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Chevron Presents Check for Economic Development to City



Chevron representatives Lily Craig and Rod Spackman, present \$200,000.00 to the City of El Segundo to further enhance the community's Economic Development initiative. This grant brings Chevron's total funding for economic development in the past three years alone to over \$575,000.00 in El Segundo. Photo by Jennifer Craig. ♦

She's Everywhere...A Look at Continental Development Corporation's Sherry Kramer

By Brian Simon

It may feel like Sherry Kramer has been working at Continental Development Corporation (CDC) forever and yet she only started 10 years ago for the well-known commercial real estate company. And some folks will swear she must have been cloned because she seemingly appears at every notable event and sits on just about every non-profit board imaginable in the South Bay. Asked how she fits everything into her schedule, CDC's Community Affairs Director said she just finds a way to get it done. "My joke is that I say I will get back to you after I talk to my staff—which consists of me, myself and I," she quipped.

In her role with CDC, Kramer is proud to serve as "the face of the company" by sitting on boards for chambers of commerce and other non-profits, promoting and working closely with tenants situated on the company's South Bay properties (El Segundo, Torrance and Palos Verdes), and helping coordinate major events such as the annual El Segundo Education Foundation Gala and this weekend's Dancing With the South Bay Stars at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. For the latter program, Kramer will not only attend but serve as emcee. "I will throw myself out there and relax the participants," she explained. "I believe in going the extra mile by stepping up and truly being part of it rather than just showing up."

The concept of "being part of it" has been a prime motivator over the course of

Kramer's career. Born in Whittier, she never really had the chance to settle in one place for very long growing up. Her father worked for Kaiser Steel and the family moved seven times during her youth, culminating with a period in Arizona after she finished high school in Upland. Kramer ultimately returned to California to study at El Camino College and then went on to earn a degree in Communications from Cal State Long Beach. Early jobs included stints at Bank of America in the marketing division and at Centinela Hospital

working in administration. It was there she met her husband of now almost 30 years, Dr. Ian Kramer, who is an emergency room physician. In addition, he was a volunteer medical director at a local free clinic where they together gave their time to fundraising events. The couple raised three children, now grown. "Coincidentally, Ian has been working in the emergency room for the last 25 years and been director the past 12 of the same hospital I was born in—and although he is

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School Board Fetes High School Band Members, SELPA Honorees

By Duane Plank

The Tuesday night meeting of the El Segundo Unified School District School Board featured special presentations regaling High School students who were touted for their inclusion in the state's All-State Honor Band, the recognition of ten District employees for their tireless work with special education students, and an update on the District's ongoing infrastructure switch replacement project.

ESUSD Executive Director of Pupil Services and District Music Liaison Dale Lofgren introduced High School principal Jaime Mancilla, who spoke of the three

high school students who were selected to join the All-State Honor Band from a pool of 1,700 applicants. Elliott Bijlsma (clarinet), Kathleen Moran (bassoon), and Tommy Piibe (trumpet) represented the District at a spate of formal concerts that took place in San Jose over the weekend of February 12-14.

Next on the presentation agenda, although the actual presentation was delayed for about 25 minutes, was the honoring of ten District staff members who were feted at the Southwest SELPA's Community advisory committee recognition event

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Mostly Sunny
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Saturday

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Sunday

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A Big “Best of the Best” Thank You

This year we received *a lot* - over 100 - completed “Best of the Best” ballots. Many winners of this year’s “Best of the Best” wanted to thank the community for their votes and for their commitment to doing business in El Segundo. Something new: Any “Best of the Best” winners that win for *five or more* consecutive years get a “*Gold Winner*” heading on their certificate. Winners that win for *10 or more* consecutive years receive a “*Platinum Winner*” heading on their certificate.

This year, we asked the participants in our “Best of the Best” section to send us little tidbits about themselves. Enjoy!

Lynn O’Neil: (Gold Winner) Lynn O’Neil has been a real estate fixture in El Segundo since 1985- over 31 years. Lynn grew up in El Segundo and appreciates everything our wonderful town has to offer. She graduated from ESHS in 1980, and then went on to graduate from Loyola Marymount University in 1984. While at LMU, she got her brokers license and the rest is history. She went to work full-time at Shorewood and has been helping buyers and sellers ever since. Real estate has been a very satisfying career choice for Lynn since she is a people person and gets great satisfaction in helping people achieve their dream of owning a home in El Segundo. “The best part of my job is to see the smiles on clients faces when I can hand them the keys to their new home”. Much of Lynn’s business comes from referrals of satisfied clients. Lynn has also made many a seller happy with achieving record-setting prices for their homes. “ El Segundo has such a wonderful home-town community feeling, and the top-notch El Segundo schools, make selling El Segundo real estate easy. Lynn says the hard part is finding sellers who want to sell. The community is so unique and there really is no place like it anywhere in Los Angeles. Lynn’s office is at 431 Main St. and you can drop by anytime to chat about real estate or anything else!

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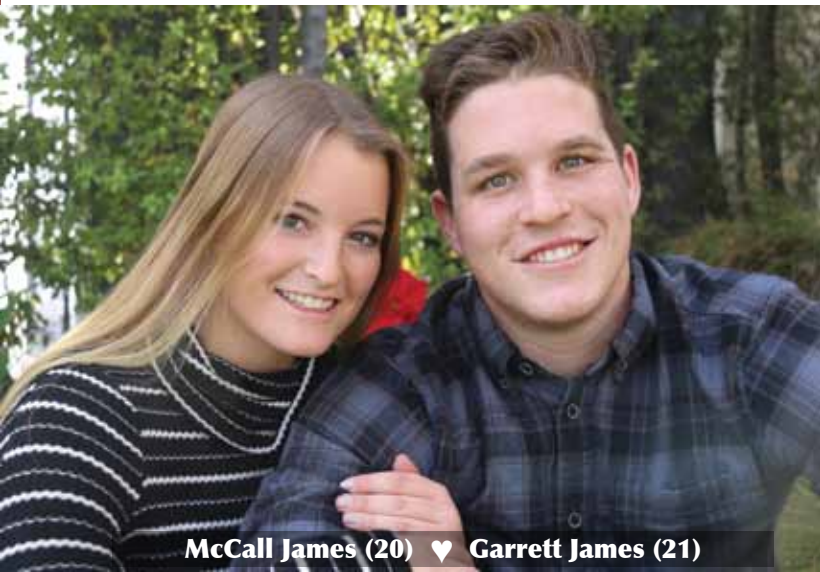
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Having grown up in El Segundo and having attended El Segundo schools, (*ESHS 1980 Graduate*), I believe there is no better place to live in the South Bay than El Segundo!

I am grateful to all that make this such a wonderful place to live!



McCall James (20) ♥ Garrett James (21)

Congratulations to the Best of the Best Winners!
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2015

Best of the Best



Best of the Best

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The Jewelry Source: (*Platinum Winner*) From the humble beginnings of an 84 square foot retail store on Grand Avenue (photo), to the multi-frontage prime site it now occupies on Main Street, The Jewelry Source has grown with and embodies all that is El Segundo.

Brenda Newman, daughter of an El Segundo firefighter and local Mary Kay consultant (ESUSD alumna), founded her quintessential ‘mom and pop’-concept store 31 years ago with retired business partner Roanne Mahony, also a graduate of ESUSD schools. Boasting 4 GIA gemologists onsite at any one time, plus 2 in-house jewelers, the level of expertise in this independent retail store is second-to-none. However, Ms Newman knows that the key to her success lies elsewhere – in the age-old attention to customer service... The exceptional height of dedication to her clients is what Ms Newman believes to be her store’s most valuable asset. She says ‘happy clients are the very foundation of any success at The Jewelry Source’ and indeed, many of the store’s client families now span up to 5 generations. In a town focussed on family and history, is it any surprise that The Jewelry Source has flourished?

As well as offering an extensive product line, in-house designs and complete repair services, The Jewelry Source and Ms Newman form an integral part of El Segundo’s community with contributions to most local fundraisers including the El Segundo Ed! Foundation and a significant biennial fundraiser for the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. Ms Newman herself currently serves on various local boards such as the Ed! Foundation, ESMoA and the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce and is the city’s Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission.

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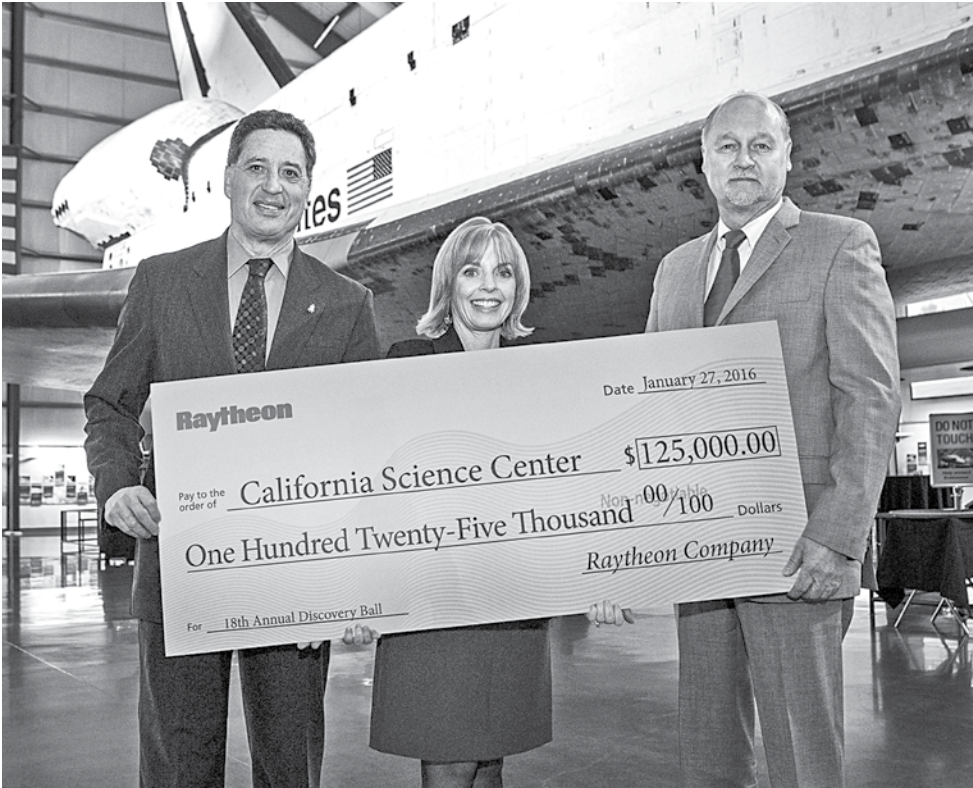
from page 3

If you see Bill in the neighborhood, please be sure to say Hello! (See Bill's "thank you" on the back page) •

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Community Briefs

Raytheon Donates \$125,000



(L-R) Raytheon SAS President and this year's Discovery Ball co-host Rick Yuse (right) and Trudy Sullivan, Raytheon SAS Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs and CSC board member, presenting the \$125,000 contribution to CSC President and CEO Jeffrey Rudolph. The picture was taken in the shadow of the Endeavour Space Shuttle, located at the CSC.

Raytheon's Space and Airborne Systems (SAS) business located in El Segundo is a major proponent of helping inspire regional youth in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education, and the California Science Center (CSC) has been a key partner for Raytheon over the years in this collective effort. Raytheon donated \$125,000 to the CSC recently as the lead sponsor for the center's upcoming 18th Annual Discovery Ball. Each year the Discovery Ball helps the museum raise funds to support its mission of sparking a passion for STEM in our next-generation youth.

El Camino College Symphony Orchestra to Perform Spring Concert

The El Camino College Symphony Orchestra will perform a spring concert featuring soloists from the Applied Music Program at 8 p.m. February 27 in Marsee Auditorium. Dane Teter will direct this concert that will include: Offenbach's "Les Oiseaux dans la Charmille" from "The Tales of Hoffman," featuring Sarah Marie Bailey, soprano; Donizetti's "Bella Siccome un Angelo" from "Don Pasquale," with Cesar Ballardo, baritone; and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622, with Annie Chow, clarinet. The performance will also include selections such as Hummel's Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major, with Kristopher Kadir, trumpet; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in c minor, Op. 37, with Megumi Komori, piano; and Schubert's Die Junge Nonne, D. 828, Op. 43, No. 1, featuring Kelly McCandless, soprano. The ECC Symphony Orchestra is an audition orchestra for students who play at an intermediate level or higher. It is dedicated to the rehearsal and performance of the finest traditional and contemporary orchestral literature. Tickets for the performance are \$10 each and may be purchased online at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Campus parking is \$3. The El Camino College Marsee Auditorium is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

Help the Homeless Animals

Found Animals Foundation, Inc. (www.FoundAnimals.org), a leading animal welfare organization that works to end pet homelessness, announced its annual Michelson Found Animals Saving Pets Challenge. The third CrowdRise Challenge for pets is a fundraising competition, benefiting animal welfare organizations dedicated to decreasing shelter pet euthanasia. Found Animals will grant more than \$150,000 to the top fundraising organizations dedicated to this cause. Animal shelters, rescue groups and spay/neuter clinics from around the country will compete for more than \$150,000 in grants toward innovative programs that expand lifesaving capacity in their communities. Whether the focus is cats or dogs, trap-neuter-return, spay/neuter, adoptions, or surrender prevention, Found Animals is committed to delivering practical solutions that ensure the health and safety of dogs and cats everywhere. In addition to the prize money for the top-five organizations that raise the most money, \$35,000 is set-aside for weekly Bonus Challenges. If an organization does not win any of the \$150,000 in grant prizes, it will still keep the money it raised during the campaign. The Saving Pets Challenge will begin receiving applications from animal welfare organizations across the country on March 1, 2016. There are no restrictions on the type of projects participants can raise money for, provided they are a US-based 501(c)(3) organization and address the common goal of saving pets from euthanasia in shelters. Teams can raise money for projects that prevent shelter intake or accelerate live releases. •

Herald in Kauai, Hawaii



Jeff Cook holding his favorite paper on a scenic spot in Waimea Canyon, deemed the "Grand Canyon of the islands". Photo courtesy of Jeff Cook. •

Police Reports

Monday, February 15, 2016

One female adult was arrested at 2231 hours from Atwood Way and Nash Street for one outstanding LASD felony warrant. One male adult was arrested at 0146 hours from Acacia Avenue and Dune Street for possession of a controlled substance, one outstanding LASD misdemeanor warrant, one outstanding Hawthorne PD misdemeanor warrant and one outstanding Culver City PD misdemeanor warrant. A violation of a domestic violence restraining order report was taken at 0838 hours from the 400 block of Eucalyptus Drive. A traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 1016 hours in the 300 block of Main Street, vehicle versus gate. One male adult was arrested at 1118 hours from the 8400 block of Albia Street in Downey for embezzlement and credit card fraud. Warrant-One male adult was arrested at 1120 hours from the Pasadena Police Department

for one outstanding El Segundo PD misdemeanor warrant. Petty theft report was taken at 1156 hours from the 700 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) removed two side view mirrors from the victim's vehicle. A burglary (residential) report was taken at 1216 hours from the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry into the victim's hotel room through unknown means. Taken was an Apple iPad. **Tuesday, February 16, 2016** An online petty theft/attempt burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1435 hours on 02/15/16 from Grand Avenue and Lomita Street. Unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry into the victim's vehicle by punching the door lock. Suspect(s) were not able to gain entry and removed the side view mirrors from the victim's vehicle. A vehicle theft report was taken at 0336

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Correction

In the article about the City Council candidates forum that appeared on February 18, it was reported that the new competition pool to be built at the future Wiseburn High School site will be 54 meters by 50 meters. The actual size will be 54 meters by 25 meters. We regret the error. •

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Across

- Sunbathes
- Swindled
- Bollard
- Plant with healing properties
- Upper crust
- Hodgepodge
- Sidelong glance
- Per ____ (yearly)
- Jet part
- Festivities
- Bar order
- Pirate outburst
- Gyrocompass inventor
- First showing
- Append
- ____ bean
- Nod, maybe
- Letting your hair down in Mont Tremblant?
- Detergent ingredient
- Bad day for Caesar
- Type of salad
- Cirque du Soleil troupe, e.g.
- Borgnine and DeLuise roles
- Thingamajig
- Babe
- New Year's Eve song
- Breathing organ

Down

- Perfumed powder
- Toward one side of a ship
- Christmas song
- Thirsty
- So very much
- Long bones
- Post-show bar order
- Small decorative case
- Garage band tape, perhaps
- Japanese mini trees
- Nobel Prize-winning U.N. workers' grp.
- Carol contraction
- Little digit
- Farm buildings
- "China Beach" setting
- Nods again, at auction
- American in Honduras

- Limits risk
- War movie setting
- Ancient writing materials
- Marsh birds
- Kind of deer
- John, Paul and John Paul
- Handwoven Scandinavian rugs
- ____ muff
- Faction
- Outfit
- Guitar sound
- Still
- iPhone pix
- Former French coin
- Touch gently
- Fitter
- Northern constellation
- Went out, as a fire
- Prefix meaning "on the left"
- Foolish person
- "____ Song" (Elton John song)
- Mark down
- Just makes, with "out"
- Blue
- Repugnance sound
- Modern (Prefix)

Film Review

Oscar Nominee *Embrace of the Serpent* is an Intimate Journey of Epic Proportions

By H. Nelson Tracey
for www.CINEMACY.com

The festival darling turned foreign film Oscar contender, Colombian adventure drama *Embrace of the Serpent*, is undoubtedly one-of-a-kind. Borrowing from the distinctive black & white photography style of early 20th century South American visitors and neo-colonialists, the entire film paints the Colombian jungles with a distinctly colorless palette, giving every image a natural depth and mystery.

Two storylines follow the same protagonist Karamakate, an Amazonian shaman and only survivor of his kind, guiding two different white men to search for a rare plant deep in the Colombian jungle. It is better to know going into the film that these are the same character roughly 30 years apart because it isn't immediately

some details pass by quickly that need to be noted in order to comprehend later sections of the film. A few distinct languages are spoken, primarily Spanish and an indigenous language, but for non-speakers it can be hard to distinguish the subtle differences that carry thematic weight. Viewing becomes easier as the film unfolds and reaches more narrative moments. The film is more focused on the protagonist grappling with his place in the changing world. We never see the 'civilized' world that all viewers of the film are a product of, but its weight is felt in profound contrast to the images of this ancient jungle, and the stories told by the indigenous peoples.

That being said, the photography is a true innovation and feels unlike anything we've ever seen in a narrative film. Press images may have you fooled in thinking this is a documentary



Photo by Andres Córdoba / Courtesy of Oscilloscope Laboratories

clear and much can be deciphered from watching his differences as a young man (played by Nilbio Torres) vs. an old man (played by Antonio Bolivar). The inherent conflict remains the same in the parallel storylines: the world of the ancients clashing with the modern. Considering the time period the film covers is roughly 1909 and 1940, few differences can be made between the two time periods: this is deliberate, because in comparison to the ancient legacy of the native people, this is merely a blip. The parallels between the journeys become the most compelling part of the story.

At a dense two hours, *Serpent* can feel long at times because there is so much focused on the mood and the subtlety it doesn't always leave the viewer with as much to grasp. Similarly,

because of the intentionally shot images that feel like archival work even though everything was shot for this film. This is a prime example of using elements to capture the essence of what message the film is trying to convey.

Overall, *Serpent* isn't as emotionally moving as some of its fellow foreign-language nominees, like last week's Danish drama *A War*, but it makes its mark in how unique of a look it has compared to any other recent release. Those who prefer a more clear narrative may not gravitate toward this film as it meanders like the rivers the characters follow, but audiences who love mood and thematic displays will undoubtedly embrace every picture that comes on screen during this film's runtime. *Embrace of the Serpent* is now playing at the Nuart Theatre and is not rated. •

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.

Finance

3 Tips For Evaluating
What Your Business Is Worth



(BPT) - Financial and business education is a critical pathway for the future of America's small business community.

To start with, business owners should ask themselves: "What is the true value of my business?" It's an important question because the value of your business will have a big impact on both the professional and personal aspects of your life, including the well-being of your family, employees and possibly even the community in which your business is located.

The 2015 Business Owner Perspectives study commissioned by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) revealed about half of business owners say they've had their businesses valued in the past three years, yet one out of three says they've done the valuations themselves. When business owners value the business themselves, they can significantly over or under value their business.

Knowing your business' true value gives you a more realistic perspective and allows you to put effective strategies into place for future growth, business continuation, succession planning, and retirement planning.

Here are three tips for evaluating what your business is worth.

1. Times to know the value of your business. Because of constant change in the economic, competitive and regulatory landscape in which so many businesses exist today, it's a good idea to review the value of your business on a regular basis. Doing this will allow you to have a firm grasp on the business's current value and track its growth over an extended period of time. With this knowledge, you could consider adjusting your business plans to focus more on the

drivers of value, or simply be in a better position to take advantage of opportunities. In addition to measuring business health and preparing it for sale at some immediate or future date, there are other considerations in knowing what your business is worth, including funding a buy-sell agreement, retirement income planning and estate tax planning.

2. Turn to a credentialed valuation expert. A proper business valuation is not a "rule of thumb" or a figure agreed to with a handshake; it's thoughtfully crafted by a credentialed appraiser after thorough research and is documented in writing. Credentials to look for include: Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) or Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV).

3. Fund any potential "value gaps." Once you know the value of your business, it's common for there to be a discrepancy between what you thought the business was worth and what you need the business to be worth. The good news is proper planning can help reduce potential "value gaps" created by an owner's over- or under-estimation of the business's value. For example, having assets outside the business, such as qualified plans and other investments, can help reduce the value gap in your retirement plan. In addition, insurance products, such as life insurance and disability income insurance, can help address the value gap created if a business goes into forced liquidation following the death or disability of an owner.

Take the next step. Talk to a qualified financial professional about where your business is now and where you'd like it to be in the future, and to find financial solutions that can help you reach your goals. •

Rooftop Solar Touches
Off a Power Struggle

By Rob McCarthy

If solar work trucks seem to be everywhere on the road and in South Bay neighborhoods, it's not your imagination. California is ground zero for the rooftop-solar revolution. Half of the nation's homes that produce some or all of their electricity from the sun's rays are in the state.

California has the sunshine, the abundant population, and an environmentally friendly Gov. Jerry Brown. Sacramento favors clean energy, and state officials want 1 million solar rooftops by 2018. The federal government offers a home-solar tax credit, which it extended to the delight of the installation companies that feared losing a tax break that homeowners find attractive.

Residential solar's future isn't crystal clear because of opposition from public-owned utilities.

Southern California Edison and their investors stand to lose if California electric customers offset their lower monthly bills using solar power. Households that generate electricity and swap it for bill credit receive preferential treatment, the state's big utilities argue. They asked the Public Utilities Commission to rewrite the rules so that solar-powered outliers pay more to Edison.

The two-year deliberation ended last month in a 3-2 vote, which exposed the friction building between the old guard utilities and the new kid-on-the-block solar. The commissioners in a Solomon decision gave each side something it wanted, but denied anyone a clear victory.

"Our course is not for the rooftop solar industry or for the utilities," Commission President Michael Picker said after the Jan. 28 meeting.

The public utilities asked for and were granted a \$75-\$150 hookup fee from solar-conversion homes in the future, plus additional monthly costs - known as non-bypassable charges - that assist low-income households and fund development programs.

The home-solar industry conceded that the additional fees imposed on new and existing home-solar customers were fair. The average power bill for a solar household is expected to jump by \$9 per month, up from \$82.

"We agree that all customers should pay the Public Purpose Program Charges (which fund low-income and clean energy programs), nuclear decommissioning and DWR bond charges," wrote Sean Gallagher, vice president of state affairs for the Solar Energy Institutes Association, in the days leading up to the Public Utilities Commission vote in San Francisco.

The Public Utilities Commission explained that being users of the grid made it only right that home-solar customers pay charges borne by other customers. The commission decided to levy new costs, but not to charge solar

customers for the upkeep of transmission lines. The solar industry cheered that change, even as it prompted two commissioners to vote against a decision they said they otherwise would have supported.

The non-bypassable charges were small potatoes compared to net-metering. The fears were so great that California might end net-metering in 2016 that 130,000 petitions were delivered in wheelbarrows to the commission's San Francisco offices in favor of continuing net-metering.

By the narrowest of margins, the Public Utilities Commission extended net-metering until 2019, when it will reconsider the contentious payment system consumers favor and utilities dislike.

The Jan. 28 decision required Southern California Edison and other utilities to keep paying solar-powered homes and businesses the retail rate that Edison charges its customers.

Net-energy is important to home-solar companies because it defrays the costs of buying or leasing a rooftop system. Net-metering households use the electric utility grid like a bank account. They can deposit electricity they don't use immediately withdraw the same amount later (such as at night) at no net cost. It's a year-round system, which allows households to build energy credit in summer when days are longer to compensate for shorter, winter days.

The three-year reprieve saved Californians who've installed rooftop solar panels \$4.8 billion and kept the renewable-energy option affordable, according to the Solar Energy Institutes Association. The industry lobbied California utility regulators to retain net-metering, as Colorado, New Mexico, New York and New Jersey have done, to keep rooftop systems affordable.

The number of solar homes in the United States is fast approaching 1 million, with 65 percent of residential solar being installed in communities with median incomes below \$70,000, according to industry figures. California leads the nation with 479,000 solar homes, and is nearly halfway to the goal of 1 million solar rooftops by 2018 .

The utilities lobbied equally hard to sway the commission and its President Michael Picker, even introducing an 11th-hour proposal that critics said would jeopardize the federal tax credit for home solar conversions. The solar industry, which faced an uphill battle with Big Utilities despite strong political support from the governor, criticized the late changes and Big Utility's tactics.

Picker said it had been a "very difficult task" for the agency to keep solar affordable without burdening most Californians with significantly higher costs. He characterized the net-metering program as "a big step forward toward giving California consumers

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Sports

How Rams Can Make a Splash in L.A.

By Adam Serrao

The offseason is finally here for every team in the National Football League. While the Denver Broncos have gone home as champions of the league, celebrating at every turn they take, other teams are trying to figure how to get better so that they, too, can one day hoist the Lombardi Trophy high above their heads. While the Rams haven't won a championship since 1999, owner Stan Kroenke and company may feel like they have hit the jackpot after being awarded a move to the land of dreams; Los Angeles. While the dust is settled on all of that decision making and it is clear that the Rams will be in Los Angeles to play the 2016 season, it now becomes pertinent for the team to decide on how they will spend their money to rise to a championship level of greatness. So, who are the St. Louis Rams? And further, what do they need to become an even better football team?

It goes without saying that almost every member on the Rams team has to be thrilled about the move to come to Los Angeles. Sure, packing your bags and moving the kids to a different part of the country can always be stressful, but there's a tendency to make just a little more haste when it's to come to a place like L.A. Things won't simply fall into place once the team arrives, though. The Rams have a lot of offseason question marks to think about and address. Some of that work has already been done when it was announced last Friday that the team had released defensive end Chris Long, linebacker James Laurinaitis, and tight end Jared Cook. All three players played major roles on the team last season, but the moves save the West Coast-bound Rams a combined \$24.375 million in cap space for the upcoming 2016 season. "This is the time of year when all NFL teams are faced with difficult decisions regarding their veteran players," Rams head coach Jeff Fisher said of the moves. "Chris and James are the epitome of what it means to be a pro in this league and it's been an honor to coach them both."

So now that room on the roster has been created, where do the Rams turn next? Well the team certainly has a great need at quarterback. The combination of Nick Foles and Case Keenum certainly did them no favors last season. The rumor is that the team will go after Robert Griffin III in free agency. Griffin is going to want to start, so the Rams would be a perfect fit, at least as far as Griffin is concerned. People quickly

forget, however, about the ex-Washington quarterbacks inability to stay healthy, about the concerns with his character in the locker room, and about his failure to be anything near a capable starting quarterback during his final years in Washington. Maybe that was a product of the head coach at the time, Mike Shanahan, but there's no denying the fact that Griffin, himself, would be a high-risk (and possibly high-reward) play for the Rams to make this offseason.

If not Griffin, then who? The team seems to be high on Sean Mannion, who they drafted with the 98th overall pick (3rd round) in the 2015 draft. Hearing the name Mannion certainly doesn't strike confidence into the hearts of Rams fans across the country, but the quarterback out of Oregon State has only played a total of seven snaps, all in week 12 of last season, and is still largely unproven at the professional level. He might be worth a flier, especially with Todd Gurley and the team's elite offensive line in place. That being said, don't be surprised to see Keenum back under center with Mannion as the team's No. 2 as they attempt to work magic in the draft once again.

Now that Cook is gone, the Rams need someone to step in and make a difference at tight end. Lance Kendricks and Justice Cunningham are on the roster, but going out and signing a free agent like Ladarius Green might be more splashy. Rather than going out to get people, the Rams also need to re-sign their players. Namely, cornerbacks Janoris Jenkins and Trumaine Johnson, defensive ends Eugene Sims and William Hayes, and finally safeties Mark Barron and Rodney McLeod. It also couldn't hurt to use the draft to take in more wide receivers to put around Kenny Britt and Tavon Austin. Britt is what everyone thought he would be and while Austin is certainly explosive, a deep-threat could do a lot to bolster his game and the Rams passing attack in general.

The players on this L.A. Rams roster, as it currently stands, may seem a bit foreign to everyone outside of the St. Louis area, where the team, of course, formerly played. Now that they are here in sunny California, however, it may be smart to get a bit more comfortable with the names on the back of the jerseys. It won't be long before the players march on to the Coliseum field to play their first season in their new home. Los Angeles finally has football back and with just a few tweaks to the roster, the Rams could be looking to bring a championship back to the city for the first time since 1983. •

Teams Advance in CIF Playoffs

Story and Photos by Gregg McMullin

The CIF Southern Section playoffs are in full swing. El Segundo is well represented having girl's water polo, boys and girls' soccer and boys and girls' basketball teams all advancing. With the first two rounds in the books the girls' basketball team is playing in the quarter-finals, both soccer teams have advanced to the second round while the water polo and boy's basketball team have been eliminated.

Endo Leads Girl's Basketball Team

For the second consecutive year the Lady Eagle have advanced to the CIF-SS Division 4AA quarter-finals. They defeated Nipomo (near San Luis Obispo) 64-51 in the first round and Covina 48-33 in the second round.

The Nipomo Titans, the third place team from the Los Padres League, played spotty defense to start and the Eagles took an 8-0 lead. Nipomo make a grasp and trailed 8-6 before the defense took over. Ani Finau had a steal and an uncontested basket and then Hannah Nonoguchi intercepted a pass and

led 48-30 before Nipomo scored the last six points of the third quarter.

The Eagles held off the Titans in the fourth quarter and went on to the win. Endo ended with 27 points while Quinn Adams had 17 points and ten defensive rebounds.

The Eagles played perhaps their best overall game of the season against Covina, the second place team from the Valle Vista League. The Eagles blocked out, took better shot selections, passed and generated open shots while committing a season low four turnovers.

Trailing early on Adams and Nonoguchi both bombed in consecutive three-pointers. The Colts had a slight advantage at the end of the first period but upped their lead by seven points before Endo scored three consecutive baskets and the Eagles trailed at 18-17 at the half.

Covina extended their lead to 23-18 before the Eagles went to work on both offense and defense. Finau rebounded a ball and quickly



Grant Bemis gets clear before scoring the Eagle's first goal in the first round of the CIF playoffs.

fed Paige Endo for an easy layup.

The Eagles showed more poise, vigor and sense of attitude and it showed in the second quarter. Nonoguchi's three pointer gave the Eagles their largest lead of the night of 19 points and a 35-16 advantage.

In the third quarter the Titans made it interesting when Kiesa Romero connected on three 3-pointers and Vanessa Davis hit a 12 footer to cut the Eagles lead to 37-30. That served as a reminder to what was at stake. The Eagles then went on an 11-0 run and

led Endo on a fast break bucket. Then Endo sank a free throw shortly after another stop by the defense and the Eagles took their first lead since leading 9-8 in the first quarter. El Segundo went on a scoring spree, including a three-point buzzer beater by Endo, to lift the Eagles to a 34-28 lead.

It was clear El Segundo's game approach rattled Covina. a team with 22 wins on the season. The Eagles caused turnovers and held their guests to few second chance shots. The

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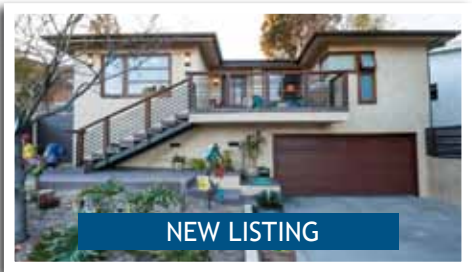


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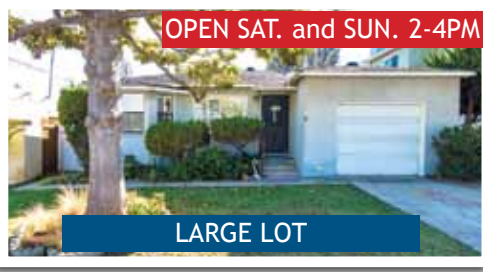
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5 Things to Discuss with Your Significant Other before Purchasing a Home

(BPT) - In a relationship, you count on your significant other to be there with you through the good and the bad. They are your best friend, your confidant and your closest ally. And you count on being able to have important conversations with them as well.

One of those important conversations every couple should have focuses on money and each person's respective financial goals, especially if you are planning to purchase a home. However, 33 percent of married or partnered adults have difficulty discussing money with their significant other, according to a Wells Fargo survey. "I think money is one of those topics most couples put off discussing because it can be sensitive," says Arlene Maloney, senior vice president, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "However, if you don't discuss money before entering into a major credit purchase, like homeownership, you open yourself up for potential problems down the road."

Purchasing a home is one of the largest investments most people make in their lifetime. When two people decide to achieve the goal of homeownership together, it's important to understand not only your own

finances and credit profile but your partner's finances and goals as well.

To help you broach this conversation with your partner, here are some things you should discuss before you move forward:

WHERE YOU WILL LIVE AND WHAT YOU WANT TO PURCHASE

Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? Are you set on a single-family home or a condo? Do you want to build your home or purchase an established property? Having answers to these questions will help you speak to a lender and learn more about how the type of home you choose may affect loan approval requirements or what options exist if you want to build your home. You'll also learn if any bond or down payment assistance programs may be offered in the municipalities you are considering.

YOUR PARTNER'S CREDIT SCORE

Lenders use customers' credit profiles to help determine your ability to repay a loan. When purchasing a home with someone else, both of your credit scores are considered. In most cases the lowest middle score between the two of you will be used. If you or your significant other has a very low score this

may not only impact the loan amount you receive but also the interest rate. It may even prevent approval. If one of the credit scores is very low, as a couple you might discuss only one person applying for the mortgage loan.

HAVE AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT DEBT

An important factor that lenders evaluate is your debt-to-income ratio. This varies by mortgage program but a good rule of thumb is to ensure your debt level is at or below 36 percent of your gross monthly income. Having an overabundance of debt could impact the amount of the loan or whether you receive mortgage approval.

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN YOU PUT TOWARD THE PURCHASE?

It isn't necessary for you to put 20 percent down but most loan options require some sort of down payment. In many cases lower down payment options require mortgage insurance, which will increase your monthly payment.

WILL ONE OR BOTH OF YOU BE ON THE NOTE?

If purchasing a home with someone else, each of you must qualify in order to be on

the note, and both of you are responsible for the debt. If only one person is on the note, the other may not engage in any transactions regarding the loan, including refinancing, or application for modification. If one of you has less desirable credit, you may decide that only one of you will apply for the mortgage. You should also consult your state's attorney general's office to see if any community property laws exist in your state. Such laws could make a spouse legally responsible for any debt acquired by the other spouse after marriage. If such a law exists in your state, it's important you are aware of it.

Purchasing your first home is an exciting time and, for many people, a sign of success. But while you may want to rush out and start the shopping process now, take your time. Having a conversation with your significant other about the topics above beforehand will ensure you're both on the same page and set you up to make the most of your future and the home it includes. To find answers to your other questions about credit and homeownership, visit Wells Fargo's Smarter Credit Center or WellsFargo.com/mortgage. •

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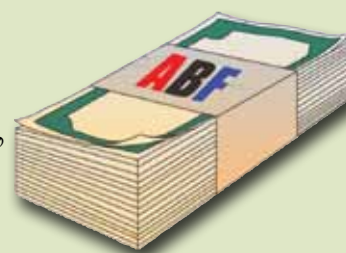
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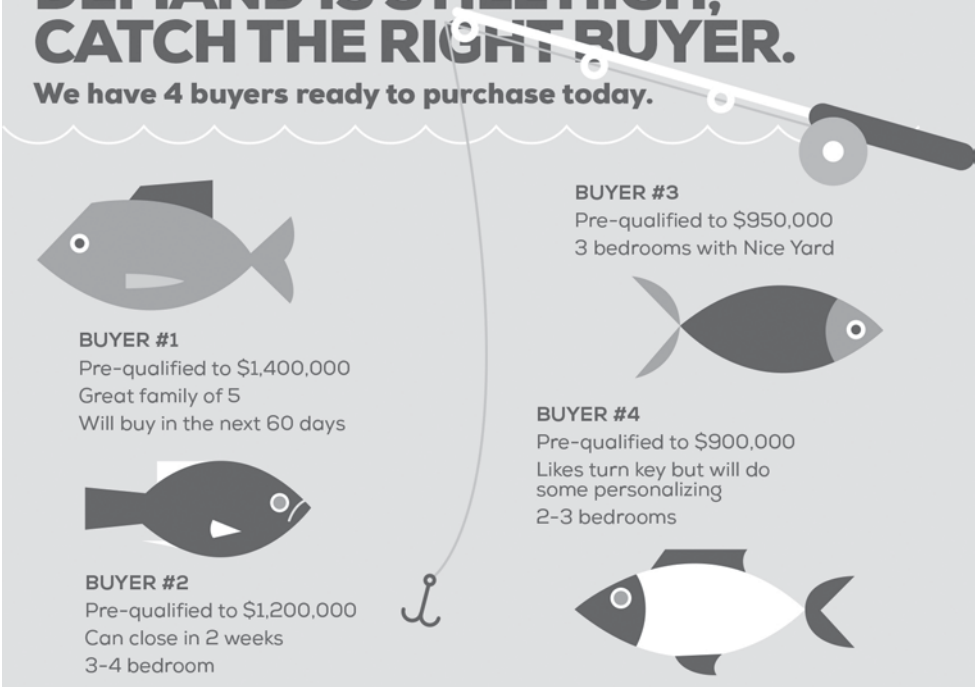


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Eagles

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Eagles went on to outscore the Colts 14-5 in the fourth quarter and win easily.

Paige Endo led all scorers with 22 points while Quinn Adams had 13 points and Ani Finau had 12 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Duarte last night to face the fourth seeded Falcons a team that features a front line of two player 5’10” and Patricia Morris their 6’7” sophomore center. Should the Eagles win they would



Nabi Sidiqi, who had a big game defensively, shows off his footwork.

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Freshman sensation Jack Finders had a second half goal against Temecula Valley.

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Layla Chamberlain had nine saves against the Elsinore Tigers in the CIF wild card match.

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Sherry Kramer

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several years older, we also used to hang out at the same In ‘N Out Burger back in the day,” she noted. “Guess it was meant to be.”

Kramer’s experience with fundraising goes back to her time at Centinela in the early ‘80s. She “did it on the side” for many years, but ramped up those activities after joining the Manhattan Beach Unified School District overseeing business partnerships. It was in that capacity that she met CDC President Richard Lundquist in 2005. “He was a donor, but no one knew much about him or his company,” Kramer explained. “When he and his partners did a designation of funds from Plaza El Segundo for local schools, he made a pitch that was so impressive that I thought to myself, ‘I have to work for this guy.’” Despite no real estate background, Kramer approached Lundquist with the idea of creating a new position that would put her skill set to best use. Several months later, she joined CDC as Community Affairs Director. “It has made a real difference to help bring awareness to our company as a whole and the good we do,” Kramer said of her job. “Richard is such a humble, generous man. People don’t often get the opportunity to meet with him and talk with him—but when you look at the number of organizations he supports, so many non-profits have benefited from his generosity. His number one thing is education and he has given millions to foundations and school districts. We are huge believers and want everyone to have access to quality education.” Lundquist and his wife Melanie were also the primary donors and led the overall fundraising campaign for the new tower at Torrance Memorial Medical Center named after the couple.

For Kramer, fundraising is second nature. “The organizations we’re involved with all have events of some sort, but it’s easy for me,” she said. “I am just as happy with a \$5 gift certificate as a \$50,000 check. It’s all about giving whatever you can.”



Sherry Kramer.

To keep CDC’s ongoing efforts at the public and business forefronts, Kramer has been arguably the most visible chamber of commerce board member in the South Bay over the last 10 years—serving as chair at various points in El Segundo, Torrance and Manhattan Beach. Her areas of focus include participation in legislative, economic development and education committees. She also works extensively with several philanthropic organizations. Ones close to her heart include serving on the boards of the El Segundo, Torrance and Manhattan Beach education foundations, Torrance Memorial, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, and South Bay Police and Fire Memorial Foundation. “I don’t sit on boards to have my name on a board—that’s not why Richard pays me,” Kramer explained. “I like to give my time and if I’m going to take the plunge, I’m going to go all in and be active on it.”

The level of dedication has not gone unnoticed. Kramer is the recipient of several high-profile honors, including the Manhattan

Beach Chamber “Heart and Soul” (2007), Senate District 28 “Woman of the Year” (2010), Torrance Chamber “Athena Award” (2014), Switzer Learning Center’s “Woman of the Year” (2016) and the upcoming Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and LA County Commission “Woman of the Year” from Supervisor Don Knabe on March 14. Kramer was also proud to receive an award from the Richstone Family Center, which has been a personal charity for her over the years. “Both my mother and sister-in-law have special education backgrounds,” she said. “Their knowledge and experience have reflected on me and given me a better understanding and caring for children with challenges.”

Looking at the future, Kramer has no plans to slow down and the thought of retirement is not even a blip on her radar. “I will keep plugging along,” she said. “We’re [CDC] a company always exploring options in other cities, so I will jump in and get involved in those areas if we expand.” In the meantime,

she will continue to represent CDC—particularly in the hotbed areas of El Segundo and Torrance. “In some ways, the two communities are very similar and they are both more focused on business with strong organizations and great partnerships with schools and local companies. Both El Segundo and Torrance are open-minded about listening to businesses and helping with concerns while also balancing that with a family environment and quality lifestyle for residents.”

Despite her penchant for being everywhere at once, Kramer doesn’t believe in cutting corners by using today’s technology or social media to spread the message in order to ease her workload. “People know me, but I don’t do Facebook or Twitter,” she said. “I like the old-fashioned way of picking up the phone and talking, or better yet seeing them face-to-face. I sometimes think I was born in the wrong generation. But when it comes down to it for me, it’s all about building relationships with people...” •

Eagles

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goalie Tyler Hollick. On offense you look to returnees Grant Bemis, Gilbert Cortez and Zach Skwarek.

The result was an Ocean League championship and an opportunity to host the first round of the CIF-SS Division 4 playoff game against Temecula Valley. The Eagles took care of business with a relatively easy 4-1 win over the Golden Bears.

The Eagles showed their aggressive style by scoring early in the first half when Bemis

half-time lead. Chase Ali-Watkins, who led all scorers with 25 points, had 15 points in the first half. Jamal Howard, who came in off the bench, had 18 points including 12 in the second half to help thwart any comeback.

The Eagle’s win rewarded them with a matchup against Mission Prep (San Luis Obispo) a team that had reached the CIF-SS Division 4AA finals the past three consecutive seasons. The Royals are a big and physical team that uses balanced scoring. The result

“Playing in the Ocean League wasn’t an easy task. Still it helped the Eagles prepare for a CIF playoff appearance.”

powered in the first goal. Tyler Villalobos found a crease and an opening and made it 2-0 soon afterwards.

In the second half freshman sensation Jack Finders took a throw-in from Bemis and headed in the goal to make it 3-0. With 13:10 remaining Zach Skwarek took another throw-in from Bemis and headed it in for a 4-0 lead.

The Eagles played host to fourth seeded Bellflower yesterday. The winner would advance to the quarter-finals and face the winner of the Leuzinger/ Santa Paula game on Friday.

Jordan Doukakis’ OT Goal the Difference

The girls’ soccer team defeated Marlborough 2-1 in double overtime. It was the programs’ first playoff game since the 2008-09 team, led by Jenna Rich and Natalie Barbosa’s goals, defeated La Canada 2-0.

The Eagles tied the game midway through the first half and the two teams went scoreless the rest of regulation. The game went into double overtime when Chico State’s bound Jordan Doukakis scored the decisive goal in the 99th minute.

With the win the Lady Eagles played host to Royal (Simi Valley) this past Tuesday. Should El Segundo win they would face the winner of the Arcadia/ Monrovia game. The Eagles would be home against Monrovia if the win and on the road if Arcadia wins.

was a 78-62 win over the Eagles in a game El Segundo had trailed by as many as 31 points in. Had the Eagles prevailed it would have sent shockwaves throughout the basketball world.

The team played inspired defense but just couldn’t stop the Royals on transition fast breaks. Saleia Ahloo had four blocks while Justin Ostler had two block shots. But that only served as a wakeup call as the Royals would then go on to score in streaks.

The Eagles were brilliant at the free throw line making 15 of 16 shots. It was the outside shooting of the Royals, who sank seven three pointers, that helped doom El Segundo’s bid of an upset. Jamal Howard had 15 points while Ali-Watkins had 14 points.

The Eagles, who weren’t even expected to make the post season, ended the season 14-14 overall; quite an accomplishment.

Girls’ Water Polo Team Comes up Short After Wild Card Round Win

Playing in the Ocean League wasn’t an easy task. Still it helped the Eagles prepare for a CIF playoff appearance. The Eagles did well enough to earn a home against Elsinore in the wild card round and came away with a 11-6 win.

Talia Dominic got the Eagles going with a goal three minutes into the first period. Claire Lindsey scored two minutes later to make it 2-0. Dominic’s second goal with 1:22 reaming gave the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

With a balanced scoring attack both Emma Romero and Stephanie Ruesler got into the scoring column to give the Eagles a 5-2 lead at the half. Both of the Tiger’s goals came on close range penalty shots.

Dominic scored early in the third quarter and Jenna Olsen followed up with a goal of her own. Claire Lindsey stole a pass and went on to score while Annabelle Chaney took a pass from Dominic and powered in a goal to make it 9-3 to closeout the third period.

The Eagles would allow three goals in the last three minutes of the contest but still secured the win.

El Segundo faced Westridge in the first round and came up short losing 13-6 to the second seeded Tigers. The Lady Eagles had another stellar season by finishing 16-13 on the year and advancing to the post season for the tenth consecutive year. •

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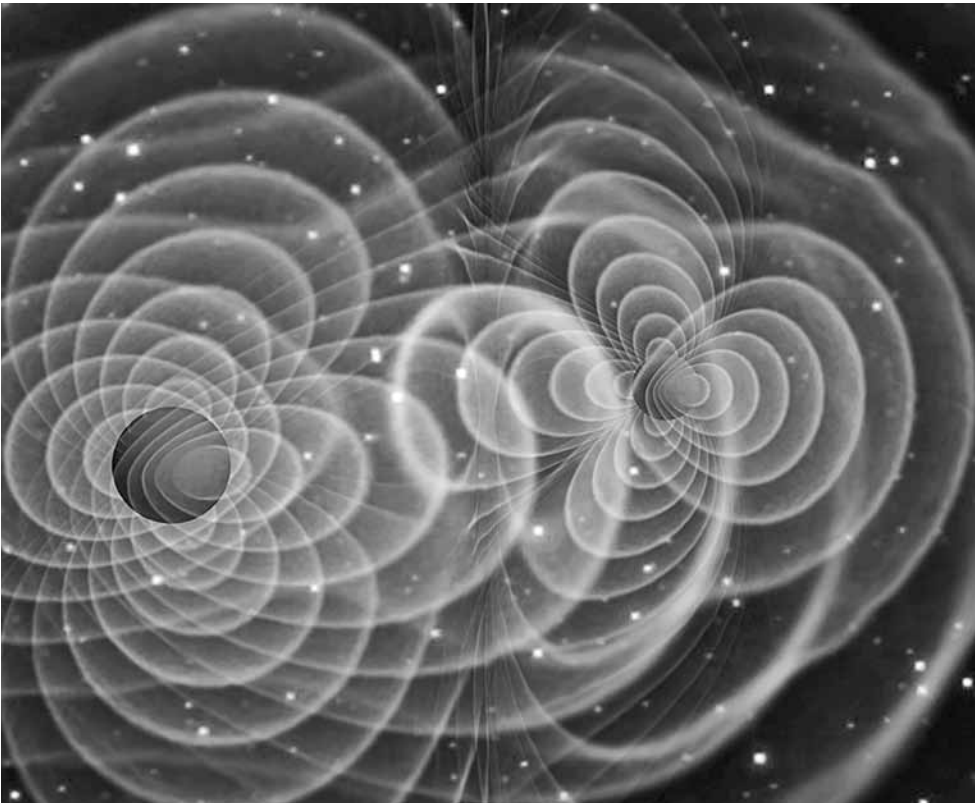
By Bob Eklund

SURF’S UP IN THE GALAXY: DETECTION OF GRAVITY WAVES. The announcement February 11 of the detection of gravitational waves by the LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory) team hallmarks the beginning of a new kind of astronomy, according to astronomer Laurance R. Doyle of SETI Institute and Principia College.

At about the time the first plants appeared on Earth—long before there were any land animals—two black holes (former suns) about 30 times the mass of our Sun collided at almost the speed of light, producing enough energy to cause a measureable ripple in the very fabric of spacetime. That wave—if something that is millions of miles long and yet only sub-millimeter in height can be called a “wave”—was headed for Earth, to arrive last September 14 after a 1.3-billion-year trip.

The LIGO observatory involves two laser beam paths that are combined so that any shift along one path will produce a change in the way the other path interacts with it, at the level of the wavelength of laser light. By measuring the change in distance between the two paths, one can tell if minute changes along any one path have occurred. Such a change is what the LIGO Team detected.

“Today, the new observational field of gravitational-wave astronomy has come of age, says Doyle. “It’s the day humankind first caught a gravity wave in the fabric of spacetime to



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A NEW KIND OF LIGHT. As the gravitational waves warped space-time within LIGO’s gargantuan, twin detectors, the observatory’s exquisitely sensitive instruments registered vibrations on the order of thousands of the diameter of a proton. The frequency of these waves that LIGO is designed to catch is actually in the

audible range for humans. Accordingly, the signal LIGO received was played on speakers to audiences of eager scientists.

“For this binary black hole system, it made a distinctive, rising ‘whooooo!’ sound,” said Matthew Evans, an assistant professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). “This detection means that the stars

are no longer silent. It’s not that we just look up and see anymore, like we always have—we actually can listen to the universe now. It’s a whole new sense, and humanity did not have this sense until LIGO was built.”

“Being able to detect gravity waves opens an entirely new window in astronomy,” says Will Kinney, professor of physics at the New York University at Buffalo (UB). “It’s like being able to see a new kind of light. Gravity wave telescopes will allow us to observe directly entirely new phenomena that have been inaccessible to us previously.”

“We can now study black holes and other violent events in our universe—like mergers of very massive and dense stars—directly,” says Dejan Stojkovic, UB associate professor of physics, who has done theoretical research related to black holes. “In the past, we’ve had to rely on light that is coming from these events. Now we can study them directly through gravity waves, even if they do not emit any light.”

Perhaps even more importantly, gravitational waves could enable scientists to explore the very early stages of the universe, Stojkovic says.

These stages are impossible to study with light because the very early universe was “so hot and dense that it was opaque to light,” he says. But gravitational waves can freely propagate through the hot plasma of the very early universe, so scientists can use them to gain insight into what occurred during that otherwise invisible time. •

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School Board

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that took place on February 10 at SELPA’s Redondo Beach office. SELPA is the acronym for Special Education Local Plan Area; the group deals with implementing the statewide plan to equalize educational opportunities and develop quality educational programs for the special education students of California.

The ESUSD staff members recognized included school psychologist Courtney Thorpe; Richmond Street School (RSS) special education teacher Beth Katz; RSS 4th grade teacher Kirsten Larson; Center Street School (CSS) 1st grade teacher Kelly Nicol; CSS third grade teacher Donna Scaltrito; CSS instructional assistant Kris Sturgeon; CSS instructional assistant Tammy Albano; CSS instructional assistant Laura Mayeda; RSS instructional assistant Aracli Reyes; and RSS instructional assistant Maggie Slater.

In an email sent prior to the meeting, Larson wrote that she was “honored to be recognized by the SELPA, and for my work in the special education community. As an educator, I truly believe that it is necessary to include all students in the learning process, regardless of any disabilities that they may have. The full inclusion model that we have here in El Segundo is such an amazing way to be sure that students of all learning styles and abilities are building their knowledge together. I am honored to be part of such a progressive district and have the ability to work with such a diverse set of students.”

District director of information technology Danny Gauna was the next presenter to the podium. He delivered an update on the District’s ongoing switch replacement project. Beginning with a slide entitled “What’s a switch?”, his presentation focused on the strides being made at all of the District schools, as well as at the District office, to upgraded District technology. He said that switches are the “main brain” that helps connect computer devices in the District.

In an email sent prior to the meeting, Gauna wrote that “the infrastructure network switch replacement project is a great start in improving our network for a robust wired and wireless network.”

His presentation ended with a “next steps for the Future slide,” mentioning a District-wide new fiber connection upgrade, implementation of a new wireless network, and “piloting a Cisco Voice and Telepresence solution” next month.

Student representative to the Board, Lexi Griffin, then made her report, noting the recent successes of High School sporting teams.

There were only seven consent items listed on the 65-minute meeting agenda. Item F received the Board’s consent, and will allow the District to offer a special education extended school-year program in the summer of 2016. The program will run from June 20 through July 15, with the District Office of Pupil Services designing the program and preparing registration materials, and supporting the staff.

Also consented to: The implementation of the popular AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program at the High School for the 2016-17 school year.

Next up were the eight action items, including an amendment to SoCal ROC joint powers agreement, which will allow for continued funding of the Center; the approval of a resolution making the week of March 7-11 “National School Breakfast Week” to highlight the need to start the school-day with a nutritious breakfast; the approval of Single Plan(s) for Student Achievement for the elementary, as well as the Middle School; and the approval to issue an RFP (request for proposal) from grounds maintenance companies that are interested in working for the District to take care of maintenance and landscaping needs, with the current maintenance contract having come to an end.

The meeting wound down with the members quickly hearing information about the comprehensive school site safety plans, and the participation agreement with the aforementioned SELPA organization.

Lofgren, filling in for Superintendent Moore, who was not in attendance because of a family matter, then highlighted upcoming items on the District’s informational calendar.

Board members reports followed, with President Garza and the other members thanking Lofgren for pinch-hitting for Moore, as well as mentioning executive assistant Allison Anderson and her help as the Board members prepared for Tuesday night’s meeting in the absence of Moore.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday night, March 8. •

Rooftop Solar

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more choice, more control and more responsibility over their energy choices.” Nobody got everything they wanted. Call it a draw.

The January net-metering decision won’t end the utilities-vs.-solar struggle. It pushes it down the road to 2019, when the Public Utilities Commission will reconsider net metering once changes to residential electricity rates and grid modernization proceedings take full effect.

Even the members of the Public Utilities Commission who supported the net-metering program admit that more charges are coming in 2019, which will affect the affordability of home solar.

One of the changes the commission approved will result in solar homes paying higher rates for power during peak-use times and lower rates during off-times.

The switch to time-of-use rates instead

of a flat rate creates uncertainty about the actual costs and savings for a homeowner who switches to net metering, said Gallagher of the Solar Energy Institutes Association, a nationwide alliance of 1,000 companies in the solar-energy business.

The goal of time-varying rates, as explained by a news report in USA Today, is “giving people a financial incentive to cut back in the evenings, on hot summer days and during other periods when demand traditionally peaks.”

All homes will be switched to time-varying rates in 2019, under a separate decision by the Public Utilities Commission.

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Name Statement
2016023246

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SICARIUS VICKATE, 1) 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250; 2) 2851 W. 120th ST # E163, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, 11719 DALESIDE AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1-29-16. Signed: FLOYD NATHANIEL BLUE, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016022955

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NATHAN'S TOWING, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90066, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): FRANK FUENTES, 12499 GILMORE AVE #3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: FRANK FUENTES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 29, 2016.

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016025920

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as YUNG STARZ ENTERTAINMENT, 3779 CAHUENGA BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 91604, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): DE'JUAN PARRISH, 1741 EAST HELMICK STREET, CARSON, CA 90746. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: DE'JUAN PARRISH, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 2, 2016.

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016026712

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

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016031408

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1) CORRA GROUP, 2) CORRAGROUP, 201 CONTINENTAL BLVD SUITE 107, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON: 2970563 Registered Owner(s): CORRA, 201 CONTINENTAL BLVD SUITE 107, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/17/2010. Signed: CORRA, NICHOLAS GUSTAVSON, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on February 9, 2016.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on February 9, 2021. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to February 9, 2021. 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). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3/2016 H-1392

Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016018856

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BE AHEAD IN HEALTH, 3816 VIRGINIA ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90008, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): 1) AMON HEAD, 3816 VIRGINIA ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008; 2) BRITTANY HEAD, 3816 VIRGINIA ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: AMON HEAD, PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 26, 2016.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 26, 2021. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 26, 2021. 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). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10/2016 H-1393

Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016022348

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PONSEPOL REAL ESTATE BROKERS, 600 LAIRPORT STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): STANLEY MORTON ZIMMERMAN, 600 LAIRPORT STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: STANLEY MORTON ZIMMERMAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on January 28, 2016.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on January 28, 2021. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to January 28, 2021. 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). El Segundo Herald: Pub. 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10/2016 H-1394

Fictitious Business
Name Statement
2016018582

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CAMBRIDGE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, 21801 S WESTERN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner(s): Garnett Station Capital Partners, LLC, 208 North Garnett Street, Henderson, NC 27536, Delaware. This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Signed: GARNETT STATION CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on JANUARY 26, 2016.

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