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Kiwanis Club Good Citizen Award



On Jan. 11, Daren Sheardown observed a male subject crawling through the window of a neighboring residence and called the police. Because of his quick action, officers responded to the scene and apprehended the two burglary suspects. Left to right: Kiwanis President Scot Nicol, Daren Sheardown, El Segundo Police Chief Mitch Tavera. Photo by Laurie Risk •

El Segundo City Council Meeting: From Parks to PERS

By Brian Simon

On Tuesday night, the El Segundo City Council heard the results of a recent community survey and workshop to identify potential park projects to present to Los Angeles County for future grant funding consideration. The outreach was part of the City's participation in the County's Park Needs Assessment. While only 25 people attended the workshop, about 500 responded to the survey.

Tuesday's presentation from Recreation and Parks Director Meredith Petit and Recreation Superintendent Jessie Bobbitt featured a prioritized project list. Number one is to provide additional sports fields around town. Other desires include artificial turf replacement at Campus El Segundo, amenities such as a playground and picnic area at El Segundo Beach, a splash pad at Acacia Park, partnership with Hyperion to officially open a walking trail (with possible fitness stations and a dog park) from Imperial down to Grand along the western edge of the city, playground replacement at Washington Park, restroom facilities at all local parks, and renovation of The Plunge.

Of the respondents, 75 percent indicated they visit El Segundo parks at least once a week. Most gave high ratings for condition and cleanliness at Library Park and Recreation Park, and were somewhat to very satisfied with existing amenities. Considering new park amenities, more than half of those surveyed hoped to see trails/walking paths as well as a splash pad in the community's future. Among the desired improvements are shaded playgrounds, restrooms at Richmond Street Field, covered

picnic areas, George E. Gordon Clubhouse renovations, a revamped hockey rink, and fencing around playgrounds.

Petit announced that the Hilltop Park playground is about to re-open with the completion of a renovation project funded by grant and developer impact fees. The research-based design features six key elements of play and will be a national demonstration site for Playcore for other cities to consider. In addition to new features, the playground will also have year-round restrooms open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Tuesday's meeting also included a 3-2 vote to change the employee group retired and

current Council members are tied to so that existing medical benefits may be maintained. The Council was formerly connected to the Executive Management Group (EMG) and will now move to the Police Support Services Employees' Association (PSSEA). The vote was in response to a recent Council action to resolve a dispute with PERS (California Public Employees Retirement System). PERS maintained that a monthly \$1,200 stipend provided to EMG employees should not be included in these individuals' retirement benefit calculation. The \$1,200 was also equal to the monthly

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Mostly
Sunny
66°/55°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
70°/57°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
68°/56°



Chris Donovan: El Segundo's New Fire Chief

By Brian Simon

While much of the attention at City Hall these days centers around the upcoming municipal election, a notable new arrival made his way to town last month as Chris Donovan assumed the helm of the El Segundo Fire Department. The 49-year-old was the top choice among a number of candidates interviewed during a four-month search to replace long-time Fire Chief Kevin Smith, who retired at the end of September. Battalion Chief Breck Slover served in the interim leadership position until Donovan officially started on

February 22. The new chief left a 10-year job in the same position for the City of Monrovia to come to El Segundo. He will be paid an annual salary of \$213,000.

"I am proud to have been selected to serve as Fire Chief for the El Segundo Fire Department and have received a very warm welcome from residents, business owners, City staff, firefighters and the City Council," Donovan reported. "My initial impression is that El Segundo is a great community that has worked hard to maintain its small town charm for the residents while working

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Obituaries

Donald Joe Shepard, 79

Don Joe passed away on January 15, 2016 at his home in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born in Minden, LA 1937, to Lena May and Burney Cecil Shepard and was the youngest of five children. A few years later, the family moved to El Segundo, where Don Joe spent his formative years, graduating from El Segundo High School in 1955. He then entered the U.S. Army where he served for two years, after which he began his career working in the gaming business in Las Vegas. In 1965, while in Tahoe to open the new Sahara Hotel, he met Nancy Lee Thoma, a school teacher. They soon married and began their family. In addition to Nancy, he is survived by daughters Robyn, Holly and April, and son, Dan, four grandchildren and a great grand-daughter. •

People

Alvin “Bud” Webster Baer

Longtime El Segundo resident, “Bud” Baer, celebrates his 100th birthday on March 20th!

Alvin Webster Baer was born in Washington, DC, only two short blocks from the White House. Bud is a proud Navy veteran who served as an electrician’s mate on a submarine in the Panama Canal and on the Battleship Pennsylvania from 1934-1938. Following his time on the water, he served our country designing planes during the war and enjoyed a career as an engineer for over 30 years in the Air and Space Program.

His 51-year marriage to his sweetheart, Betty, produced three El Segundo High School



graduates, Cynthia, Georgina and Douglas, all of whom raised their families in and around El Segundo. Bud has seven grandchildren, three who graduated from ESHS, two who currently teach in the district, one who is an El Segundo business owner, and three great-grandchildren who currently attend El Segundo schools!

Bud is an avid reader, lifelong learner, a devoted Padres fan, and has most recently authored *Rum Runner*, a book centered around the prohibition.

This respected citizen has lived a long, meaningful life and his contributions to his country and his community are deeply appreciated. •

Letters

Likes Small Town Feel?

I read with some interest the city council discussions in the March 3 issue of *El Segundo Herald* regarding mansionization and perhaps amending the City’s single family residence code. I confess I am not familiar with the details of the code but support the intent of the code. Many of the reported comments seem to be from individuals with some financial interest in loosening of the restrictions. Alex Abad seems to feel we are falling behind Manhattan Beach in building “spec homes”. Alex, do we really want El Segundo to look like Manhattan Beach’s tree section with wall-to-wall homes. Mr Rafiee reportedly said “it’s not about building big homes but useable ones”. However if it has to be big to be useable then it’s o.k.? Mr. Glynn seems to feel that restricting mansionization would “hamper sensible design plans (can’t a smaller home be designed well?). As to “damaging property values” how would restricting oversize homes diminish the value of current homes? Lastly, Councilwoman Fellhauer, while “government’s

job isn’t to tell people what their homes should look like” it should be o.k. to tell them what it should not look like. One of the many benefits of El Segundo is the “small town feel”. I feel that restricting property line to property line homes contributes to that atmosphere. I hope there will be more voices to support this opinion.

– Charles Fisher

Appreciates the Professionalism

I so appreciated the professionalism of the Chamber of Commerce and League of Women Voters candidate forum on Monday March 7.

– Liz Garnholz

Elect Brann and Pirsztuk

I led the successful grassroots campaign against Measure P, the firefighters’ union initiative to hijack our fire department and contract with Los Angeles County for a significantly reduced level of service, all to lock-in and protect their excessive and unsustainable total annual compensation of \$150,000 to more than \$350,000 per year. I also led the successful grassroots campaign against the residential

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Police Alert

Auto Burglary Suspects Arrested

Surveillance Video Credited For Assisting Police In Arrests

December of 2015 and January of 2016, close to twenty auto burglaries were committed by Dani Alnasir and Christina Lagrassa in the residential areas of El Segundo. These crimes



Christina LaGrassa

were recently solved with the assistance of video surveillance cameras that were installed at an apartment complex. During one of their burglaries, surveillance video captured the pair breaking into a car. Police were able to obtain the video and capture screenshots that were sent to surrounding law enforcement agencies to assist us with identification.

On February 9, 2016, El Segundo Detectives served a search warrant at Lagrassa's home in Lawndale after receiving information from the Culver City Police Department. This information along with the surveillance video led to her arrest along with recovering stolen property inside her home connected to several El Segundo auto burglaries.

Lagrassa was booked into the El Segundo Police jail for 459 PC- Burglary and held on \$20,000 bail.

Nine days later, El Segundo Detectives developed information on the identity of the male suspect. After comparing this information to the surveillance video footage, detectives identified the suspect as Dani Alnasir. Detectives connected Lagrassa and Alnasir through additional video surveillance footage while they were buying clothing at a local retail store using a stolen credit card taken during an El Segundo auto burglary. Detectives linked this fraudulent purchase to a separate series of auto burglaries that also occurred in January.

On March 8, 2016, Detectives located and arrested Alnasir outside his home in Lawndale. He was booked into the El Segundo Police jail for 459 PC- Burglary and was held on \$20,000 bail.

On the same day, Detectives revisited Lagrassa at her home in Lawndale who was currently out of custody awaiting trial. After questioning, Lagrassa was arrested and booked into the El Segundo Police jail for 484e (A) PC-Fraudulently using an access card and was

held on \$20,000 bail. The El Segundo Police Department is asking all residents and businesses that have video surveillance systems to register their cameras through the El Segundo Police Department's "SAFECAM" (private cameras for public



Dani Alnasir

safety) program. You can access this program through www.elsegundopd.org.

If anyone has information related to these arrests or know of similar crimes, please contact Paul Saldana at (310) 524-2284 or psaldana@elsegundo.org •

School

Spotlight

An Art Experience for the Entire El Segundo Family to Enjoy

By Cece Jane Stewart, a junior at El Segundo High School

On a recent Sunday afternoon, my mom and I were enjoying a stroll down Main Street when we had the pleasure of coming across Family Day at ESMoA, a contemporary art museum and art laboratory.

As we entered the museum, a cluster of excited children were gathered around a live and colorful art creation. They were creating their utopian city as part of ESMoA's current "experience" entitled PLAN, which will run until May 22. PLAN, was created in collaboration with The Wende Museum and is co-curated by Bernhard Zünkeler and Dr. Joes Segal, Chief Curator. A swirl of colors greeted us from the children's PLAN, as excited chatter echoed through the high ceilings.

As we wandered past the children and into the stark white space, the walls were filled with a fascinating array of art installments, which the docent explained were meant to represent "how an artist plans versus how an administrator plans." Or as ESMOA's literature phrases it "what is the point of making plans if the

future is uncertain? By what process do we lay out a day's, a month's, or a year's agenda even while knowing that mere coincidence may blow it apart like dandelion seeds in the breeze?"

PLAN juxtaposes artworks and artifacts from the West and Eastern Europe. On display is art by: Egon Schiele, Odilon Redon, Stephan Balkenhol, Camille Pissaro, Gajin Fujita, Cornelius Voelker and others. Each piece represents the idea of calculated planning versus the creative reality that seldom coincides with the original plans.

I particularly enjoyed the original entrance lettering to the London headquarters of now closed Lehman Brothers; the two-foot high letters are meant to illustrate "the makings of eternity, but history shows that eternity proves all future plans wrong."

The back wall with sky high ceilings display a huge angel entitled Unity which symbolizes Los Angeles, by artists Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid. This artwork was formerly displayed in the lobby of the US Bank Tower in Downtown Los Angeles, one

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DREW★BOYLES

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I pledge to protect and preserve our city's small town charm, our high level of city services, and our overall quality of life.

I am beholden to only one interest group: the citizens of El Segundo.

Drew Will Focus on Issues that Matter to Us

- ★ Exercise sound judgment in finding practical solutions to everyday issues facing our residents and local business owners
- ★ Develop a closer relationship with the School District to help elevate its standing among the top-ranked public education systems in the nation
- ★ Ensure we have the proper level of police, fire and emergency services to keep our seniors, families, neighborhoods and businesses safe
- ★ Establish and maintain well-constructed fiscal and budgetary policy to guarantee our tax dollars are spent responsibly while maintaining the level of services we deserve
- ★ Protect El Segundo's small town charm and promote programs that are consistent with our values

"Drew is a successful El Segundo business and community leader who has consistently worked to improve the quality of life for all of our residents, from school children to seniors, through his work with El Segundo Kiwanis and the Economic Development Advisory Council. Please join Carol and me in voting for Drew Boyles for El Segundo City Council."

Bill Watkins, ESUSD School Board Member

"I have worked with Drew on a number of community projects and he has proven himself to be a trusted and valued leader contributing his time and talents to many local organizations. I admire Drew's concern for maintaining the small town charm of El Segundo while we move into the future, and I know his well-rounded vision will be a welcome part of our City Council."

Sandy Jacobs, Former El Segundo Mayor

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Film Review

‘Barney Thomson’ is a Devilish Good Time

By Ryan Rojas for Cinemacy.com

The title character in the new black comedy *Barney Thomson* is a barber without a quirk, admitting as much in thick Scottish accent in the film’s opening scenes that he “doesn’t see the point” – which might be why his

ing a rock-solid Ray Winstone as Investigator Holdall who’s got it out for Barney, a surprisingly funny character in Detective Inspector June Robertson (Ashley Jensen), and a hilarious Emma Thompson, who, from the moment we see her hooping and hollering at



Robert Carlyle in ‘Barney Thomson’. Courtesy of Gravitas Ventures.

barber’s chair is the only one empty in a crowded barber shop. The hapless hair-cutter’s self-deprecating voice-over of being no-one special, mixed with shots of crime-scene photographs of dismembered body parts, sets the stage for what’s to come – the story of an unlucky man finding himself at the center of a serial killer’s spree, much like a clumsy cousin of Sweeney Todd.

The directorial debut of comic actor Robert Carlyle, *Barney Thomson* is a mostly fully amusing effort that goes for laughs by consistently pitting the hapless lad’s bad fortune of having dead bodies befall before his feet with the misfortune of having a crime unit that just so happens to also be looking for a wanted murderer. The thick and impassioned Scottish accents complement the deft and lighthearted handling of the gruesome murders, but the way Carlyle sets the thing up makes Barney’s sad sack nature and array of bewildered faces makes for a funny outing.

Breathing life into this Glasgow-set world are a host of wonderful performances, includ-

a Grey Hound race, in marooned bee-hive hair and leopard coat, gives a gem of a hilarious performance, and winks at being somebody with a mysterious secret.

From beginning to end in all 96 minutes, Barney almost begs the audience to see him as a normal Joe of non-importance, and it’s a box that almost confines *Barney Thomson* a bit too much. Like its main character, the movie is a mostly familiar bit of fun that could’ve pushed the boundaries a little more, though it speaks to the movie’s tonal strengths that it gets genuine laughs and genuine gross-outs without any sort of real blood splattering, and instead, smartly written scripting. It has a good burst of first-act fun as we learn the set-up, but as it goes on – and with the exception of a fun second act twist – the movie slogs and pulls its dead weight much like Barney is resigned to do for the rest of the movie, and without much of a final hoorah for our sad sack hero.

Not Rated. ‘Barney Thomson’ is now playing in select cities. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week

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Across

1. Wilts
5. Clarinet range
9. Detective comedy drama starring James Roday
14. “___ Blood” (TV drama)
15. Old money in Milano
16. Transmitting
17. Big plot
18. Debatable
19. Adds seasoning
20. “America’s Native Spirit”
23. Paragon of stubbornness
24. Strong-scented herb
25. Highest degree
29. Schoolmarmish
31. Note on a musical scale
34. Rap sheet listing
35. Fledgling hawk
36. “Six Suites for Unaccompanied Cello” composer
37. Italian dish
40. Olympic event
41. Tin, gold...
42. Shankar lilts
43. TV room
44. Bad luck
45. Spice blend of India
46. Prickly seed case

47. Old pistol
48. Eastern dish
56. Russian pancake
57. Aroma
58. Bring along
59. Jargon
60. Tractor trailer
61. Vegetable also called lady’s-finger
62. Shoulder bag carrier
63. Washington bills
64. “For ___ the bell tolls”

Down

1. Brief effort
2. Pump stop
3. Guide
4. Prophet
5. Approximately
6. Motor City team
7. To believe, for Shakespeare
8. Swearing-in words
9. Play --- (feign death)
10. Chinese calendar animal
11. Connecticut university
12. Metropolis
13. 24 in a day
21. Big city in Iraq
22. ___ coffee

25. Increased
26. Balderdash
27. Fore-and-aft sail
28. Exude
29. Heat-resistant glass
30. Old clothes
31. Goatlike antelope
32. Pertaining to 8
33. Capital of Tibet
35. Bring in
36. Bikini parts
38. Silk variety
39. Muse of poetry
44. Younger
45. Members of Polynesian New Zealand
46. Pig out
47. Travelocity’s roving man
48. Madison Avenue award
49. Clue
50. Unexciting
51. Paradise lost
52. Sailing vessel in the Middle East
53. 100,000 in India
54. Madrid and Paris cash
55. Criticize severely
56. Diner order

Last Week’s Answers

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SUDOKU Medium

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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

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Herald's Candidate Q & A



★ Carol Pirsztuk ★ Don Brann ★ Drew Boyles ★ Marie Fellhauer ★ Dave Atkinson ★

We do not edit or correct the candidates answers. All answers are limited to 100 words. Good luck to our candidates.

#1 What is your stance on the Measure B proposed TOT increase? Should the City consider any other tax increases or new fees?

Carol Pirsztuk: By increasing the TOT from 8% to 12%, El Segundo will receive the funds necessary to balance the current city budget, which is forecasted to be at a deficit of over \$1 million. With the increased TOT, hotels in El Segundo will continue to be able to retain their competitive edge compared to hotels in the City of Los Angeles, who currently have a TOT of 14%. Before considering and any future taxes and fees, it would be prudent for the city to perform a detailed cost-benefit analysis of existing taxes and fees to determine their viability.

Don Brann: I support the increase in the TOT rate. It's time to establish a competitive rate, market sensitive to the region. At 12%, El Segundo hotels will generate millions of dollars annually, dependent on the number of rooms occupied, that can be used to improve City infrastructure or increase services to residents. Tourists, business travelers and visitors will pay this tax, not residents. Industrial and commercial development is flourishing in the City's non-residential sector providing revenue growth and supporting a balanced budget. There is no need for other new taxes or fees.

Drew Boyles: While I am generally not in favor of increased taxation, I support the proposed increase in TOT. The TOT tax is a common hotel tax that is paid upon checking out of hotels. El Segundo currently collects 8% of the hotel room rate. Our strongest competition for business travelers is the LAX area, posting 15.5%. The surrounding cities, on average, are collecting 12.9%. The Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC), which I chair, discussed and analyzed this issue at length within our council, and we believe this proposal is in the best interest of

the business community and the city.

Marie Fellhauer: Measure B is a 4% increase to the transient occupancy tax (TOT). El Segundo is currently at 8% and the average for the region is over 12%. Additionally, our main competitor for hotels is the Century corridor where the TOT is over 15%. In general I'm not a big proponent of taxes. However, local taxes where every penny remains in our city are different because government should be local. This increase will not cost our residents or hotels anything while bringing much needed money to the General Fund. I fully support and urge voters to vote "yes" on Measure B.

Dave Atkinson: Measure B is a Transient Occupancy Tax. This Measure is to be collected from hotels, motels, and lodges from their guests sent only to El Segundo. These funds will be used for city needs, such as aging buildings, Rec & Parks facilities, street repair, sewer repair, education, fire & safety, economic development, and more. This is at no cost to the residents of our great city. This 4% increase still leaves El Segundo below the area average of 12.9%. The expenses in our city continue to rise and this is a great resource to combat them.

#2 What are some creative ways to generate revenue for the City other than taxes?

Carol Pirsztuk: The City has an opportunity to increase revenues by automating the payment process for city fees and licenses. From obtaining a business license to the use of our parks, if the city were to provide an online payment option, the process would become streamlined and less cumbersome. Resulting in increased compliance and, in turn, a decreased need for collections. Additionally, by hiring the new Economic Development Manager, the city should be able to expand their efforts on enticing new businesses to El Segundo that compliment our community

Don Brann: impacting the revenue side of the budget avoids the need to reduce expenditures. Thus, the identification of

new income streams enables the budget to be balanced without disrupting current programs and services. This is a preferable solution, much more positive than slashing costs and I have employed it throughout my career to balance public agency budgets. The stimulation of new business development (Raytheon) results in new revenue. The Rams return to the region will increase the value of the higher room tax. Re-purposing existing buildings will enable more smart growth and revenue.

Drew Boyles: With more than \$50 million of our town's annual revenues coming from business and related activity, we must invest in economic development in order to keep that revenue source thriving. All organizations, including cities, must spend money on brand awareness, marketing and public relations to remain relevant. We have had success in EDAC partnering with businesses on cooperative advertising buys: we can do this as a City, and should also consider other partnerships, such as allowing commerce to sponsor some public properties, such as athletic fields. Overhauling our city's business license process and fee structure is also overdue.

Marie Fellhauer: There are various ways to generate revenue for the city other than adding taxes. For instance, we can have naming rights at sports facilities to offset some of our park expenses. Additionally, parking lots/structures can have naming rights where the lot is referred to as the name of a large donor. I would love to see additional artistic elements infused into our city to attract foot traffic, which will support local businesses in our downtown area. Sustainability projects often have grant funding available, such as harnessing power in a creative and artistic way to offset the city's cost of energy.

Dave Atkinson: Taxes have always been the go to method to raise money for municipal entities. There are no popular ways to generate revenue to our city since they will always have a cost. One way would be for the permit and licensing procedure to become

faster and easier resulting in increased requests and revenue. The not so popular ways would include reducing trash pick-up and street cleaning to bi-monthly, and reduce subsidizing our water supply. Reductions in Rec & Parks activities and increased fees for non-El Segundo residents that use our facilities are options without tax increases.

#3 Was there an example you saw of wasteful spending in the City and if so, how would you remedy the problem?

Carol Pirsztuk: Process inefficiency and the lack of automation results in wasteful spending. Currently, the city is without an IT manager, which is delaying the implementation of new finance and planning systems and a much-needed overhaul of the city's website to include fee automation. With a lack of system sophistication, the city's employees are not being optimized, and the residents are forced to incur project delays and a lack of workflow tractability. This issue could be resolved with a focused effort on hiring the appropriate staff, and the prevention of IT budgeted monies being diverted to fund other initiatives.

Don Brann: The City's budget challenges are caused more by missed opportunities, a failure to take prudent risks, than by a pattern of wasteful spending habits. The majority of the Council's expenditures are for personnel costs: salaries, benefits and pensions. In 2008, at the beginning of the Great Recession, the Council negotiated double digit salary increases to employees driving up pension costs. When expenditures are over-estimated and revenues are conservatively stated in the Budget, it appears to be running at a deficit when, in reality, it is not unbalanced and this is revealed in the closing of the fiscal year.

Drew Boyles: I have witnessed several capital investment decisions that resulted in significant resident outcry and, consequently, wasted municipal funds. For example, Main Street was redesigned many years ago and was later restored to nearly its original design. The

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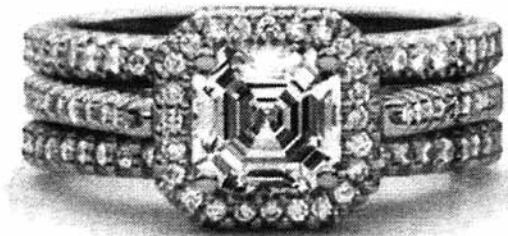
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The Google car and the city bus were sharing a generously wide lane when the software-controlled vehicle encountered “a tricky set of circumstances on El Camino,” according to the Google team report. El Camino Real is a three-lane boulevard, much like Sepulveda

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A self-driving SUV with a Google employee aboard collided with a metro bus in Mountain View last month. Credit: Google Self-Driving Car Project.

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from front page

Though just over twice the population of El Segundo, Monrovia has a similarly-sized fire department in terms of personnel, equipment and number of facilities (two stations)—though Monrovia does not have its own ambulances. “El Segundo is for the most part much like many other smaller local communities in working to live within its means while trying to address many issues such as aging equipment, apparatus, infrastructure and so forth,” Donovan said. “It’s a difficult balancing act for any Fire Chief in the effort to continue to advocate for public safety. In keeping with the direction of the City, I will look for effective ways to spend money smartly—such as leveraging technologies to be more efficient and possibly seeking out new revenues that won’t negatively impact those we serve. I welcome the challenge and feel blessed to be here in El Segundo.” •

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Sports

Eagles Stumble, but Recovery is Imminent

By Gregg McMullin

The girls’ softball team, boys’ volleyball team, boys’ lacrosse and the baseball team all stumbled in the first week of the season. But each team is expected to do well as the season goes forward. Early season losses are actually good for programs especially when the loss is to a good team. In each case the Eagle’s losses were to teams that figure to be in the hunt for league titles in their respective leagues.

In the case of the Lady Eagles’ 4-0 defeat to Mira Costa it was a matter of the cold bats on a cool night that factored in a night in which they collected just four hits. Trailing 1-0 Monique Benjamin replaced Megan Truesdale and gave up a bases loaded double scoring three runs. The Eagles tried in vein to recover but came away empty in each of the last two innings.

Head coach Keith Cameron was mildly concerned but isn’t thinking of hitting the panic button anytime soon. “We looked out of sync at the plate but with the talent on this team I don’t expect it to happen again.

The Eagles faced Valencia in a double-header and one and tied one. In the first game the Eagles had problems stringing together any offense and fell 4-1. In the second game Truesdale, who is committed to Whitworth University in Washington state, pitched a gem scattering four hits and giving up just one run and the Eagles were down 1-0 in the seventh inning. With no one on and two outs Truesdale singled followed by a single by Sarah Bergren. Cierra Kessler running for Truesdale reached third and scored on Jordan Dornblaser RBI single to tie the game. When neither team scored in the eighth inning the game was called on account of darkness.

Tuesday the Eagles opened up with Kennedy in the Torrance TNT tournament which goes on the rest of this week.

Boys’ Volleyball

The defending CIF champions played in the Best of The West Tournament and faced some of the country’s top teams. Though they fell to top ranked Huntington Beach (25-23 and 25-15) to give the Oilers their 116th consecutive victory, they weren’t intimidated at all. They faced Newport Harbor in their second game and came away shaking their heads after falling to the Sailors 25-22 and 25-15. They faced Corona Del Mar in their last game of the tournament and took down last season’s fourth ranked team in the nation 25-22, 21-25 and 15-13.

The Eagles have shown early on they can play with any of the top teams and look to

defend their Ocean League title when they open up league play at home on Tuesday against Culver City at 3:15pm.

Boys’ Lacrosse

The defending Ocean League champions are off to a slow start but there is a reason. According to head coach Brooks Roscoe the team has had injuries and other distractions that have led to a their 1-3 start. Junior attacker Cory Lund scored five goals in each of the team’s first two games while freshman attacker Lukas Roscoe is also one of the leading scorers on the year. Sophomore attacker Christian Martin posted a three goal hat-trick against Palisades. The Eagles played hopst to Mira Costa yesterday before hosting Orange County power Valencia on Monday at 3pm and Redondo on Wednesday afternoon.

Baseball

The Eagles competed in their own tournament and did well. After blistering Westchester, Carson and Bishop Montgomery they faced Royal for an opportunity to play in the championship game. When two storied programs face each other its always special. Both have won CIF titles and sent plenty of alumni onto four year schools and to the professional ranks. Royal put together just enough offense and capitalized on a few miscues to go on and shutout El Segundo 8-0.

The Eagles had trouble getting anything going against Royal’s pitcher Chris Contreras. The crafty right-hander limited the Eagles to two hits, struck out seven and walked one. On the other hand Spencer Long looked sharp but had some tough luck when the defense couldn’t come up with some key plays. Wyatt Boyce came in relief in the fifth inning and pitched well into the seventh inning where the Highlander scored four runs on no hits.

Ten was the number of the day as El Segundo outlasted Narbonne 10-8 in the final game of the El Segundo Tournament. The Eagles took advantage of ten walks, pounded out ten hits and scored ten runs for the win. Dylan Sledge walked twice and scored twice while Griffen Martes went 2-3 with two RBIs and scored once. Justin Ostler picked up the win giving up four runs (one earned) in three innings.

The Eagles host top ranked Redondo in a double-header today starting at 3:15pm. The second game starting approximately 45 minutes, after the conclusion of the first game. The Sea Hawks boast a pitching staff that has allowed just one run in five games so far. On Saturday the Eagles host Hart in an 11am game. •

Oakland Ready to Raid AFC West

By Adam Serrao

If you’re a fan of the National Football League and you hear the name, Raiders, you probably laugh. The Raiders have been the laughing stock of the league since they were destroyed in Super Bowl XXXVII by their ex coach, Jon Gruden and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2002. Well, you won’t be laughing for long. Now, that’s not to say that the Raiders are going to make it to the Super Bowl next year. That would certainly be a lofty expectation. But it’s been just over one month since Super Bowl 50 and the balance of power in the AFC West has already drastically shifted. Sure, the Broncos just won the championship and as we all know,

they’re from the AFC West. Not only has the landscape transformed since last season’s Super Bowl, though, but the Raiders have also quickly gone from dysfunctional, to a power that will now have to be reckoned with.

This offseason has already been a productive one for the Oakland Raiders. While General Manager Reggie McKenzie and the rest of the Raiders front office continues to accumulate talent, the rest of the AFC West continues to lose it. Take the aforementioned Broncos as an example. The Super Bowl champions have already lost Peyton Manning (who’s record against the Raiders was 9-2, lifetime) to retirement, of course, but

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Going For a Walk With Laura Robinson

By Gregg McMullin

What many people do each day for exercise is walk. Some for example walk their dogs a few blocks, some take advantage of walking lap after lap at the high school track. Then there are some who even walk miles and miles to the beach and back. But few in our community have taken on a walk that Laura Robinson has embarked on; walking from the Canadian border to Mexico’s border.

The mere thought of a 1700 mile stroll along the West Coast, on the well-traveled

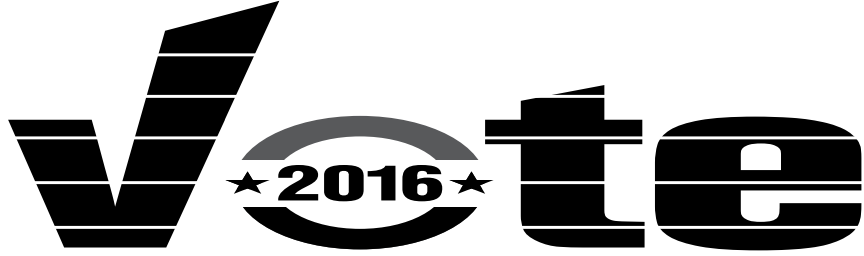
Pacific Coast Bicycle Trail, is daunting enough. Then, to do it alone could be a more challenging matter. But as Laura explains she won’t be alone or doing any speed walking. “I’ll be walking close to 10 miles, more or less, each day. I might have walkers from the local church join me and of course I’ll have God with me,” she says.

In general, she’ll be following Old Hwy 99 (the I-5 corridor) through northern Washington, then the 101 HWY from Olympia, Washington

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Laura Robinson. Photo courtesy of Laura Robinson.



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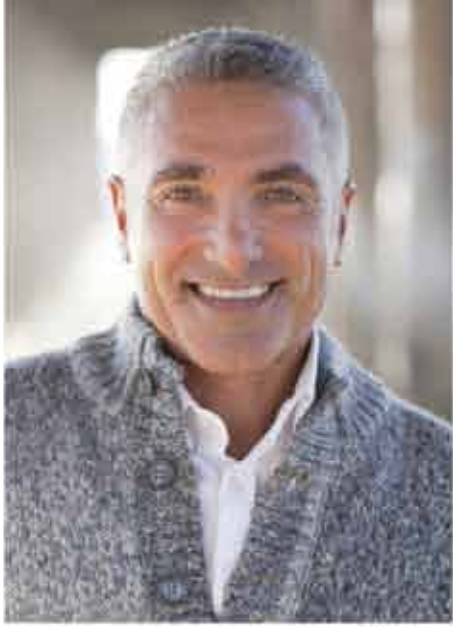




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USE IT TO IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT SCORE

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whether purchasing additional insurance coverage is right for you.

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your score. For example, paying down high-interest revolving debt can help improve your credit score, so use your refund to pay off credit cards and avoid accumulating any more credit card debt while you're saving toward your first home purchase.

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When a home purchase is financed, closing costs like attorney's fees, appraisal and inspection fees, title insurance, and escrow costs are typically charged and are not always

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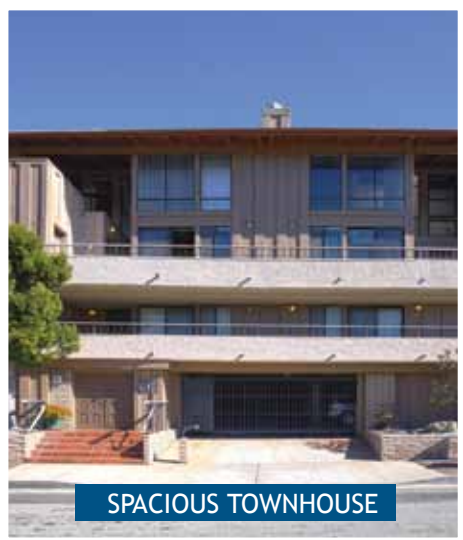
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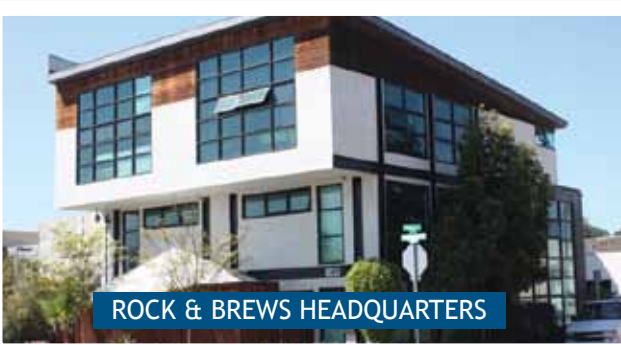


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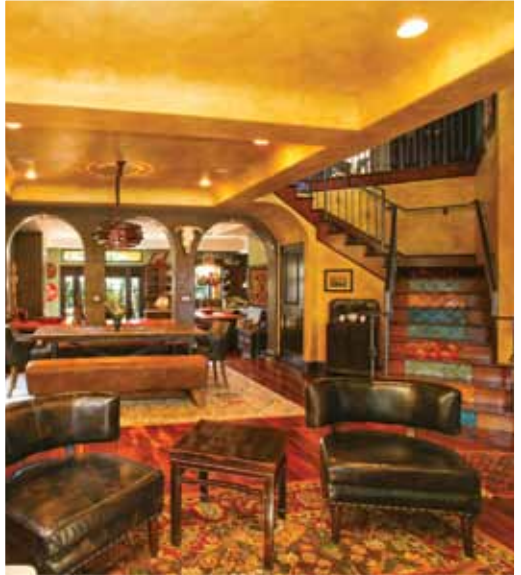
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City Council

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medical benefits provided. To fix the issue, the Council increased the EMG employees’ pay schedules by \$1,081 per month while reducing the contribution towards medical benefits to the minimum allowed \$125—thus essentially making the employees whole while giving them the option if they so choose of using the additional pay towards medical coverage.

Keeping the current and retired Council members tied to EMG would have resulted in a significant reduction in the City’s contribution to their health insurance—with only \$125 per month covered by the City. The switch to PSSEA allows the Council members to receive \$1,160.71 (only a reduction of \$39.29) per month towards medical benefits.

Councilmember Marie Fellhauer voted against the move--explaining that while she doesn’t seek to change the arrangement for past Council members already receiving benefits, she doesn’t believe those on the dais currently or in the future should contribute to the City’s liability after retiring. “I don’t believe in lifelong benefits,” Fellhauer said. But City Attorney Mark Hensley explained that current and retired Council members cannot be separated under the system. Citing concerns about the cost of the ongoing benefit for retirees, Councilmember Mike Dugan was the other dissenting vote.

During public communications, Mike Robbins opined that reducing Council member benefits may deter good candidates from seeking elec-

tion. Councilmember Davce Atkinson agreed. “Perhaps people wouldn’t run for office if they didn’t have this,” he said. Atkinson added that the amount of potential City savings in question is a “really, really moot point” in the overall big picture of millions of expenditures. In standing her ground, Fellhauer responded, “I’m a principle person.”

City Clerk Tracy Weaver informed the Council that the recently passed Senate Bill 415 will require El Segundo to consolidate future local elections with those of the State. This is due to markedly lower voter turnout during general municipal April elections compared to participation in November. Weaver identified the pros of consolidation including higher turnout, decreased trips to the polls, and less work for her office--though she emphasized, “We’re not afraid of work.” Cons (though not fully known) include about 20% higher costs compared to local elections, loss of El Segundo candidate/measure visibility on the ballot, and slower results with up to a 30-day wait to certify winners. Under the new system, an El Segundo Councilmember elected in November would not be sworn in until December.

Weaver noted that there is some talk of a movement to repeal SB 415. In the meantime, the item will come back to the Council in 2017 at which time the group would agree to consolidate starting in 2020. While obligated to conform to State law, the Council mem-

bers voiced their discontent. “It’s shameful the State’s trying to tell us what to do,” said Mayor Suzanne Fuentes. Mayor Pro Tem Carl Jacobson pointed out that the number of people who vote is not as important as “the quality of the decisions.” He lamented that El Segundo items will now be at the end of the ballot behind other statewide races and measures.

City crews will use high-reflective paint and stop paddles as a low-cost (already within budget) method to address traffic safety issues at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue. Councilmember Fellhauer had asked staff to report on pedestrian and traffic safety at that corner where there is a four-way stop sign. She mentioned that she received various phone calls from concerned residents and saw a discussion on Facebook on the topic.

Police Chief Mitch Tavera provided a breakdown of all collisions along the various intersections along Main Street over the last two-and-a-half years, with two taking place at Maple. The most incidents occurred at Main and Pine and Main and Grand, with six each. Five accidents happened at Main and Walnut. Though fewer collisions occurred at Maple, Fellhauer pointed to the many near misses and how she personally sees drivers almost run the stop signs in the early mornings. Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas said her staff recommends removing a tree that distracts drivers at that intersection.

Staff will report back to Council to see if additional measures may be needed. Tavera presented some possibilities (e.g. larger stop signs, rumble strips, high-visibility LED lights) that are not within the current budget.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council recognized City employee Ron Griffin for helping local police capture two burglars the morning of February 27. Griffin saw a female with a flashlight pulling on a car door handle on the 100 block of Concord Street and contacted officers. The action resulted in the arrest of the woman and a second suspect responsible for several burglaries in the area.

City Treasurer Crista Binder and Deputy Treasurer II Dino Marsocci provided their quarterly portfolio update. Total portfolio value is at \$58.9 million, with the short-term yield at .454% and long-term yield at 1.296%. Since the end of December 2015, the City purchased \$4.9 million on bonds. The City also remains in compliance with the investment policy. A new slide shows the compliance by percentage of issuers to ensure investments are not overly concentrated in any one industry. Binder noted that she will bring an updated policy to the Council on April 5 for consideration. Meanwhile, interest rates continue to stagnate at low levels, making the environment “frustrating for investors,” according to Binder, who noted that most experts feel the Federal Reserve will not raise rates this year. •

Google

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detected sandbags near a storm drain blocking its path. The Google car stopped, allowed some other drivers to pass, then angled back toward the center of the wide right lane at 2 mph when it sideswiped the city bus going 15 mph, the report describes.

None of the bus passengers was injured, and a videotape released last week by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency backs up Google’s claim it was a minor incident. Passengers appear surprised when the driver asks them to step off the bus right after the incident.

The Google engineer in the car at the time said that he also expected the bus driver to slow down and let the Google car back to the center of the lane. The videotape showed extensive damage done to the driver’s side of the autonomous vehicle, a Lexus sport utility vehicle. Google has 14 of the self-driving Lexus SUVs in Mountain View. Eight are in Austin, Texas, and one car is testing in Kirkland, Wash.

“Our car had detected the approaching bus, but predicted that it would yield to us because we were ahead of it,” according to the February Google Self-Driving Car Project report. The engineers called it an everyday type of misunderstanding between human drivers.

“This is a classic example of the negotiation that’s a normal part of driving -- we’re all trying to predict each other’s movements. In this case, we clearly bear some responsibility, because if our car hadn’t moved there wouldn’t have been a collision. That said, our test driver believed the bus was going to slow or stop to allow us to merge into the traffic, and that there would be sufficient space to do that.”

So far, the self-driving car project is a Northern California experiment. Critics of the self-driving car project think the state government and Bay area police should investigate each crash rather than take Google’s explanation at face value.

Google says its cars have been hit nearly a dozen times since street testing began up north almost two years ago, and that other drivers were at fault each time. The February bus incident is the first time that Google took responsibility for the traffic collision.

The federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration told the Herald that the need to track collisions isn’t there because of the limited testing of robot-controlled cars. Spokesperson Derrell Lyles told the Herald the NHTSA is taking a watch-and-see approach to regulating Google’s project in the early phase.

“They are not being driven by the general

public. NHTSA remains in close communication with the leading developers of self-driving vehicles regarding the testing of these vehicles. Given this very limited exposure and the controlled nature of the testing, there is no need for a formal system for tracking crashes involving self-driving vehicles at this time,” Lyles wrote in an email.

Santa Monica-based Consumer Watchdog isn’t so trusting of Mountain View-based Google, which is best known for its web search engine and online tools for analyzing web traffic.

The group issued a demand on March 9 that Google release its videotape of its robotic car crashing into the transit bus, now that the bus authority released its video of the incident.

“Google undoubtedly has its own — and probably better — video showing how its self-driving robot car crashed into a bus,” said Director John M. Simpson with Consumer Watchdog’s Privacy Project Director. “Google needs to come clean and release their video, as well as all recorded technical details related to the crash.”

The transit company’s video can be viewed at <http://www.usatoday.com/videos/news/nation/2016/03/09/81526496/>

Consumer Watchdog also renewed its call to the California DMV to amend its regulations and require that police investigate all self-driving robot car crashes and that video and technical details of the incidents be made public.

The DMV earlier this year released the nation’s first proposed rules for the public use of self-driving vehicles. California’s rules are expected to provide a framework for other states and for the federal government to follow as they consider their own policies for self-driving cars.

The proposed rules insist that a licensed driver be present who can take over the controls in an emergency. Self-driving cars must have a steering wheel, brake and gas pedal. The department also says that in the event of a collision, the autonomous vehicle’s driver would be considered at fault.

The DMV requirement that autonomous cars have manual controls guards against a software hack, and would allow the passive driver to switch the vehicle into a manual mode so the controls aren’t hijacked.

The Google car that sideswiped the metro bus had manual override controls, but it wouldn’t have mattered.

“Our test driver, who had been watching the bus in the mirror, also expected the bus to

slow or stop,” the Google project report said. “And we can imagine the bus driver assumed we were going to stay put.”

Google engineers ran simulation tests after the bus crash along El Camino Real in Mountain View and said they refined the street-navigation software. Their cars will “more deeply understand” that buses and large vehicles are less likely to yield to them than other vehicles on the road, the report promised.

Beware of human error, says a blog for drivers-training web site DriversEd.com. Assuming that someday autonomous cars are legal on public streets, it won’t be ideal conditions for the robot. There will be a mix of human- and robot-controlled vehicles - the same driving conditions that exist in Mountain View where the Google car and the bus got tangled.

“And when driver-controlled and driverless cars have to share the road, it’s not necessarily going to be safer for everyone” warned a blog posted Jan. 20 to announce the DMV rules for self-driving vehicles.

“In fact, it may be more dangerous, as drivers will have one more kind of road user to accommodate, and autonomous vehicles will have to respond to the one factor that can never be fully predicted: human behavior.”

Distracted driving isn’t going to disappear either because of self-driving vehicles either, the blog adds. “Even with the option for the driver to take over in an emergency, a licensed driver who wants to be chauffeured probably isn’t going to pay close attention to the road ... what would be the point of giving up control in the first place?” •

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. LS027704 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Brittany M. Ball for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brittany M. Ball filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Peyton Samuel Gilley to Peyton Samuel Ball 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: 4-22-16, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: W, Room: 610 The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Avenue Van Nuys, CA 91401 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: March 11, 2016 HUEY P. COTTON Judge of the Superior Court El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7/2016	NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.) Escrow No. 43263-TLR Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and address of the Seller/ Licensee are: Farm Stand Inc / , 422 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245-3002 The Business is known as: Farm Stand, Inc. The names, social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: El Gringo Kanteen ES, LLC, 2401 Pacific Coast Hwy., #206, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: None The assets to be sold are described in general as: Furniture, fixtures & equipment and are located at: 422 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245-3002 The kind of license to be transferred is: On-Sale Beer and Wine- Eating Place now issued for the premises located at:	422 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245-3002. The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is 04/06/16 at the office of Palm West Escrow, Inc., 2615 Pacific Coast Hwy, Suite 110 Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-2226 Attn: Traci L. Robbins, Certified Escrow Officer Escrow No.: 43263-TLR The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$200,000.00. It has been agreed between the Seller/ Licensee and the intended Buyer/ Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Dated: February 24, 2016 Licensee (Seller) Farm Stand Inc, a California Corporation By: S/ Ali Mosavi Nejad, President By: S/ Sylvie Gabriele, Vice President Transferee (Buyer) El Gringo Kanteen ES, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company By: S/ William Graw, Manager 3/17/16 CNS-2857892# EL SEGUNDO HERALD El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/17/16
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School Spotlight

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Corned Beef and Potatoes Special



Ingredients

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 2 carrots, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 small head green cabbage, cored, roughly chopped
- 2 cups apple juice
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 pounds baby red potatoes, sliced in 1/2
- 1/2 stick butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation

FOR CORNED BEEF:
Put the carrots and onions on the bottom of slow cooker, and put the corned beef on top. Arrange the chopped cabbage around the beef. Add the apple juice and 1 cup of water along with the contents of the spice packet. Cook on low 6 to 8 hours until the beef is tender. Remove the beef and vegetables to a platter and keep warm.

FOR POTATOES:
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and add the potatoes. Cook until the potatoes are tender, about 12 to 15 minutes. Drain and return them to the pot.

Add the butter, garlic, parsley, and salt, and pepper, to taste. Gently combine so that all the potatoes are evenly coated. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve with corn beef and vegetables from the slow cooker.•

Oakland

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they also lost his backup, Brock Osweiler, defensive end and Super Bowl star, Malik Jackson, inside linebacker Danny Trevathan, and right guard Louis Vasquez, among others. An exodus from Denver has begun just as Manning retired and just in time for the Raiders to take advantage. Denver’s not the only one hurting lately, though. Oakland’s other division rival, the Kansas City Chiefs, lost the best cornerback on their team, Sean Smith, to the Raiders. A move that weakens their enemy while simultaneously making their own team stronger. The San Diego Chargers haven’t lost a great deal of talent this offseason, but while the Raiders keep getting younger, Philip Rivers and company continue to get another year older. Youth always reigns supreme in the NFL.

While all of Oaklands rivals are becoming weaker, the Raiders continue to get drastically stronger. “They have a bunch of young talent who’s ready to take the next step,” the newly acquired Sean Smith said of his team. Oakland’s new cornerback continued, saying that the balance of power in the AFC West “has definitely switched.” While the Raiders needed secondary help badly, they also needed help on their offensive line. For that, they brought in this free agent classes most prized possession, lineman Kelechi Osemele. Osemele can play at either left tackle or right guard and is sure to boost an offensive line that could now easily considered as one of the best in the division, if not the entire league next season. Quarterback Derek Carr and running back Latavius Murray like the sound of that. But so does Osemele. “They have a really up-and-coming young team,” he said excitedly. “We definitely have more than enough pieces where there can be no more excuses as far as there being a gap.

We definitely have what we need. We just need to put it together, build the chemistry, and execute on Sundays.” One last player who will be extremely beneficial in helping the Raiders execute on Sundays is ex-Seattle Seahawks linebacker, Bruce Irvin. Irvin will pair with young stud Khalil Mack to form one of the most vicious linebacker duos in the entire league. “I feel like we’re really on the verge of really taking off and turning this thing around,” he said.

There is optimism in Oakland for the first time in a long time and now, players are wanting to be a part of a team that has the ability to be special. It’s been a long ride for the Raiders. A team that was once tough, gritty and mean in the days of Jack Tatum, George Atkisson, Gene Upshaw and Bo Jackson, went to being dysfunctional, laughable, and a joke of the league. No one feared the Raiders like teams once did. Now, however, McKenzie and the Raiders are fiscally responsible, spending and saving money the right way. The team is picking up the right free agents at the right time and is consistently turning in incredible drafts. Mack, along with Amari Cooper and Carr have formed a young pedigree that makes Oakland appealing to veterans like Irvin, for example, and now, you’re seeing really good players migrate to the Raiders for the first time in almost 15 years. Emerging young stars, together with great free agent signings and tons of cap space has taken the Raiders from pathetic to attractive in the eyes of the league and the fans, in almost the blink of an eye.

They’re not done yet, either. The Raiders have pick No. 14 in this year’s NFL draft and will use it to try to make an already young and attractive team that much younger and

more attractive. With all of the cap space that McKenzie has, you can most likely expect the signing of one or two more key free agents that will take place perhaps before you even get the chance to read this article. Veteran leadership, together with young talent will make the raiders the best team in the AFC West. The Broncos, though Super Bowl champions now, will come to be nothing more than simply an afterthought

Laura Robinson

thru Humboldt County, CA. From that point, it will be mostly on Hwy 1 (Pacific Coast Hwy) to the Mexico border.

Laura and her husband Larry are active in their church but she says this is not a mission for her church. She is however raising money, for Hope Chapel’s worldwide missions, which is her primary focus for this walk.

So what does Laura hope to gain out of this experience. She says it will be a way to challenge herself physically, it will be the culmination of a dream that she shared with her mother since she was a little girl and it will be a spiritual journey that will draw her closer to the Lord.

So how did Laura get the notion to make this journey. She says this is a another thing off her Bucket List. “I have zipped line, bungee jumped and this is something on the list I’ve wanted to do besides sky diving,” Laura said.

So what will Laura be doing each day for up to fours daily on her walk? “I have my iPod with music and a prayer list. And then I may have other walkers with me along the way.”

She figures it will take between four to five hours to complete her walk each day. “There

after next season has come to a conclusion. San Diego and Kansas City won’t have the athleticism to keep up. You may not be used to hearing it, but the Raiders are back and they’ll not only be competing for the AFC West crown this year, but they’ll also have the Super Bowl in their sights, much to the surprise of almost everyone. Yes, the Raiders are back. Now, it’s time to get used to it. Asixlion@earthlink.net •

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will plenty of time for sightseeing and making new friends,” she says with a confident smile.

The plan is to walk about 10 miles per day so it could take upwards to 170 days of walking if she walked each day. She says she’s set aside a year because she wants to keep a reasonable balance in her home and family life. When her walking route is furthest from home (Washington & Oregon), she’ll be walking in longer cycles in an effort to minimize her commute back to El Segundo. The schedule will be more fluid as she gets closer to home.

After making her trek public to a number of churches along the route Laura says there has been an outpouring of support. She will have host families along the way to stay the night and intends to be, at worst, a minimal disruption. By morning she’ll be back on her walking route and drive to her starting point for the day. From there she will walk her mileage and then make her way back to her car and start her sightseeing portion of her trip.

Laura completed the first week of her journey, that started on Feb. 29, and is well into her second week. You can follow, donate and send messages of support to her on her web site she and her husband have put together at www.soles4hope.wordpress.com. •

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Maie

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Maie is a very sweet and gentle little girl who is looking for someone to love her. At first, she is a little shy, but Maie is a very sweet kitty. Once she is comfortable with her surroundings, she is outgoing and confident. When you pet her, Maie will roll over on her back to give you her belly and will purr and purr. Maie would be great as an only cat or as a sister to a mellow, non-alpha kitty. She also loves playtime with you and will roly poly around like a big worm when she is being petted and played with.

Dolly is a beautiful medium-long haired calico. She has a sweet and playful disposition and the most gorgeous big round eyes. She is most happy when playing with her human companions or other kitties but can also

entertain herself alone with her toys. Although Dolly likes to be in the company of people and sleeps at the foot of her foster mother's bed, she can be skittish when approached by people. This sweetheart is very entertaining as well as being a wonderful companion and playmate to her foster kitty sisters!

Ferdinand is an awesome boy. People often compliment him on his beautiful markings and soft fur. Along with is handsome looks, Ferdinand is outgoing and confident with a perfect mix of playfulness and affection. He enjoys playing with his kitty friends and toys, but he is not rambunctious. He will purr loudly when you pet him to show you his appreciation. Though Ferdinand really likes his kitty friends, he also would be fine being the only cat in the household. So, whether you already have a cat or not, Ferdinand could be the perfect

addition to your household. He was rescued in Istanbul and traveled all the way to Los Angeles to find his forever home.

Selene, as you can see, is a super photogenic and elegant kitty. She could be the queen of the house as she is independent girl. If she needs something, don't worry she'll let you know with the cutest voice. Selene needs someone who will surrender to all this cuteness and fluffiness, but that one person needs to give her gentle guidance to help her trust them and move past the abuse she suffered as a kitten. Selene is good with other animals including dogs! She has only had one home with her foster since she was rescued, so any new places can be overwhelming. If you can be that change in her life and patiently help her trust humans again, please come and meet Selene.

Shortbread is a great mix of spazzy and sweet. She was rescued as a tiny baby and hand-raised and bottle fed. She knows her name and comes darting at you when you call her, and she absolutely *loves* dogs - having been raised around four big dogs, she loves to cuddle with them and follow them around and head-butt them. Shortbread is a very intelligent and slightly mischievous girl, but isn't destructive or mean spirited at all. She has a very nurturing and endearing personality and will make a fantastic companion.

Penelope is a sweet, delicate and elegant kitty with a huge personality. She has long soft hair, a fluffy tail that is to die for! Penelope was rescued along with her mom and siblings and has been socialized with other cats and dogs. She equally enjoys playing with her sibling or her best friend, a Chihuahua pup. She likes to give "good morning kisses"...you will never have a bad day again, guaranteed. Penelope's friendliness and sweetness does not stop her from being independent. She likes to spend time with you and play but in her own time. If you like to watch TV, she can spend hours watching any show, she does, however, have a preference for Batman movies...that is how she got her nick name (Miss Wayne). In the perfect world, Penelope would stay with her mom Victoria; they hang out together most of the time and "mommy" still comforts her.

Victoria (Penelope's mom) is an exquisite petite kitty with a unique personality. She has soft, long hair that you will want to pet for hours. Despite her royalty status, she is very low maintenance. Although she is an independent kitty, Victoria enjoys the company of other furry friends (dogs and cats). Rescued from an extremely harsh situation, Victoria has now overcome her fears and everyone comments on how sweet she is. Victoria is a strong believer that someone special is out there for her and is hoping that might be you!

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Selene

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On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •



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Candidate Q & A

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Letters

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300 block of Richmond has been changed, then changed back...and is now in the process of being changed again. Residents and all stakeholders should be involved in the ideation and planning phases: this is as important as doing proper research on cost and time estimates. Practicing financial prudence, setting clear expectations and having continuous communication among all stakeholders will ensure a positive outcome.

Marie Fellhauer: The city has been liable due to the condition of our sidewalks on a number of occasions and settling these cases is an absolute waste. We need to invest in our infrastructure for numerous reasons; the increased cost of deferred projects and liability. It's wasteful not to invest in infrastructure because deferred maintenance often ends up costing more. Many of our infrastructure projects have been deferred for too long. Additionally, we need to ensure that project specifications are held to the highest standard, which the citizens of El Segundo deserve.

Dave Atkinson: I believe the biggest waste comes from regulations and requirements that the government forces on us. Why is the bidding process so encumbered and controlled by unions? We are forced to take the lowest bid even if it isn't the best one for a project. This results in eventual increased costs due to inferior work and repairs. El Segundo is also restricted to investing our reserves in only a few ways, resulting in very little return. We should also consider cross training our employees for different departments. This would improve efficiency and ease problems due to vacation and sick time.

#4 What is your position on TopGolf coming to town and is the agreement good for the City

Carol Pirsztuk: For years, the Lakes Golf facility has not been optimized and, as a result has not yielded the revenues necessary to fund improvements. Additionally, the city is faced with over a \$1 million budget deficit and capital improvement projects, which have been differed for years, are now requiring funding. By moving forward with TopGolf, the golf facility would receive the funds necessary for improvements, and the city would receive new annual revenues. However, it is vital the city does due diligence in their project research, and the terms of the negotiated deal provide the most lucrative outcome for the city.

Don Brann: Agreement was reached between the City Council and Top Golf late

in 2015 after extensive discussion and controversy. Going forward, the Council and City leadership need to ensure the City receives everything promised in the Agreement. There is a principle at stake here bigger than the Top Golf transaction and that is developers must be able to rely on settlements made even if the City Council membership changes over time. Otherwise, this can't be considered a "business friendly" city to invest in. Hopefully, Top Golf will stimulate more visitors to town who will spend money in our stores and restaurants

Drew Boyles: The value of the revised TopGolf proposal is estimated at \$2.3 million better than the existing facility over 25 years, plus there will be ancillary benefit from over 250 full-time equivalent TopGolf employees, increased hotel occupancy and TOT revenues, and increased restaurant and retail sales tax revenues. To continue, the project must create an improved golf course that meets established standards, honor discounted range pricing for city residents, and maintain the integrity of our golf instruction programs. I have visited a TopGolf facility and observed a positive environment for all participants, from families to golf pros.

Marie Fellhauer: The city's golf course (originally set up as an enterprise fund, which should pay for itself) has cost the general fund over \$5 million to keep it open. Only about 10% of its users are El Segundo residents so in essence, your tax dollars have subsidized out of town people to play golf over the years, which is unacceptable. Top Golf will bring guaranteed streams of revenue to the City while creating 300 jobs and provide a first class amenity our residents and businesses will love. I support Top Golf because it's right for El Segundo.

Dave Atkinson: Presently, El Segundo loses money at the Lakes facility. Top Golf will invest over \$25 million in land we own plus \$2.5 million in the golf course, including lighting for night golf, resulting in additional revenue. They will hire approximately 300 full-time and 100 part-time employees, becoming one of our larger employers. El Segundo is guaranteed a \$525,000 yearly lease payment with escalations, plus 3% of beverage sales. El Segundo goes from losing revenue to making enough to begin paying back the \$6 million loan from Emergency Equipment Fund. The business community and I fully support Top Golf.

trash collection fees, because taxes already pay for that, and against Measure A, eleven tax hikes in one ballot measure, on residents and businesses.

City Council candidates Marie Fellhauer, Dave Atkinson, and Drew Boyles all publicly endorsed Measure A and were featured in campaign mailers supporting it. Candidates Don Brann and Carol Pirsztuk are fiscal conservatives who did not endorse or support Measure A.

I support Don Bran for City Council because he is intelligent and fiscally conservative, has no hidden agenda, he listens, and if he makes a mistake, he learns and corrects it. Likewise, I support Carol Pirsztuk.

Brann voted, together with Fellhauer's allies and supporters Eric Busch and Bill Fisher, to hire the disastrous City Manager Doug Willmore. Willmore cost our city millions of dollars. He wanted to effectively mortgage City Hall for 10.3 million dollars to pay for the 11.25% to 32.3% in raises Busch and Fisher gave to the already overpaid firefighters and police during the Great Recession. Brann realized his mistake and corrected it before leaving City Council, by voting with Carl Jacobson and Suzanne Fuentes to fire Willmore.

- Mike Robbins

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We have three equally important opportunities to exercise our right to vote in the near future: Municipal Elections in April; CA Primaries in June; and National General Elections in November.

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Vote for the ideals that are your guiding principles. We have the right – and indeed – an obligation to be heard. Look at your values as a person and examine how they play out in the choices we face on the ballot. Which politicians and ballot measures should we reward with our votes?

It is critical that we not get caught up in what is important to the candidates but which of them share our belief system. If they've not spoken to your concerns in public, ask them about it before heading for the voting booth. Imagine the impact if just the 3,000 local citizens involved on some level with Tree Musketeers voted with their personal missions!

May the forest be with you, - Gail Church •

Police Reports

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on 03/10/16 and 0530 hours on 03/11/16 in the 1400 block of East Oak Avenue. Lawn chairs were stolen.

Petty theft occurred between 03/04/16 and 03/11/16 in the 400 block of Loma Vista Avenue. Miscellaneous tools were taken.

One male adult was arrested at 1427 hours from the 300 block of Kansas Street for felony DUI, driving without a required interlock ignition device, driving with a suspended license and driving while on DUI probation.

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 1344 hours in the 300 block of Kansas Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

Identity theft report was taken at 1418

hours from the 400 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) opened a credit account using the victim's personal information.

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Grand theft (auto) report was taken at 1746 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Taken was a 2016 Nissan Sentra.

Sunday, March 13, 2016

An online grand theft report was taken at 0824 hours on 03/12/16 from the 700 block of South Allied Way. Taken was a bag containing a laptop computer and jewelry.

An online petty theft report was taken at 1658 hours from the 600 block of Main Street. Taken was miscellaneous sporting equipment.



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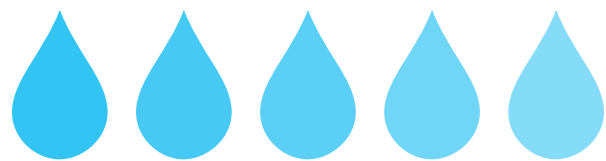
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HIGH-QUALITY WATER
has invested over
\$600 MILLION
in local, drought-proof
and diverse water supplies



Drying Climate



Reoccurring Droughts



Limited Supply of
Imported Water



Loss of Snowpack



IMPORTED WATER
Provides 2/3 of the region's
water supply.



RECYCLED WATER
Produced over 165 billion
gallons, and will continue to
expand its water recycling
program.



CONSERVATION
Distributed over 300,000
water-saving devices including
rain barrels, irrigation controllers,
showerheads and more.



EXPLORING
Ocean water desalination as a
new, drought-proof drinking
water supply.

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