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Weekend Forecast

Friday
Sunny
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Saturday
Sunny
61°/42°



Sunday
Sunny
66°/45°



Happy New Year from the Herald

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015



"Baby New Year," Raegan Marie Sullivan, welcomes in 2015. Parents: Haas & Brittany Sullivan of El Segundo. Photo by Marcy Dugan, marcyduganphoto.com.

The Year in Review: El Segundo in 2014

By Brian Simon

In 2014 the City of El Segundo continued to grapple with a tricky budget, but saw hope in the future with a plethora of commercial activity, an economic development campaign in full force, and a commitment to fix the town's aging infrastructure. An April election brought new blood and a mayoral change to the City Council, which dealt with issues ranging from Recreation and Parks fees to Richmond Street parking while ending the year at an impasse as far as the future of the local golf course. Here are some of the year's highlights:

Budget

On September 16, the City Council adopted its 2014/15 budget with a \$1.7 million deficit that it filled in for the time being with reserves. That figure may change pending the results of the still ongoing labor union talks--since previous employee concessions expired and were not included in the final numbers. After multiple strategic planning sessions in the spring and summer, the Council opted to boost revenues by a combined \$455,000 by recovering trash fees from four and five-unit properties as well as residential permit and ambulance fees. To cut expenditures, the group eliminated the annual \$250,000 cash contribution to local schools (though it continued to subsidize library staffing and crossing guards for 2014/15) and reduced storm water funding by \$100,000. Service and staffing reductions over various departments realized another \$762,400 in combined savings—including a \$500,000 decrease in El Segundo Police Department costs by funding two fewer sworn positions. To address long-deferred infrastructure upkeep, the Council agreed to increase equipment replacement and facility maintenance funding by \$200,000 and \$80,000 respectively—and also approved the outlay of \$3.2 million for critical capital improvement projects. The Council additionally raised its reserves level from 17 to 18 percent and opted to set aside

\$750,000 in the economic uncertainty fund to protect the City when unpredictable core revenues drop markedly in the future. This year, the City also made its budget numbers accessible to the public via elsegundoca.opengov.com, providing detailed breakdowns for each department.

Capital Improvement Projects

After putting off key infrastructure projects for years due to financial constraints, the Council in July authorized over \$3.2 million of 2014/15 general fund dollars to address items deemed most critical by staff. The move was the first phase of a larger program to complete 39 projects in the next two to three years depending on the amount of Public Works Engineering Division staffing on-hand to deal with the workload.

The list of 39 includes typical annual projects such as slurry sealing, curb and gutter repairs, and water and sewer main rehabilitation that receive funding from grants or enterprise accounts. There were also over a dozen previously approved projects slated for implementation, requested or already underway. A chunk of the aforementioned \$3.2 million will cover a seismic retrofit and other facility upgrades to Fire Station #1, Police Department upgrades, exterior painting of the Library, and the long-planned Richmond Street rehabilitation. The Council additionally approved funding for other critical needs including Finance Department software upgrades, a seismic early warning system at Fire Station #1, computer/fiber network upgrades, and a new City website.

Economic Development

To bolster its economic development efforts, the City hired Paolucci Salling & Martin Communication Arts to provide public relations and community branding/advertising services and enhance local business retention and attraction. To help this cause, several business stakeholders kicked in funds—most notably Chevron, which provided a \$200,000 grant

initially and another \$175,000 in December, as well as Continental Development Corporation, which initiated a matching program. The City launched a new PR campaign—"Where Big Ideas Take Off"—in late summer, hosting several high-profile events to attract the attention of brokers and prospective tenants. It also revamped its ElSegundoBusiness.com website.

In the fall, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) honored the City for once again being named a finalist for the annual Most Business Friendly City (Eddy) award. This marked the third consecutive year that El Segundo was among the top five recognized in the small cities (populations under 65,000) category. El Segundo won the first-ever Most Business-Friendly City award in 2006.

Election

On April 8, local voters elected newcomer Mike Dugan to the City Council along with incumbent Suzanne Fuentes. With three candidates vying for two open slots on the dais, Mayor Bill Fisher fell short in his bid for a third term and left the Council after eight years of service. The following Tuesday, the Council members appointed Fuentes as the new Mayor, while Carl Jacobson retained his role as Mayor Pro Tem. Voters also soundly rejected the Measure A tax initiative that the Council and corporate business community had supported in hopes of shoring up the City's looming budget deficits.

Measure A sought to increase utility user taxes on businesses by 2.5 percent, impose a new 2.5 percent utility user tax on residents (with both reduced to two percent after three years), raise transient occupancy taxes on lodging by two percent, reduce business license tax credits, and levy a business license tax on long-term parking facilities—with the goal of increasing City revenues by roughly \$6.6 million annually in the first three years (and \$5.9 million per year thereafter) to cover

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Carol Anne Schmitz



Her warmth, commitment to education, and faith touched the lives of all who knew her. •

A photograph of a kangaroo lying on its side on a patch of grass and dirt. The kangaroo is holding an open newspaper in its front paws. The newspaper's masthead reads 'El Segundo Herald'. Below the masthead, there are two main headlines: 'Inside' on the left and 'Community Shred Event Helps Prevent Identity Theft' on the right. The kangaroo is looking down at the newspaper.

An Australian native takes a little rest next to the Herald in Sydney, Australia. Photo by Marc Shapiro.

Los Angeles D-Fenders Set Scoring Record

The D-Fenders are the Official Minor League Team of the Los Angeles Lakers. See your future Lakers playing in your own backyard in their next home game on Saturday, January 3rd. For information go to <http://www.nba.com/dleague/losangeles/> •



LA's Jabari Brown for two over Reno's Stefhon Hannah



Los Angeles D-Fender's Keith Appling drives for a lay-up against Reno Bighorns' David Wear



LA's Roscoe Smith blocks a shot from Reno's Quincy Miller

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Volunteers Serve Christmas Lunch at Joslyn Center



Volunteers (L-R) Neal VonFlue, Mike & Marcy Dugan, Jan Cruishank, Lorna Bush, Debbie & Alex Robinson, Shirley Smoot, Vicky Webb, Stephanie Young, Derek & Lindsay Pugn, Shirley Williams, Lexi & Ron Griffin, Carol Cervantes, and Dina Williams served Christmas lunch at the Joslyn Center. Anyone who wanted to attend was welcome. Photo by Marcy Dugan, marcyduganphoto.com

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Police Reports

Monday, December 22, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0311 hours from Arena Street and Grand Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above, driving with a suspended license and one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant

A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1059 hours from the 1600 block of East Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's garage through unknown means. Taken was a bicycle

A domestic violence report was taken at 1630 hours from the 700 block of Center Street. Suspect struck the victim several times after an argument, causing visible injuries

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0402 hours from the 600 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject was cited and released in the field

One male adult was arrested at 0515 hours from Hawthorne PD for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant

One male adult was arrested at 1110 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for felony vandalism

One male adult was arrested at 1130 hours from the 300 block of Main Street for domestic violence

One male adult was detained at 1023 hours from the 500 block of Main Street and transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for evaluation and treatment

One female adult was arrested at 1402 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of counterfeit currency

An attempt suicide report was taken at 2244 hours from the 200 block of East Imperial Avenue. A female adult attempted to commit suicide by cutting her wrists with a knife

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 0951 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took a stereo

Petty theft report was taken at 1327 hours from the 300 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect took a toy

Identity theft report was taken at 1539 hours from the 300 block of Maryland Street. Unknown suspect(s) purchased an iPhone using the victim's information

Stolen vehicle report was taken at 1552 hours from the 300 block of West Imperial Avenue. Taken was a 1992 Acura Integra

Stolen vehicle report was taken at 1738 hours from the 600 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Taken was a 2006 Volkswagen Jetta

Thursday, December 25, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0245 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for burglary

One male adult was arrested at 0359 hours from the 900 block of East Mariposa Avenue for misdemeanor DUI

Identity theft report was taken at 0752
See Police Reports, page 14

New AB 60 Law Allows Undocumented Drivers to Apply for Licenses

In 2013, Governor Brown signed AB 60 into law, and it goes into effect on January 1, 2015. This statute directed the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) "to issue an original driver's license to any California resident who is eligible for a driver's license, regardless of immigration status," according to the DriveCA coalition at DriveCA.org. Further, "An AB 60 license will have a visible distinguishing feature and cannot be used for certain federal purposes, such as to enter restricted areas of federal facilities." The DMV has issued a list of answers to questions a new applicant might have. For appointments or other information regarding AB60 visit ab60.dmv.ca.gov.

Q: When is a person eligible to apply for a

driver license under the new AB 60 law?

A: Undocumented applicants can begin applying for a California driver license on January 2, 2015. During the initial visit, applicants will be required to prove their identity and residency, and take a driver knowledge and vision exams. A behind-the-wheel test will be given at another time.

Q: Do AB60 customers need to make appointments to apply for a driver license?

A: Anyone planning on visiting a DMV field office to apply for a first time driver license is required to schedule an appointment. However, the DMV has set up four temporary Driver License Processing Centers in Granada Hills, San Jose, Stanton, and Lompoc, where anyone can drop in without making an appointment.

Q: Does the driver license being issued under the AB 60 law have any limitations?

A: Yes. A driver license, under AB60, only allows an individual to legally drive a car and cannot be used to verify or provide legal or documented status. The face of the driver license clearly states that "Federal Limits Apply" and on the back disclaimer reads "This card is not acceptable for official federal purposes. It does not establish eligibility for employment, voter registration, or public benefits." In other words, a person cannot use this driver license to board an airplane or enter a federal building. However, it is important to point out that police officers in California cannot discriminate based on immigration status or the fact the driver holds an AB60 driver license.

Q: I plan to apply for a California driver license under the AB60 program. As an applicant without legal presence, will my information be used for anything other than a driver license application?

A: We are sensitive to the fact that many applicants without legal presence may be fearful of this review process and/or possessing this new driver license. Discrimination against an individual based on possession of an AB60 driver license is a violation of law, including the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Section 51 of the Civil Code). An AB 60 driver license shall not be used to consider an individual's citizenship or immigration status as a basis for an investigation, arrest, citation or detention. •



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29. Approval
30. Cantina cooker
33. Ran, as colors
34. Statement of belief
35. Vaccines
37. Judge
38. Even so
39. Joyful exclamation
40. Draw upon
43. Free (from)
44. Aquatic rodents
45. Some solvents
47. Fodder
49. English 101 subject
50. Weighed down
51. Energy
53. Animal catcher
54. "Minimum" amount
55. Well known Lady
56. Newspaper piece
57. Olympics city after St. Moritz
58. Realizes

Last Week's Answers

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

Politically Speaking

One Man’s Opinion

The Optimism of the Young

By Gerry Chong

The bouncing baby New Year stood preening before the mirror, hiking up his diapers, slicking back his hair, and straightening the sash across his body that read “2015.” With a bounce he high-stepped into the room, passing an old and disheveled ’14 on his way out.

“Man, this is a tough gig, little guy. Hope you’ve got what it takes to make it through to the end.”

“No problem, old man, I got a sense of humor that will take me through anything, so I’m stronger than you. Fr’instance, I’ve gotta laugh when ‘Moonbeam Brown’ nominated three members to serve on the California

Ms. Starzak lifted a copy of the confidential Panetta Report which described U.S. handling of detainees. Shamee, shamee, Ms. Starzak.

“Look out! Here comes a politically incorrect knee slapper. Circulating around the internet is the White Trash response to ‘Hands Up- Don’t Shoot.’ The Tea Baggers are responding, ‘Pants Up- Don’t Loot.’

“OK, OK,” said the brash ’15, “I’m the new kid on the block so I don’t know when to stop the racist stuff. Don’t throw bottles at me yet. Give me a few months to learn the ropes and I promise not to do that again. But don’t squelch my sense of humor. Let me run one last hilarity (no, not Hillary) by you.

“Moreover, the Administration has told the Supreme Court that doctors do not have the right to challenge the adequacy of their reimbursements. Wheeeee, this is more darned fun!”

Supreme Court. Their role, of course, is to interpret our Constitution. Only problem is, none of the three has served a single day as a judge! They’re Washington D.C.-based law professors! So it’s kinda like asking a baseball coach to play in the Major Leagues. So you see, old man, you’ve just gotta laugh.

“Or how about this one: and you can really blame Bush. A Gitmo releasee, Ibrahim al-Rubaysh, a Saudi, is now a senior leader of al Qaeda in Yemen, so the U.S. would kinda like to get him back. Obama is offering \$5 million to recapture a guy we already had in our prison.

“See, old man, yuk it up. It’s good for your soul. Not had enough examples? Try this one: Obama has nominated Alyssa Starzak to be General Counsel to the Army. Only problem is that Intelligence officials have accused her of stealing CIA confidential files. Apparently,

“Apparently there has been a flood of signups for Medicaid, which is good. But the high level of government reimbursements to Medicaid doctors ran from 2013 through 2014, and will end by the time ’15 takes his throne. Steve Zukerman of the Urban Institute says doctor reimbursements in 2015 will fall by an average of 43% across the country, but in California, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania it will fall by 50% or more.

“Moreover, the Administration has told the Supreme Court that doctors do not have the right to challenge the adequacy of their reimbursements. Wheeeee, this is more darned fun!”

So with a bow, ’15 explained to ’14 that he just lacked the appreciation of humor as the prism through which to view history. Hooray for the optimism of the young. •

Another Man’s Opinion

Movie Studio’s Initial Decision Was Wrong

By Cristian Vasquez

Being in the media makes it natural that I would be inclined to refuse any form of censorship. For several weeks now Sony studios has been harshly criticized for canceling the release of its movie “The Interview” due to threat made by North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un. While executives at Sony studios have since change their stance and agreed to a limited release of the film, their initial reaction was very disappointing and embarrassing. For starters, it is bad enough when an American entity tries to censor our airwaves but to allow an outside source to silence us is insulting. Let’s not forget that in the Post-Janet Jackson/Justin Timberlake Super Bowl circus, many television and radio executives took it upon themselves to self-censor, with some influence by the FCC. We are 10 years removed from that absurd incident and it seems that we haven’t completely shaken off the tendency to micromanage all content for fear of complaints. So to have a major movie studio consider not releasing a movie because someone in another country is upset is absolutely absurd.

I will admit that any type of terrorist threat, not matter how small or insignificant we might personally consider it, should be taken serious. However, terrorists thrive on people’s fear and if we fold to all of their demands, it is my opinion that we make ourselves more vulnerable to the entity making the threat. Furthermore, we make ourselves vulnerable to any other terror group paying attention. Lastly, and not to sound arrogant but I am not afraid of North Korea’s threats. Granted, I am no expert on National Security but to borrow from an old expression, I do believe

that their leader is all bark and no bite. I’m not implying the man isn’t unstable enough to try something but it’s not enough to worry me.

For anyone who would stay away from a theater because of the threat, that is okay. I can respect their personal decision to err on the side of caution. Maybe I’m still immature but North Korea’s threat wouldn’t keep me from going anywhere in the United States. Yet, to have a movie studio entertain the idea of holding out is discouraging. There might be more to the initial reaction than just fear, but if that is the case, then say so.

To be honest, I probably wasn’t going to line up on Christmas Day to watch this movie. I have other plans; spend time with family, eat with an absolute lack of self control and then ask my mom to help make my stomach feel better. Yet, the fact that it isn’t an option because of fear is absurd. I can’t sit here and pretend that everyone has a good sense of humor so I am sure that the North Korean dictator wasn’t flattered at the premise of the movie. Still, leaders around the world are constantly mocked and they deal with it because it is the nature of life. If President Obama, or President Bush before him were upset every time they were made fun of in the media, they wouldn’t have made past their first term (SNL has at least one skit mocking the sitting president every week).

So as the Christmas break comes to an end, finally we can all decide what to do, where to go and what to watch. I for one will take the advice of President George Bush and take my family and enjoy life the way we want it to be and that means free of fear. If I refrain from watching “The Interview” it will be because I have something better to do. •

The Year in Review

projected budget shortfalls and also pay for capital improvements.

Milestones

In 2014, United Methodist Church of El Segundo celebrated its 100th year in the community with a dinner on October 4. The church began as a small chapel at 403 Concord Street and underwent several name and location changes before settling in at its longtime building at 540 Main Street. Also on a historical note, the El Segundo Public Library completed its three-and-a-half year project to digitize 79 microfilm rolls of the El Segundo Herald so that viewers can access close to 5,000 editions online of the venerable community newspaper going back to 1916.

New Commercial Projects

It was a busy year for new developments in town, highlighted by the July 1 wall-raising at the \$100 million elevon at Campus El Segundo. Continental Development Corporation’s and Mar Ventures’ 210,000-square foot elevon will be one of the largest “for sale” commercial office projects to break ground in El Segundo in the last decade with a target of attracting creative and high-tech business tenants from Los Angeles’ west side. The Los Angeles Lakers became the first tenant announced at the site with construction about to start on the team’s new training facility to replace its longtime headquarters at the Toyota Sports Center.

Construction of The Point shopping center at the hard corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans also kicked off, with an estimated mid-2015 grand opening. The first wave of tenants announced for the upscale complex adjacent to Plaza El Segundo includes retailers Athleta, Lucky Brand and No Rest for Bridget; fitness center SoulCycle; Vicara Salon Spa; Peet’s Coffee and Tea; and the eateries Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Mendocino Farms, North Italia,

ShopHouse, Superba Food + Bread, and True Food Kitchen,

Similar to elevon in concept, another creative office project at 400 Duley Road (Trisonic El Segundo) entails five office buildings ranging from 12,000 to 18,000 square feet and totaling 70,000 square feet situated around two central plaza areas. With the Apollo at Rosecrans project, Invesco purchased five buildings in Continental Park to renovate and redevelop the sites to transform them into a creative office park setting.

Other notable new projects in progress include The Station (El Segundo Boulevard and Nash), Montana Avenue Capital’s redevelopment of a 52,000-square foot property into a Class A creative office campus; Bixby Land Company’s “2101” (El Segundo Boulevard)—a redesign of a five-story, 114,000-square foot office building to appeal to companies looking for contemporary space needs; and NSB’s Utah Avenue Campus featuring redevelopment of two single-story office buildings formerly occupied by Xerox with nearly 200,000 square feet now earmarked for creative sector tenants. Also this year, Pacific Corporate Towers (now known as PCT) at 100, 200 and 222 N. Sepulveda underwent extensive renovations to convert indoor and outdoor areas into lively communal gathering places with a contemporary design aesthetic.

Several new hotel projects also got off the ground this year, including a 170-room Hampton Inn and Suites at 888-898 North Sepulveda Boulevard with a grand opening slated for early 2016. A 154-room Cambria Suites Hotel (owned by Choice Hotels) submitted plans and could open in 2016. Rubicon Company, which purchased the Hacienda Hotel, will split the facility into two new inns branded under two company

names. The proposed south hotel would operate as a 247-room Aloft Hotel 114,684 square feet in size, including 6,640 square feet of new construction. The proposed north hotel would operate as a 356-room Fairfield Inn and Suites at 183,496 square feet in size. Construction is set to begin in 2015 and will occur in multiple phases with the intent of keeping most of the facilities open as much as possible.

Meanwhile, the environmental review process continued for the Raytheon South Campus project and will go before the Planning Commission next month. The 1.9 million-square foot development includes a mix of new office space, light industrial, retail/restaurant, warehouse and open areas. A project provision will connect Nash Street with Hughes Way.

In December, the City received resubmitted plans for the long-delayed In ‘N Out Burger on Sepulveda and Mariposa. Though approved by the Planning Commission in June 2013 after the applicant agreed on various conditions including making changes to the lot configuration and paying for improvements to the Mariposa intersection, the project ran into a roadblock when Caltrans would not approve a dual left turn lane.

New Downtown tenants this year included Petros Kafe and Ole Tennessee Smokey Moonshine Company and it was announced in December that Mexican/American bistro Sausal will take over the Indian Summer and former Electric Bikes LA (which since moved to the 400 block of Main) spaces on Main and Franklin. Additionally, El Segundo Brewing Company owner Rob Croxall announced plans for an expanded tasting room.

Non-Profit Fee Waivers

In July, the Council agreed on a policy regarding non-profit group requests for permit

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fee waivers at special events—loosening restrictions compared to initial recommendations. Under the new process, only non-profits and groups based in El Segundo can qualify for full or partial waivers. Of these, eight groups that host events characterized as “non-fundraising” and “free to attend” will not have to pay any fees going forward. The fully waived events include Candy Cane Lane, Make a Difference Day, Opening Day Parade, Pancake Breakfast, Promotional Dance, Soap Box Derby, Tasting Bee and Homecoming Parade. Using a fee waiver scorecard that assigns points based on the type of organization, fundraising status, target audience, cost to participate, perceived community benefit and impacts to residents and businesses, five events will qualify for 75 percent of costs waived (Movie in the Park, Arbor Day, Main Street Car Show, Richmond Street Fair and Broadway in the Park). Run for Education will only be eligible for a 25 percent waiver, while Relay for Life will have to pay the full amount because the organization (American Cancer Society) is not based in El Segundo. Additionally, the Holiday Parade will not be subject to fees because the City partners in the event with the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce.

Only one event per organization per year is eligible for a fee waiver and City equipment will no longer be available. Each group must pay the \$60 special event permit fee in all cases.

Recreation and Parks Fees

In May, the Council adopted a fee schedule for various fee increases for Recreation and Parks programs and services based on a pyramid that incorporates a 3:1 cost factor ratio in which people who live outside of El Segundo as a rule pay three times as much as local residents. Under the formula, services/

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Wrapping up Sports in El Segundo for 2014

By Gregg McMullin
Photos by Gregg McMullin

The first half of 2014 was an exciting time for sports in El Segundo that included a state championship for the BU-12 soccer all star team, a long run made by the 10-year-old Little League all star team and reaching the finals in the state Babe Ruth 15-year-old tournament. As we continue to look back at what went on in our cozy community in 2014 we'll romance and remember all the ups and downs of another memorable year in El Segundo.

Graduating senior Kira Makuta and budding super star freshman, Bridgett Allison, competed at the CIF-SS Division 2 Swimming Championships. Makuta completed her high school career with personal best times in the 200 free style and the 500 free style events. She placed second in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 free style. She is currently attending the University of Hawaii on a scholarship. Allison competed in the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

The El Segundo American Legion team, made up of returning high school baseball players, swept through the Pacific League and then the area tournament to advance to the state tournament in Yountville, California. It was the first time in 15 years the team had advanced to the state tournament. The Blues did well against teams with graduating seniors as well as college players but were defeated in the semi-finals.

The girls' 14U softball team advanced to the ASA Southern California Championship tournament in Lancaster. They defeated teams from Irvine, Fullerton, Oxnard and a team from West Grove (Orange County). They fell to Escondido and Westlake and finished fourth. The team consisted of Rosalind Williams, Dina Giles, Tori Raygosa, Lily Goldman, Kate Rausch, Olivia Gafford, Skye Sudol, Kelly Beach, Alyssa Pearson, Kate Cunningham, and Emma Cordova.

The Sand and Surf GU-19 soccer team won the Thousand Oaks Soccer Tournament and defeated Newberry Park 3-2 in the finals.

Helen McMullin competed seven marathons in seven days. For the year this ambitious running fanatic completed 20 marathons and has run a total of 64.

We followed former El Segundo Eagle standouts Nigel Nootbaar and Richard Seigel as they started their professional baseball careers. Seigel was drafted by the Gateway Grizzlies of the Frontier League in the league's first round and Nootbaar was drafted in the 12th round by the Baltimore Orioles.

There were high expectations for the football team and for good reason. This is a team that returned most of the starters from the 2013 team that reached the CIF finals for the first time in the school's history. A season ago the Eagles were the darlings of the Pioneer League but this season they were moved up to the Ocean League along with all the other athletic teams.

Though the Eagles were loaded it was thought that the move up would be a challenge for El Segundo. The Eagles met the challenge and ran the table through their non-conference schedule defeating Cantwell, South Torrance and Torrance, schools that would play in the post season. In league play they rolled through their schedule including a dramatic come-from-behind win against Santa Monica. The win over the Vikings would be their twelfth consecutive league victory stretching back to October 2013.

In the playoffs the Eagles were seeded second. They dispatched Rio Mesa in the first round but fell to a physical and decisively larger Simi Valley team. The game was in

doubt until the last minutes of the game.

Lars Nootbaar closed out his high school football career by throwing for 2498 yards, 31 touchdown passes and just three interceptions this season. For his career Nootbaar threw for 6790 yards and 77 touchdowns.

Both lower level teams did well too. Both the junior varsity and freshman teams completed 9-1 seasons. It was the first time in the school's history that the program combined to win 29 games while losing just three. The girls' tennis team was led by Aleks Piibe, Kristin Villanueva and Una Stanislejvic.

On the cross country front head coach Marcos Bolanos was pleased with his team's showing in the first Ocean League meet. Junior sensation Gavin Glynn helped lead his team to a second place finish while seniors Scott Willis and Nolan Sharp complemented the team's performance. The boys' JV team took first with Pierce Nebel pacing the group. Garret Rifkin led the freshman team to a second place finish.

Hannah Curran and Brianna Harmon led the girls' team to second place finish while Mariela Gutierrez and Lindsey Kartvedt led the JV team to a second place finish; each placed in the top five runners. The girls' freshman team dominated placing first with Karina Kramer finishing first overall.

The boys' team, led by Gavin Glynn's second place overall finish with a 16:29, helped the Eagles to a very respectable fourth place finish (out of 31 teams in their division) at the Mt. SAC Invitational. Nolan Sharp, Scott Willis, Nick Osler, Oliver Chen, Alex Fowler and Nathan Vinzon were all instrumental in propelling the Eagles.

The boys' team won the Ocean League, eking out a three point victory over Santa Monica. Gavin Glynn ran an inspired race finishing second while Nolan Sharp (6), Nick Ostler (7), Scott Willis (9), Evan O'Connor, Oliver Chen (20), and Daniel Gutierrez (21).

The El Segundo boys' water polo team ran the table and won the Ocean League. The Eagles had just five seniors on the roster but this team still had plenty of experience. The third seeded Eagles opened the CIF Southern Section Division IV playoffs against Atascadero and easily got by the Greyhounds. They faced a highly regarded Glendale team in the second round and fell to the Nitros 9-8. It was an inspiring season that saw the Eagles finish 23-6 overall. With a strong junior class that includes Nick Paz, Lukas Frerichs, Joe Doucette, Kyle Parker and Matt Marak as well as sophomore Josh Palmer next season could be even stronger than this season's results.

The boys' basketball team has their third head coach in a year and Jason Ito has a grueling schedule in mind for his team. The Eagles faced some of the Southern Section's top programs including Fairfax and El Camino Real from the City Section and Windward from the CIF Section. Though the Eagles' record is under .500 they are hoping to turn things around when they face Torrance, Bellflower and West Torrance before starting Ocean League play in January.

The girls' team has their third coach in three years, and new coach Randy Kiehm is more than ready for the challenge. He moves into the first seat after being an assistant coach last season. Three-year starters Sarah Chang and Paige Endo have led the Eagles so far along with Ani Finau and Jordan Swanier. The Eagles have started the season 6-3 and reached the semi-finals of the Southeast Tournament.

The girls' soccer team has started the season 4-2-1 and that, according to third year coach

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A Look Back at 2014 in Sports

By Adam Serrao

Now that the year has officially come to a close and 2015 is upon us, it is important to take a look back in life on the time that has passed and the time that awaits us in the year to come. Doing so in real life can be medicinal and may even serve to heal the soul. Sports all across the world can parallel our real, everyday lives in many different ways. Sports allows us to look back and remember where we were or who we were with at a specific day or time. They can serve to create bonding experiences through family members and friends that can last a

"So here now is a look back at the top sports moments of the year of 2014. Maybe you can remember where you were or what you were doing when they took place.."

lifetime. Sports can also serve to create an escape from all that ails us or puts stress on our shoulders on a day-to-day basis. So here now is a look back at the top sports moments of the year of 2014. Maybe you can remember where you were or what you were doing when they took place.

2014 was the end of an era in baseball. Who could forget the last time that Derek Jeter took his position at shortstop for the last time at Yankee Stadium? What made it even more memorable was how he sent the sell-out crowd of 48,613 fans home. With Baltimore and New York tied at five in the bottom of the ninth, the Yankee Captain delivered a walk-off single to right field to give his team a 6-5 win. Jeter would eventually walk off himself, into the sunset. There may never be a better all-around shortstop to play the game of baseball. Staying in baseball, who could forget the Dodgers historic meltdown with Clayton Kershaw on the mound against the St. Louis Cardinals? Or the way that Madison Bumgarner helped the Dodgers archival Giants to yet another World Series title?

They say that defense wins championships and that's why Richard Sherman was the face of last year's football season. He and the Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks completely dominated Peyton Manning's Broncos in last year's Super Bowl. Sherman made more news along the way, but backed up his talk when he stifled Michael Crabtree and the 49ers' hopes of reaching the Super Bowl with a last second tipped pass. Sherman and the Seahawks are back at it again this year, as are the Broncos. We may be in line to see a Super Bowl rematch. Jameis Winston and the Florida St. Seminoles can do some repeating of their own. Despite the quarterbacks fall from grace for shoplifting, yelling vulgar remarks on campus, allegedly getting paid to sign autographs and a sexual assault case levied against him, he and the Seminoles are back in the race for the College football championship one year after winning the entire thing at the start of 2014. A new year brings with it a new playoff system and new challenges, but Winston and the 'Noles could find themselves on top of the College football world once again.

The San Antonio Spurs dethroned a king. One year after being sent home by Ray Allen with a last second three-pointer, Tim Duncan and his Spurs tore through the league, finished the season with the best record and knocked LeBron James off of his throne in the NBA Finals in just five games. The King would later take his talents out of South Beach, going back home to Cleveland in order to

try to do something he has never done for his home city: win a championship. Speaking of Kings and championships, our very own Los Angeles Kings were on top of the hockey world this past season for the second time in three years. Who could forget Alec Martinez's awesome rebound off of Henrik Lundqvist for the game winning score? "After it went in, I think I blacked out," Martinez said after the game. Well so did all of Los Angeles with joy and excitement as the Kings remained the most successful franchise in the Los Angeles area (aside from the L.A. Galaxy). Take that Dodgers and Lakers.

This year in sports perhaps brought the most drama and personal interest pieces into our lives as well. Who could forget Michael Sam coming out as a gay athlete and his celebratory kiss with his boyfriend after the St. Louis Rams made him the first openly gay NFL draftee in history? Donald Sterling came out as a racist and was later banished from the NBA by new league commissioner Adam Silver. In NFL news, Ray Rice knocked out his girlfriend in an elevator, Adrian Peterson was charged for abusing his child and domestic violence ran rampant across the league. Roger Goodell and the NFL have much work to do in order to rebuild their respective images.

Speaking of rebuilding images, the Washington Redskins have been under fire for their racially insensitive name and the team's quarterback, RGIII, has dominated news for his play, or lack thereof, all season long. Tony Stewart took the headlines by storm with his very unfortunate killing of Kevin Ward Jr. on the racetrack while the ALS ice bucket challenge gave the sports world hope again by using athletes such as Michael Jordan, LeBron James and Derek Jeter to raise over \$100 million for a good cause. Clayton Kershaw attained another Triple Crown (21-3 record and 1.77 ERA, 0.86 WHIP) while California Chrome failed to accomplish the same feat on the racetrack. Landon Donovan retired from professional soccer, UCONN dominated college basketball (both boys and girls), Antonio Brown kicked a kicker in the face, Lance Stephenson blew into LeBron's ear, Kobe Bryant came back from a torn Achilles and passed Michael Jordan on the NBA's all-time scoring list and Odell Beckham Jr. made the catch heard (and seen) around the world.

Certainly, some highlights from the year that have been left out of the mix. While it is truly impossible to encompass them all into one piece of writing, the images that have been portrayed throughout this last year of sports have the ability to last a lifetime. Sports has the capability to touch our minds and our souls. The instances portrayed throughout this last year of 2014 could have brought us to tears, incited joy within us or even provoked complete joy. That's what sports does and that's what this last year of 2014 did. With another year now upon us and the slate cleaned for rebuilding, there is no doubt that more memories and special moments will be created and may even go unforgotten for a lifetime. The only thing left for us to do is sit back, relax, keep our eyes open and enjoy the ride. Like the year before it, 2015 will most certainly present itself as a special one. •

Honey-Balsamic Chicken with California Grapes



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- To taste freshly ground black pepper
- 3 shallots, roughly chopped
- 2 cups red seedless California grapes, halved
- 1 cup green seedless California grapes, halved
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Heat the oil in a large oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and add it to the skillet with the shallots. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring and turning the chicken occasionally, until it and the shallots are nicely browned.

Add the grapes, vinegar, honey, and garlic and bring them to a boil; cook and stir for five minutes more. Place the skillet in the oven and roast for 10 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle the top with rosemary. Serves four.

Nutritional analysis per serving (without sides): Calories 261; Protein 28 g; Carbohydrate 19 g; Fat 8 g (Sat. Fat 1g); 28 percent Calories from Fat; Cholesterol 68 mg; Sodium 314 mg; Potassium 486 mg; Fiber 1 g.

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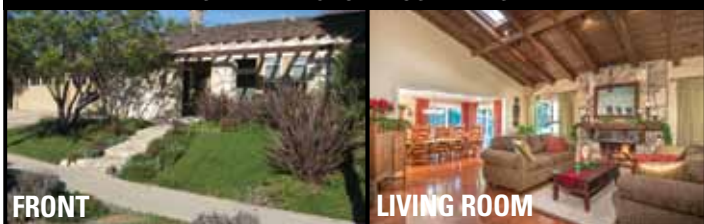
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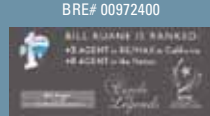


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(BPT) - A regular exercise routine is an important component of heart health, yet less than one-third of Americans get the minimum 30 minutes of daily exercise five days a week, as recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA). Nationally, as many as 250,000 deaths annually are attributable to a lack of regular physical activity.

While exercise is important for everyone, regular aerobic activity can be critical to ensuring healthier outcomes for cardiovascular patients. Even a little exercise goes a long way.

“Just 5-10 minutes of daily running, even at very slow speeds, can significantly lower the risk of mortality among cardiovascular patients,” says Ed Dannemiller, a specialist pharmacist in the Express Scripts Cardiovascular Therapeutic Resource Center. “Simply getting the recommended minimum amount of exercise can help reduce cardiovascular events such as heart attack and stroke by 30-40 percent.”

Ed and his team counsel heart patients about the benefits of regular exercise in addition to following the medication regimen and other lifestyle changes.

Regular exercise has many other benefits for your heart as well, including: strengthening the heart muscle, lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels, gaining better control of one’s blood sugar and maintaining bone strength. Exercise can also help heart patients lose weight and lead more active lives without chest pain.

If you are considering starting an exercise regime, keep these precautions in mind to minimize your risks and prevent an adverse reaction.

- If you recently had a heart surgery or procedure, experience chest pain or shortness



of breath, recently had a heart attack, or have diabetes you should consult a physician before beginning any exercise regimen.

- If you are on beta blockers, anti-arrhythmic drugs and calcium channel blockers, you may have a reduced heart rate and may experience lower gains in heart rates when exercising.

Medications such as the decongestant pseudoephedrine, anti-depressants, and thyroid medications can increase exercise heart rate. It is important to know the right aerobic heart rate target to prevent overtraining or under-training your heart if you are on any of these medications.

- If you are a cardiovascular patient, high-intensity exercises such as push-ups, sit-ups and heavy lifting may not be recommended for you, so it’s a good idea to first speak with your physician.
 - You may also need to avoid certain everyday activities that can overly affect the heart rate, such as raking, shoveling and mowing.
 - Walking, swimming and light jogging are good beginning exercises if you have a cardiovascular condition.
- But what if you’re already on a work-out schedule? Then keep these useful tips in mind:
- Maintain a steady pace and rest between workouts.
 - Do not exercise outdoors in extremely humid, hot or cold temperatures. Extreme temps can make breathing difficult and cause chest pain. Try mall-walking instead.
 - In cold weather, cover your nose and mouth when exercising outside.
 - Stay hydrated by drinking water, even when you’re not feeling thirsty and especially on hot days.
 - Avoid overly cold/hot showers or sauna baths after exercise.
 - Avoid exercising in hilly areas because it may cause your heart to work too hard. Closely monitor your heart rate with your target rate in mind.
 - Stop exercising if you experience pain, dizziness, shortness of breath or excessive fatigue. Consult your physician.
 - Stop the activity in the event of a rapid or irregular heartbeat. Check your pulse after 15 minutes of rest and consult your physician if the rate is still higher than 100-120 beats per minute.
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Venus Express Goes Gently into the Night

Based on a press release from the European Space Agency, provided by Bob Eklund

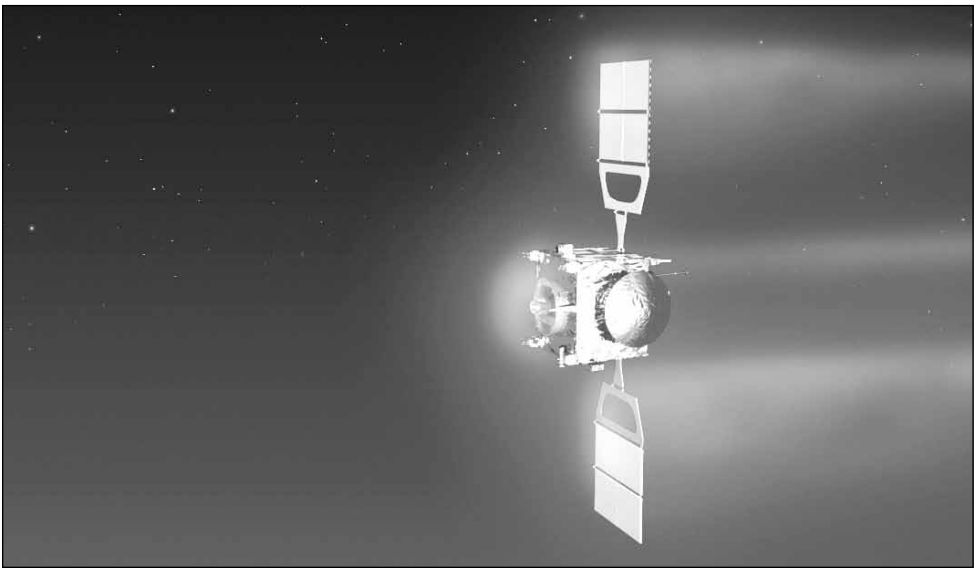
The European Space Agency’s Venus Express has ended its eight-year mission after far exceeding its planned life. The spacecraft exhausted its propellant during a series of thruster burns to raise its orbit following the low-altitude aerobraking earlier this year.

Since its arrival at Venus in 2006, Venus Express had been on an elliptical 24-hour orbit, traveling 66,000 km above the south pole at its furthest point and to within 200 km over the north pole on its closest approach, conducting a detailed study of the planet and its atmosphere.

However, after eight years in orbit and with propellant for its propulsion system running low, Venus Express was tasked in mid-2014 with a daring aerobraking campaign, during which it dipped progressively lower into the atmosphere on its closest approaches to the planet.

Normally, the spacecraft would perform routine thruster burns to ensure that it did not come too close to Venus and risk being lost in the atmosphere. But this unique adventure was aimed at achieving the opposite, namely reducing the altitude and allowing an exploration of previously uncharted regions of the atmosphere.

“During its mission at Venus, the spacecraft provided a comprehensive study of the planet’s ionosphere and atmosphere, and has enabled



Artist’s representation of Venus Express as it orbits Venus during June and July 2015. The Venus Express will exhibit its “aerobroke” maneuver, which will reduce its viewing altitude from 200 to 130km. Credit: European Space Agency – C. Carreau.h.

us to draw important conclusions about its surface,” says Håkan Svedhem, ESA’s Venus Express project scientist. Venus has a surface temperature of over 450°C, far hotter than a normal kitchen oven, and its atmosphere is an extremely dense, choking mixture of noxious gases.

One highlight from the mission is the tantalizing hint that the planet may well be still geologically active today. One study found numerous lava flows that must have been

created no more than 2.5 million years ago—just yesterday on geological timescales—and possibly even much less than that.

Indeed, measurements of sulfur dioxide in the upper atmosphere have shown large variations over the course of the mission. Although peculiarities in the atmospheric circulation may produce a similar result, it is the most convincing argument to date of active volcanism.

Even though the conditions on the surface of Venus are extremely inhospitable today, a

survey of the amount of hydrogen and deuterium in the atmosphere suggests that Venus once had a lot of water in the atmosphere, which is now mostly gone, and possibly even oceans of water like the Earth.

Studies of the planet’s ‘super-rotating’ atmosphere—it whips around the planet in only four Earth-days, much faster than the 243 days the planet takes to complete one rotation about its axis—also turned up some intriguing surprises. When studying the winds, by tracking clouds in images, average wind speeds were found to have increased from roughly 300 km/h to 400 km/h over a period of six Earth years.

At the same time, a separate study found that the rotation of the planet had slowed by 6.5 minutes since NASA’s Magellan measured it before completing its five-year mission at Venus 20 years ago. However, it remains unknown if there is a direct relationship between the increasing wind speeds and the slowing rotation.

How to see Venus: Venus is just coming back into view in our evening sky, after spending several months as a “morning star.” It first became visible soon after sunset in mid-December, just 4 degrees above the southwest horizon, and is steadily gaining elevation each night. By January 6, it will be 9 degrees above the horizon in mid-twilight. And you can continue to enjoy Venus as an “evening star” in the western sky for the next several months. •

Finance

6 Surprisingly Common Student Money Misconceptions

(BPT) - From sports teams and extracurricular clubs to first jobs and first cars, high school students learn new lessons every day, many away from the classroom. But when it comes to balancing their obligations, many students learn some tough lessons for the first time as they dip their feet into adult life, particularly with their finances.

“Only 7 percent of high school students are financially literate and fewer than 30 percent of adults report being offered financial education at school or college,” said Brian Page, finance teacher and personal finance adviser to H&R Block Budget Challenge. “Personal finance can be an overwhelming subject to learn, so many students have developed money misconceptions.”

According to Page, many students share these six common misconceptions when it comes to money:

1. A person can save what is left over at the end of the month. Those who save by making automatic savings deposits right from their paycheck save four times more than those who only deposit directly into one account, according to CFED.org.

2. College is unaffordable. Most teens are well aware of the surge in college costs. However, many teens don’t realize that,



by comparison shopping, seeking financial aid and looking at alternative pathways to earning a degree, college costs can be more manageable.

3. All debt is bad. “Borrowing now to improve your future self can be a good idea,” Page said. “Student loans not exceeding

your first year’s anticipated income makes sense for most everyday Americans.” To find information on anticipated salary, check out PayScale.com.

4. Overdraft protection is free to use. This couldn’t be further from the truth. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau found

the typical overdraft situation is comparable to a small-dollar loan with a 17,000 percent interest rate.

5. I don’t need to budget right now. Teens annually spend nearly \$100 billion, reports the University of Illinois. Yet only 17 percent of teens maintain a budget, states an H&R Block survey. Budgeting is important now as small expenses can add up and get you into trouble - for example, the average American spends more than \$2,500 a year dining out, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Properly monitoring your spending habits can help avoid overspending.

6. Never use credit cards. It depends. “If you’re unable to control credit card spending, steer clear,” Page said. “However, they can be ideal credit building tools for young consumers who use them responsibly.” Consider starting with a secured credit card, avoid borrowing more than 30 percent of the credit limit each billing cycle and always pay the balance in full and on time. Having these misconceptions doesn’t mean teens are doomed to have a damaging financial future. Proper education through programs like the H&R Block Budget Challenge help teens prepare for the real world so they can correct any misinformation received in the past. •

We’re Moving!

During the month of December, Herald Publications is moving to a new location.
Our new address is 500 Center St., El Segundo, CA 90245.

Please note: there may be times during the month of December when our phones will not be working. You can still contact us via email. See our staff box for email addresses to suit your needs.

Thank you for your patience and please come visit us at our new location!

CHOOSE CAR SEAT: BY AGE & SIZE

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE THEIR CHILD IN THE RIGHT SEAT.

THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY DO.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

California Municipal Finance Authority
PACE Program

THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE
AUTHORITY GIVES NOTICE that:

1. **Intention to Form a Contractual Assessment Program; Proposed Boundaries.** Pursuant to a resolution entitled "A Resolution Declaring Intention to Finance or Refinance the Installation of Distributed Generation Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency Improvements, Water Efficiency Improvements, Seismic Strengthening Improvements, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Other Work, Infrastructure or Improvements Authorized by Law," adopted on December 12, 2014 (the "Resolution of Intention"), the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of the California Municipal Finance Authority (the "Authority") has determined that it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the entire geographic territory within the boundaries of every California county and city that is a member of the Authority (collectively, the "Covered Jurisdictions"), within which the Authority and property owners within the Covered Jurisdictions may enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, energy efficiency improvements, water efficiency improvements, seismic strengthening improvements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and such other work, infrastructure or improvements as may be authorized by law from time to time that are permanently fixed to real property, all in accordance with Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California, as amended ("Chapter 29") (the "Authorized Improvements").

The Authority will not enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements with the owner of any property in a Covered Jurisdiction until such Covered Jurisdiction has provided consent as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

The Resolution of Intention, including the exhibits thereto, is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Directors and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof.

2. **Report.** Pursuant to the

Resolution of Intention, the Board of Directors ordered preparation of a report (the "Report") at or before the time of the public hearing that contains all of the matters described in Sections 5898.22 and 5898.23.

3. **Contract.** Chapter 29 authorizes the Authority and property owners within the Covered Jurisdictions to enter into contractual assessments to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements. The Report will contain a draft contract (the "Contract") specifying the terms and conditions that would be agreed to by the Authority and property owners within each Covered Jurisdiction.

4. **Financing Provisions.** The Board of Directors determined in the Resolution of Intention that it is in the public interest for the Authority to finance or refinance the installation of Authorized Improvements in each Covered Jurisdiction. Under Chapter 29 and the Improvement Bond Act of 1915, the Authority may issue bonds that are payable by contractual assessments and the Authority may advance its own funds to finance work to be repaid through contractual assessments, and may from time to time sell bonds to reimburse itself for such advances.

5. **Public Hearing.** A public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m., on January 16, 2015, at City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 6th Floor, Anaheim, California 92805, for the purposes of allowing interested persons to object to or inquire about the proposed contractual assessment program or any of its particulars. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors for a time not exceeding a total of 180 days.

At the time of the hearing, the Report will be summarized and the Board of Directors will afford all persons who are present an opportunity to comment upon, object to, or present evidence with regard to the proposed contractual assessment program, the extent of the area proposed to be included within the program, the terms and conditions of the draft Contract, or the proposed financing provisions.

6. **More Information.** For additional information, please contact Anthony Stubbs, California Municipal Finance Authority, at (760) 930-1333 or by e-mail at astubbs@cmfa-ca.com.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: MELISSA ROWLAND
CASE NO. BP158284

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/14/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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
LARRY WAYNE DOMANN
Case No. BP157991

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LARRY WAYNE DOMANN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Timothy Ernest Domann in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Timothy Ernest Domann 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 January 6, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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

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Trustee Sale No. F14-00070
Notice Of Trustee's Sale
Loan No. 1425373956 Title Order No. 108626 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 05/14/2008 And More Fully Described Below. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Cesar Garcia, A Married Man As His Sole And Separate Property Recorded: recorded on 05/19/08 as Document No. 20080883582 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 01/08/2015 at 11:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$509,134.71 The purported property address is: 530 Eucalyptus Drive, El Segundo, CA 90245 Legal Description Lot 6 In Block 72 Of El Segundo, In The City Of El Segundo, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded

In Book 20 Pages 22 And 23 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Assessors Parcel No. 4133-005-016 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that

may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 508-7373 or visit this Internet Web site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F14-00070. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/12/2014 Assured Lender Services, Inc. /s/ Cherie Maples, Vice President of Trustee Operations Assured Lender Services, Inc. 2552 Walnut Avenue Suite 100 Tustin, CA 92780 Sales Line: (877) 440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff Fax request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose.

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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:
RONALD EDWARD AMUNDSON
CASE NO. BP158307

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHERYL ANN SCHULTZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/12/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DENNIS DEAN THORN
CASE NO. BP157791

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DENNIS DEAN THORN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CONSTANCE WHITHAM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CONSTANCE WHITHAM 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.) 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: 1/26/2015

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.

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SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$1,401,710.69. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-542-2550 for information regarding the trustee's sale

at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 110 NORTH GRAND AVE., 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.

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Order to Show Cause
for Change of Name
Case No. ES018410
Superior Court of California, County of
Petition of: Enriqueta Guadalupe Lozano for
Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Enriqueta Guadalupe Lozano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Enriqueta Guadalupe Lozano to Hadassah Lozano Zepeda

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

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 2-11-15, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: D
The address of the court is
600 East Broadway
Glendale, California 91206

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

Date: DEC 19 2014
Judge Mary Thornton House
Judge of the Superior Court
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or visit this Internet Web site www.rtspecific.com, using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c), the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting or the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. Dated: 12/10/2014 RTS Pacific, Inc., Trustee By: MARILEE HAKKINEN Agent for Trustee: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.rtspecific.com Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. A-4501447 12/18/2014, 12/25/2014, 01/01/2015

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Corporation agreed to cover up to \$10,000 of the bill for the financial analysis. Also in December, the Council asked staff to engage the Golf Course Subcommittee to start public deliberations on a potential second RFP to consider the best operational options for The Lakes as a whole.

Water/Sewer Rate Protest Ballots

Due to a clerical error in the first batch of mailers in which the wrong calendar year appeared as the deadline date, the City had to resend protest ballots to residences in December regarding proposed water and sewer rate increases--delaying the original timeline by several months. Under provisions of the mandatory Proposition 218 process, if a majority of water customers send back the protests by the new January 20 deadline, the fee increase will not proceed. An earlier independent study deemed current water and sewer rates insufficient to cover the City's costs going forward. Of two options presented, the Council opted to go with a more simplified four-tier rate structure (to replace the current eight tiers, although the overall costs will be essentially the same). Under this scenario, single family residential consumption, capacity and recycled water mark-up charges that

are included on every water bill would each rise five percent per year over the next five years. As a result, the average \$39.77 water bill would jump to \$41.08 starting in March. An average single family sewer bill would also rise from \$10.49 to \$11.33.

Wiseburn Pool

In August, the Council hired a consultant to conduct an aquatics facility analysis to consider two alternatives for pools at the future Wiseburn High School site in El Segundo. One option calls for a 50-meter by 25-yard competition pool with limited amenities for \$6 million (the amount Wiseburn Unified School District committed to pay towards construction as part of a 2013 settlement with the City). The second option includes a 54-meter by 25-meter pool plus additional 25-yard pool, bleachers, moveable bulkheads, sports lighting and other amenities for \$8.4 million (with the City needing to cover the additional \$2.4 million). The analysis will detail revenue-generating possibilities from the larger facility to see if the extra cost makes sense. The City already set aside the majority of those monies in its Aquatics Fund and the Council will later decide whether to allocate the dollars towards the new pool or perhaps

renovate the Urho Saari Swim Stadium (The Plunge). Provisions of the City/Wiseburn deal also include a 25-year joint use agreement

with an option to extend for an equal period. The City will be responsible for operation, maintenance and staffing of the pool. •

Police Reports

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hours from the 1300 block of East Mariposa Avenue

Friday, December 26, 2014

Forgery report was taken at 1105 hours from the 500 block of Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) obtained money using false information

Domestic violence report was report was taken at 2103 hours from El Segundo Boulevard and Nash Street. Known suspect hit the victim in the face

Saturday, December 27, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0421 hours from Oak Avenue and Washington Street for possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools

Found property report was taken at 0737 hours from the 1200 block of East Acacia Avenue. A wallet was found

Burglary report was taken at 1048 hours from the 900 block of Main Street. Unknown suspect(s) took a cell phone from inside a vehicle

Found property report was taken at 1247 hours from the 500 block of Eucalyptus Drive. Miscellaneous items were found

One male adult was arrested at 2035 hours from Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of an access card and driving with a suspended license

Sunday, December 28, 2014

A found property report was taken at 0634 hours from the 200 block of West Imperial Avenue. A bag containing miscellaneous clothing was found at the location

A burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1236 hours from the 1100 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's vehicle by smashing a window. A laptop computer and tools were taken

A vandalism report was taken at 1733 hours from the 800 block of North Nash Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke the mirror on the victim's vehicle. The suspect also threatened the victim before he fled •

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Sports

El Segundo

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Tony Hobbs, is a testament to the adversity the team has faced with injuries. They competed in the South Torrance Tournament and lost two tie breakers on penalty kicks. Recently they defeated Lawndale 1-0 with a goal by Amanda Gamboa, Narbonne 3-0 with a hat trick by Rhianna Rich and San Pedro 1-0

with a header by Katherine Burner; Rich was named to the all tournament team. The boys' soccer team is off to a respectful 2-1-2 start with exciting games against Jordan, Crossroads and Torrance. The AYSO Region 92 crowned winners in three divisions recently including the boys and girls U-10, U-12 and

U14 divisions. It's been a championship year for El Segundo athletes. We cheered, high fived and had team parties. We went to great lengths to support these athletes and they repaid us with their efforts. So as we close out the year we'll look back at 2014 with fond memories

knowing that sports is a way of life here in El Segundo. They may have lost a game here or there but in the big scheme of things they were all winners. So in 2015, get out and keep supporting our community's athletes. On behalf of Herald Publications have a safe and prosperous New Year. •



Nick Karsseboom led the Eagles in receptions this season.



Lars Nootbaar, Jackson Walz, Michael Rincon and Miguel Wagner-Bagues helped lead the Eagles to a school record 11-1 season.



Todd Yeaton passes a Santa Monica runner near the finish line at the Ocean League finals.



Josh Palmer helped lead the Eagles to a 20-win season.



The El Segundo 9-10 year old all-stars won the District and Sectional tournaments. They advanced to the state tournament.