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All-Stars One Win Away From Little League World Series



Brody Brooks looks to tag out Bollinger Canyon's Ghazi Hussain in El Segundo's 4-3 win in the Little League West Region opening game. Photo by Gregg McMullin. For story see Sports on page 2.

Pickleball Still Hot in El Segundo

Story by Chase Yi

On a Saturday morning at El Segundo's Rec Park, you'll see troves of people wearing athletic gear with their racquets slung around their shoulders. People of all ages, too—teenagers, senior citizens, young adults. Initially, you may think tennis is their game of choice, but you're wrong. It's a much more inclusive game that, frankly, doesn't take as much skill. All you need is a paddle and a positive attitude, and as soon as you arrive at the courts, you're ready to play pickleball.

Before COVID-19, Pickleball was a game relegated to retirement homes. It's essentially the same as ping pong, but played on a tennis-size court with four people. It would be normal to see a foursome play this next to a shuffleboard court in Florida, but once the pandemic hit, pickleball emerged as a great way to get outdoors and remain socially distant.

"The biggest evolution in pickleball has been the shift from the older communities to the younger communities," says Brandon Mackie, Co-founder of Pickleheads. "Back in the day, it was big in the retirement communities, but now it's for everyone. The pandemic helped grow the movement, and that forced the age group down even lower. In fact, 18-34 is the fastest growing age group for the sport, twice the rate of 55+."

Pickleheads is a national organization dedicated to the sport of pickleball and creating a network for players to tap into. Its online database of pickleball courts allows anyone to find a court in their area and even post games on the site to invite other players to

join their community. "Let's say you're in Michigan for the week and want to get out on some courts. You can visit Pickleheads.com to do that!"

According to research from Pickleheads, El Segundo is a hotspot for pickleball players in Southern California. "The biggest draw that El Segundo has is the presence of dedicated pickleball courts. In all of LA, there are only a handful of dedicated courts for players, and some of the best are Rec Park."

Mackie explains that temporary courts are no fun. They require extra supplies and take over spaces other people want for different sports. "El Segundo has the only dedicated courts in a huge radius—it is a privileged area to have fun and play. I think that's among the biggest driver alongside its small-town feel."

It's no surprise that El Segundo has emerged as the unofficial pickleball capital of California.

It's a game that's best played outdoors, but the two magical components of pickleball are its ease of play and camaraderie.

"I think what makes it a community sport is that anyone can learn, and anyone can win games," says Mackie. "There's no other sport in the world where 50-100 people come out and are so open to play with total strangers. You can come alone, and within minutes you're meeting ten people who become your friends. It becomes a big part of your social construct."

Making friends is easy, and playing the game is even easier. According to Mackie, "There are two players on each side of the net. To start the game, one player serves the ball cross-court to put it in play, and you just volley back and forth until someone hits it out, misses, or hits the net. You can only

See Pickleball, page 10

Weekend Forecast

Friday

AM Clouds/
PM Sun
74°/65°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
74°/64°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
73°/64°



The Library to Celebrate Diamond Jubilee Anniversary

The El Segundo Public Library has been inspiring the community for 75 years!

In celebration of the Library's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, the El Segundo Public Library will be host a free day-long celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 26th. The day will feature live music and a picnic in Library Park with the Itty-Bitty Big Band, an artist talk presentation by Diana Nugit-Laufer, fun

family activities, free cookies and refreshments, a sneak peek at the limited-edition 75th anniversary library card design, and much more! While you're there you can join the Friends of the Library, contribute to the Diamond Jubilee scrapbook and visit the History Room. Lots to do and see.

Questions? Please contact Library Assistant Roz Templin at 310-524-2773 or rtemplin@elsegundo.org. •

Herald in Lake Okoboji, Iowa



Our family of Jamie Serbin and sons Charlie and Noah Serbin are pictured with Grandma Linda Troxel and Grandpa Mike Walsh as the five of us visited Terri and Rick Scheil at their summer cottage on the shore of Lake Okoboji, Iowa. Photo provided by Mike Walsh.



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August 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN: LOT C – 817 E. FRANKLIN AVE.
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What is being proposed? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Interim Removal Action Workplan (IRAW) for the Parking Lot C of 0.77 acre at the 817 E. Franklin Avenue (Site). The draft IRAW describes the environmental investigation conducted at the Site, evaluates removal action alternatives, and proposes a removal action to address soil impacted with contaminants such as petroleum hydrocarbons, benzene, and metals. The IRAW objective is to eliminate/minimize potential risk to human health and the environment and presents the following:

- Results of the soil and soil vapor investigations at the Site;
- Conceptual site model (CSM) for the Site;
- Evaluation of alternatives and identification of a final recommendation for a removal action at the Site that is protective of human health and the environment; and
- Possible need that a land use covenant may be required to limit future use of the property to industrial/commercial use only.

How do I participate? DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process. Before approving the draft IRAW, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. DTSC will send a Response to Comments document to anyone who submits a comment or requests a copy. A copy of the final Response to Comments will also be available online and in the project file. **The public comment period is from August 14, 2023 through September 13, 2023.** Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by **September 13, 2023** and sent to: Melissa Marin, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311
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Correction

We mistakenly identified the winning All-Star Championship team as 10-year-olds when it was the 12-year-old team. We regret

the error, and for the first time, we are reprinting the front page for a keepsake for the team. The reprint is on page 11. *Thank you, HM.*

Sports

El Segundo Battles in Little League West Region

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo community has a rich baseball history. Eight players from El Segundo have played at the Major League Baseball level, and more than fifty others have signed to play professionally. What these players have in common is each of them played Little League baseball, other than George Myatt who was a youngster before Little League started.

This year's El Segundo Little League all-star team has won the District 36, Section 4, and Southern California tournaments to advance to the West Regional for the first time in the

own when Brody Brooks and Louis Lappe each singled to start off the inning. Lucas Keldorf's RBI single scored Brooks to tie the game at 1-1. El Segundo had problems solving Bollinger Canyon starter Jay Murai. The hard-throwing right-hander, at one point, struck out six consecutive batters.

In the fourth inning, Bollinger Canyon scored two runs on no hits but took advantage of a couple of hit batters and two walks. In the bottom of the fourth inning and trailing 3-1, El Segundo combined three consecutive singles to start their half of the fourth inning. Lennon



The El Segundo All Stars line up at the Little League West Region Opening Ceremonies.

league's history. The winner of the West Region tournament advances to the 2023 Little League World Series.

El Segundo players participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the four-team tournament. Other teams represented were Hilo, Hawaii; Canyon View, Arizona, and Bollinger Canyon, representing Northern California. The games were played at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino. It takes three wins to win the tournament. El Segundo opened up the tournament with a 4-3 win over Bollinger Canyon and then delivered a 6-0 win over Hilo to advance to Friday's winner take all championship game.

El Segundo 4 Bollinger Canyon 3

El Segundo's successful summer continued with their assault on a historic run. They took advantage of a key error that led to three unearned runs and then held on for a 4-3 win over the Northern California champion, Bollinger Canyon (San Ramon).

In the first game, Bollinger Canyon opened their half of the first inning with a solo home run hit by Brandon Manivong off El Segundo starter Ollie Parks. After Jay Murai's single, Parks induced a ground ball to end the inning. El Segundo countered with a run of their

Salazar, Brody Brooks, and Louis Lappe each singled to load the bases. The next two batters, Jaxon Kalish and Lucas Keldorf, struck out. With two outs, Max Baker followed with a sharp ground ball he hit to sure-handed shortstop Brandon Manivong. He muffed the ground ball allowing Salazar to score and make it 3-2. Crew O'Connor then followed with a two-run single, and El Segundo took a 4-3 advantage.

Jaxon Kalish replaced Parks on the mound and was dealing by closing out the fourth and fifth innings. The sixth inning belonged to Louis Lappe, who struck out the first two batters he faced. Then Mikey Wong sent a long fly ball to right field, which would've been out at most Little League ballparks, but was caught on the warning track by Lennon Salazar to end the game and give El Segundo the win.

El Segundo played brilliant defense behind starter Ollie Parks who gave up three runs on three hits. Second baseman Colby Lee took away two would-be singles with his diving plays. Brody Brooks, at shortstop, was in the middle of a key double-play and made a miraculous tag of Ghazi Hussain attempting to take second base on a wild pitch.

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The players are introduced before their game against Bollinger Canyon (Northern California champions).

Entertainment

Check It Out

The Blur by Minh Le and *Set Sail for Pancakes* by Tim Kleyn

By Kristen Morell, Librarian

This week I will be reviewing two of my favorite new picture books. The first book *The Blur*, written by Minh Le and illustrated by Dan Santat is about a little girl who was born with superpowers. Her superpowers emerge at the start of her childhood as a baby with a booming, supersonic voice, fantastically



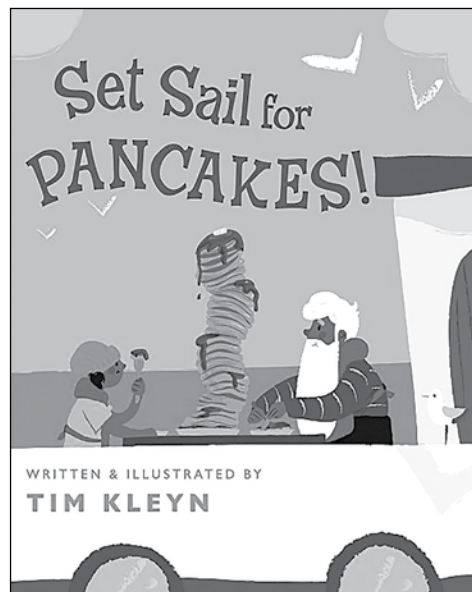
The Blur by Minh Le

elastic limbs, enhanced hearing and some silly ones like the ability to turn invisible and her ultra-magnetic powers that attract her loved ones. She is a strong and confident girl and nothing can stand in her way. This book is bittersweet because it shows just how fast childhood goes by and we see the character go from being a newborn in the hospital to driving herself off to college. A wonderful storyline combined with beautiful illustrations make this a great book to share with a loved one.

Set Sail for Pancakes by Tim Kleyn

This is an adorable story about a girl and her grandpa who go on an adventure because they don't have the ingredients they need to make pancakes at home. Margot and her grandpa climb aboard his boat, Beluga Blue to get the pancake ingredients they need by traveling to Chicken Island to get the eggs, Cow Island to get the milk, and Flour Mill Island to get the flour. There's only one

problem, once they arrive at their final destination, Flour Mill Island, they are stuck due to a storm. They dock their boat and wait out the storm and Margot isn't worried after grandpa gives her a banana and tells her any banana can be used to call for help. Once the storm passes they soon realize they docked their boat on Banana Tree Island and now they can make banana pancakes. This story



Set Sail for Pancakes by Tim Kleyn

would be great to read at bedtime or with a child who enjoys a good adventure.

Both of these titles can be found in our youth area, located on the lower level of the library. Stop by to check out the latest titles for young readers ages 0-13. •



Kristen Morell

Police Reports

Monday, July 31st

A hit and run report was taken at 0639 hours from the 100 block of Sierra Street, vehicle versus a wall.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0928 hours from the 400 block of West Holly Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole a 2014 Kia Sol.

A stolen plate report was taken at 1039 hours from the 1900 block of East Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's license plate.

One female adult was detained at 1110 hours from the 600 block of Hillcrest Street and transported to Del Amo Behavioral Center for 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1234 hours from the 1900 block of Hughes Way. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a storage container and ransacked it.

An embezzlement report was taken at 1338 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A known suspect took the victim's watch and never gave it back to him.

A found property report was taken at 1630 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A Vanilla Visa gift card was found.

A found property report was taken at 1630 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. An Auto Club membership card was found.

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A found property report was taken at 1630 hours from the 600 block of Main Street. An Advantage credit card was found.

One male adult was arrested at 0531 hours from the 800 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for burglary.

Tuesday, August 1st

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0957 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. A 2013 Kia Optima was taken.

A missing person report was taken at 1011 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A female adult was reported missing.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 1105 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A 2023 Cadillac Escalade was stolen from the area of Washington Street and Walnut Avenue.

A traffic collision (non-injury) report was taken at 1243 hours from the 1900 block of

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Film Review

Talk To Me is the Year's Best Horror Film

By Morgan Rojas for Cinemacy

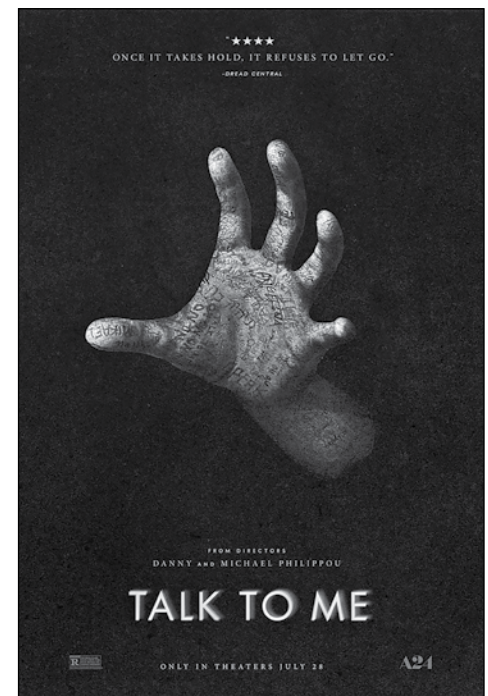
A24's latest horror film *Talk To Me* is a litmus test of physical restraint. How long can you go without clenching your fists, squirming in your seat, or covering your eyes is determined by your tolerance for intense gore, and—to be frank—sheer insanity. Supernatural forces conjure chaos in Australian filmmakers Danny and Michael Philippou's directorial debut, making for a whiplash of thrills that will no doubt delight any masochistic horror fan.

Written by Danny Philippou and Bill Hinzman (and based on a concept by an additional ten people), *Talk To Me* tells a story of a group of high schoolers who get caught up in conjuring spirits. The film also comments on the natural coming-of-age tendencies to experiment with boundaries and the enticing element of danger.

A couple of years after the unexpected death of her mother, Mia (Sophie Wilde) is beginning to have some semblance of a normal life again. Growing accustomed to not having her mom by her side, Mia finds comfort and stability with her best friend's family, Jade (Alexandra Jensen), her younger brother Riley (Joe Bird), and their mother Sue (Miranda Otto).

One night, Mia and Jade invite a small group over to their house to try out a bizarre ritual that has been sweeping social media. Lighting a candle, holding the hand of an embalmed paranormal body part, and whispering the words "Talk to me, I'll let you in," is all it takes for demonic spirits to cross over from

the other side and inhabit the body of the victim. Or, that's what the group of friends are led to believe. A time limit of about 90 seconds is discussed beforehand – anything longer than that and the spirits could take over your body forever. Of course, things don't go as planned during the group's night of conjuring as they accidentally unleash



Talk To Me courtesy A24.

the most demonic, nightmarish supernatural forces that quickly overstay their welcome.

The Philippou brothers push maximalist extremes in every direction. From the scratchy

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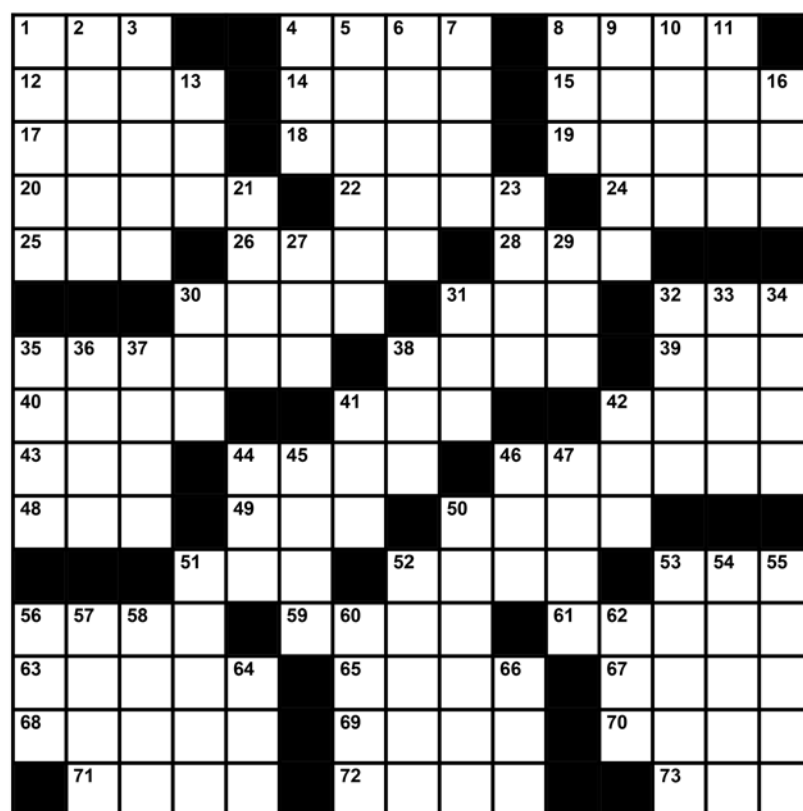
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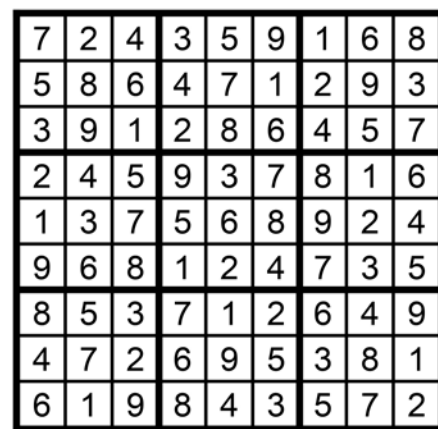
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- Demand
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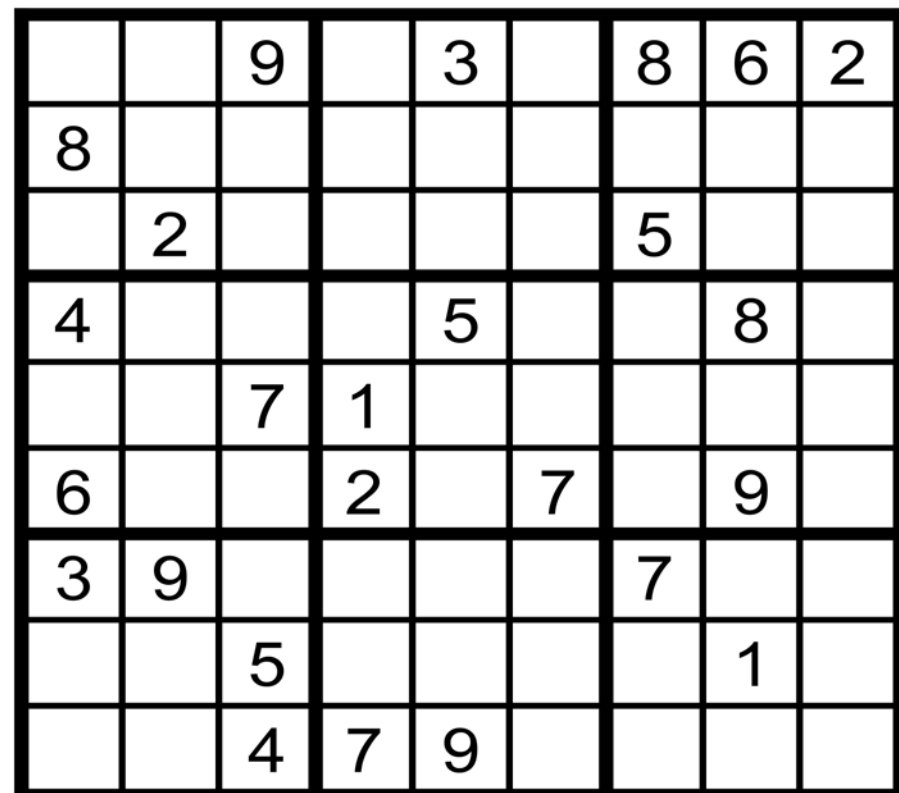
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- Physical
- Kosher
- Consistent with
- Stiffen
- Says "When?"
- Pronoun in the Ten Commandments
- Equipment

- Easter find
- Stand by
- Some trial evidence
- Run through
- Jason Lee title character
- Host
- Object of devotion
- Number of cat lives
- Gardener's spring purchase
- Quotation qualification
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- Run smoothly
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- Introduce
- Suffering
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- Pro or con
- At the summit of
- Dorothy Parker quality
- Rent out
- Come together

Last Week's Answers



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Provided by Hannah Collett, spcaLA

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Stay warm this upcoming Winter with **North Pole** by your side! North Pole is a handsome 3-year-old male Siberian Husky mix with an adorable floppy ear that makes him one unique pup. He is super laidback and wants nothing more than to find his forever home. Come meet North Pole today, you won't be disappointed! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-10430>

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Meet **Brownie**, a 2 year old domestic short hair female! No cat has ever loved belly rubs as much as Brownie does – she'll always ask for pets by rolling over every time you greet her. Brownie is a super affectionate and talkative cat who would be a great fit for any family and lifestyle. <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-10342>

This sweet and laidback kitty is **Pepper**! She is a 7 year old female domestic short hair and would make a great companion as she likes to spend her time following her human friends around and cuddling up beside them. Pepper likes to play, especially with her stuffed toys. Adopt Pepper today! <https://spcala.com/adoptable/pet/?ss=LACA-A-9698>



Ellie



Brownie



North Pole



Pepper

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023150501

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ONYX AUTO PRESERVATION, 813 S. CATALINA AVE APT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): BRAD MEYER, 813 SOUTH CATALINA AVENUE APT B, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2023. Signed: BRAD MEYER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 11, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 11, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 11, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3088

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023147361

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOLLYWOOD INNOVATION CENTER, 1440 FLOWERS STREET, GLENDALE, CA 91201, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA, TWO RIVERFRONT PLAZA, 12 FLOOR, NEWARK, NJ 07102. 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: 05/2023. Signed: PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA, KENJI SHIMONISHI, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 6, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 6, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3087

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023150826

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JACKSON INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, 7001 JACKSON STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #0N: 202355518389. Registered Owner(s): MARK SANDERS LLC, 11 HERKIMER PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11216. NEW YORK. 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: MARK SANDERS LLC, DANIEL CHITRIK, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 11, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 11, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 11, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3089

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023149878

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LRJ GLOBAL CONSULTING, 6633 W 86TH PLACE APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): LATRECE JOHNSON, 6633 W 86TH PL, APT 1, 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: 07/2023. Signed: LATRECE JOHNSON, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 10, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 10, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 10, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3090

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023150279

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUMMIT LAWN CARE, 3758 W 119TH PLACE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): STEVEN JAMES GONZALEZ, 3758 W 119TH PLACE, 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: STEVEN JAMES GONZALEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 11, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 11, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 11, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3091

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023154646

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMAZING BALLOONS BY GEE LLC, 4516 W BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): AMAZING BALLOONS BY GEE, LLC, 4516 W BROADWAY, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 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: 01/2001. Signed: AMAZING BALLOONS BY GEE, LLC, CLAUDIA GEE, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 17, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 17, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 17, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10/23 H-3092

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023154326

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AIRSCULPT, 436 N BEDFORD DRIVE, SUITE 448B, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ELITE BODY SCULPTURE, INC., 448B NORTH BEDFORD DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210. CALIFORNIA. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: ELITE BODY SCULPTURE, INC., AARON ROLLINS, M.D., CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 17, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 17, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 17, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17/23 H-3093

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023148153

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HERBARIUM, 11425 HAWTHORNE BLVD, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): HERBARIUM HAWTHORNE LLC, 11425 HAWTHORNE BLVD, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. 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: 06/2023. Signed: HERBARIUM HAWTHORNE LLC, ADIE MEIRI, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 7, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 7, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 7, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17/23 H-3094

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023161109

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WANDERLUST ADVENTURES, 18315 DORMAN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): PIPER O'BRIEN ADAMS, 18315 DORMAN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2023. Signed: PIPER O'BRIEN ADAMS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 26, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 26, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 26, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3096

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023159817

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MAGPIE CULTURAL STRATEGIES, 2940 W CARSON ST UNIT 6, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): MEENA MALIK, 2940 W CARSON ST UNIT 6, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2023. Signed: MEENA MALIK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 24, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 24, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 24, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3097

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023152634

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PICTURE PEOPLE, 1815 HAWTHORNE BLVD, STE.338, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278-3443, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 1101 SUMMIT AVE, PLANO, TX 75074. Registered Owner(s): SUMMIT PORTRAITS, LLC, 1101 SUMMIT AVE, PLANO, TX 75074. TX. 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: SUMMIT PORTRAITS, LLC, ANGIE CELESTIAL, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 19, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 19, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 19, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3098

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023156835

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ZELDA'S PET BOUTIQUE, 2014 TORRANCE BLVD 217, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DAMMARIZ M FLORES, 2014 TORRANCE BLVD 217, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2013. Signed: DAMMARIZ M FLORES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 19, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 19, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 19, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3099

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023161157

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as APEX SPACE & DEFENSE SYSTEMS, 880 APOLLO STREET SUITE 347, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): OC COMPOSITE WORKS, LLC, 880 APOLLO STREET SUITE 347, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. DE. 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: 03/2023. Signed: OC COMPOSITE WORKS, LLC, TRACY GLENDE, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 26, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 26, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 26, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3100

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023163946

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PARTNERSHIP PLAN, 21215 BURBANK BLVD., WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, C/O JAMI J. MEISTER 220 VIRGINIA AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204. Registered Owner(s): BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC., 21215 BURBANK BLVD., WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367. 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: 09/2007. Signed: BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC., KATHLEEN S. KIEFER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on July 28, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on July 28, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to July 28, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3101

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023166079

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANTHEM BLUE CROSS, 21215 BURBANK BLVD., WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 220 VIRGINIA AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204. Registered Owner(s): BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA, 220 VIRGINIA AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204. 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: 09/2007. Signed: BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA, KATHLEEN S. KIEFER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 1, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 1, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 1, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24/23 H-3102

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023167134

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SILVER CREEK, 2830 BARRETT AVENUE, PERRIS, CA 92571, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): SILVER CREEK MODULAR, LLC, 2830 BARRETT AVENUE, PERRIS, CA 92571. 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: 06/2023. Signed: SILVER CREEK MODULAR, LLC, KYLE WEBB, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 2, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 2, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 2, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/23 H-3103

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023168694

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as INDUSTRIAL LOCK & SECURITY, INDUSTRIAL LOCK AND SECURITY, 401 MAIN ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, 2421 TORRANCE BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): TORRANCE LOCK & KEY, INC., 2421 TORRANCE BLVD., TORRANCE, CA 90501. 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: TORRANCE LOCK & KEY, INC., DANIELLE MORRIS, SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 3, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 3, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 3, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/23 H-3105

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023167260

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SCALE MODEL COMPANY, 4613 W. ROSECRANS AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): BRIGITTA ANNA HIRAI, 527 CALLE MAYOR, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/2010. Signed: BRIGITTA ANNA HIRAI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 2, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 2, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 2, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/23 H-3104

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023168694

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUKON PROPERTIES, 23670 HAWTHORNE BLVD SUITE 100, TORRANCE, CA 90505, 21213-B HAWTHORNE BLVD #1154, TORRANCE, CA 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): ASIA GHAZI, 23670 HAWTHORNE BLVD SUITE 100, TORRANCE, CA 90505. CA. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/2023. Signed: ASIA GHAZI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on August 4, 2023. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on August 4, 2028. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to August 4, 2028. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

Pub. 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/23 H-3106

2023169302 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File #2018271419 The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SANTA MONICA BAY DENTAL, 2730 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 410, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Los Angeles on October 25, 2018. Registrants: BRETT P LENT AND TRICIA S FEIST DENTAL CORPORATION, 2730 WILSHIRE BLVD STE 410, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. CALIFORNIA. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signed: BRETT P LENT AND TRICIA S FEIST DENTAL CORPORATION, BRETT P. LENT, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on August 4, 2023. EL SEGUNDO HERALD: Pub. 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31/23 H-3107



Pickleball

from front page

score a point when it is your team's serve, and if you're serving, you serve until you lose the point. Then it goes to your partner's serve until they mess up, and then the serve changes sides and continues that way until the game is over. The paddle is plastic, and the ball is like a waffle ball. You play to 11 and win by two. Each game takes about 15 mins. You can easily wind up being out there for a few hours. It's not hard on the body and can certainly be competitive—just make sure to have fun!"

A few other rules to the game involve volleys and boundaries on the court, but there are plenty of tips that Pickleheads offers on their site to become a true pro. "I'd encourage everyone to get out to the open plays in El Segundo and join a global network of pickleballers. No matter what age you are, you can easily pick it up and get started."

You can create a free account at pickleheads.com to stay in the loop about games in your area. You can also shop gear and organize your own events for the future. •



A foursome plays pickleball at El Segundo's Rec Park. Photo by Pickleheads.com.



A pickleballer volleys a shot back to his opponent at El Segundo's Rec Park. Photo by Pickleheads.com.

Film Review

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string-heavy score by composer Cornel Wilczek to the hyper-realistic special effects makeup, there is a lot to digest. Blood floods out of pores like a rapidly flowing river and skin flakes off like hardened scotch tape in such astute detail, it's enough to make one's stomach a bit queasy. These aesthetics help elevate the performances as well. Alexandra Jensen, playing Mia's BFF Jade, steals the show with her grounded yet increasingly unhinged performance.

On the whole, *Talk To Me* is a staggering directorial debut. The Philippou brothers know how to capture the audience's attention and have them hanging onto every word. Their fresh voices and stylish aesthetic in the horror genre are welcome, and I look forward to seeing what nightmarish brainchild they'll come out with next.

Distributed by A24. *Talk To Me* is now playing in theaters. •



Morgan Rojas

Police Reports

from page 3

East El Segundo Boulevard, vehicle versus posted sign.

A traffic collision (injury) report was taken at 1250 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus pedestrian.

A theft by false pretenses report was taken at 1555 hours from the 100 block of South Pacific Coast Highway. The victim paid for various electronics; however, the boxes were empty.

A petty theft report was taken at 1627 hours from the 500 block of East Imperial Highway. Unknown suspect(s) took packages from the victim's porch.

An injury report was taken at 1740 hours from the 500 block of Pacific Coast Highway. A 96-year-old male fell on the sidewalk, causing injury.

A courtesy lost property report was taken at 1756 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. The male subject lost his Maryland drivers license at Santa Monica Beach.

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1927 hours from the 1500 block of East Palm Avenue for battery.

Wednesday, August 2nd

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 0850 hours from the 200 block of Whiting Street. A 2015 Toyota Rav-4 was taken.

A found property report was taken at 1117 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. U.S. currency was found in the 400 block of

Richmond Street.

One male adult and one female adult were arrested at 1200 hours from LAPD Southeast Division for vehicle theft.

A traffic collision (injury) report was taken at 1840 hours from Grand Avenue and Standard Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1925 hours from the 1900 block of East Mariposa Avenue for a felony parole violation warrant.

One male adult was arrested at 2359 hours from the 600 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for public intoxication.

Thursday, August 3rd

A recovered stolen vehicle report was taken at 0612 hours from the 700 block of West Imperial Avenue. Recovered was a 2021 Kia Soul.

A traffic collision (non-injury) report was taken at 1352 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Illinois Street, vehicle versus fire hydrant. As a result, one female adult was arrested for driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a BAC of .08% or more.

A grand theft report was taken at 1951 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue. Parts from a water flow valve were taken.

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 2241 hours from the 800 block of Apollo Street. Unknown suspect(s) smashed the windows to multiple vehicles and removed miscellaneous tools. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MATTHEW STERN
CASE NO. 23STPB07881

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MATTHEW STERN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA STERN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LINDA STERN 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: 8/25/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOAN CLAIRE SEWALD
Case No. 23STPB08044

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOAN CLAIRE SEWALD A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jennifer L. McMullen in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jennifer L. McMullen 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 Oct. 5, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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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.

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Twelve-Year-Old All-Stars Are the Southern California Champions



The 2023 Little League Southern California Champions pose after defeating Sherman Oaks 3-2. Photo provided by Gregg McMullin. To read more, see story below and Sports on page 2.

These Little Leaguers Playing on the Big Stage

By Gregg McMullin

It's August 2, 2021, and the El Segundo Little League 10-year-old All-Stars have just defeated Sherman Oaks Little League 2-1 to win their first Little League state championship at any age level. Oh, the El Segundo Little League has played in state tournaments before, but this was the first championship. Fast forward to the present, and El Segundo is playing Sherman Oaks for the 2023 Southern California Little League 11-12-year-old State championship. The tournament winner advances to the Little League Western Regional and the last stop before advancing to the World Series played in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Ten of the 14 members on that 2021 10-year-old state championship team return to this year's team. This same group of players played for a state title last summer, placing third. So for the third time in as many years, this team and their coaching staff have competed for a state title.

For three consecutive summers, our community, filled with baseball history, has followed these players and their accomplishments at the All-Star level. I have been fortunate to have been on their three-year ride, covering them at each stop along the way and reporting on their successes. Let's take a peek at the team that has taken us on this thrilling ride that isn't over yet.

With all good teams, it takes a good coaching staff to make it successful. For three seasons, the coaching staff has molded a group of players into a team set on one common goal. Manager Danny Boehle, who is related to the Lennon sisters of the popular Lawrence Welk show, has a deep knowledge of baseball and is well respected amongst his peers. He picked up his knowledge in

high school and played for and coached with Benny Lefebvre at St Bernards high school. His athleticism led him to play on the AVP pro volleyball circuit in the early 90s. His managing skills may have come from owning the popular Fonz's restaurant in Manhattan Beach. Danny is married to his biggest supporter and best friend, Nikki.

Tim Abrams is a twenty-year El Segundo resident but grew up in Manhattan Beach. Tim's baseball talents at Mira Costa led him to play at the collegiate level at Azusa Pacific. He coaches third base on the all-star team, works with the infielders, and hitting pre-game. Tim and his wife, Sondra, have a son Reed who plays baseball at ESHS, and two daughters, Addylynn and Riley.

Ed Lee is a long-time resident who has coached at the Little League level for 15 years. He helped coach his sons Alex, Ben, and Colby through their Little League careers. Ed oversees the pitching staff and is a source of composure when adversity arises. His wife Sam and he are enormous baseball enthusiasts and big Angels fans.

#1 Max Baker: Centerfielder, SS, Pitcher (nickname Chef Baker)

Max hits fifth in the lineup, hitting .456 with two home runs and three doubles. His play in the outfield starts with his speed in the gaps running down fly balls. His arm strength is another tool that sets him apart from other outfielders. His favorite food is fried chicken, and he takes pride in saying he is a state champion. Max's favorite team is the Red Sox, and his favorite player is all-star outfielder Masataka Yoshida.

#3 Lennon Salazar: Outfielder (nickname Tootie)

Lennon is a speedy athlete who has a magic touch when asked to bunt for a sacrifice

or hit. He says his favorite song is 'Viva La Vida' by Cold Play, and when he's not practicing or playing baseball, you can find him surfing. After a day of playing baseball or at the beach, you can find him refueling on his favorite sandwich; a hamburger. He is a San Francisco Giants fan, and his favorite player was All-Star catcher Buster Posey.

#5 Colby Lee: Second base (nickname Colbs)

Colby is a slick-fielding second baseman on defense. On offense, his bat control to bunt runners over is impressive. Colby would have AC/DC's 'Thunder Struck' as his walk-up song, and his favorite meal includes a great steak. Colby is a big Angels fan because Mike Trout is his favorite player to follow and watch.

#9 Brody Brooks: Shortstop, Pitcher (nickname Brodz)

Brody combines size, strength, speed, and athleticism to help lead his team. As a leadoff hitter, he's hitting a torrid .654 batting average with four home runs. On the mound, he's an overpowering pitcher with a fastball that touches 70 mph. He's been selected to play at the Power Select Showcase in Florida, and his favorite meal includes a thick juicy steak. Brody is a big Angel fan and says Hall of Fame member Ken Griffey Jr. is his favorite MLB player.

#11 Quinn Boehle: Utility (nickname QB)

Quinn is a natural athlete who plays anywhere he's asked to. He is hitting down in the lineup for a reason. He's hitting .444 and helps keep rallies intact. He likes to collect sports caps and loves Chick-fil-A nuggets. He enjoys a wide range of music, but his favorite song is 'Space Cadet' by Metro Boomin. Quinn's favorite MLB player is

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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
75°/64°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
77°/64°



Sunday
Sunny
79°/65°



Sports

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Afterward, a jubilant El Segundo manager Danny Boehle said his team was resilient. He said they had played two challenging games in the State Tournament final, and they overcame some adversity to win to advance to the West Regional. He said there are players on the



Ollie Parks was solid against Bollinger Canyon in the opening game of the Little League West Region Tournament.

team doing phenomenal things with the bat or the glove, but he said, "This team understands that "we" is greater than "I." He said the team understands the next-man-up mentality and believes they are part of a special family.

El Segundo 6 Hilo, Hawaii 0

The Little League World Series has been dominated by a team representing Hawaii for two of the last three years. So when El Segundo faced Hilo in the winner's bracket semi-final, with the winner advancing to the West Region championship game, the locals were not mesmerized by their opponent's success; instead, they scored six runs on nine hits and won 6-0.

In the first inning, El Segundo loaded the bases when Brody Brooks walked, followed by singles by Louis Lappe and Jaxon Kalish. A run-scoring walk to Max Baker gave his team a 1-0. With Declan McRoberts on the mound, the crafty right-hander struck out four in the first two innings. In the third inning, El Segundo opened up the scoring with a four-run inning.

Brooks walked, and Lappe doubled to center field. Jaxon Kalish was intentionally walked to load the bases. Lucas Keldorf RBI singled to score Brooks. Max Baker and Crew O'Connor followed with consecutive RBI singles to make it 4-0, and Quinn Boehle had an RBI ground ball to give El Segundo a 5-0 advantage. In the fourth inning, El Segundo took advantage of a couple of errors to score another run. Lennon Salazar singled and later scored on an infield error to make it 6-0 and close out the scoring.

Hilo never really put together a rally. They could only muster up three hits and advanced runners to third base twice against El Segundo's dominating pitching.

With the win, El Segundo finds itself just one win away from playing in the Little League World Series. This team, which has virtually been together for three consecutive all-star seasons, will be spoken of in terms of legendary. If not already known, the players on this team will become community household names. To put it into perspective on how challenging it is to advance to the Little League World Series. According to Little League International, there are some 6500 leagues throughout the United States and in more than 80 countries. To whittle it down to ten teams representing the United States and ten from foreign countries to meet at



Jaxon Kalish helped close out the win against Bollinger Canyon in the opener of the Little League West Region Tournament.

the World Series takes a lot of luck, dedication, and the right chemistry of talent to compete for a true World Series title.

Manager Danny Boehle kept his ecstatic composure in check after the win. "We knew Hawaii was a grinder and not to be overlooked. But I felt we had the game under control with our pitching, and then having the big third inning really helped." He says the game Friday night can't come soon enough, but with the days off, he is sending the team home to have some quality time with their families. "We're a family here, but they need to be with their families at home, so they'll be away until Wednesday to get a breather." He says he's confident the time away won't be a distraction but will be an asset so when they return; they can refocus on what is at stake.

The game between Hilo and Bollinger Canyon, in the loser's bracket finale, should go Bollinger Canyon's way. If that happens, the pitching matchup in the West Region final could match two of the top 12-year-old pitchers in the nation against each other. Both Louis Lappe of El Segundo and Bollinger Canyon's Brandon Manivong throw in the low to mid-70s or equivalent to an MLB 95-mile-per-hour fastball. Hitters will be challenged for a reaction time of less than a half second to pick up the

pitch and determine if it is a strike and swing or take the pitch. If that match-up comes to fruition, look for a low-scoring game.

The championship game is slated for Friday at 6 p.m. at Al Houghton Stadium, 6707 Little League Drive, San Bernardino. If you can't



Louis Lappe is 4-for-5 in the two games of the Little League West Region Tournament.

make this historic game in person, it will be televised live on ESPN. Join the community at a watch party at the Standard Station at 226 Standard Street or the Richmond Bar & Grill at 145 Richmond Street.

El Segundo Mayor Drew Boyles had this to say about the run of the Little Leaguers. "Huge congratulations to the team manager Danny Boehle and coaches Tim Abrams and Eddie Lee. Nurturing the talent, teamwork, and determination of a team like this takes the support of parents, coaches, volunteers, and an engaged board led by President Jamin Griffiths. El Segundo Little League has been a staple of the community for almost 70 years, and all of the volunteers, which speaks to the passion and heart of this league. We're so proud of the 12U All-Stars advancing to the Championship Game of the West Region Tournament. We'll all be cheering them on this Friday!"

One win away, and then it's on to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and the Little League World Series. •



Rice Cups Brings Tradition to Town

Story by Chase Yi
Photos by Rice Cups

Korean culture has always been synonymous with Los Angeles, and now, El Segundo can experience its taste of Korean street food with the opening of Rice Cups, which honors the deep-rooted tradition of the Korean lunchbox. For centuries, Korean lunchboxes were made from bamboo or wood, and inside, you would find an array of cooked vegetables, sliced pieces of marinated beef or pork belly, and colorful blends of white and purple rice. Spanning to the present, many of the same components have endured. However, Korean food today has largely become recognized as Korean BBQ, and Rice Cups embraces the shift to provide customers with a contemporary spin on the phenomenon.

It's important to know that these meals are meant to be eaten on the go. Each order is thoughtfully packed into a compact cup, offering layers of delicious rice alongside salad, lotus root chips, goji berries, and macaroni salad. For your main protein, you can choose either beef, chicken, or pork dishes, and each one offers a different flavor with easy sauces and glazes. For example, the Beef Bulgogi is a tender, thinly-sliced marinated beef with a sweet

soy sauce glaze topped with caramelized onions. The Chicken Jjimdak is made of sweet soy braised thigh meat topped with caramelized onions, which can also be made



Rice Cups' Gochujang Pork Bowl.

into a Spicy Fried Chicken bowl with the addition of a sweet and spicy Korean-style glaze. One of the tastiest options (and hottest) is the Sweet & Fiery Gochujang Pork, which is thinly-sliced marinated pork cooked in a sweet & spicy gochujang sauce—a traditional Korean hot sauce—paired with caramelized onions. You'll

want to pair that with an ice-cold Yuja Lemonade (Korean Citron) to help take the edge off! For any vegans or vegetarians out there, Rice Cups also offers a Fried Lotus Gangjung—fired lotus root finished with a Korean-style sweet and savory soy sauce glaze—as well as a Fried Tofu Gangjung. Prices for lunch bowls vary between \$14 to \$16, with additional prices for any add-ons or modifications you may want.

Along with their main dishes, something else that Rice Cups brings to the masses is the Korean Style Hot Dog—a true staple in Korea and a popular hit among natives and travelers to the country.

Think of it like Mexican Elote—the Korean Style Hot Dog is usually made on the street by various food vendors in popular shopping districts of Seoul and other cities. These hot dogs resemble the American Corn Dog; however, rather than a soft breading, the outside is fried in a crispy panko batter, rolled in sugar, and then glazed with a variety of sweet and savory sauces. Inside the breading, customers can choose from a traditional hotdog, a cheese dog (filled with a gooey, cheesy inside), or a combination of the two (half hotdog and half cheese). In South Korea, all are popular choices, but

the cheese dog is a true representation of delicious Korean street food, and Rice Cups does a tremendous job of capturing that essence. They even offer a Potato Hot Dog, which comes fried with crispy potato bits on the outside.

There aren't too many to-go options in town that deliver an experience like Rice Cups. Bowls are conveniently packed for easy storage on the move, and collectively, each meal provides well-balanced portions of leafy greens, proteins, and carbohydrates—a great way to fuel up and have the energy to burn for the long summer nights.

Local El Segundo resident Alex Roberts, who routinely bikes around Grand Ave with his son Reagan, shares that when "cruising the neighborhood," he and Reagan "love to pick up a street dog and eat it on [our] way back home." They stop and watch the sunset at Rec Park, enjoy the crispy, melted cheese as it stretches from each bite, and they always laugh as they finish up and ride their bikes back home.

"It's a fun routine for us," says Roberts. "And bringing new businesses and new cultures into the fold is something I love to do with my family. It makes El Segundo fun to explore."•