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El Segundo High School Drama Department Spring Musical



The El Segundo High School Drama Department will present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" on April 20, 21, 22 at 7 p.m., and April 22 at 2 p.m. in the ESHS Performing Arts Center, located at 640 Main Street. Photo credit by: Alex Turner, ESHS. ♦

City Council Looks to Change Name of Sepulveda to PCH

By Brian Simon

During its Tuesday night meeting, the El Segundo City Council directed staff to take the next steps to change Sepulveda Boulevard's name to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) within El Segundo limits. Councilmember Don Brann asked for his colleagues' support on the item and to move forward with the process now, although the City continues to wait for some concrete answers from Caltrans (which maintains the State-owned roadway) on the matter.

When the topic came before the Council in early February, direction was for staff to update an original 2014 survey of area businesses and contact the El Segundo Chamber's Government Affairs committee for input. That committee indicated it would not commit to a position on the name change until seeing the survey results (which in 2014 were about an even split in favor and against the PCH action).

Interim Public Works Director Ken Berkman reported that he reached out to Caltrans to learn if requirements to get the agency's go-ahead are the same as before, or if the City must conduct a new business survey. With the Council's decision Tuesday, staff will come back with a resolution of support for the name change and hope to have more clarity from Caltrans by then. Berkman indicated that it would take 12 to 18 months to complete necessary street signage and postal service changes.

Councilmember Mike Dugan was the lone dissenting vote. While "not opposed" to the idea of changing to PCH, he wanted to ensure

that Sepulveda businesses support the move. Additionally, he argued that it doesn't make sense to proceed if the City of Manhattan Beach doesn't follow suit to keep PCH contiguous—or else it will result in "having a street name change every couple of miles." Mayor Suzanne Fuentes thought the actions could be done "concurrently" and added, "I don't make decisions for El Segundo based on what Manhattan Beach likes."

Two speakers addressed the topic during public communications, with Alex Rose

from Continental Development Corporation (CDC) reiterating that company's "enthusiastic support" for the name change as a way to reinforce El Segundo's marketing efforts. He indicated that CDC continues to press Manhattan Beach on PCH. Local resident and business owner Ron Swanson said it would be "a waste if Manhattan Beach doesn't do it," but otherwise thought the PCH concept would be "an excellent move" that "goes with the flow of Silicon Beach" and identi-

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Planning Commission Greenlights Beer/Wine License, Condo Project

By Liz Spear

Potential changes to the Downtown Specific Plan to pave the way for more residential use, an application for approval to sell beer and wine at a pizza joint, and a four-unit condominium development were the main topics at the April 13 El Segundo Planning Commission meeting. And in an unusual wrinkle, though all five commissioners were present, they only got to vote as a five-member panel on one agenda item—an application to build four residential condo units with a semi-subterranean parking level. The other two items, which involved a downtown business and the entire downtown and nearby areas, meant either one or two

commissioners stepped down momentarily and took a seat in the audience due to living and owning a business nearby and/or owning property or living near the area covered by the Downtown Specific Plan.

The evening's most-discussed agenda item was a proposal to remove the requirement that upper-floor residential units in downtown El Segundo be occupied by the first-floor business tenant/owner. This matter was also the one that eliminated the most commissioners from the discussion since three of them (Brenda Newman, Carol Wingate and John Nisley) live or own property in the downtown area. Because three commissioners

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Sunny
76°/59°



Saturday

Mostly
Sunny
75°/59°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/57°



Obituaries

Jemima “Mima” Mc Manus - Carter

Jemima “Mima” McManus-Carter, recently passed away peacefully at her home in El Segundo, CA surrounded by her loving friends on April 10, 2017 at the age of 91.

Mima was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the beloved daughter of James and Mabel (McPhee) McManus on June 9, 1925 and the oldest of 9 children. Predeceased family include her parents, brothers Charles, James, Alexander and Robert McManus as well as sister Mabel McManus. She leaves her siblings Iza (McManus) Taylor, Francis (McManus) Simpkins, and Margaret (McManus) Watson, ex-husband William Carter, many other in-law siblings, nieces, nephews, great nieces/nephews and close friends in her community.

In her early years, Jemima helped her father in his fire merchant business as well as helped



raise her brothers and sisters. Her early career in Scotland included being a top specialty shoes salesperson. Mima moved to the US in 1963 where she met and married William Carter a fellow Glasgow immigrant in El Segundo, CA. She worked many years at the local El Segundo bakery. Her ex-husband William Carter remained by her side, as well as her close friends in the community.

Jemima loved life, her family, her friends, and especially enjoyed tending her garden, “dog sitting” her many furry friends, being a member of the Britannia club, and a being a devout Catholic. A memorial mass will be held at Saint Anthony’s Catholic Church in El Segundo at 10:30 am on April 20, 2017. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to www.bestfriends.org, an animal rescue/rehabilitation organization.

★ Centennial Salute ★

Deal Restaurant and Shoe Repair Store



Deal Restaurant with adjacent shoe repair store, c. 1914. The 100 block of Richmond Street continued to expand with the Deal Restaurant and shoe repair establishment. The sign outside the shoe store reads “Repairing Neatly Done.” Printed by Permission from Page 19 of *Images of America: El Segundo* by Debra Brighton. •

In Memory Of Margaret “Marge” Bahny

Marge passed peacefully on April 9, 2017. She was 86 and filled her long life with faith, friendship, and love for family. Marge and her late husband Steve moved to El Segundo in 1956. Our Mom blessed the lives of everyone who knew her and she will always be in our hearts.

She is survived by her three children Bonnie, Mary, and Eddie, 5 grandchildren, and a sister. According to her wishes, there will not be a funeral or memorial service. Condolences will be shared with the entire family and may be sent to: Bonnie Sadrpour, 7100 W. 91st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90045.



Warren Lee Worthington, Jr AKA: Wiggles, Wiggy, Wig, Wig Meister 1963 – 2017

Warren was born in Inglewood CA at Centinela Hospital. He entered into his Father’s Kingdom on March 26, 2017. Warren moved to El Segundo in 1975, and attended ES Middle and ES High School.

Warren is proceeded in death by mother Ruth Glover Worthington, father Warren Lee Worthington, Sr, mother in law Alice McEvoy-Blackstock, father in law Michael Blackstock, brother in law Bill Blackstock. He leaves behind his wife of 23 years Mary McEvoy-Worthington, daughter Emma McEvoy-Worthington, eldest son Evan Worthington, and youngest son Ezra Worthington, older brother Will Worthington of ES, younger brother Christopher Worthington of IN, stepmother Leora Worthington of Salinas. He also leaves behind over 39 brother and sister in laws, and well over 75 nieces and nephews



who loved and adored their Uncle Wiggy, he was their own personal jungle gym.

Also, lots of friends through out life and work who will miss The Wig Meister and remember him as BIG, FULL OF LIFE, LOVE AND LAUGHTER.

Warren worked very hard everyday, enjoying owning his own business of pumping concrete, enabling his wife to stay at home raising their beautiful family. His motto being, “work hard now play harder later!” Although his play time here was cut short, he will always be loved and missed by all that knew him.

Memorial services for Warren will be held at: The Bridge Church
429 Richmond Street
El Segundo, CA 90250
Time: 11:00 am •

Lucy Rose Piccirilli



Katie Hendrix Piccirilli and Adam Piccirilli proudly announce the birth of their first child, Lucy Rose Piccirilli.

Lucy was born (two weeks early) on March 25, 2017 in Ventura, CA. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Lucy’s mom is a 2006 graduate of El Segundo High School.

Her overjoyed grandparents are David Hendrix & Dahne Underhill-Hendrix of El Segundo, and Vince & Cheryl Piccirilli of Seattle, WA.

Her great-grandmother is Maryjane Clutter of El Segundo.

We all welcome to our family this beautiful little angel! •



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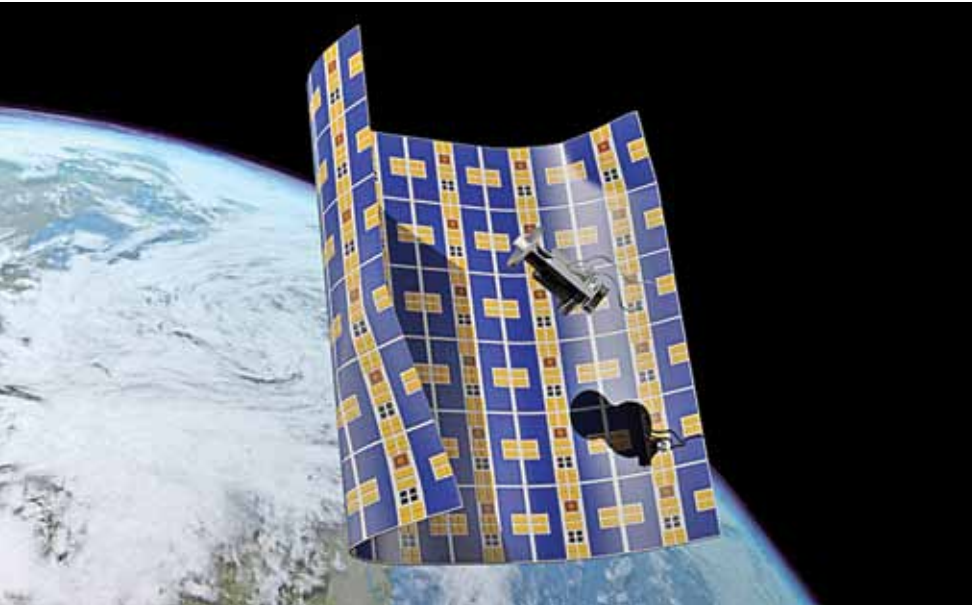
Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to marketing@heraldpublications.com. We take Visa and MasterCard.

- THURSDAY, APR. 20
- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
 - Drop-In Lobby Events: Collaged Washer Necklaces, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., Call: 310-524-2728.
 - ESHS Drama Dept. Spring Musical: "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$8.00 with ASB, \$10.00 without ASB, ESHS PAC, 640 Main Street.
- FRIDAY, APR. 21
- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
 - ESHS Drama Dept. Spring Musical: "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$8.00 with ASB, \$10.00 without ASB, ESHS PAC, 640 Main Street.
 - Free Computer Class: Internet Basics, 8:30 AM. – 10:00 AM., free, Seating limited, registration required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- SATURDAY, APR. 22
- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
 - ESHS Drama Dept. Spring Musical: "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$8.00 with ASB, \$10.00 without ASB, ESHS PAC, 640 Main Street.
 - El Segundo PTA Council – Run for Education, 8:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., ESHS, 640 Main Street, Info at: www.esrun4education.com.
- SUNDAY, APR. 23
- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
 - LA Bronze, a Professional Handbell Choir, 4:00 PM., free, United Methodist Church, 540 Main Street.
- MONDAY, APR. 24
- Canasta Group, 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- TUESDAY, APR. 25
- Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM., District Administrative Offices – Board Room, 641 Sheldon Street.
- WEDNESDAY, APR. 26
- Care for Community Trees, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM., Tree Musketeers, call: 310-322-0263/ volunteers@treemusketeers.org.
 - Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus,

- Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
- Evening Book Discussion Featuring A Girl in Traffick, 6:30 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- THURSDAY, APR. 27
- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- FRIDAY, APR. 28
- Bingo, 1:00 PM. - 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, \$3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Helen at: 310-416-9181.
- SATURDAY, APR. 29
- Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM., Cost: \$3.00 Per Person, Adults of all Ages Welcome, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-524-2705.
 - Free Computer Class: Social Media Basics, 3:00 PM. – 4:30 PM., free, Seating limited, registration required, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- SUNDAY, APR. 30
- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senor Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- MONDAY, MAY 1
- Canasta Group, 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- TUESDAY, MAY 2
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 10:00 PM., City Hall Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, Call: 310-524-2306.
 - El Segundo Kiwanis Club Meeting, 12:10 PM., The Lakes at El Segundo, 400 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Contact: elsegundokiwanis.org.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
- Bowling, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, Senior Club of El Segundo, Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, Call Joyce at: 310-322-7621.
 - ESHS PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM., ESHS Library, 640 Main Street, Call: 310-615-2662.
 - Drop In Lobby Events: Adult Coloring Books, Tea & Chat, 12:00 PM. – 1:00 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.
- THURSDAY, MAY 4
- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
 - Spring Concerts – Middle School Band, 6:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., Bulldog Hall, 332 Center Street, Call: 310-615-2690.
 - El Segundo Historical Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-640-8923. •

Community Briefs

The Aerospace Corporation's Brane Craft Proposal Awarded Phase II by NASA



NASA has awarded Dr. Siegfried Janson of The Aerospace Corporation (Aerospace), a leader in space technology and game-changing innovation, with the 2017 NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Phase II grant award, worth approximately \$500,000, for further development of his Brane Craft flat spacecraft proposal. This award is one of 22 early-stage technical proposals that will transform the future of human and robotic exploration missions, introduce new exploration missions, and significantly improve current approaches to building and operating aerospace systems.

"It's great news that Dr. Janson's Brane Craft proposal has been selected to receive NASA's Phase II award," said Steve Isakowitz, Aerospace president and CEO. "Innovation is embedded in the DNA of our employees. I'm thrilled that our company will play a major role in revolutionizing and shaping the future of small satellites and addressing the

challenges of Space Situational Awareness."

The Brane Craft concept is a flat three-foot by three-foot spacecraft that is less than half the thickness of human hair. Exceptionally light, maneuverable, and fuel-efficient, the funding for this concept will support the next steps to develop an extremely thin spacecraft that would serve as a large piece of high-tech plastic that would wrap around debris and remove it from the Earth's orbit. The concept can best be compared to an automated spot cleaner in space, whose mission is limited only by its fuel payload.

Last year, the Brane Craft proposal was among 13 concepts that were awarded with the NIAC portfolio of Phase I awards with an overall value of \$100,000 for nine months of initial definition and analysis of all proposals. The NIAC brings in researchers and innovators in the scientific and engineering communities, including civil servants.

El Segundo PTA Run for Education Street Closures

The El Segundo PTA Run For Education is set for April 22, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Streets along the racecourse will be closed on that Saturday. The street starts and finishes in front of El Segundo High School on Main Street, goes east on Pine Avenue, south on Center Street, east on Grand Avenue, north on Kansas Street, west on Mariposa Street, north on Center Street, west on Walnut

Avenue, south on Maryland Street, west on Maple Street, and south on Main Street to the finish line in front of the high school. There will be four police-monitored control points to cross the race course during the event at the following intersections: Maple Ave and Sheldon Street; Maple Avenue and Center Street; Holly Avenue and Kansas Street; and Pine Avenue and Eucalyptus Drive.

ESHS Drama Department's How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

The El Segundo High School (ESHS) Drama Department will present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying on April 20, 21, 22 at 7 p.m., as well as a 2 p.m. matinee on April 22 in the ESHS Performing Arts Center, located at 640 Main Street.

The cast features more than 30 ESHS students participating in this product as cast and crew. The El Segundo Education Foundation supports the ESHS Drama Department and funds its productions, as well as the Visual and Performing Arts Pathway at ESHS.

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EL SEGUNDO PTA RUN FOR EDUCATION STREET CLOSURE

Saturday, April 22 from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Streets along the racecourse will be closed on Saturday, April 22nd, from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. The street starts and finishes in front of El Segundo High School on Main Street, goes east on Pine Avenue, south on Center Street, east on Grand Avenue, north on Kansas Street, west on Mariposa Street, north on Center Street, west on Walnut Avenue, south on Maryland Street, west on Maple Street, and South on Main Street to the finish line in front of the high school. There will be four Police-monitored control points to cross the race course during the event at the following intersections: Maple Ave and Sheldon St; Maple Ave and Center St; Holly Ave and Kansas St; and Pine Ave and Eucalyptus Dr.

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ESHS English and Drama Teacher Glenn Sidwell will direct the high school production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, and Chemistry Teacher Tiffany Maisonet will serve as assistant director and costumer. Robin Twitty, who has choreographed shows for the El Segundo Recreation and Parks' Youth Drama Program, is the choreographer. Allisa Klein, a former Young American, will serve as vocal director. This production is an "open" school musical, which means that band, drama and choir students are encouraged to audition and participate, as well as athletes and other students whose schedules might not accommodate performing arts classes on a regular basis.

Based on Shepherd Mead's 1952 satirical book of the same name, Frank Loesser adapted

his book into an even more satirical musical. The story is about J. Pierrepont Finch, an ambitious young man who, with the help of the book *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, rises from window washer to chairman of the board of the World Wide Wicket Company. The musical has been revived several times since was first staged in 1961 and has starred A-list celebrities such as Matthew Broderick, Megan Mullally, and Daniel Radcliffe.

Students may purchase presale tickets for \$8 during snack and lunch in Room A104 at ESHS. Tickets will also be sold at the door prior to each performance for \$10 general admission and \$8 for students with ASB sticker.

El Camino College Welcomes Prospective Students to Spring College Night

El Camino College will open its doors for prospective students and community members April 26 for a Spring College Night event showcasing the school's many academic and student support resources. All prospective students, parents, adult learners, educators, and community members are invited to attend between 5:30 and 8 p.m. The event will feature a variety of workshops, a resource fair, campus tours and staff to help attendees complete the steps to enrollment, including filing an application. Information will also be available in Spanish.

Participants will be able to learn about financial aid, career and technical education programs, the START program, transferring to four-year universities, and taking college classes while still in high school. Attendees may also enter an opportunity drawing to win a Fitbit Charge 2.

Information for parents and/or adult learners

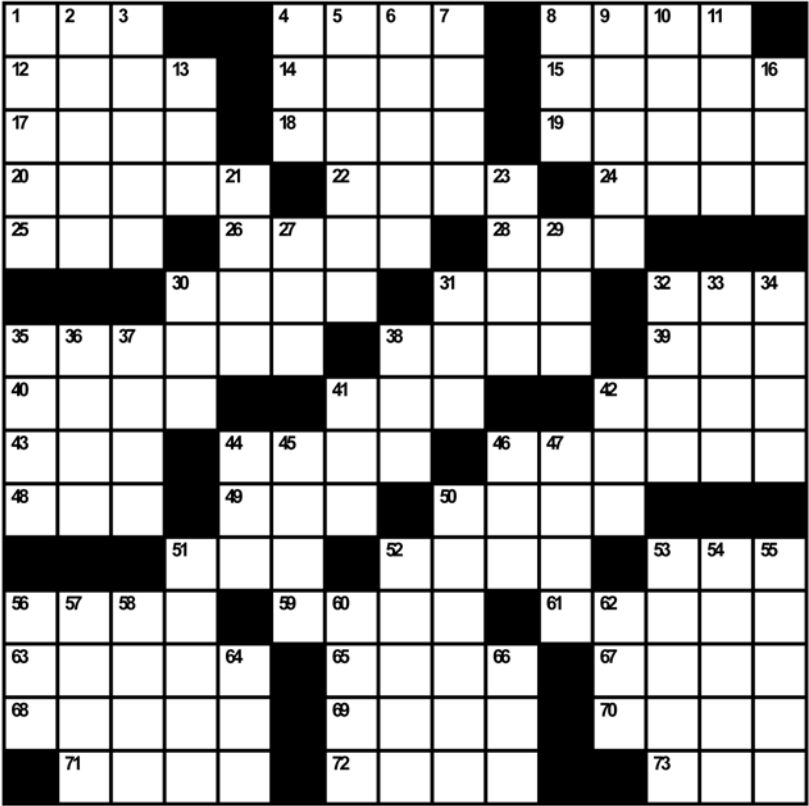
will also be offered at this event. Afternoon and evening classes can fit into the busy schedules of working adults who want to upgrade their skills or change their career path. ECC offers a great college experience for students of all ages and aspirations – it's not too late to earn a college degree or certificate!

El Camino College also offers low enrollment fees and a convenient South Bay location. Students can apply now – the summer 2017 term begins June 19 and the fall 2017 semester begins Aug. 26. Prospective students may apply online, 24 hours per day via the El Camino College website www.elcamino.edu.

El Camino College is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Free parking will be available in Lot H off Redondo Beach Boulevard. Check in on the first floor of the Bookstore building. Information at www.elcamino.edu/collegenight or call 310-660-3487. •

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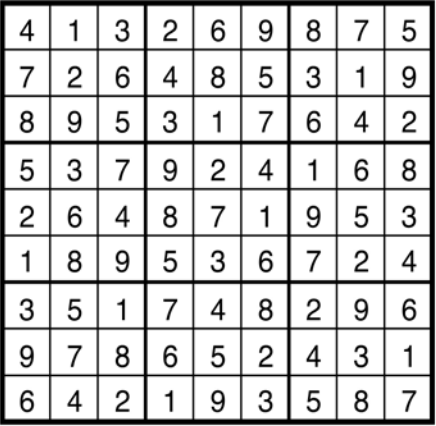
1. Worthless cloth
4. Can-do
8. Captures
12. Mellows
14. Soccer score
15. Collection of magazines
17. Let go
18. Has
19. Spin
20. Touchstones
22. Branchchild
24. ___ pride and joy
25. Meet with
26. Double-digit bills
28. Observed
30. Wedding band
31. Part of O.H.M.S.
32. Have a tab
35. From a lower to a higher position
38. Good, long bath
39. Calendar square
40. 12:00 pm
41. Soda
42. When the apple is over
43. Very
44. Go over
46. Warnings
48. Passé
49. Josh
50. Crustacean
51. Fido command

Down

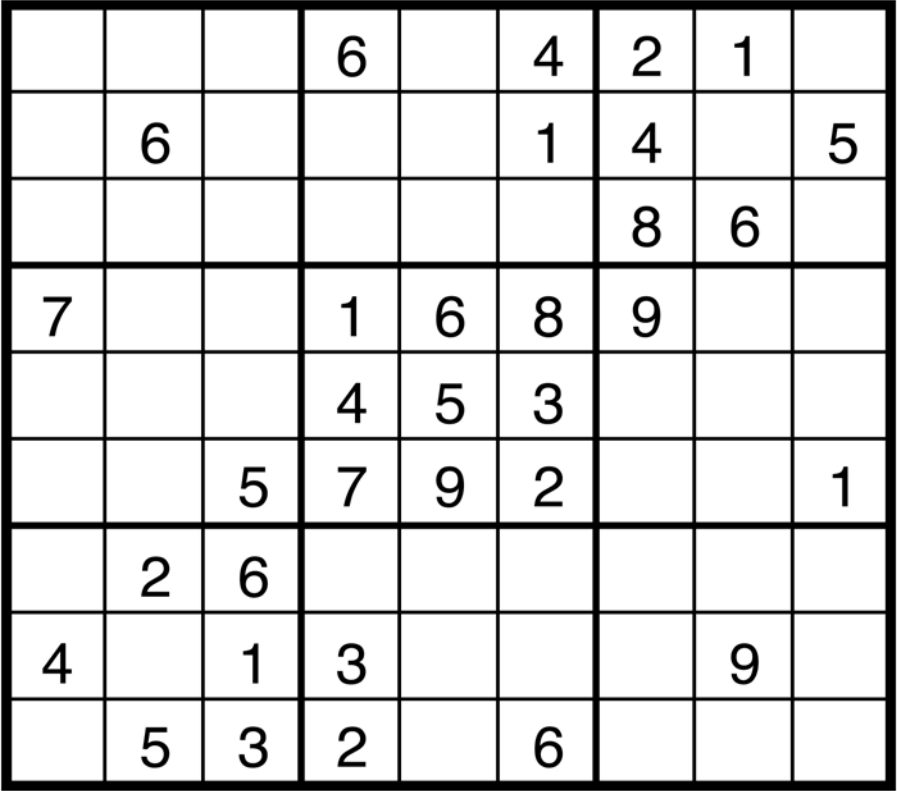
1. Whole bunch
2. Match
3. Fliers in V's
4. Back then
5. Acting deferentially
6. Bad ___
7. Otherwise
8. Disobedient
9. Robin Hood weapon
10. ___ and bear it
11. Word processor command
13. Harden in place, as of a bone
16. "Absolutely!"
21. Create excitement
23. Geisha girl's continent
27. Upshot
29. "Shoot"

30. Fled
31. Hip-___?
32. Skunk's defense
33. Cordial
34. Views
35. Said ___ me...
36. Betting group
37. Golf club
38. Ham, to Noah
41. Protective covering
42. Jamie Foxx's vehicle in "Collateral"
44. Go on a run?
45. Have empathy for
46. Curve type
47. Water-skiing locale
50. Life's work
51. Jumps
52. Shindig
53. Having self-esteem
54. Sofia Loren's native land
55. Degrees or wise men?
56. ___ cat!
57. Microwave, e.g.
58. It wasn't built in a day
60. Atlantic Coast states, with "the"
62. Ready for battle
64. Louis Braille mark
66. Wonder

Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU Medium



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Sports

Is the MVP Race Even a Race at All?

By Adam Serrao

Now that the NBA's regular season is officially over, it's time for an entirely new set of storylines to begin. Not only will basketball fans everywhere begin to focus their attentions on the playoff race, but there is another race of particular importance that has been garnering headlines as of late. This season may be one of the most hotly debated in basketball history as it relates to the NBA's Most Valuable Player. Four of the league's superstars are involved in the conversation, but only one can walk home with the hardware. Will it be LeBron James? The Spurs' Kawhi Leonard may be the best two-way player in the league. Then there are James Harden and Russell Westbrook, who are facing off in an epic first-round battle in this year's playoffs that will most likely have just a little bit more riding on the outcome than any usual playoff series. In the end, though, there can only be one winner--but when it comes down to it, this year's race really isn't even a race at all.

There may not be any one player in the league who is better at both ends of the court than Kawhi Leonard. Leonard has led a consistently great Spurs team for years now and has improved his game consistently year after year. In the final five games that Leonard played in the regular season, he averaged 23 points, 6.6 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game, proving just how much of an all-around player that he can be. When it comes to the national conversation of MVP candidates, though, Leonard simply falls short. As quiet and reserved as they come, Leonard and the Spurs are labeled as boring, year after year. Head coach Greg Popovich embraces that label, as he keeps his players out of trouble and on top of the standings as consistently as any other head coach has done in the history of the league. Leonard, despite his talent and ability (particularly on the defensive end) to lead his team to 61 wins this year, doesn't impact the game on a national level enough to gain the votes necessary to win the award.

There is a certain group of fans around the league whose easy (and lazy) choice to win MVP is LeBron James. Sure, James is always a candidate to take home the MVP award because as he proved in the Finals last year, he is, in fact, the best player in the entire NBA. Unfortunately for James and his supporters, the MVP award isn't about who is the best player in the league right now. It's about who is having the best season this year. Westbrook and Harden have both had better seasons than James this year. Even still, that doesn't mean that either Westbrook or Harden will start next year's regular season as the best player in the league. That designation will clearly still go to James. In a season when the Cavaliers have struggled down the stretch in the second half, though, it is almost impossible to give the award to James, despite the fact that he is putting up some of the best all-around personal numbers of his career. The Heat, Nuggets, Bucks and the Thunder, to name

a few, all have better records than LeBron's Cavs in the second half of the season. He may be the best player in the league, and may even take home another title at the end of the postseason, but LeBron is not the MVP of the 2016-'17 NBA season.

There might not be any more efficient player in the NBA than James Harden. After new head coach Mike D'Antoni came in and Harden switched positions to point guard, "The Beard" has simply been able to do it all. Harden scores, gets assists, and his team finished with a better record than Westbrook's Thunder. Houston, however, was built around Harden so that he could accrue the kind of numbers that he has averaged this season. The Rockets were built for Harden to succeed and even still, Westbrook has the better season-long averages in virtually every major category this year except for assists (10.4 for Westbrook, 11.2 for Harden). Harden certainly deserves recognition for his accomplishments and should maybe even be in the running for the NBA's Most Improved Player Award. Unfortunately for Harden, there should only be one winner of the MVP.

There hasn't been a player to average a triple-double in the NBA since Oscar Robertson 55 years ago. If your vote is for any other player to win the NBA MVP, then naturally you'll dispute the triple-double as being a major accomplishment. No matter how you want to twist the numbers, though, there is no disputing the fact that Westbrook has made history in a season in which everyone expected the Thunder to fail with the departure of Kevin Durant. Not only has Westbrook willed his team to victory and back into the playoffs almost single-handedly, but he has made this NBA season one that will be looked back on and remembered as the one in which the Oklahoma City star simply went crazy. One of the main reasons Westbrook doesn't get his due from certain people around the NBA is because he makes it look so easy. The point guard has been so consistent this season that he has made what was once a spectacular feat look commonplace. Everyone who wishes to root against Westbrook is simply wishing to be different and have their own, unique opinion. But ask yourself this: If your favorite player in the NBA had the same exact season as Westbrook has had this year, wouldn't you expect him to win the MVP?

Unfortunately for fans of the game, you'll have to wait over a month to see the results of the season-long MVP race when they will be announced live for the first time ever on an NBA awards show held June 25 in Manhattan, New York. Filling out a ballot will certainly be an unenviable task for members of the media who are entrusted to do so this season. Those ballots should be cast before postseason play begins in what is one of the more thrilling MVP races that the league has ever seen. At the end of the day, voters can't ignore history. That's why Russell Westbrook will be named this year's NBA MVP.

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Eagles Start Ocean League Play

By Gregg McMullin

The Ocean League schedule for the El Segundo Eagles is in full swing. The baseball, softball and volleyball teams have all started their league schedules on a positive note. This is the time of the season that teams focus on today and learn from yesterday so their tomorrows can lead to success. Each team is expected to challenge for a league title and at least a CIF playoff berth.

The baseball team is looking for its first outright league title since 2012. The Eagles were co-champions two seasons ago. Fresh off their Santa Ana Elks Tournament championship El Segundo faced Culver City, the defending Ocean League champions. The Eagles had dismantled five teams in the tournament with their bats and outscored their opponents 50-7. But Culver City was not intimidated, as the Eagles were shut out 3-0 and held to just two hits.

Jimmy Galicia has been outstanding on the mound this season. He has a 1.36 ERA on the year. Against the Centaurs the junior right-hander pitched well enough to win, giving up three earned runs on four hits with just one walk. But the offense was held to just two singles and was shut out for just the second time this season.

The Eagles responded to their first league loss by exacting their revenge with a 19-1 romping over the Centaurs. The loss was a wakeup call for a team loaded with hitters throughout the lineup. The bats awoke and Culver City suffered the nightmare.

The Eagles batted around in three straight innings and took a 16-1 lead after four innings. In the second inning, the Eagles scored six runs on five hits and took advantage of an error. In the third, Jake Palmer highlighted another six-run inning with a two-run home run to give El Segundo a 10-1 lead. The Eagles would score two more runs in the inning for a 12-1 lead.

With El Segundo leading 16-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Sean Emery unloaded on a 390-foot blast to left centerfield for a

three-run home run and a 19-1 lead. It capped a big offensive day for the Eagles, who had 22 hits. CJ Shevlin and Spencer Palmer each had four hits while Jake Palmer had five RBIs to lead the Eagles' bats.

The Eagles, ranked third in the CIF Southern Section Division 3 polls, improved to 16-5 on the year and played host to Beverly Hills on Tuesday. They play the Normans today on the road. Saturday the Eagles face Redondo on the road at 11 a.m. in the Redondo Sea Hawk Tournament. Next Tuesday, the Eagles host Lawndale at 3:15 p.m.

The softball team is 7-9 overall on the season, but 3-1 in Ocean League play. After an inauspicious 0-5-1 start to the season, the Lady Eagles have gone 7-4. They faced Culver City, a team El Segundo had already defeated in the Torrance TNT Tournament 6-5. However, the Centaurs delivered the Lady Eagles a blow by winning 6-2.

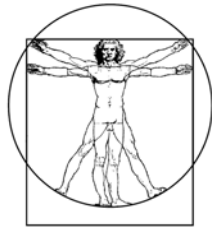
Perhaps it was a week layoff due to the Spring Break, but the Lady Eagles got roughed up in giving up the six runs on nine hits. El Segundo trailed 2-1 in the fourth inning, but tied it up after Bailey Ernest, who had singled earlier in the inning, came home on an RBI single by Kaili Reitano. The Eagles' offense would go silent and went scoreless the rest of the way. Culver City would go on to score twice in its half of the fourth inning and added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the game out of reach.

The Lady Eagles responded to their first league loss by scoring a 16-0 win over Beverly Hills. In the shortened mercy rule game, El Segundo scored five runs in each of the first two innings and three runs in both the third and fourth innings.

Kaili Reitano had a perfect day at the plate going three for three with five RBIs, while Nena Hylander went three for three with four RBIs. Sarah Bergren had a big day with two hits, including a triple and two RBIs. On the day the Eagles pounded out 16 hits, including five doubles and one triple.

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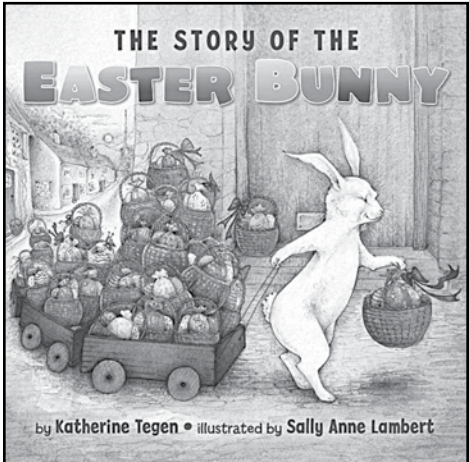
Reviewed by Katrena Woodson, Teen and Young Reader Librarian, El Segundo Public Library

For this week, I will be reviewing a few picture books celebrating springtime. The first book is called *Spring is Here*, written and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. The story focuses on two characters, Bear and Mole.



Spring is Here, written and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand.

Thrilled that spring has arrived, Mole wants to celebrate with Bear. However Bear is still hibernating and no matter what Mole tries to do, Bear remains fast asleep. He tries tapping on the window and knocking on the door, but Bear snores on. Mole decides to head



The Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine Tegen.

outside and work on his chores as well as prepare a feast. Mole is so constant in his excitement and diligent in his desire to share the wonders of spring with his friend that the readers are sure to love him. But it will come as no surprise to readers that all his hard work will result in Bear finally waking up. Bear is thrilled to welcome springtime, but by this time Mole is exhausted and fast

asleep. This picture book is best suited for children between the ages of three and six.

The next book is called *The Story of the Easter Bunny* by Katherine Tegen. Tegen presents a sweet and simple origin tale that is sure to be in high demand with the holiday rapidly approaching. The story is set in an old-fashioned village where an elderly couple work all winter to make baskets filled with eggs and candies for children to enjoy on Easter morning. The couple have a pet rabbit, and over time the rabbit begins helping out with the preparations and then slowly starts taking over for the elderly couple. The sweet tale is paired with beautiful watercolor illustrations that are rich in detail. Young readers will enjoy spotting glimpses of the Easter Bunny delivering baskets to all the eager little boys and girls of the village. This picture book is perfect for children ages three to six.

The El Segundo Public Library offers access to its collection of titles in a variety of formats, including traditional hardback, e-books and books on CD. To check out, *Spring is Here* written and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand and *The Story of the Easter Bunny* by Katherine Tegen or any other title on your to-read list, please visit the library to apply for your library card, or please contact the reference staff for further assistance. •



Katrena Woodson.

Film Review

Review: Lynch Recounts Formative Years in *David Lynch: The Art Life*

By Ryan Rojas for cinemacy.com

David Lynch may be known as a singularly unique type of filmmaker whose movies explore the oddities and anxieties of the modern American tapestry by literally physicalizing the strange and grotesque into form (or, he's known as just a guy who makes inaccessible, incomprehensibly absurd art films). But the elusive yet celebrated film director, known for such feature films as *Blue Velvet* and *Mulholland Drive*, as well as the beloved cult TV series *Twin Peaks* (which is getting rebooted at HBO), is also a dedicated artist in other mediums, which a new documentary, *David Lynch: The Art Life*, sets out to explore.

David Lynch: The Art Life turns the spotlight on the eccentric director and lets Lynch speak candidly and freely about himself and of his younger, more formative years that led him down the artist's path. Unprompted by another body or traditional interviewer in the film, Lynch is still left to guide the narrative and remain slightly mysterious. Photographed entirely in his secluded yet sunny Hollywood Hills home studio, it's a treat as a viewing audience to receive this much access to Lynch in action. While reminiscing about former years, he paints and puffs on his cigarettes (Lynch smokes throughout the entirety of the doc).

Co-directors John Nguyen and Rick Barnes put Lynch in full focus in their tribute documentary (funded by Kickstarter), making him the singular face and voice to recount things like growing up in the Midwest with his loving family in a world "no bigger than a couple blocks," to a young adolescent move to Virginia which, coupled with intestinal problems and a newly formed smoking habit, put the director into a mild depression. Lynch reminisces about the good, the bad, the traumatic, and the haunting incidents that would ultimately shape his off-tilt perspective of a peculiar and dreamlike world--in some scenes remembering in such stunningly vivid detail the traumatizing languish of a father's shaming outburst and the haunting dream of a woman, pale and nude and confronting and confusing. All of these anecdotes and stories are fun for the viewer to try and unpack and derive meaning from, already acutely practiced at attempting to decipher the puzzle that is Lynch's mind through his films. All of these things led Lynch to pursue what he calls "the art life," which, as artist friend Bushnell Keeler explained to him, consists of drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes and painting (perhaps philosophizing as well, but Lynch is seen as

content to leave even *that* out of the mix here).

Now, how seminal is this documentary to further understand Lynch and his expressionist and confounding body of work? Those who might be looking for the director to shed a more revealing insight into his personal creative process or of any inspirations that led him to imagine such wildly evocative art will be left a little hung out to dry, as Lynch's stories are more anecdotal than confessional or more personal than surface-level. However,



David Lynch living the art life in "David Lynch: The Art Life." Image courtesy of Janus Films.

for those who are fans of this mysterious figure, this documentary provides even further context in which to view and learn about this eccentric's accomplished career.

The best part about *David Lynch: The Art Life*, aside from the access to see Lynch working away in his studio, is his original works of art that are featured throughout the film. We see his paintings and other original mixed media projects flurry on the screen throughout his voiceover and dialogue, which provide further intrigue to the viewing experience. The documentary ends around the time when he got his grant from the American Film Institute to create his career-making feature film *Eraserhead*, which would lead him down a path of even further artistic and critical achievement. Though there could have been even more gained in drawing this artist out of his own little world a bit more, *David Lynch: The Art Life* is a perfect model of the man's artful manner and of his not-so-traditional biography. "*David Lynch: The Art Life*" is not rated. 90 minutes. Now playing through the end of April at the Cinefamily •



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According to data collected by CGA in a phone survey in March, millions of American homeowners will likely do DIY projects involving digging this year, but 44 percent of them do not plan to make a free call to 811 before digging. Extrapolated to the full population of U.S. homeowners, approximately 58.5 million people will dig this year without first calling 811.

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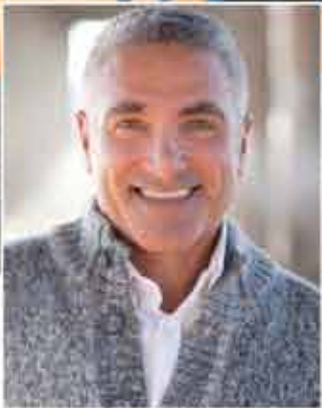
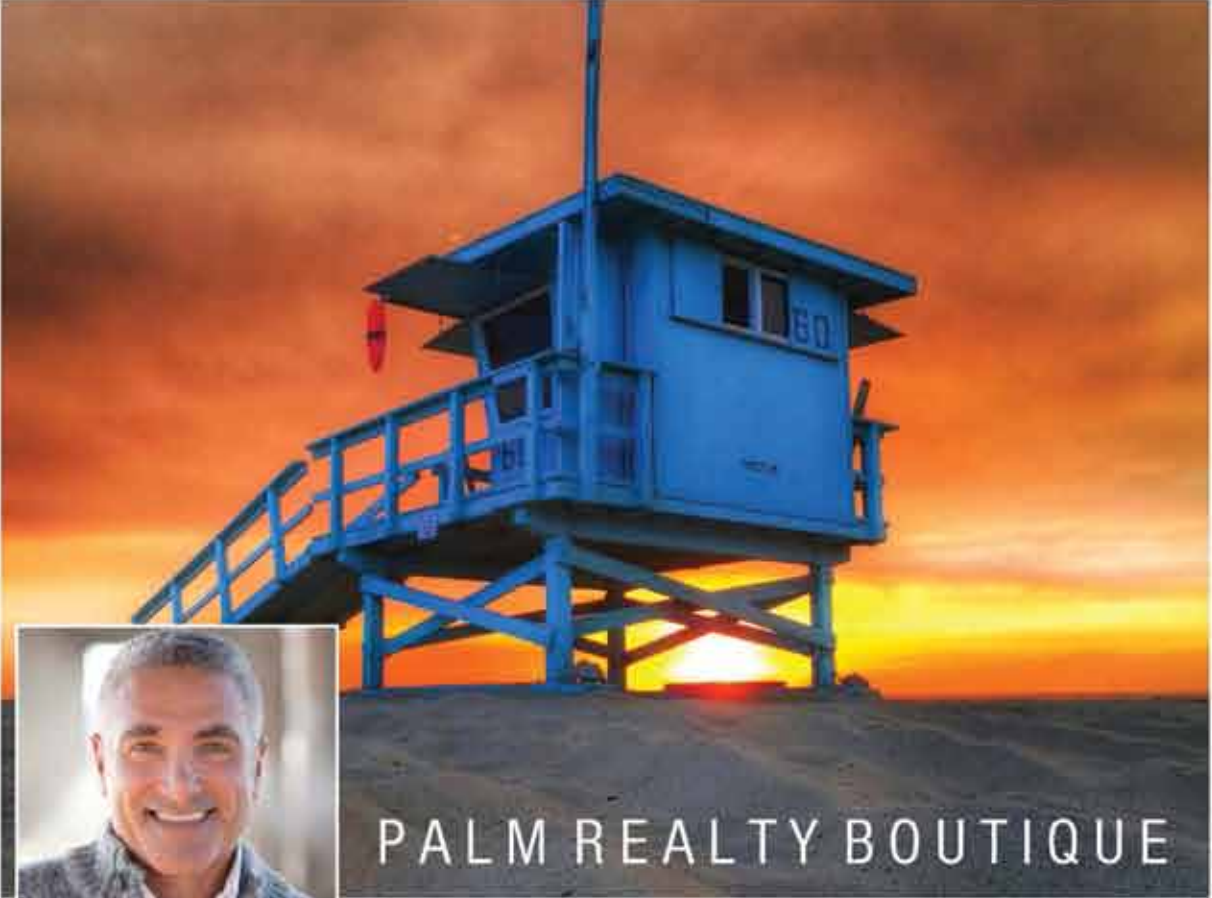


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Eagles

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Reitano started for El Segundo and was nearly flawless in striking out six and allowing no baserunner to reach second base. In four innings, she threw just 40 pitches to pick up her second win of the season.

The Lady Eagles host the El Segundo Tournament starting Saturday. Next week they have two big Ocean League games—at Santa Monica on Tuesday and at home next Thursday to face Culver City at 3:15 p.m.

The boys' volleyball team is on a winning streak of five consecutive matches since taking its only Ocean League loss to fifth-ranked Santa Monica. With Steve Brandlin, Kieran McCarthy, Joe Kelly, Joe Karrer and Josh Palmer leading the way, the Eagles are 10-4 overall and ranked seventh in the CIF Southern Section Division 2 polls.

The team is rounding into form to make a run at Santa Monica and a share of the league title. The two teams play their league finale at El Segundo on May 2 at 3:15 p.m. Before that epic battle takes place, the Eagles played Culver City on Tuesday and travel to Beverly Hills today. Next week, the Eagles travel to Lawndale on Tuesday and host Hawthorne on next Thursday before hosting Santa Monica for the Ocean League title.

El Segundo Little League Update

This season has been great in the sense that no one team has dominated and all are very competitive. The Giants have a slim game-and-a-half lead over the Orioles. But when the playoffs start in a few weeks, the championship will be up for grabs with the league's parity so close.

Xavier Rice of the Angels leads the league with five home runs, with Cooper Gamble from the Giants close behind with three.

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Froemke reported that the new Director of IT will likely come aboard in late May or

In a presentation at the beginning of the meeting, the Council recognized the 100th anniversary of the El Segundo Fire Department—a celebration that included a ceremony and parade at Fire Station 1 on Tuesday afternoon—along with a badge pinning for personnel who started in the last two years (including Chief Chris Donovan). The Council saw a video created by Engineer Jeff Gurney that featured a montage of images highlighting the department's history in town. •

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Easter Egg Hunt Highlights

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The El Segundo Egg Hunt drew droves of youngsters to Recreation Park on Saturday, April 15. Attendees brought their baskets to collect the goodies and meet the Easter Bunny.



Eden Robinson is not happy with her visit with the Easter Bunny.



Wyatt Krute taking in the sunshine.



Peper Lohmann is up close and personal with the Easter Bunny.



Total chaos!



Crawler Matilda Thielen is excited with her find.



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Ultimately, the City Council will be tasked with making a final decision on the issue, which was brought to attention by applicant and local real estate agent Bill Ruane. Ruane is involved in the sale of a unit on Richmond Street that requires the upstairs tenant to be part of the downstairs business. In its presentation to the Planning Commission, City staff explained that the Downtown Specific Plan was adopted in 2000 and did not allow residential units in the district. In 2001, the City Council took a look at whether to allow live/work units or unrestricted residential units above commercial units downtown, ultimately going with live/work units in which the upstairs residents have to be affiliated with the downstairs business. Unrestricted residential use would mean that the resident above a commercial business did not have to be affiliated with the downstairs business. Since the 2001 implementation of the requirement, six live/work units have been built: one in 2003 on Main Street where Newman lives, four units in 2003 at 121-127 Richmond (the sale of one of these units triggered Ruane's request), and one unit at 426 Main Street in 2004. The Planning Commission's role is to propose the action, if any, the City should take to alter the Downtown Specific Plan. The public hearing on the matter will resume at the next meeting on Thursday, April 27.

In other action, the Commission praised applicant Harry Wu's detailed building plans for four residential condo units at 129 Palm Avenue and voted unanimously to move the project forward. After verifying the project met all codes and requirements, Commissioner Nicol said, "It's been a long time since we've seen a project like this that hasn't come before us and asked for something." Added Wingate, "This will really fit the rest of the block, which is all apartments and condominiums, so it seems like a good use of the land."

And earlier, at the beginning of the meeting, Chair Baldino pulled a consent calendar item for discussion to clarify why Stuft Pizza at 400 Main Street had a previous license to sell beer and wine suspended. Once Vilma Delgado, the applicant for Stuft Pizza's new request to sell beer and wine, explained that the previous alcoholic sales suspension was for nonpayment, Baldino gave his consent since the suspension "wasn't due to any impropriety." He also asked if the restaurant had any plans to spruce up its interior, noting how much his kids frequent the pizza place, which sits on a corner across the street from City Hall. Delgado said no plans were in place. "I gotta say, I think Stuft Pizza's got the best location on Main Street," Baldino said. "You've got that cool sign out there. My kids love going there, so I would like to see it kind of be renovated and brought up to the rest of the caliber of Main Street 'cos it's looking a little tired, to be honest with you. But I can't keep my kids out of that place." After Baldino's comment, Wingate noted, "Well, I think once you get your beer and wine license back, you'll have more income and be able to spruce it up a bit. It usually works that way." The commissioners then voted 4-0 to allow the pizza eatery to sell beer and wine. Commissioner Newman recused herself because she operates a business and lives in downtown. •