@50+ campaign, a national public health initiative to educate people about their risk of shingles due to natural aging of the immune system and the impact the disease can have on everyday life.

This Shingles Awareness Week, from February 26-March 3, GSK is encouraging candid conversations about shingles and its associated risk to help empower adults 50 years and older to continue thriving.

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arguments to emigrate. Her family begins to unravel; her 16 year old son is enraged with powerlessness, her daughter refuses to eat, and Eilish worries about the effect of toxic stress on the lives of her children while trying to keep tabs on her increasingly erratic father.

Through the mundane daily domesticity of life, we witness the merciless slide of Eilish's world into utter chaos. As Lynch writes, "It is vanity to think the world will end during

your lifetime in some sudden event, that what ends is your life and only your life, that what is sung by the prophets is but the same song sung across time."

Eerily prescient, this book reminds us of the horror of civil war and the daily reality of war-torn countries like Gaza and Ukraine, despite being written years before either of these occurrences. Although devastating, this is a powerful novel and a must read. •

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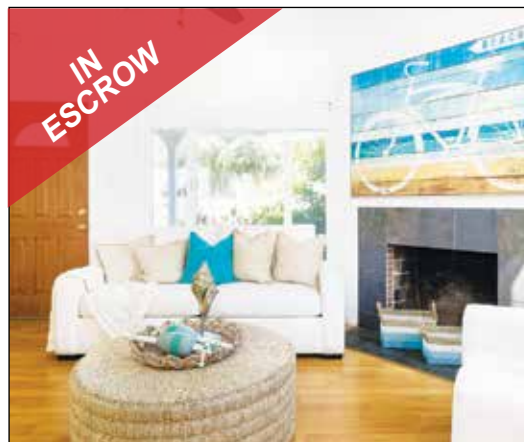


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- 4 links frozen or refrigerated fully-cooked pork breakfast sausage
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
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- **Step 1:** Heat the oven to 450°F. While the oven is heating, cook the sausage according to the package directions and finely chop (should make about 1/2 cup). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- **Step 2:** Stir 2 1/2 cups flour, baking powder and butter in a large bowl (using your fingers, crumble the cold butter into the flour mixture until it forms pea-sized pieces). Add the sausage, soup, honey and thyme and mix just until a slightly sticky dough forms. Shape the dough into a ball.
- **Step 3:** Sprinkle some additional flour on the work surface. Roll the dough into a 10x7-inch rectangle (should be about 1 inch thick). Cut into 12 (about 2 1/2-inch) squares. Place the dough squares onto the baking sheet. Brush with the egg. Sprinkle with additional chopped fresh thyme, if desired.
- **Step 4 :** Bake for 12 minutes or until the biscuits are golden brown. Serve warm.

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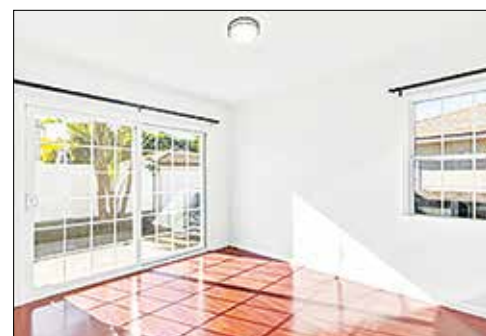


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Sports

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The Eagles and Coyotes matched up well both physically and athletically, and it showed in the first-half stats. Both teams play an aggressive defense while employing an up-tempo offense, and the result was a low-scoring first quarter.

Ethan Thomas scored the game's first points for Castaic on a tip-in. The Eagles followed by scoring three consecutive baskets, including two layups by Darreson Naruse and a mid-range jumper by Eli Coles to make it 6-2 two minutes into the first quarter. The Coyotes took a 10-8 lead on a three-point play by Lucas Milan, but the Eagles closed out the first quarter with two free throws by Coles and one by Naruse to take a 12-10 lead.

In the second period, the Eagles had a challenging time shooting but, in the process, went to the foul line plenty. In fact, the Eagles only field goal they made came on Shane Biscaya's jumper with 6:46 remaining in the first half. The Eagles were constantly being harassed offensively and were thrown out of their usual successful outside shooting. They did manage to convert 11-of-13 foul shots and take a 25-23 halftime lead. The Eagles shot a dismal 27 percent from the field and were 0-5 from three-point range. On the other hand, El Segundo's 17-20 free throw shooting in the first half kept them in the game.

The officials were generous with letting both teams play. The Coyotes aggressively mauled the Eagles on offense while holding their whistles on obvious traveling sequences. The Eagles got away with some obvious holding calls that were not called. If the Eagles were to prevail, it was obvious that their field goal shooting would need to improve.

In the third quarter, the Eagles shot a little better, but so did Castaic. There were seven lead changes in the quarter. Gavin McKinnon gave the Eagles a 31-27 lead, and Jack Pinten scored from inside to make it 33-29 with five minutes remaining in the period. With 2:45 remaining, Pintens made a brilliant pass to Coles under the basket, who promptly laid it up and in. He was obviously fouled on the play, but there was a no-call, and the



Eli Coles, who scored 13 points, converted seven of eight free throws. Eagles took a 39-38 lead. Darreson Naruse found an opening and managed his way for a layup and again was fouled with a no-call but a 43-42 advantage.

Perhaps two late baskets by Castaic and the end of the third quarter were the game-changing turning points. The first, with twenty-four seconds in the quarter, the Coyotes' Lucas Milan connected on the team's first three-pointer of the game to give his team a 45-43 lead. After a steal by the Coyotes, Giovanni Valentin put up a shot at the buzzer. The shot was altered at the rim and fell from the basket. After the three officials discussed the shot attempt, it was ruled a successful try, giving the Coyotes their largest lead of the game, 47-43.

The fourth quarter saw the Eagles frantically trying to make up the deficit with poor shot selections. Turnovers by El Segundo gave Castaic the opportunity to pad their lead. The Coyotes took advantage by increasing the lead to 51-43 with six minutes remaining in the game.

El Segundo closed the gap with 4:24 remaining when Shane Biscaya connected on El Segundo's only three-pointer of the

game. Darreson Naruse squeezed through the lane for a layup to close the deficit to 55-52 with just over two minutes left. The Coyotes would hold off the Eagles the rest of the way while scoring the game's final eight points and going on to defeat the Eagles 63-52.

It was a disappointing ending to the game, but they lost with dignity and kept their heads high. The Eagles advanced to the CIF State Division IV Southern Regional Tournament. They traveled to Reseda to play the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday. Should the Eagles win, they would play today against the Northview/Palispades contest winner. The Southern Region Tournament Final is slated for Tuesday, March 5, with the winner advancing to the CIF State Championship game in Sacramento on Saturday, March 9.

Baseball Team Routs Bellflower and Mira Costa

The Eagles defeated Bellflower 7-1 and Mira Costa 13-2 in the El Segundo Tournament. Against Bellflower, the Eagles rout started in the first inning when they scored three runs on four hits, including three doubles. In the third inning, they scored three more runs to make it 6-1 and went on to win it 7-1.

In the lopsided win over Mira Costa, the Eagles took a 2-1 advantage into the sixth inning and scored eleven runs on their way to a 13-2 win. In their highest-scoring inning in the season, the Eagles sent fourteen hitters to the plate. Jake Collins started and was solid through five innings for the Eagles.

The Eagles take their 3-1 record into this week's El Segundo Tournament game on Tuesday against Culver City. The Eagles are in action today and Saturday to wrap up the tournament at a time and site TBD.

Softball Team Gets Comeback Win over Culver City

The Eagles came away with a comeback win to defeat the Culver City Centaurs 4-2. Trailing 2-0 in the fifth inning, the Eagles put together a three-run inning. Marilyn McCaverty had a two-run single to highlight the inning.

Sienna Mayer had a productive day at the plate going 3-for-4 with a double and triple and an RBI. Kacey Ekstrom had two hits,

and Allie Stevenson had an RBI single. With injuries to three key players, Taryn Walker was promoted from the JV team, and she produced with a single and scored a run. Hailey Wantz went the distance in the circle and was brilliant. She gave up two runs (one earned) on eight hits and struck out eight while walking just one batter.

The Eagles played host to Valley Christian yesterday, weather permitting, and host Bay League favorite Redondo tonight at 6 p.m. Next week, the Eagles open up Pioneer League play by hosting North Torrance next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball Team Playing Rugged Schedule

The defending 2023 CIF SoCal Division II and CIF Southern Section Division 2 champions are off to a rough 1-5 start. Having lost to Loyola and Mira Costa back to back to open the season, they faced and lost to Santa Monica, Carlsbad, and South Torrance in the Redondo Union Classic. The Eagles did manage to hold off Warren and defeat the Bears.

The Eagles have lost to three teams ranked in the top twenty nationally. In the match against the Loyola Cubs, the Eagles got off to a great start before the Cubs took control of the first game. In the second game, the Eagles played well and returned aggressive hits from the Cubs. They extended the second game through their returns and few errors. Jackson Brenneman's block sparked the Eagles. Ryan Pilkvist gave the Eagles a 24-23 lead before Loyola scored the next three points to win the second game. Loyola took their momentum into game three and easily defeated the Eagles 25-11.

The match against the Mira Costa Mustangs was another David versus Goliath scenario. The Mustangs dispatched the Eagles in three games 25-17, 25-14, 25-15. But the Eagles displayed heart in defeat. Nathan Burns, Giorgio Biondo, James Anderson, Dylan and Ryan Pilkvist were instrumental for the Eagles.

The Eagles play at home on Friday at 3:30 p.m. against Da Vinci in their Pioneer League opener. •



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NOTICE OF STAFF PRESENTATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 TIME: 6:00 p.m. PLACE: City Council Chambers 350 Main Street El Segundo, California

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EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Board of Education of the El Segundo Unified School District is seeking qualified, interested individuals to serve on a committee of community leaders which will serve as the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee ("COC") for the implementation of the District's Measure ES school facilities bond program.

Proposition 39 Bond Election

On November 6, 2018, voters residing within the El Segundo Unified School District passed Measure ES. Measure ES is a \$92,000,000 bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the district's schools.

Establishment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee

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If you are interested in applying please visit the district website at https://www.elsegundousd.net/page/citizens-bond-oversight-committee to access the application or pick up an application from the district office at 614 Sheldon St. El Segundo, CA 90245. Applications are due by 4 p.m. March 6, 2024.

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City of El Segundo Notice of Public Hearing. The PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on: Zone Text Amendment to the Driveway and Curb Cut Standards of the El Segundo Municipal Code. Address: Citywide. Project Description: (Environmental Assessment No. EA-1358 and Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 24-01). Applicant: City of El Segundo. Hearing: Thursday, March 14, 2024, 5:30pm. Place: City Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CASEY BAHR

Case No. 24STPB01405 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of CASEY BAHR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHONDA CHASE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHONDA CHASE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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.)

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 03/07/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner SCOTT P. SCHOMER, ESQ. - SBN 150027, SCHOMER LAW GROUP, APC 2155 CAMPUS DR STE 250 EL SEGUNDO CA 90245, Telephone (310) 337-7696 BSC 224663 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/24 CNS-3782530# EL SEGUNDO HERALD El Segundo Herald Pub. 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/24 H-28330

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THUY THANH NGUYEN

Case No. 23STPB13684 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of THUY THANH NGUYEN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TITANIA KISHI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TITANIA KISHI 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: 3/26/2024 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner Kristen L. Erney 4 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 900 Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714) 432-8700 El Segundo Herald Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14/24 H-28345

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DELORES F. CAMACHO AKA DELORES FEDELLA CAMACHO

Case No. 23STPB12597 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DELORES F. CAMACHO AKA DELORES FEDELLA CAMACHO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LORI SMOLDT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LORI SMOLDT 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: 03/08/24 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.

Attorney for Petitioner BRUCE M. MACDONALD - SBN 219031; TAYLOR ANN CARICO - SBN 310431 CARICO GLOWACKI MACDONALD KIL & BENZ LLP 841 APOLLO STREET, SUITE 450 EL SEGUNDO CA 90245 Telephone (310) 545-0010 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/24 CNS-3782783# EL SEGUNDO HERALD El Segundo Herald Pub. 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/24 H-28328



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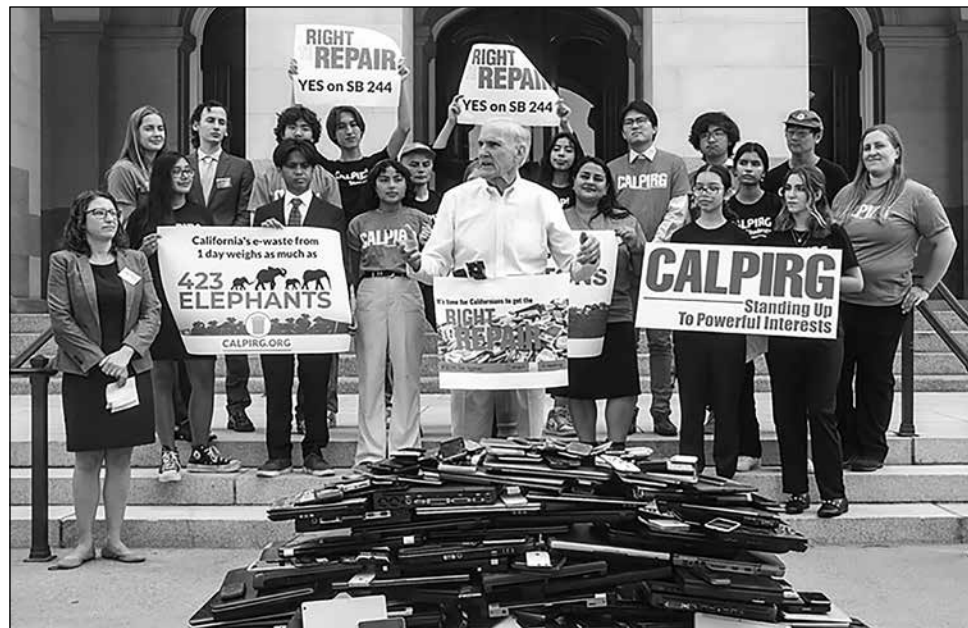
overall e-waste in California. By encouraging components to be repaired and expanding the locations where those repairs are available, more will be repaired than replaced. The Department of Toxic Substances Control reported that every American produced an average of 46 pounds of e-waste in 2019. E-waste can contain harmful chemicals such as lead and mercury and present environmental dangers unless disposed of properly.

For the supporters of the bill, the stakes could not be higher. In a statement regarding the bill's merit, law professors specializing in intellectual property described the bill as "crucial, not only to our autonomy as individuals but to our collective obligations to the planet. This bill would provide the citizens of California with tools to regain control over the consumer devices they rely on daily and stem the environmental harms of a throwaway consumer culture."

A notable and surprising supporter of the law included Apple, based in Cupertino, California. Apple had previously been outspokenly

against Right to Repair protections. In a letter, Apple's director of state and local government affairs praised the bill, saying

it "protects users' safety and security." This after decades of maintaining unique hardware, developed and produced by Apple itself.



California State Assemblyman Steve Bennet giving a press conference about the bill.

European Union Directive (EU) 2022/2380, passed back in 2022, requires all phones sold in Europe must employ an industry-standard USB Type-C port. In response, Apple redesigned its next generation of phones to retire its proprietary Lightning connector in favor of a USB-C port.

Included in the California Senate Floor Analysis of the bill, the coalition of opponents, which includes the California Chamber of Commerce among other local, state, and national organizations and businesses, argued that this would "stifle innovation by putting hard-earned intellectual property in the hands of hundreds, if not thousands, of new entities."

Ultimately, California's SB 244 "Right to Repair" was approved unanimously. Penalties for non-compliance include \$1,000 per day for the first violation and \$2,000 a day for the second, up to \$5,000 a day for all subsequent violations. California is clearly showing its commitment to protecting consumers' rights in the ever-changing electronic and digital space. •

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<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024033466</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIVINE PURPOSE BAKERY, 24405 NEECE AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ALEX APONTE, 24405 NEECE AVE., TORRANCE, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2024. Signed: ALEX APONTE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 14, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 14, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 14, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). 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Fictitious Business Name 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. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3355</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024037787</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CVS/PHARMACY #17891, 2130 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, LOMITA, CA 90717, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 200432010237. Registered Owner(s): GARFIELD BEACH CVS, L.L.C., 1 CVS DRIVE, WOONSOCKET, RI, 02895. 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: GARFIELD BEACH CVS, L.L.C., MELANIE K. ST ANGELO, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 20, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 20, 2029. 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<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024037799</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY, 3020 W. EMPIRE AVE., BURBANK, CA 91504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 2325444. Registered Owner(s): CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 1920 WESTRIDGE DRIVE, IRVING, TX 75038. 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: 01/2001. Signed: CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., DAVID T. BRADFORD, VICE PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 20, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 20, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 20, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3359</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024037793</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ROYAL INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS, 27520 AVE. HOPKINS, UNIT #A, VALENCIA, CA 91355, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 2325444. Registered Owner(s): CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 1920 WESTRIDGE DRIVE, IRVING, TX 75038. 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: 09/2017. Signed: CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., DAVID T. BRADFORD, VICE PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 20, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 20, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 20, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3360</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024037796</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as METROPOLITAN ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, 4309 DISTRICT BLVD, VERNON, CA 90058, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 2325444. Registered Owner(s): CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., 1920 WESTRIDGE DRIVE, IRVING, TX 75038. 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: 08/2003. Signed: CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC., DAVID T. BRADFORD, VICE PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 20, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 20, 2029. 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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024040346

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SENIOR HELPERS OF LA BEACH CITIES, 9959 ROBBINS DR APT. C, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GOLD TEES, INC., 9959 ROBBINS DR APT. C, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. 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: N/A. Signed: GOLD TEES, INC., JAY ISAACSON, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 22, 2024.
 NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 22, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 22, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
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<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024040116</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TORPEZ USA, 811 N. CATALINA AVE SUITE 1212, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): CONCURRENT PARTNERS LLC, 407 N. PACIFIC COAST HWY #591, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. CA. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: CONCURRENT PARTNERS LLC, LEWIS KARL ZIEGLER, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 22, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 22, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 22, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3365</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024041113</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GEO'S MOBILE GROOMING, 5233 E CARSON STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90808, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): GREENER EARTH ORGANIZATION, INC., 5233 E CARSON STREET, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. 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: N/A. Signed: GREENER EARTH ORGANIZATION, INC., FERNANDO PAYAN ESPINDOLA, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 23, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 23, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 23, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3366</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024030008</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PREMIER PREP EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, 19212 NESTOR AVE., CARSON, CA 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): VS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC, 19212 NESTOR AVE., CARSON, CA 90746. CA. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: VS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC, VITHREL SEARCHWELL, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 9, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 9, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 9, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3367</p>	<p>Fictitious Business Name Statement 2024010565</p> <p>The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) PASQUINI IMPORTS, 2) PASQUINI COFFEE COMPANY, 3) PASQUINI, 2902 GILROY ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90039, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ESPRESSO SERVICES, INC, 1026 CENTRAL AVE NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413. MN. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/2024. Signed: ESPRESSO SERVICES, INC, RYAN BRIGGS, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 17, 2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 17, 2029. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 17, 2029. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/24 H-3368</p>
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Luciano Aguilar

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Luciano Aguilar, photo courtesy Luciano Aguilar.

work in the K9 program.”

His wife Leticia, who knows him so well, was quite clear: “Honey, you’re afraid of dogs. Why would you ever take on the K9 program?”

Well, the rest is history. When Luciano was scheduled for the Kennel Interview to seek to become part of the K9 program, the first question he was asked was just a little unusual: “Do you have a spleen?” (Luciano said to himself, wait a second, what? Do I have a spleen?)

He would learn that to handle the K9 work, you want to have a spleen because that is a vital part of fighting off infection... after you get bit by a dog!

Even so, some things are just meant to be. Luciano overcame his fear of dogs. In fact, “I fell in love with the adrenaline. It’s like playing baseball. You have to move a certain way to make a catch, and you have to put the glove out there... I learned the same

thing dealing with dogs: how you position yourself. How you set it up.”

Luciano’s K9 schooling began in 2000 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. This included how to teach a dog to be obedient and also how to hunt, how to bite, and how the dog should use its nose to sniff out items such as drugs and bombs.

“The breeds included German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, and Golden Retrievers. Dogs that are good at hunting, dogs that can be adept at herding. K9 training school is kind of like boot camp for dogs...”

Luciano’s next location is Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. The military K9 program teamed up with law enforcement on a number of projects. However, the process of gaining his clearance to officially become part of the Presidential K9 program was very detailed. It took seven months for Luciano to be “checked out.”

Let me then go back to what I said above: This process, sometimes very gradual and which is going to grow further, was the outcome of choosing the Air Force as a way of making sure he could marry his childhood sweetheart. As Paul Harvey would say, “And now, the rest of the story...”

Luciano became an official Military Working Dog Handler. His service included the Administrations of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. This meant he dealt with the horrific circumstances caused by the attack on our country on September 11, 2001.

With his team in tow, Luciano would get to a site well before the President to “sweep it” to seek to make sure the area was safe

and secure. This work is referred to as “the Presidential mission.” Ironic that as a young person, Luciano Aguilar was afraid of dogs.

Eventually, hoping not to have to travel, or to at least travel less, and also to finally avoid risking his life since he had three kids, Luciano returned to Hawthorne. The problem is that he did not know what he wanted to do. For a little while, he helped out his father-in-law, who has a self-service cash wash business, but it did not fulfill what rightfully now can be referred to as “his calling.” Luciano did some soul searching, asking himself in his private moments: “What am I here for? And I really miss working with the dogs.”

He started a dog training business in 2005. In those earlier years, Luciano would go to the owner’s homes. He made presentations to many groups. After all, he has a unique talent and is very experienced. But, Covid hit, and there was great apprehension the business would falter, if not fail. How could he support his family?

It turns out that during COVID-19, many people were adopting dogs, staying at home, and needing help with their new four-legged family members.

“We went from training seven dogs at home to 15 to 20. We couldn’t do it all at the house. It definitely was not an easy decision, but we found ourselves a great location, a great building, and now we run Presidential K9, located at 12233 Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne. We handle dog training, daycare, boarding, and grooming, and we assist some rescues through adoption. We work six days a week. One of our sons, who is now 22,



The Store

started helping. He had other interests, to be sure, but chipped in. Well, guess what? He liked it a lot, is very dedicated, really good at what he does, and now is full-time. With our oldest, our daughter, she is on her way to Veterinarian School. After she has the Veterinary degree, we will become a full-on clinic. Leticia, my wonderful wife, runs the show. She runs the operation. Our youngest is 19, and the door is open for him as well. He has been responsible for the grooming side of the house for the last two years. Thankfully, business is good.”

Luciano Aguilar is just 47 years of age. This gentleman has done and is continuing to do, outstanding work. Now, please remember, he just wanted to be able to marry Leticia, and as time passed, he wanted to make sure to spend time with his family.

Thank goodness Luciano Aguilar took the path on which he finds himself. I guess he did not know it meant “going to the dogs”. •



Sample Emblem



Some of the Family. Photos courtesy of Luciano Aguilar.

Police Reports

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Highway and transported to Little Company of Mary Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 2010 hours from the 2200 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) shattered the passenger window of the window of the victim’s vehicle and stole a backpack.

A missing person locate report was taken at 2308 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. An adult male was located.

An attempted vehicle theft report was taken at 0041 hours from the 500 block of Standard Street and the 600 block of Arena Street. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into

two vehicles and tampered with the ignition. **Thursday, Feb 22nd**

A grand theft report was taken at 1207 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole property from inside of the victim’s purse.

A grand theft report was taken at 1308 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s bicycle from the location.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1548 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) took items from the store without rendering payment.

Two female adults were arrested at 1911 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific

Coast Highway for burglary.

One of the female adults mentioned above was transported to Harbor Exodus at 2138 hours for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation during the booking process.

Friday, Feb 23rd

A traffic accident (no injuries) report was taken at 0755 hours from North Pacific Coast Highway and East Palm Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 0901 hours from the 1600 block of Maple Avenue for one LASD felony warrant and two LAPD felony warrants.

A theft by false pretenses report was taken at 1055 hours from the 200 block of North

Douglas Street. The suspect via text message got the victim to purchase gift cards.

One male adult was arrested at 1309 from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for resisting an executive officer, battery on emergency personnel, and shoplifting.

A battery report was taken at 1755 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. The suspect grabbed a male juvenile by the neck.

A grand theft report was taken at 1955 hours from the 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) stole several items and left the store without paying for them.

A stolen vehicle was recovered at 0241 hours from the 400 block of West Walnut Avenue. •

★ Kid's Entertainment ★

Film Review Check It Out

Orion and the Dark Is a Family-Friendly Film About Overcoming Your Fears

By Ryan Rojas, Cinemacy.com

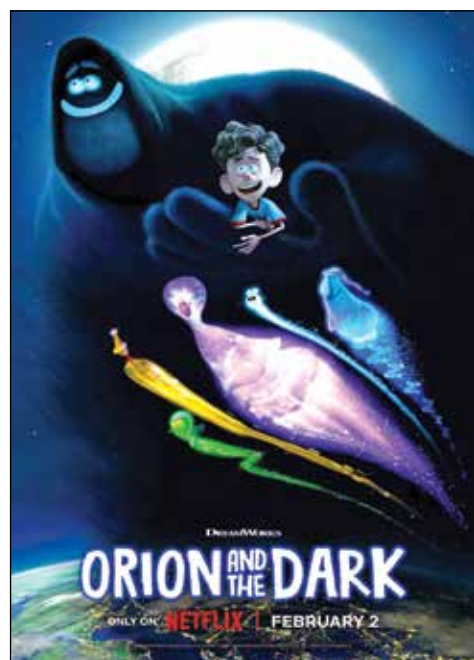
Have you ever been afraid of the dark? Or how about, anything at all? If so, then the new animated film *Orion and the Dark* is for you. Based on the book by Emma Yarlett, *Orion and the Dark* (now playing on Netflix) tells the story of a boy with an active imagination who faces his fears on an unforgettable journey through the night with his new friend: a giant, smiling creature named Dark.

The main character, Orion (Jacob Tremblay),

is a smart, shy, fifth grader who's a typical kid with the exception that he is scared of absolutely everything: heights, bees, giving the wrong answer in class, losing a basketball game, and of course, the class bully, Richie Panichi (Jack Fisher), whose presence adds to the list of things that Orion worries could humiliate him at any turn.

Wildly imagining the worst possible outcomes in his head, Orion obsesses over what could go wrong by sketching these catastrophes in a notebook. One imminent looming fear is the upcoming class field trip to the planetarium – especially since his crush, Sally (Shino Nakamichi), tells him she's looking forward

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Orion and the Dark, courtesy Cinemacy.

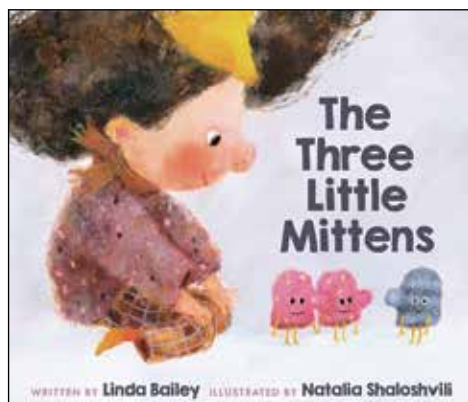


Ryan Rojas

The Three Little Mittens by Linda Bailey

If you are looking for a cozy story that is perfect for winter, *The Three Little Mittens* by Linda Bailey is the perfect one! In this story, a young girl has her trusty pair of mittens, fittingly named Dotty and Other Dotty. However, she also has a third mitten, known as Stripes. The third mitten feels left out because they do not have a partner too. It doesn't help that the Dotty pair tells Stripes that the Little Girl will never wear them because there is no use for a single mitten. To make things worse, Stripes lives in the little girl's pocket, and has the perfect view of Dotty and Other Dotty getting to do fun things while being worn, like petting a dog and making a snowball. One day, the Little Girl is out and about walking her dog and removes Other Dotty, and does not notice that she gets left behind on the ground! Now, Dotty and Stripes are the only two gloves the Little Girl has and must be worn

together. They feel like an odd pair in the beginning, but as time goes on they become friends. Just as this new friendship begins, an old friendship is rekindled as Other Stripes returns! Other Stripes tells Stripes and Dotty all about his scary journey of being dragged under the sofa by the family dog for a whole month. Instead of being kind to Dotty, the two Stripes make her feel left out, reminding her that the Little Girl only has two hands and that unlike Dotty, they match. The Little Girl has another idea up her sleeve when she notices some of her mittens do not always match. She has a plan to let them all have a chance to be worn, even if they don't have a matching mate! To see how this story ends, visit www.elsegundolibrary.org to place *The Three Little Mittens* on hold. •



The Three Little Mittens by Linda Bailey



Kristen Morell

Why are there **29 days** in February?

Because **2024** is a **Leap Year!**

Newspaper Fun!

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Kids: color stuff in!

It's About Time!

It's time to get the grandfather clock checked and oiled. It's a beautiful way to tell **time**, but most of the day I use a wristwatch or cell phone.

Sunrises and sunsets are natural ways to mark time.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- one hundred years
- common way to tell time
- shows events in order of when they happened
- tool to keep track of activities, days and months
- fun way to capture a moment in time (item is dug up later)
- Baby _____ Year is full of energy to start the year
- there are 24 time _____ throughout the world
- _____ clock shows what time it is anywhere on the planet – often shown by a series of clocks on a panel
- something that isn't affected by the passage of time
- _____ Father Time is tired after working all year; he is often shown with a long beard, sundial and sickle
- the start of each morning, dawn
- time that has yet to pass
- period of time marked by important events
- parts of the year that mark temperature and weather
- twenty-four hours

When we speak about **time** we talk about the past, present or the future.

What is Leap Year?

Every year our calendar ends the year *a bit ahead* of Earth's trip around the sun. To keep it lined up with the actual timing of Earth's orbit we add **one extra day** to the calendar in February **every four years**.

Our calendar is based on the time it takes our planet, Earth, to **orbit** or travel around the sun. But, our calendar is not perfect.

2024 is a Leap Year!

Clocks and Watches

Many kinds of clocks and watches have been invented through the years. A watch was even made for engineers to help them run the trains on time.

- _____ clock, tall standing clock with swinging pendulum
- _____ watch, timepiece you can wear to school
- _____ watch, great for measuring races
- _____ watch, can be underwater without being damaged
- _____ clock, hangs on the wall and sings a song every hour
- _____ watch, often on a chain and kept in a small pouch on vest

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Purrrfect Companions



Martina

Kitten Rescue rescues cats and kittens from a variety of situations. Most live in our volunteers' homes and those volunteers foster them until we can find permanent homes for them. Young or old, tabby or Maine Coon, we care for orphaned and abandoned kittens that need to be bottle-fed around the clock, moms with litters, cats that need socialization, and sick or injured animals. When they are finally ready for their forever home, we will help match you with the purr-fect one. When you adopt, you save a life... and in turn enrich your own.

Come join us for the LA Marathon March 16 and 17. Join our team to run/walk with Team Kitten Rescue. If you cannot join us, please consider sponsoring our runners. See the details to sign up or sponsor us on our website... www.kittenrescue.org.

Martina is a beautiful, sweet girl who would love to race around your house, play and then settle at the foot of your bed at night to sleep with you. A passerby heard a meow on a chilly morning and Martina was found deep in the engine of a car where she was trying to keep warm. She is an avid biscuit maker, always purring. When you pick her up, she loves to be against you and pet as she rewards you with purrs. As is usual, this precious kitty will take a few days to feel comfortable in your house and a few weeks



Marceline

to learn your routine. She loves playing with other cats and is accustomed to a small friendly dog. Since she is still a baby, she should join a home with another cat for company. Martina loves her treats and will give you tremendous joy watching her play.

Marceline is an energetic and playful girl who will keep the atmosphere fun. She enjoys running, followed by a little more running and playing with cat toys, but her favorite thing to do is wrestle with the crew. She often seeks someone to wrestle or cuddle with when it is time to wind down, Marceline loves to watch TV. Like her taste in food, she is up for watching anything, cartoons, sci-fi and soccer. Bring this matey home and you will not have a dull moment.

Thumbelina is a very pretty, petite orange tabby female. This makes her especially special since most orange tabbies are male. She is a sweet, gentle girl, full of love and tenderness. From everything Thumbelina has been through, being abandoned on the streets, it is amazing that she is so full of love and affection. She eats up attention and getting pets, but you cannot play too rough or abrupt as it frightens her. Ultimately, she just adores her humans, and it is obvious that with time she will come out of her shell more and more to become a real cuddler. Thumbelina loves the company of other cats, especially boys, but really any



Cookie

cat who is kind and welcoming to her.

Cookie was saved from the high-kill shelter where she was about to be euthanized. This petite seven-pound sweetheart is so affectionate. She does not bite or scratch. Cookie has gone through so much and is not ready to be held yet she has come a long way. This lovely girl will sit against you on the couch and rub on your legs. Cookie enjoys being brushed and petted. She is extremely playful. She adores climbing cat trees and enjoys watching birds outside the window. Cookie is a little quirky and very perky. She often chirps like a bird which is adorable. Her calico markings are beautiful and her eyes are mesmerizing. This sweet girl may seem a little shy at first but she is a very curious little kitty and will want to explore quickly.

Dill is a shy, sensitive lady who takes some time to come out of her shell when meeting new people. However, once she does, Dill loves to play and come around for snuggles and kneading on you. Her favorite activities are chasing little spiral springs or mouse plushies and playing hide and seek. She also enjoys a nap and will often find a sunspot to bask in or plop herself for a snooze while her siblings play around her. Dill looves scritches under her chin and behind ears and will purr while stretching – as she settles into a nap. Kittens do best when they have a buddy. Dill



Thumbelina

is available with one of her siblings (Pickle, Turnip, Truffle or Radish) or to a home that already has a cat.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information to see these or our other kittens and cats and for a list of our weekend adoption events, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org.

The donations and support we receive from individuals like you, who share our love and commitment to helping cats and kittens in Los Angeles, are the sole reason we are able to do what we do. We are grateful for your financial help. By making even a small donation today, you can touch the lives of the many deserving, wonderful animals in our care. There are many ways you can donate and help, and every dollar means so much. Kitten Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 3519 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039.

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal. •



Dill

Kid's Film

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to sitting next to him on the bus.

Arriving home after another fear-filled day, Orion returns to the thing he's most afraid of: the dark. After his parents say goodnight, leaving his door slightly ajar...a little more...a liiittle more – perfect!), a towering shadow of a giant intrudes, by the name of Dark (Paul Walter Hauser). He has a towering, shadowy frame, but his wide eyes and huge smile don't scare him. And this is exactly the reason Dark visits Orion. He knows that he is Orion's biggest fear, and wants to fix that. Dark offers to bring Orion along with him on his nightly journey to make people fall asleep. Against his better judgment, Orion decides to join, and a fun-filled, supernatural adventure ensues.

Orion and the Dark is a fun family film that offers laughs and life lessons. I enjoyed the animation, which reminded me of Pixar's *Monster's Inc.*, in that it's also about secret worlds that make a huge impact on our daily lives, yet humans don't know they exist. The characters, such as Dark's friends, also reminded me of *Inside Out*, except instead of embodying emotions like "Happy" and "Sad," we have characters like "Light" and "Dark."

After joining Dark on his journey, Orion meets the rest of the creatures that positively and negatively affect people's sleep each night. There's *Insomnia* (Nat Faxon), *Unexplained Noises* (Golda Rosheuvel), *Sleep*, (Natasia Demetriou) *Quiet* (Aparna Nancherla), and *Sweet Dreams* (Angela Bassett). Orion also meets Dark's nemesis, *Light* (Ike Barinholtz), who everyone naturally loves, except for jealous, hurt Dark.

While the movie follows a pretty simple story, there are also a few unexpected layers to it. As his adventure is about to begin, we see an older Orion (Colin Hanks) telling the story of his adventure with Dark to his daughter, to help her fall asleep. It's a clever way that screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*) links people together.

There are several other smart and sophisticated parts to the film that make it more than just a simple kid's movie. Orion's message is one of authenticity. He says parents love simple stories, "but real life is complicated. The only stories that really help are the true ones." By relaying mature, real messages to the audience, we can relate to it more.

There are also big lessons here – some that adults can benefit from too: after wondering why Dark would be needed at all, if everyone loves Light so much, he soon finds that reason: Dark is needed because there is beauty in the contrast of life. What is "light," except for the opposite of "dark"? Dark is what makes light possible. There is a balance and relationship between all things in life, showing that everything in life is necessary. It's a very wise observation that young viewers would benefit from.

In the end, *Orion and the Dark* is a family-friendly movie that shows how taking risks is the only way to overcome your fears. If you're afraid of the dark, or anything at all, just know you're not alone, and someday, you may look back and share the story of how you overcame your biggest fears.

1h 33m. *'Orion and the Dark'* is rated TV-Y7. •