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El Segundo Fosters Continuing Legacy of Excellence



John Hyten, son of former El Segundo residents Sherwyn and Barbara Hyten, was promoted to Four Star General in a ceremony held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on August 15, 2014. He was also promoted to leader of the United States Air Force Space Command. Hyten's father Sherwyn grew up on Sheldon Street and attended El Segundo Schools from K-12, graduating with ESHS Class of 1953. General Hyten is shown here (center) along with (L-R) Bill McCrea, Sallee Jo Hazeltine McCrea (ESHs '53), John Reinhardt (ESHs '53), Annette Reinhardt (ESHs '54), Barbara Hyten, Laurie Hyten, and Sherwyn Hyten (ESHs '53). Photo provided by John Reinhardt.

Local Soccer Coach Inspires Kids, Adults in Quest to Help Ebola Victims

By Brian Simon

When the members of the El Segundo Gunners club team merged with Manhattan Beach's Sand and Surf last year, little did they know they know their new Boys U17 coach would teach them so much more than how to improve their soccer skills. This is a case in which lessons about life off the field far outweigh those that exist between two goal posts. With an inspirational backstory worthy of the silver screen and ongoing charitable projects that drive home the importance of volunteering and giving back, Coach Abdul Sesay strives to make a positive impact that will stay with these youngsters the rest of their lives.

Confronted with the harsh reality of the Ebola epidemic in his home country of Sierra Leone in western Africa, Sesay recently launched a campaign to raise \$50,000 by the end of April to subsidize shelter and education for Sierra Leone children who are survivors of the virus or have lost their parents to it. These children are often rejected by other relatives for fear of infection. "At least 3,700 children in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone have lost one or both parents to the disease," Sesay said. While these children desperately need care and support, many feel unwanted and abandoned because of the panic surrounding the epidemic.

Sesay's plan is to use a plot of land he inherited from his late father to build a shelter, library and computer lab for the orphans. In 2007 he also founded a non-profit charity organization--Give Back to the Children Project--to help educate and provide computers for kids in his homeland. "In 2012, I arrived in Sierra Leone with a 40-foot container loaded with clothes, shoes,

books, pens, school bags and computers for secondary schools," Sesay said. "Last year, we opened our first computer lab for schoolchildren to use for free."

Once he raises the \$50,000, Sesay will head back to Sierra Leone to oversee implementation of the project to ensure items go to the intended recipients. "I will also distribute the donated clothes, shoes and other materials—and I will meet with some government officials to discuss the issue of orphanage children and their education."

Sesay's desire to give back in this remarkable way is part of a relentless determination to never forget where he came from and to remind others that hope can still arise even from seemingly the utmost despair. It is a lesson he learned from first-hand experience. For all intents and purposes, Sesay's own story begins on January 6, 1997 when he was a 15-year-old in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Like most of the kids in his community, he grew up playing soccer as it was the only recreation available. On that fateful January day, he was preparing for a tournament when he learned that armed rebels had entered the town—the country had recently become embroiled in civil war. He managed to make his way home, at times dodging bullets whizzing by his head. By then, it was already too late. The house was in flames and his uncle lay there, arms decapitated and minutes from death.

Sesay next discovered his father's lifeless body outside and could not locate his mother and two siblings. Seeking temporary refuge, he spent the next couple of days searching in vain for his remaining family at Freetown National Stadium. Told he must leave the country that night, he jumped on a boat to Guinea where over the next two years he

continued to search for his mother at the various refugee camps set up to shelter families. But Sesay now had no family--and others in the camps turned a blind eye to him. In order to survive, he would often sleep in the forest or up in trees and barely sustained himself living on berries. Just when it seemed all was lost, an old friend--soccer--changed everything forever.

The United Nations had decided to hold a soccer tournament for the various camps. Sesay wanted to participate, but didn't even have any shoes. He managed to borrow a pair and scored the game-tying goal shortly after entering the contest. His team eventually won and Sesay became a celebrity virtually overnight—his previous ostracism suddenly a thing of the past. What came next seemed like a whirlwind—an offer to play for Guinea's national soccer team. Sesay ended the season as the squad's most valuable player and top scorer and then received another offer he could never have imagined—a chance to come to the United States and try out with the Los Angeles Galaxy. A quota on the number of foreign players and a serious leg injury ultimately derailed his professional soccer career, but Sesay opted for something he knew was more rewarding—an education—and enrolled at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study political science. While in college, he raised money to return to Africa to resume the search for his mother. This time, he succeeded—finding her (as well as his sister and brother) in a refugee camp in Gambia after providing a name and description to a woman in the town. "Reuniting with my mother after eight years of separation was the most precious moment of my life," Sesay said. "It was like

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
67°/54°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
67°/52°



Sunday

Sunny
69°/54°



Obituaries

Jan Bayouset King

Jan Bayouset King 58, of Phoenix, passed away January 15, 2015 after a courageous 16 year battle with breast cancer. Jan was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of USC in 1978. Jan spent most of her life in Southern California working in the publishing industry, and lived in El Segundo for 25 years before moving closer to family in Phoenix, AZ in 2009. Jan was President and CEO of Merritt Publishing, which published accreditation materials for insurance professionals, and she was the author of several business books. Jan was an entrepreneur who created successful



online training courses for virtual authors and speakers assistants. Jan was also a non-fiction publishing consultant and helped over 50 authors realize their dream of publishing a book. Jan was a teacher, mentor, and friend to many. Jan is survived by her greatest legacy, her son Kraig. She is also greatly missed by her mother, Helen Bayouset, sister, Kim Vandenberg, and brother Dennis Delavara as well as her beloved terriers Joey and Freddie. Contributions may be made in Jan's name to University Of Arizona Cancer Center At St. Joseph's, supportstjosephs.org/cancer-center. •

Letters

Trying Again

From the beginning, I have been part of the "El Segundo Cares" group. We all appreciate you publishing our letter, but you hurt our cause for not proof reading Jan Cruikshank's letter on January 15. Third paragraph, sixth line, the word was "gap" not "gam". Her last paragraph was left out including her phone number. The most important part. Let me explain why.

The letter was an appeal to the business community for help. We collect clothing, grooming items and many more needed things to give out to the patients at the V.A. Hospital in Los Angeles. These are given by the community. We take them to the hospital whenever a barbeque is given, by invitation from the V.A. volunteer management. We set up tables with the donated things near the eating area. When they finish eating, they come to us for a dessert treat and to pick out what they want from the donations. The barbeques are sponsored by different organizations in other cities.

We need sponsors from El Segundo or people that can help us raise money. Any help would be appreciated.

— Pat Gerber

Caged Bird Sings Wrong Song

Regarding "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" (1.22.15). The subject article is riddled with misinformation and significant quantitative errors with respect to federal tax changes effective 1/1/2015 which are erroneously attributed to the Affordable

Care Act. Federal income tax brackets are unchanged from 2013. The tax on capital gains and dividends remains at 15% for most and is capped at 23.8% for high earners including a 3.8% medicare surcharge tax. In my view, the Herald needs to implement more rigorous fact checking of their published articles.

— C. Richard Johnson

Atkinson Walks Out on Council After Golf Vote

Upon reading your coverage of the January 20th El Segundo City Council Meeting and subsequently viewing it online, I'm saddened the vitriol permeating in our nation's capital seems to have trickled down to our hometown.

Both firms considered to evaluate TopGolf and the current Lakes Facility were determined eminently qualified to perform the work requested by the city. City staff believed National Golf Foundation's approach would be "more comprehensive," while Mayor Fuentes and Council members Jacobson and Dugan felt Pro Forma Advisors' extensive local experience at half the price is the better option. Reasonable people disagree on things. Hence, a 3-2 vote in favor of Pro Forma.

But what should have been a productive discussion among elected colleagues was turned into a circus. While everyone is entitled to their own opinion, Councilman Atkinson's behavior and actions at the conclusion of the Council's vote were disappointing, unprofessional and, most importantly, unproductive. — Les Eisner •

Women AT Work

Councilmember Heidi Ashcraft Looks for Ways to Be Involved

By Laura Sorensen

Ashcraft Designs is a spare white building tucked away on Nash Street in El Segundo. Residents might drive by it a hundred times and not know it was there, unless they happened to need a gross of consumer electronics items: the company, founded in 1986, creates beautiful and functional speakers, headphones, and even bathtubs for luxury hotels. But the Ashcraft brand didn't start out in a soaring space full of glass and air; it began with two people who joined forces personally and professionally. One had an artistic vision, and one had the talent for organization and management. They have worked together to ensure not just the company's success, but the successes of their personal lives: childraising, marriage,



Torrance Councilmember Heidi Ashcraft. Photo courtesy of Ashcraft Designs.

and religious and personal goals. They are Heidi and Dan Ashcraft, and this year Ms. Ashcraft ran an effective campaign to become Councilmember Ashcraft, the only woman to serve on the Torrance City Council. She has held many positions in the Torrance community because she has always wanted to give back to the city that has meant so much to her.

As the daughter of a machine shop owner and a finishing school graduate, Ashcraft knew that she wanted to go to college, but that she would have to finance it herself. She went to Southwest College and graduated from the medical assisting program, then worked as a medical assistant while attending community college. Then in her early twenties, she married Dan, who was attending school for design. Her first baby came along but she didn't slow down a bit, continuing to work full time.

Ashcraft enjoyed the nursing aspect of being a medical assistant but saw that the "front office" was the place with the higher salary. She became the manager at the doctor's office where she worked, taking care of everything from billing to filing to patient management. Dan would drop her off at 7am with the baby, and pick her up at 7pm after he was done with school. Then at night, Ashcraft would take classes at Citrus College. "You just think of how to get through one day and go to the next one," she said of those long days and long nights.

Three more children followed, and her husband graduated from design school and began working for a design firm. They both loved the beach and followed their hearts to the South Bay, where they bought a little cottage built in the 1920s. By this time, Ashcraft had

thoroughly learned how to be a manager, and talking to her, it is easy to see why. Involvement is deeply ingrained in her personality, and management is the outward manifestation of involvement. As this story continues, the reader

will note a pattern: when Ashcraft finds herself in a situation, she doesn't hang back on the sidelines and let someone else handle it. She goes straight up to the front and does the work herself, saying, "I don't join things just to put my name on a list."

For instance: Ashcraft's children went to school in the Torrance Unified School District, so while working part-time at a doctor's office and raising four children full-time, she also began participating in PTA meetings. Her daughter went to Girl

Scout leader. Her sons played soccer and baseball: she found herself a spot on the AYSO and Little League boards. I don't even have to go out on a limb to say that all these boards were probably ecstatic to have her, not to mention the networking opportunities that participation on these boards bring forth. Torrance at its heart is a small town, and people remember and appreciate services done for the community. Ashcraft also loved her twelve years on the TUSD board, where she eventually became PTA President at West High and then was elected to the School Board.

After her time on the board, she took a break from medical work and devoted herself to Ashcraft Designs. Her husband was very successful at designing beautiful stereo equipment, but Ashcraft took one look at the manager he had hired and knew she could do better. She had been involved in the business ever since, and she and Dan have desks right across from one another, where they can use their complementary skills for the company's benefit. They have been married 44 years.

Ashcraft's unofficial networking paid off last year, when then-mayor Frank Scotto approached her as a candidate for City Council. Ashcraft had known Scotto's wife Cindy for many years as part of the PTA and part of the YMCA, where Ashcraft had been elected the first female board president. Mayor Scotto knew of Ashcraft's governing experience and her love of the city, and asked her to run for City Council to give the Council a female perspective. Ashcraft believed she could win a seat, even though there were a total of 16 competitors last June for three seats. She said the best part of the election process was

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Spotlight

ESMS Students Study the Middle East

By Cece Stewart, Sophomore at ESHS
Photo by CeCe Stewart

This past week the 6th grade students at El Segundo Middle School studied the Middle East. This unit project of study culminated in the students writing, and presenting, a speech to the United Nations in which they examined the commonalities between various Middle Eastern groups and their shared history.

In class the students developed in an understanding of what the United Nations does, and its purpose, and through this understanding the students are able to understand the importance of their mock speeches to the United Nations. El Segundo Middle School teacher Sean Brandlin explains that in their speech, “students explain the current issues in the Middle East, identify the commonalities, explain why the violence needs to stop, and convince their audience to take action to resolve the conflicts.”

In preparation for their United Nations speeches, the students studied common heritage among ancient and current Middle Eastern nations. The teachers provided background on the histories and how they emerged into civilizations, and how they evolved into today. The objective being that the students learned to have an understanding on how these civilizations have emerged and to be

aware of what’s going on and how it affects them. Within the International Baccalaureate program, this project works to help students



Eden Walsh and Hayley Keegan give their speech on the Middle East at El Segundo Middle School Library.

create connections between ancient history and today. This can help them find relevance to the project. The idea being that understanding how an issue affects a student today, should encourage the student to find interest in current events, which helps them pay attention when

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ESMS CyberPatriot Team Advances to Division Semifinals Round

A team of middle school students from El Segundo Middle School in El Segundo, California recently concluded an exceptional round of competition in the seventh season of CyberPatriot – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. CyberPatriot’s core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from DoDD schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary online rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and

scholarships. In all, 2,175 teams registered to compete in CyberPatriot VII, including 53 middle school teams from California.

Led by Coach Carrie Christensen, the team of students from El Segundo Middle School excelled in the CyberPatriot VII Middle School Division qualification rounds, demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking skills, and technical knowledge key to a successful career in cyber security. The team’s performance earned it a spot in the Middle School Division Semifinals to be held January 16-18, 2015.

Following the Regional/Category Round and Middle School Division Semifinals Round

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Community Briefs

Elderfest and Older American of The Year Celebration

Every year, the City of El Segundo Recreation and Parks Department solicits nominations for the El Segundo Older American of the Year. Elderfest will be held on Friday, May 8th, at the Automobile Museum of El Segundo from 11am-1pm. The attendees will also have an opportunity to explore the museum during the luncheon. All older Americans in the community are invited to attend the event to help celebrate the El Segundo Older American of the Year, participate in vendor exhibits, and receive free lunch.

Nominations are being accepted in person or by mail at Joslyn Center at 339 Sheldon Street, El Segundo. Nomination guidelines: Must be 60 years of age or older and an El Segundo Resident or someone who makes a substantial impact in the El Segundo community. Should have volunteer accomplishments in one of the following areas: Community Service in El Segundo, or Community Role Model or mentor. Is active in a community or civic club, commission, or organization which provides service to the community.

Nominations must include a brief statement regarding the person being nominated and a short application form. These forms are available

online and may be returned to the Joslyn Center in El Segundo by March 11, 2015. For more information please contact the Joslyn Center at (310) 524-2705.

Affordable Health Screenings

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Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels; Diabetes risk; Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; Kidney and thyroid function; and more.

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required. •

Tech Talk

How Can Social Media Help Me Find Potential Customers?

By Sid Kato, Array Systems, Inc.

Let’s look at social media in the context of marketing. The focus of any good marketing plan is to understand your customers - where are they located and how can you create a message that resonates with them. Let’s assume as a small business you don’t have the big budget that some of your competi-

tors have. Your best strategy may be a focused rather than shotgun approach. And social media may be just what you need to do it!

There are several social media platforms used today, the most popular being Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, with Pinterest coming up fast. Each platform has a unique customer

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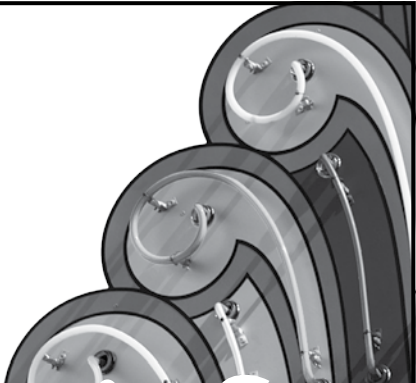


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15. Cork's country
16. "___ of the Lock" by Pope
17. International ___
20. Lease
21. Branch of molecular science
22. Global positioning meas.
23. "Middlemarch" author
24. Backgammon equipment
27. Word of support
28. Red ink amount
32. Nigerian language
33. Crackerjack
35. Female chaperone
37. Roundtable
40. Like this puzzle
41. Reed section member
42. Atlantic catch
43. Georgetown hoopster
44. "48 ___"
45. Match parts
46. Camp craft
49. Datebook abbr.
51. Evil Arabian spirit
54. Someone who depresses or worries others
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60. Gazillions
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62. Formerly nitrogen
63. Strengthen, with "up"
64. D.C. bigwigs
65. Novices
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2. Burn soother
3. Leave speechless
4. Flea market deal
5. Circus site
6. Stand up to
7. Dead letters?
8. Fit for farming
9. Bottled spirits
10. Chatters idly
11. Don Juan
12. Oil grp.
13. Grid
18. Columbus Day mo.
19. Bill's partner in love
23. Dump
24. Profundity
25. Gem State
26. Rabbit
27. Groove-billed ___
29. Reserved
30. Condescending one
31. Beach particles
33. Microbrewery output
34. Funny
35. Twosome
36. Play for a sap
38. Starve
39. It keeps an eye on TV
44. Boss
45. Disreputable, slangily
47. PIN requester
48. Civil rights org.
49. Paternity identifier
50. Brilliant success
51. Conflict
52. Circle overhead?
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55. Philistine
56. Gay Talese's "___ the Sons"
57. Regards
59. Hurt

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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

Another Man's Opinion

Parenting is Easy

By Gerry Chong

Easy, peasy, parenting is easy and anybody can do it. And not having been a parent myself, I am the foremost judge on good parenting. After all, I've made zero mistakes, which is more than any parent can say.

So it was, on the night of the President's State of the Union address, I watched him, the Republican response, and a game show. After a glass of wine, I thought about how much fun it would be to have Republicans and Democrats appear as game show contestants to display their parenting skills. The show would go something like this:

The first contestant on stage would be a smiling, confident and eloquent Democrat, delivering a skillfully written speech worthy of William Jennings Bryan; fiery oratory at its best. In that, the Democrat would describe his approach to parenting. "First," he would say, "we gave our kids the basics: food (Food Stamps), housing (Section 8), a spending allowance (welfare) and free medical care (Medicaid).

"Then we moved up the chain of requirements for a decent life like cars (cash for clunkers), cell phones (Obamaphones), and birth control (Obamacare).

"You know," he continued, "kids like to have friends, so we invited other kids to illegally bust into the neighborhood and share all the gifts we have given our kids. And the best part is that they never need to go home.

"But life is still too harsh for our kids, so we want to show them how much we

love them by giving them more. After all, we're better than this.... life is about more than the basics. So here's the thing, we need to give them a free college education. We need to lower the interest rates on the mortgage contracts they voluntarily signed. And student loans they took? Pshaw, let's eliminate them entirely.

"How about time off from work for paid sick leave? Gotta have it, babe. Oh, oh, oh, don't forget free child care for their little rug rats?" As the Democrat said, these aren't wanna haves. These are gotta haves. Then there is the paying of a higher wage for the least skilled and least motivated among us. Of course! With parenting like that, we will have the kids we deserve. And how do we pay for all of this indulgence? We tax Joni Ernst.

With that, Senator Ernst, the Republican parent humbly steps to the podium. "I was raised on a farm in Iowa, feeding pigs. I had only one pair of shoes so my mother wrapped my feet in bread wrappers to keep the weather from ruining them. I was educated in a state university, married a soldier, raised my kids, became an Army Lt. Colonel, and fought in Afghanistan. Now I am a U.S. Senator. My kids and I are boot-strap raised."

"Boooooo," hisses the audience, thumbs down. "We don't want responsible parenting, we want overindulgent parenting. Tax her and everything she stands for."

Fade to black as the show ends. Sleep well, America. •

Sometimes We All Need to Stop Complaining, Enjoy Ourselves

By Cristian Vasquez

Right from the start I will admit that I am a Bradley Cooper fan. Cooper has been in good movies and he's an Eagles' fan so in my book, we are cool. I am also a fan of Clint Eastwood. So when I saw the previews for the new film "American Sniper," I was pretty excited. Mr. Cooper's acting and Eastwood's directing are a sure thing if you're looking for a good movie. Unfortunately, there are people who can't just enjoy a good film and have to politicize everything. While my critique is directed at popular and liberal moviemaker Michael Moore, I am also mad at anyone who lacked the sense to ignore him and which contributed to the creation of this "controversy" regarding the movie. For anyone who claims "American Sniper" is pro-war, or that is mad because the film leaves out the "truth" about the war in Iraq, stop it and enjoy the movie.

Moore is entitled to make his comments; he should not have to apologize or take them back. If Moore truly believes that snipers are cowards that is his prerogative. However, why can't he just enjoy the movie? Why does this film have to become a political battle over the legitimacy of the war in Iraq? Is it really necessary to take the personal story of a highly-capable sniper, who served his country, to make general statements about the politics behind the war? The answer is no. This movie tells a story; it shares an intimate tale of a veteran serving his country and struggling to leave the war behind upon returning home.

If you want a film that is pro-war or anti-war, watch a documentary. There are plenty of

those out there to satisfy and solidify whatever political ideology you might already have. "American Sniper" is a movie and while it is based on a person's life, it is not an educational piece. It is not an academic masterpiece nor is it a dissertation: it is a movie and movies are made to entertain. I remember watching "Inglorious Basterds" back in 2009. There was much anticipation on my end to get to the theater and when it finally happened, I was more than happy. Despite the fact that the heroes in the movie kill Hitler and his henchmen in a theater while watching political propaganda, it didn't ruin the film for me. The creative liberty and historical inaccuracies portrayed by writer/director Quentin Tarantino didn't ruin the experience because it's a movie.

Anyone who watches a movie and is upset about historical inaccuracies needs to remember that movies are there to entertain and not to educate. A film should never be a person's primary source of information and if it is, then there are bigger problems that we need to address as a society as a whole. "American Sniper" is a good movie; it is entertaining. The one lesson that we should walk away with from this film is that we should be reaching out to our veterans even more in order to ensure their transition back into society. We need to listen to our veterans and find ways to help them move beyond trauma of war. So instead of calling snipers cowards, or labeling this a pro-war or anti-anything movie, let's accept it for what it is: an entertaining movie about a veteran struggling to leave the war behind him. •

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Sports

Soccer Teams Running with a Winning Formula

By Gregg McMullin
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The boys' and girls' soccer teams sit atop the Ocean League standings for the first time in the school's history. Both teams have had their share of injuries but continue to put together a winning recipe. "It's been a challenge with our injuries but the girls keep working hard to pick each other up," said girls' coach Tony Hobbs.

The girls' team got some devastating news early in the week when they were told that Rhianna Rich would be lost, for most likely, the end of the season. Rich, who was the team's leading goal-scorer and named to the South Torrance All-Tournament team, has torn her ACL. It was discovered after an injury that resulted in having an MRI. The Eagles will miss her on-field presence. Besides being the team's leading scorer, she was one of the team's captains. Though the team's 2013-14 MVP will be sorely missed the remainder of the team has picked up their game according to Coach Hobbs.

Without Rich in the lineup the Eagles were challenged offensively against Hawthorne and the game ended in a 1-1 tie. The Eagles pounded shot after shot but could not score until the second half. Hawthorne goalie Vanessa Perez made seven saves and too many open shots missed.

The Eagles stout defense was pressing all game long. The only Cougar score came off a free kick; their only shot on goal of the game. The Eagles lone goal was scored by Isabella Gutierrez midway through the second half.

The Eagles were once again bit by the injury bug when goalkeeper Brenda Cervantes was unable to play. Katrina Mathews was called up from the frosh/soph team and filled in nicely as a last minute replacement.

El Segundo continued their winning ways against Lawndale with a 2-0 win. Goals by Nikko Van Eimeren in the first half and one by Maddie Hobbs in the second half. Katherine Burner was back in the lineup for the first time in a few weeks. She returned

from an injury that was still bothering her but played through the pain..

The Eagles (7-2-6, 3-0-1) faced Santa Monica (7-6-2, 4-0) yesterday to complete first half of league. The Eagles host Beverly Hills on Friday at 3pm and next week the team is on the road at Culver City and Hawthorne.

The boys' team played a rare night game on Hawthorne's dilapidated field. The Eagles, ranked second in the latest CIF Southern Section Division IV polls, played a hotly contested game with the Cougars but in the end drew a 2-2 tie. The tie halted an eight-game win streak but the Cougars are still unbeaten in their last 12 games.

El Segundo trailed early 1-0 but tied the score just before halftime. Jake Grundman was yanked to the ground in the Hawthorne penalty box and the Eagles were awarded a penalty kick. Cardenas' first shot was saved by Hawthorne goalkeeper Fernando Portillo, but it didn't count because he came off the goal line too soon. Cardenas scored on his second chance to tie the score 1-1.

Hawthorne took a 2-1 lead in the 53rd minute when Manuel Flores was taken down the El Segundo penalty box and Edgar Navarro netted the ensuing penalty kick. Six minutes later the Eagles responded when Noah Stone scored on a header off a perfectly placed throw-in pass by Grant Bemis to tie the game at 2-2. Both teams had opportunities late in the contest but Hawthorne's Edwin Gonzales' shot hit the post and El Segundo's Grundman's shot was blocked near the end of regulation.

In a pivotal Ocean League matchup, El Segundo scored in the first overtime period to edge Lawndale 1-0. The Eagles had two starters out but continued to play tough defensively and come away with an inspirational win. Grant Bemis was sidelined with a sore hamstring so the Eagle's offense was challenged without its playmaker.

The game's only goal came when Stone took the ball down the sideline into Lawndale territory and worked a corner kick. Then

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Lakers' Future Remains Uncertain

By Adam Serrao

Nothing about the season that the Los Angeles Lakers are having is predictable. One week, the team will come out and win two-straight games against the Atlanta Hawks and the Houston Rockets; the next, they'll drop seven games in a row. One week Kobe will notch a triple-double and his team will play tremendously; the next, they will look like they are the worst team in the league. Well now, midway through the season, certainty has surfaced around the Lakers. The certainty is that their best player, Kobe, is badly injured and is expected to miss the remainder of the season with a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder. Though it sounds like horrible news and certainly is for any fan of Kobe Bryant's, him missing the rest of the season is perhaps the best thing that could happen to the Los Angeles Lakers.

It is never good news when a player gets injured. Especially when that player is Kobe Bryant and has the legacy that he has built for himself. But when Bryant suffered the tear in his shoulder during the second half of last Wednesday night's loss to the New Orleans Pelicans, everyone had to start preparing for the worst. "Yeah, I'm worried," head coach Byron Scott said. "We all in the organization are worried about it." Kobe has apparently been dealing with the rotator cuff injury since the preseason, but re-aggravated it with just over four minutes remaining in the third quarter against the Pelicans last week when he rose into the air for a two-handed slam dunk. "It felt fine when I went up," Kobe said. "Didn't feel too good when I came down." Even after it was obvious that he was injured, Kobe continued to play in typical Kobe fashion, even going so far as to check back in midway through the fourth quarter. Unfortunately for Bryant, the 19-year NBA veteran, that may have been the last game that he will find himself checking back into this season.

At Bryant's age and with all of the basketball minutes that he has accrued over the years, overworking the superstar may have been the cause for injury once again. During the first 27 games of the season, Kobe averaged 35.4 minutes a game, good for most on the team. "I don't know if the wear and tear of playing so many minutes early is a result of what's happening to him now," Scott explained. "To be honest with you, I thought about that, it made me almost sick, you know?" Well if Scott should have learned one thing about Bryant after he tore his Achilles tendon, it was that his aging basketball body isn't quite holding up the same way it once did to being overused. That being said, the Lakers were 12-31 after their loss to New Orleans that night and clearly on the road going nowhere. With a record that currently makes them the fourth worst team in the league owning a top-five-protected draft pick, the Lakers can use every loss that they can get this season.

If you're a die-hard Lakers fan, you may

not understand the concept of losing. Seeing your team win every possible game played is usually the object of an 82-game regular season. The Lakers, however, are already clearly out of playoff contention this season and while being competitive is truly great to see out of a struggling team, sometimes looking into the future is even better. In order for the Lakers to get better and back on top of the league, they are going to need players. Right now, the Lakers do not have championship-quality or even playoff-quality players. With Julius Randle on the mend from a season-ending surgery and a top pick in this year's upcoming draft, however, the Lakers could start to build a core that championships are made out of. In order for the Lakers to get that top pick in this year's draft, though, they will have to finish the year as one of the five worst teams in the league. The injury to Kobe Bryant will certainly help the Lakers in attaining that lowly feat.

If it hasn't become clear yet, it must be stated that the Lakers need to start looking beyond Kobe Bryant. They will not be contenders in the Western Conference until the game's all-time great hangs up his shoes once and for all. The numbers themselves state that the team may indeed be worse off with him in the lineup. As a whole, the team scores four more points and allows 10 fewer points per 100 possessions with him not on the floor. That means that the Lakers are 14 points per 100 possessions better this season when their superstar is not on the floor. If his season were to end today, which it very well may have already, Bryant will have finished with the worst field goal percentage (37.3) for a player who averaged at least 20 points per game in the last 50 seasons. As it is now, Kobe currently ranks 124th in the league in field goal percentage (third-worst among qualified players), 103rd in 3-point percentage, 74th in player efficiency rating, and 361st in win shares. Simply put, this isn't 2001 anymore. The Lakers are a better team without Kobe Bryant.

In addition to his horrendous numbers, the Buss family has seemingly had a difficult time recruiting players to play alongside Bryant and his strict, stubborn basketball personality. With no Kobe and a young core of Julius Randle and a top-five draft pick, skilled free-agents may begin to flock to Hollywood in no-time. Kobe Bryant has made the Lakers into what they are today. He is truly one of the greatest basketball players to ever play the game and may be the greatest player to ever don the historic purple and gold. Everyone's time eventually comes, though, and Father Time seems to have a firm grasp of almost every body part of Kobe Bryant's nowadays. There is no discounting the player he was and the tremendous, incredible impact that he has had on the game of basketball and more specifically the Los Angeles Lakers. But now may be the time that Kobe Bryant should start thinking about hanging them up, for the good of everyone involved. •

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- 1/ cup red wine

Preparation

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time 8 hours

1. Thaw brisket overnight in refrigerator.
2. Heat canola oil in large pan.
3. Blot brisket dry with clean paper towel and generously season each side with 2 teaspoons seasoning.
4. Brown brisket in hot oil on both sides for about 2–4 minutes each side. Remove brisket from pan and place in crock pot, raised side braising pan or Dutch oven.
5. Add onion and garlic to hot oil and cook until transparent. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour sauce into crock pot, raised side braising pan or Dutch oven.
6. If using crock pot, cook on low for 6–8 hours. If using braising pan or Dutch oven, cover tightly with foil or lid and place in oven at 250°F for 6–8 hours.

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A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1927 hours from the 700 block of Indiana Street. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim’s residence by kicking open the front door. It was unknown if anything was taken at the time of the report

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 0213 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into a business by smashing a window. Taken were miscellaneous cosmetic items

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 0908 hours from the 600 block of Virginia Avenue, vehicle versus a fence

A traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1013 hours in the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue, skateboarder versus a parked vehicle

An injury report was taken at 1841 hours from Main Street and Mariposa Avenue. Two elderly adults sustained head injuries when they fell while exiting a bus

One male adult was arrested at 2203 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for trespassing

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1333 hours from the 300 block of East Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus pedestrian

One male adult was arrested at 0020 hours from Douglas Street and Rosecrans Avenue for possession of marijuana for sales, trans-

portation of marijuana for sales, possession of a controlled substance for sales, and one LASD felony warrant

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Identity theft report was taken at 1104 hours from the 300 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) used the victim’s checking account to make a purchase

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1231 hours from the intersection of Imperial Avenue and Nash Street, trailer versus vehicle

Property report was taken at 1421 hours from the 300 block of Penn Street. A BB gun was turned in and booked for destruction

Fraudulent use of an access card report was taken at 1759 hours from the 700 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim’s wallet and used the credit cards

Sexual battery report was taken at 1940 hours from the 500 block of Sierra Place. Known suspect touched the victim inappropriately

Friday, January 23, 2015

One male adult was arrested at 0103 hours from Imperial Avenue and Vista Del Mar for one MBPD misdemeanor warrant

One male adult was arrested at 0246 hours from Hermosa Beach PD for one ESPD misdemeanor warrant, one IPD misdemeanor warrant and one Hawthorne PD misdemeanor warrant

One male adult was arrested at 0339 hours from the 300 block of Illinois Street for misdemeanor DUI and driving without a license

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 1441 hours from the 700 block of Indiana Court. Unknown suspect(s) stole a backpack

One male adult was arrested at 1709 hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue for plain drunk in public and one MBPD misdemeanor warrant

Lost property report was taken at 1715

hours from the 200 block of East Grand Avenue. A wallet was lost

One male adult was arrested at 1852 hours from the Continental Boulevard and Mariposa Avenue for plain drunk in public

One female adult was arrested at 2351 hours from Loma Vista Street and Walnut Avenue for misdemeanor DUI

Saturday, January 24, 2015

One male adult was arrested at 0217 hours from Hindry Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue for misdemeanor DUI and resisting arrest

One male adult was arrested at 0219 hours from Hindry Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue for one GPD misdemeanor warrant and one LASD misdemeanor warrant

Found property report was taken at 1104

hours from the 700 block of Virginia Street. A wallet was found

Sunday, January 25, 2015

One female adult was arrested at 0205 hours from Center Street and Grand Avenue for misdemeanor DUI and driving with a suspended license

One male adult was arrested at 1138 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and one outstanding Monterey Park PD misdemeanor warrant

An online misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1755 hours on 01/14/15 from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle •

Women at Work

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going out and meeting people and knocking on doors, and the worst part was having to fundraise, since she wasn’t sure she would win and she didn’t like the idea of wasting people’s money. She hired Dan as her campaign manager, and her whole family spent nights talking on the phones. The campaign wasn’t all fancy social media, because there is still a large bloc of older voters in Torrance who appreciate having things done the old-fashioned way. Ashcraft went onto city cable and talked about herself and her platform, and she was elected to the position.

She believes her perspective can be very helpful to the City Council, and her long experience with other community positions has taught her to make the best decisions without trying to make everyone happy. “I don’t feel intimidated stating my position and following through on it,” she said. It’s her policy to be

as courteous and professional as possible at the council meetings. She also encourages her own children who live in the Torrance area to get involved in their city.

Did you think that was all Ashcraft could fit into her schedule? No, indeed. Besides her work as a public affairs specialist for her church community, she is also certified as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), which is a volunteer position overseen by Los Angeles County. A CASA oversees medical and educational needs for children in foster positions, and is also involved personally as a mentor who is there for the child while social workers get switched out or foster homes move a child from place to place. Ashcraft’s work as a CASA is one more way for her to give back to the city that she loves. “Once you’re involved,” she said, “there’s a special spirit about Torrance.” •

School Spotlight

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the teacher shares information.

This is the first year this project is in action at ESMS, and it mainly focused on: Israel, Iraq, Iran, Serbia, Afghanistan, and Egypt. In studying these nations the project began with students building their understanding of how the civilizations emerged using the iBook as their main text source. Then, they were given documents to study and were asked questions geared toward comparing civilizations. Along the way, they had little projects and played fun games/activities regarding the topic. Thereafter, the students were taught a speaking writing frame to provide guidance on how their speeches should go. In the speech, they have to address the issues, address what the different groups in the regions share in common, why the issue needs to be addressed, and possible solutions. The listening and speaking standards of Common Core were incorporated into the

grading of the speeches.

I was invited to El Segundo Middle School to watch some of the student’s speeches, and I was blown away by the intelligence such young children displayed. Their speeches were cursive through their word choice, and they created great points and provided evidence for their claims. The children were so confident when they spoke, and they were all extremely advanced for their ages. I do not believe I could have ever been able to be that confident and have such an amazing speech at that age. The students were amazing! I would like to thank Amy Rockwell and Sean Brandlin for providing me with information, and for letting me experience the speeches, and I want to say congratulations to all of the students for applying critical analysis to issues in our world today- your speeches show that you are developing into intelligent and thoughtful citizens of this world. •

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: February 12, 2015
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: City Council Chambers
350 Main Street
El Segundo, CA
TAKE NOTICE that the City of El Segundo (City) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan Project and the El Segundo Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above regarding a recommendation action to the City Council on the following requested entitlements: **Environmental Assessment No. EA-905, General Plan and General Plan Map Amendment No. GPA 11-01, Specific Plan No. SP 11-01, Development Agreement No. DA 11-02, Zone Change and Zoning Map Amendment No. ZC 11-02, Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA 11-01, and Subdivision No. SUB 11-02 (Tentative Map No. 71551)**
El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan Project
Location:
2000-2100 East El Segundo Boulevard
El Segundo, CA 90245
Applicant:
The Raytheon Company
2000 East El Segundo Blvd.
MS: E0/E07/S158
El Segundo, CA 90245
Applicant Representative:
William Messori
Mar Ventures, Inc.
(310) 787-4734

The City of El Segundo, as lead agency pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, has prepared and completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan Project (SCH # 2012101081). A Draft EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed project's potential to result in significant impacts on the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and identifying and evaluating alternatives to the project.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan Project is located in the County of Los Angeles, in the southeast quadrant of the City of El Segundo, approximately 19 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. The 142-acre Project site is more specifically located at 2000-2100 East El Segundo Boulevard, south of East El Segundo Boulevard, in the block between South Sepulveda Boulevard and South Douglas Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project includes entitlement request for:
Environmental Assessment No. EA 905, the Draft EIR.
General Plan and General Plan Map Amendments No. GPA 11-01, changing the

land use designations from 'Light Industrial', 'Open Space', and 'Public Facilities' to 'El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan' ('ESSCSP').
Zone Change and Zoning Map Amendment No. ZC 11-02 and a Zone Text Amendment No. ZTA No. 11-01 changing zoning designations in the project area from Light Industrial (M-1), Open Space (OS) and Public Facilities (P-F) to 'ESSCSP'.
Specific Plan No. SP 11-01 establishing a maximum allowable development within the Specific Plan area boundaries of 4,231,547 gross square feet, or an additional 2,142,457 gross square feet over existing conditions. Proposed uses within the Specific Plan include office, warehousing, light industrial, and commercial (retail/restaurant) uses.
Subdivision No. SUB 11-02 (Vesting Tentative Map No. 71551) which would subdivide the property into 26 separate parcels in three phases.
Development Agreement No. DA 11-02 specifying the standards and conditions that would govern development of the property and detailing the Applicant's and City's obligations.

Should the El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan be approved, all future development proposals within the Project area must comply with the Specific Plan. It is anticipated the actual amount of development may be refined during subsequent entitlement processes. However, future development could not exceed the development limits established by the El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan. A mixed-use development concept that provides flexibility within the Project area has been developed. All future development within the Specific Plan would be subject to a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.60 (based on the gross square foot size of the Project area) and be subject to an overall vehicle trip ceiling. The development concept would allow for transfers of uses and densities between land use types and planning areas within the Project area, as long as the Specific Plan maximum FAR and vehicle trip ceiling are not exceeded. The Specific Plan application includes a conceptual development scenario that presents a potential implementation of the El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan land uses and standards. This conceptual development scenario includes 1,752,800 gross square-feet of new single tenant office, 148,960 gross square-feet of new retail/restaurant development, 91,840 gross square-feet of new warehouse space, 168,000 gross square-feet of new light industrial development, demolition of 19,142 square-feet of existing development and the existing 2,089,090 gross square-foot Raytheon Company facility.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
Based on the analysis in the Draft EIR, following the incorporation of mitigation measures, the project would have significant and unavoidable impacts relative to land use and planning, transportation and traffic, air

quality, and greenhouse gas.
Based on the analysis in the Draft EIR, following the incorporation of mitigation measures, the project would have significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts relative to transportation and traffic, air quality, and greenhouse gas.
AGENCIES
The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue or for any other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The City made this Draft EIR available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR began on July 14 and ended on August 27, 2014. The Draft EIR is available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:
City of El Segundo - Planning and Building Safety Department, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245
El Segundo Public Library, 111 West Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo, California 90245

The Draft EIR may also be viewed on the City's website at: <http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/planningsafety/planning>.

COMMENTS

Written comments regarding the project may be submitted to:
City of El Segundo - Planning and Building Safety Department
350 Main Street
El Segundo, California 90245
Attention: Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner
Comments can also be sent by fax to 310 322-4167 or by email to malshire@elsegundo.org. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization.
If you have any further questions regarding the proposed project please contact Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner, (310) 524-2371 or by email at malshire@elsegundo.org.
Sam Lee
Director of Planning and Building Safety
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PUBLIC NOTICES

*Order to Show Cause
for Change of Name
Case No. YS026929*

Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
Petition of: Sara Elizabeth Geuss for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Sara Elizabeth Geuss filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Sara Elizabeth Geuss to Sara Elise-Volbert
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: 3-2-15, Time: 8:30AM, Dept.: M
The address of the court is
825 Maple Avenue Torrance, 90503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: El Segundo Herald
Date: Jan 20 2015
STEVEN R. VAN SICKLEN
Judge of the Superior Court
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION**
DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: City Council Chambers
350 Main Street
El Segundo, California
TAKE NOTICE that the El Segundo Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above regarding the following:
Environmental Assessment No. EA-1091 and Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287 Subdivision No. SUB 14-11
Corporate Campus Development Project – Subdivision Modification Request
Address: 710 N. Nash Street
Applicant: CDC Mar Campus, Inc.
Property Owner: CDC Mar Campus, LLC
NOTICE
On December 3, 2013 the City Council approved a 625,205 square-foot development project that would be developed in 3 phases under Environmental Assessment No. EA-1021, Specific Plan Amendment No. SP 13-02, Subdivision No. SUB 13-05 (Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287), and Development Agreement DA 13-01 which modified a portion of the original 46.5 acre Corporate Campus Specific Plan Project approved in EA-548 in 2001. An Addendum to the previously Certified Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was prepared for EA-1021 that evaluated potential environmental effects which were associated with changes in the previously-approved Corporate Campus Development. The Addendum evaluated a development of up to 930,025 square feet, which was a reduction from the 2,175,000 square-foot project that was approved under Environmental Assessment No. EA-548 on January 2, 2002 for the entire 46.5 acre Corporate Campus Specific Plan area, which included approval of the Certified FEIR. The previously approved

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El Segundo, California
TAKE NOTICE that the El Segundo Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above on the following:
Environmental Assessment No. EA-1094 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 14-07 Modification to the Queen Esther Square Shopping Center Project (In N Out Burger)
Address:
600-630 North Sepulveda Boulevard
Applicant:
In-N-Out Burger
Property Owner:
Queen Esther Square Ltd. (c/o Decron Properties)
Project Summary
The Project is a modification to two conditions of approval for the previously approved Environmental Assessment No. EA-912 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 11-02 for improvements at the existing Queen Esther Square Shopping Center including demolition of a Sizzler restaurant and construction of a new In-N-Out Burger restaurant with a drive-through. The condition modifications

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Addendum to the Certified EIR analyzed the environmental effects of the project including the Subdivision.
The Applicant is proposing to modify Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287 under Environmental Assessment No. EA-1091 and Subdivision No. SUB 14-11 to exclude two phases of the three-phased development approved in EA-1021 (Phases 2 and 3) that were part of the previously approved project and vesting tentative map for Environmental Assessment No. EA-1021. Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287 included 23.87 acres of the 46.5-acre Corporate Campus Specific Plan area with three phases (Phase 1: 13 acres; Phase 2: 5.87 acres; and Phase 3: 5 acres). The revised map would include only the Phase 1 portion of the project (Elevon) that is currently under construction while maintaining the lot lines of the original project subdivision (Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53570) that was approved for the Corporate Campus Specific Plan area for Phases 2 and 3 of the development project. The proposed modification to Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287 includes modifications that will result in the creation of 24 lots under the amended Vesting Tentative Map 72287 compared to 32 lots as previously approved under EA-1021 and SUB 13-05. The proposed tentative map modification will not impact the proposed building layout, size, or configuration and it will comply with the conditions of approval in EA-548 and in EA-1021 in compliance with the Corporate Campus Specific Plan relative to lot size, lot frontage, and access. The Elevon project will remain the same involving 217,637 square feet of office and retail uses on 13 acres. It is anticipated that the overall development of the 46.5 acre site of the Corporate Campus Specific Plan area will be within the 930,025 square feet that was approved and evaluated under the Addendum to the Certified EIR.

would make the following changes to CUP No. 11-02, which was approved by the Planning Commission Resolution No. 2735 on June 27, 2013:
Modify Condition No. 7 of Planning Commission Resolution No. 2735 to require the applicant provide proof of offer of dedication of the existing sidewalk adjacent to Sepulveda Boulevard to CalTrans before the City issues a Certificate of Occupancy for the new restaurant.
Modify Condition No. 16 of Planning Commission Resolution No. 2735 to require the applicant to install a protected left signal on Mariposa Avenue at Sepulveda Boulevard. This modification would delete the previous requirement that required the applicant to install an additional westbound left turn lane on Mariposa Avenue.
The proposed project modifications are within the development limits of the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted for the site as part of Environmental Assessment No. EA-912 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 11-02. In addition, the project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15305 as a Class 5 categorical exemption (Minor Alteration

or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$985,743.73. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. 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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
The City Council certified a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the overall project on January 2, 2002 and approved the Addendum to the Certified FEIR on November 19, 2013. It is recommended that the Planning Commission, and subsequently the City Council, find that a new environmental document is not required for the proposed Subdivision amendment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15168(c)(2) since the proposed modifications to Vesting Tentative Map No. 72287 would not result in any new or increased environmental impacts or require new mitigation measures.
The file for the above-mentioned proposal is available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo CA, 90245. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Louis Morales, Planning Consultant, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2351 or Kimberly Christensen at (310) 524-2340 for further information. Your comments may also be sent by FAX: (310) 322-4167.
Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
Sam Lee
Director of Planning and Building Safety; and,
Secretary to the Planning Commission
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in Land Use Limitations). The project involves minor modifications to the conditions of approval for previously approved project.
The file for the above-mentioned proposal is available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo CA, 90245. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Masa Alkire, Principal Planner, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2371 for further information.
Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
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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 2924d 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 (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web <http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case 20099070816795 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 CAMPUS CIRCLE, 2ND FLOOR Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0240884 To: EL SEGUNDO HERALD 01/29/2015, 02/05/2015, 02/12/2015
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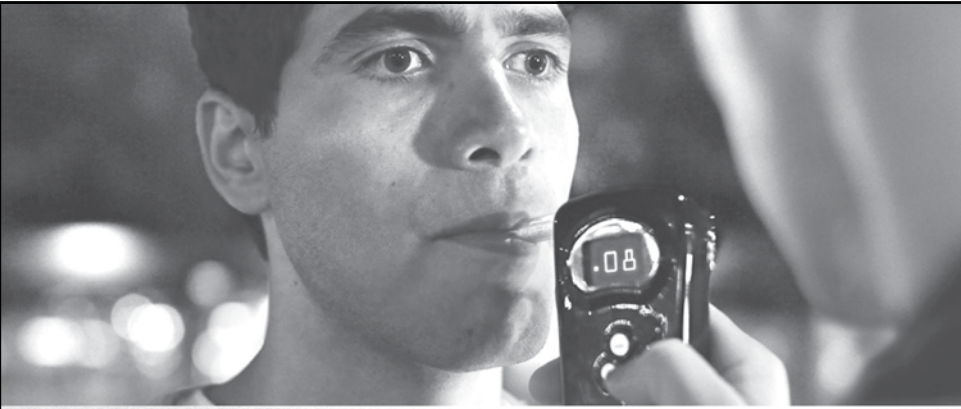
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BANK MERGER APPLICATION**
Notice is given that Plaza Bank, located at 18200 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, California 92612, has filed an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") for approval of a transaction in which it will merge with Bank of Manhattan, N.A., located at 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, El Segundo, California 90245, with Plaza Bank as the surviving bank. As part of the transaction, Plaza Bank's parent Plaza Bancorp (formerly known as PB Holdings, Inc.) will merge with Bank of Manhattan's parent, Manhattan Bancorp, with Plaza Bancorp as the surviving entity. Carpenter Fund Manager GP, LLC, the parent company of Plaza Bancorp, is also a party to the agreement. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office located at 25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300, San Francisco, CA, 94105-2780, not later than March 1, 2015. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
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The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations §15303 as a Class 3 categorical exemption (New construction or conversion of small structures) and §15311 as a Class 11 categorical exemption (Accessory Structures).
The Environmental Assessment, plans, and related files for the above-mentioned proposal are available for public review Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Division, Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Maria Baldenegro, in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2341, or any other Planning Division Staff person, for further information. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
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auditoriums, a café, an outdoor dining area, and a bar with a lounge area are 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday through Sunday.
The proposed project application is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Existing Facilities). The project consists of the expansion of alcohol service at an existing theater with an approved active Type 47 ABC License, which results in a minor alteration in the operation of an existing private structure involving a minor expansion of an existing use. The project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. There are adequate utilities and public services to serve the project.
The Environmental Assessment, legal description, and related files for the above-mentioned proposal are available for public review Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning Division, Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. Any person may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Maria Baldenegro in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2341, or any other Planning Division Staff person, for further information. Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.
Sam Lee, Director
Planning and Building Safety Department; and,
Secretary to the Planning Commission
City of El Segundo
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H-24570

Nothing in the world is ever completely wrong.
Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.

Paulo Coelho

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRUTECH SOLUTIONS, 17121 S. CENTRAL AVE. #2N, CARSON, CA, 90746, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): JJ ENTERPRISES, INC., (which will do business in California) as JAY JAY ENTERPRISES, INC.), 5241 VANDERHILL ROAD, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 12/1/14. Signed: TruTech, CEO, Jocelyn Towler. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on December 22, 2014.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on December 22, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to December 22, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ANDRE PEIRRE HARRIS, 14329 CORLETT AVE., COMPTON, CA 90220, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) HARRIS, ANDRE PEIRRE, TRUSTEE, 460 CARSON PLAZA DRIVE, STE. 112, CARSON, CA 90746; 2) ANDRE PIERRE HARRIS EL-BEY, TRUSTEE, 460 CARSON PLAZA DRIVE, STE. 112, CARSON, CA 90746; 3) HASSEL EL-BEY, TRUSTEE, 460 CARSON PLAZA DRIVE, STE. 112, CARSON, CA 90746. This business is being conducted by a Trust. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 03/15/1982. Signed: Andre Pierre Harris El-Bey, Owner/Agent/Trustee. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 16, 2015.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 16, 2020. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 16, 2020.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

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If you're looking for a little girl who LOVES to play, then you've found her! My name is **Danielle** and I'm an 8-month old, female, purebred Miniature Schnauzer. Did I mention that I like to play? I was rescued from a LA county shelter where I was a stray but now I'm looking for a family and someone to play with me. I'm a svelte 12 pounds but should probably be about 15 pounds, which is the perfect size to play, when fully grown. My legs are a

little long but they're great for running and I have a natural tail that sways in the breeze when I'm playing. I've been told that I'm a very sweet gal who needs a little work on housebreaking but I'm a quick learner and will have that mastered in a heartbeat. If you have another dog – not to worry – I get along great with other dogs because I love to



Harmony is extremely affectionate.

play!! If you are interested Danielle, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

My name is **Harmony** and that's what I'll bring, along with lots of love, to my forever family. After spending my whole life being a loyal, loving companion, my previous owner rewarded me by dumping me at a kill shelter. I was just discarded like a bag of trash until the MSFR folks rescued me. They took me to their Vet for a check up and they had to extract most of my teeth because they were very bad. The Vet also discovered that I have some high liver levels so now I'm on a low fat diet, which keeps me on track and at my weight of 17 pounds. I've been with my foster folks since March 2014 and I really want to find my forever home. I am a extremely affectionate 9-year old, female, Miniature Schnauzer who is tolerant of other dogs but would love to be your one and only. If you are interested Harmony, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Hello, **Remington** is my name and if you're looking for a diamond in the rough, I'm definitely your dog. I'm a 4-year old, male, purebred Miniature Schnauzer who was rescued from a county shelter where I came in as a stray. I was so terribly matted it was hard to tell what was under all of the mess. To make matters worse, I had to be put on their medical list because of a superficial abrasion on my leg! After being rescued, I had to be clipped down to my skin but when my coat, whiskers and eyebrows grow back – I'm going to be a real looker. I'm not only good looking but I'm very energetic, friendly, and get along with other dogs. I do need some obedience and leash training but I more than make up for it by being extremely affectionate and I love everyone. See, I really am a diamond in the rough! If you are interested in meeting Remington, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Please, let me introduce myself. I am **Arabelle** and if you're looking for a petite, 13-pound Miniature Schnauzer/Poodle mix I am your girl. I'm fully grown at 3 years of age so I will always be the perfect size for your lap. I am a bit shy and I prefer a quiet home without a lot of chaos. I was adopted in 2013 by a nice couple and while I trusted my "Mom" I just couldn't warm



Remington loves everyone and loves to play.

up her husband. The nice folks at MSFR took me back and realized that I needed some special desensitization training to cope with me fears. Well, I'm here to tell you it worked! I'm now ready for my new forever home so please I'm willing to give you a chance if you are willing to give me one. If you are interested in Arabelle, please email info@msfr.org for more information. •



Arabelle is ready for a new forever home.

Happy Tails



Dollar has a perfect new home with his two new dads!

It only takes a **Dollar** to help heal loneliness and a broken heart. That is, if Dollar is the adorable, 7-year old, Miniature Schnauzer who was rescued last June. Dollar's new Dads are previous adopters who lost their two senior dogs within six months of each other. That's very hard to take. Enter Dollar, who had been "thrown away" at least twice before being rescued and was looking for a family

who needed him as much as he needed them. It was a perfect match and when they met, hearts melted and there were tears of joy all around! Dollar and his new Dads had the most wonderful, loving Christmas and now he'll be able to spend everyday with the Dad who recently retired! Congratulations to Dollar and his new family! •

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Sports

Soccer Teams

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Ethan Swanson scored on a header off the set piece from Brian Guerrero in the sixth minute of overtime to give El Segundo its fourth 1-0 win this season.

“I couldn’t be happier for a team working as hard as they do,” said Eagle head coach Andrew Kelly.

The Eagles (11-1-3, 3-0-1) played at Santa Monica yesterday and are at Beverly Hills on Friday before returning home to host Culver

City next Wednesday, February 4 and Hawthorne next Friday, February 6; both games are slated for 3pm.

The girls’ basketball team defeated both Hawthorne 45-37 and Lawndale 48-32 to improve to (12-8, 3-1). The Eagles, who are ranked 10th in the latest CIF Southern Section Division 3A polls, have been playing some of their best basketball of the season.

Defensively the Eagles have been forcing

turnovers and Jordan Swanier’s rebounding has taken the opposition out of their game. On offense Paige Endo continues to lead her team. She had a game high of 17 points against Hawthorne and 20 points against Lawndale.

The Eagles are on the road this week and played Santa Monica last night and travel to meet Beverly Hills on Friday night. They return home next Wednesday at 6pm to play Culver City and next Friday night, February

6 to host Hawthorne.

AYSO All Stars

The boys 14U all stars are in action in pool play. Unfortunately El Segundo had to face the two top teams in the tournament in their first two games. The locals fell to South Redondo 5-1 and Manhattan Beach/Hermosa 3-0. The team continues play Saturday at 12:30pm at the Manhattan Village Soccer Field; just behind the Manhattan Beach Mall. •



El Segundo’s Trevor Loe sets up to disrupt a pass.



Victor Erland dribbles past a Manhattan Beach/Hermosa Beach defender.



Nathan Kehl made seven saves against the Manhattan Beach/Hermosa Beach all stars.



Denis Vezina shows off his ball handling skills.



Paige Endo had 20 points against Lawndale.