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America's 250 Year Anniversary



El Segundo is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The countdown is on for the biggest event of the year. Join us at Recreation Park for the Annual 4th of July event — daytime events are from 10:00am to 3:00pm and evening events are from 5:00pm to 9:00pm with fireworks beginning at 9:00pm. Enjoy the day with your family and friends. Photos courtesy of the City of El Segundo Facebook page.

Charter City Discussion Intensifies as Ballot Measure Decision Looms

By Brian Simon

Should El Segundo become a charter city? The topic has ramped up in recent weeks with several public discussions and different opinions on what course to take. The City Council will again discuss the matter at its July 7 meeting with options that night to place the item on the November ballot for local voters to decide, delay any action to allow additional discourse or possible revisions, or allow it to die on the vine.

During a town hall gathering in the Council chambers on June 24, Mayor Chris Pimentel described the potential move to a charter city as a “low-cost insurance policy” if the State of California someday becomes less proscriptive toward municipalities. “Our intent really isn’t to change much at all,” Pimentel said. “We have a system that works in El Segundo. The logic is that Sacramento passes about 3,000 bills a year right now. In a state of 40 million people, that level of micromanagement and central planning means that almost by default there are things they’re going to pass that might be good ideas for some parts of the state that may not particularly work here.” He added, “In a future year, if one of those laws is repealed and they delegate more power back to cities to do things, charter cities have a little bit more flexibility to stand on, particularly around things like land use.”

Explaining the reasoning for a ballot measure specifically this fall, Pimentel characterized it as a cost-related move. In the past, the City oversaw its own municipal elections, typically held in April, but in recent cycles, it aligned with the County’s timeline to save roughly \$280,000 a year. With the price tag of wrapping the measure into the November election described as “reasonably inexpensive” and “marginally additive,”

Pimentel contended, “If we’re gonna do it, why not take a look at it now?”

El Segundo currently operates as a general law city and must adhere to rules set by the state legislature; as such, it may exercise only powers expressly granted by California authority. A charter city can override the state in various municipal affairs, such as government structure, elections, contract awards, employee wages, and land use. Even so, charter cities still face limitations in implementing certain policies and do not have purview over items of statewide concern, including criminal law, environmental codes, open meeting requirements, traffic/vehicle regulations, eminent domain, and civil rights protections.

Large cities often adopt charters to govern themselves so they can deal with more complex urban needs. Smaller cities usually run under general law to save money and simplify operations.

As initially conceived, El Segundo’s charter looks to make very few changes. “I would call it a ‘charter light,’ City Attorney

Mark Hensley said. “Most areas, it is going to stay with general law.” To prove his point, Hensley noted that the proposed El Segundo charter aims to maintain the existing Council-Manager form of government, preserve current provisions on public works contracts and purchases, and adhere to prevailing wages for skilled laborers. And while other charter cities can be less careful with how they borrow and spend taxpayer monies, El Segundo will continue to outlaw any gifts of public funds. The City also won’t be able to make its own rules regarding elections or allow the Council to raise member salaries or benefits arbitrarily.

However, the charter won’t bind El Segundo to general-law city parameters regarding land use. “This is an area the Council is interested in regaining control over,” Hensley said.

In contrast to Pimentel, Councilmember Michelle Keldorf (present at the town hall with the Mayor) confirmed that she will vote against any motion to place a ballot

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El Segundo Mayor Chris Pimentel and Councilmember Michelle Keldorf lead the discussion at last week’s town hall meeting regarding a potential ballot measure to convert El Segundo to a charter city. Photo Provided by El Segundo Media.

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
62°/72°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
62°/73°



Sunday

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Sunny
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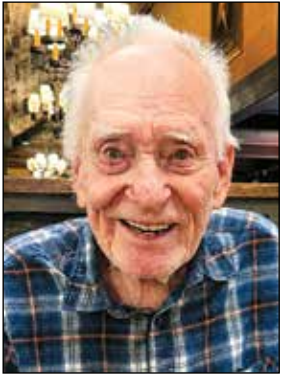
Obituaries

Kenneth Emery Bryant

Ken Bryant, a resident of El Segundo since 1973, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2026, at Caring House in Torrance, CA, after a fall at home and brief illness. He was 98.

Born on April 6, 1928, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as the only child of Orville and Verdell Bryant, “Kenny,” as he was affectionately known to all his close friends, moved to San Diego with his father in 1939 following his parents’ divorce. He graduated from San Diego High School in 1946 and served 3 years in the U.S. Army.

After attending Orange Coast College



and UCLA, Ken had a 29-year career with Northrop and Hughes Aircraft, retiring in 1986.

Never having had a family of his own, Ken especially loved all the friends he made over the years. He also enjoyed old movies, college football, poetry, and eating at Good Stuff, Mandy’s, and Wendy’s in El Segundo. But most of all, he loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ken always had a smile and never met a stranger. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. His body now lies at rest next to his father’s in El Cajon, California. •

Police Reports

Monday, Jun 22

One female adult was arrested at 1400 hours from the 500 block of North Pacific Coast Highway for battery on a peace officer, resisting arrest and trespassing.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 2140 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A 2016 Chevy Corvette was stolen.

Tuesday, Jun 23

One male adult was arrested at 1246 hours from 700 block of South Pacific Coast Highway for petty theft with two or more priors, bringing narcotics into jail and resisting arrest.

An arson report was taken at 1133 hours from the 200 block of North Nash Street. An unknown suspect(s) lit a fence on fire.

A lost/stolen license plate report was taken at 1835 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. Both license plates were stolen.

A felony evading report was taken at 0242 hours from Pacific Coast Highway and Mariposa Avenue.

Wednesday, Jun 24

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was taken at 0907 hours from East Mariposa Avenue and North Nash Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

A traffic accident (with injuries) report was reported at 0925 hours from East El Segundo Boulevard and South Pacific Coast Highway, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was detained at 1156 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard and issued a citation in the field for shoplifting.

A grand theft report was taken at 1225 hours from the 500 block of West Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim’s e-bike.

One male adult was arrested at 0930 hours from South Douglas Street and Utah Avenue for one MBPD misdemeanor warrant.

A grand theft report was taken at 1526 hours from the 600 block of Sierra Street. A catalytic converter was stolen.

A found property report was taken at 1742 hours from Sycamore Avenue and Virginia

Street. A wallet was found.

Thursday, Jun 25

An embezzlement report was taken at 1008 hours from the 300 block of Main Street.

A vandalism report was taken at 1600 hours from East Grand Avenue and North Pacific Coast Highway. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted the wall of a business building.

A grand theft report was taken at 1834 hours from the 300 block of West El Segundo Boulevard. A water pipe was stolen.

A grand theft report was taken at 2103 hours from the 600 block of West Mariposa Avenue. A catalytic converter was stolen.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at 2120 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. An unknown suspect entered the victim’s vehicle and stole property.

Friday, Jun 26

One male adult was arrested at 0914 hours from the 600 block of Vista Del Mar for petty theft.

A petty theft report was taken at 1644 hours from the 100 block of North Continental Boulevard. An unknown male suspect stole snacks from the business.

One male adult was arrested at 2054 hours from the 2100 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for one felony warrant out of ESPD.

A stolen vehicle report was taken at 2327 hours from the 500 block of South Douglas Street. The vehicle was subsequently recovered at the same location.

Saturday, Jun 27

A residential burglary report was taken at 1002 hours from the 100 block of Virginia Street. An unknown suspect entered a garage and stole a utility cart.

A shoplifting report was taken at 1111 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard. An unknown suspect stole merchandise from the business.

One female adult was detained at 1219 hours from the 1300 block of East Grand

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Charter City

from front page

measure on the ballot. “While I love, love the idea of local democracy... I want to be careful about talking about charter cities in the context of local control,” she said. “My personal opinion is that this is a miscommunication. The idea that we can roll things back like housing mandates, it has not been proven out. I think that is a false statement. For me, there is the potential for unintended consequences.”

To bolster her position, Keldorf reported that she recently interviewed a former Huntington Beach council member, a city she described as “the poster child for local control,” and learned that the town went from an \$80 million surplus to \$30 million in the hole, largely due to fighting the state. “I don’t see the positive benefit,” she said of an El Segundo charter.

Keldorf mentioned that one of the stated “pros” of moving forward with the ballot measure is that if a charter city one day wins a lawsuit against the state to gain local control over housing, “El Segundo would want to be in that bucket.” However, she said she is “not optimistic” the state will ever grant such control and wasn’t sure El Segundo ought to have this sort of authority in the first place. “I do think there is some merit in the state encouraging the production of housing that we don’t have,” she said.

Pimentel countered with the example that El Segundo must now allow garages to be converted into accessory dwelling units (ADUs) even if they are within four feet of a roadway. “I have to think that we are one tragedy away from that law changing,” he said. “A legal change, an amendment to that piece of state law, is something that we would in theory want to action immediately.” He also noted that the City traditionally does not allow housing on the 100 blocks of streets east of Richmond due to the proximity to the refinery and the potential for a dangerous event. “I think that’s something we would be interested in controlling and ideally in some future state, we’d be able to maintain that control a little bit more easily with a charter.”

Reiterating his assessment of the proposal as “charter light,” Hensley elaborated that the City would retain some control and “more than Sacramento gives you as a general law city, but not a lot.” He added that the restrictions imposed in the charter are intentional so that people won’t be concerned about project bids going out to friends and family members, or the Council awarding itself large salaries or making changes to election rules.

Responding to various queries at the town hall, the proposed charter contains no provisions to change sales or property taxes, won’t impact relationships with the business community, and will make no alterations to quorum rules. There is also no verbiage making it easier to move police or fire services to the County. While the charter allows the City some additional wiggle room in imposing fees and fines, Hensley confirmed that

El Segundo will remain subject to state fairness provisions and caps on infractions. Pimentel added that the Council “would be voted out” if it authorized dramatic hikes.

Anya Goldstein, a local resident and attorney, criticized the charter as “poorly written,” with the section on elections singled out as “word salad,” though Hensley strongly disagreed. Asked by Sean O’Brien if the Council had completed a comprehensive commissioned cost-benefit analysis on charters, Pimentel said no. The goal was to “spend as little money as possible” and that an expensive fee study would have been “dead in the water.” He emphasized that the City “is not writing a fresh document” and “not penning a new constitution.”

Keldorf agreed that while the objective of the members on the dais today is a “general law city with an asterisk insurance policy,” she worried that future leaders may have other ideas. After the town hall, she remarked, “The second time we heard the item at our regular meeting, two Council members proposed two changes almost immediately. Both got voted down in sticking to the initial business as usual’ approach. However, I think it demonstrates how tempting it may be for future councils to leave their mark. And without a clear benefit of being a charter, the conjecture of what may be proposed in the future is too big a risk. Yes, any changes to the charter would have to go to a public vote, but that feels like a waste of city resources.”

Addressing that topic, Hensley indicated that a future council could make changes, but called the possibility “conjecture” at this point. “It’s hard for me to speculate whether that would happen or not; I don’t know,” he said.

Asked why residents should vote yes if the measure goes on the ballot, Pimentel responded, “I am very dubious of any electioneering, or swaying people’s opinion on one of these pieces. From the jump, we’ve been very clear or tried to be very clear that the intent on this is not to marry any significant changes to the way El Segundo functions.” He reasoned that putting this “on a ballot that we are already having” seemed a “reasonably low-risk proposition” to allow residents to weigh in on the matter. The Mayor was also quick to remind the audience, “These are not personal issues. I don’t have a charter city tattoo.”

Citizens may peruse the documents (available on the City’s website) outlining the proposal’s terms and the differences between general law and charter cities, including the pros and cons. The deadline to place the measure on the November ballot is August 8. Meanwhile, the Council canceled its regularly scheduled sessions for July 21 and August 4. If the group delays action next week, it will need to schedule a special meeting before August 8 so members can vote on the item. •

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Sports

Looking Back at the Eagles Successes

By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo Eagles had another great year in sports. After a fall season of successes, how would the winter and spring sports do? They were competitive, made us proud when they won, and prouder when they lost. The fact that few league titles were won didn't deter these teams from playing hard. The Eagles played in some big games and brought home two CIF titles, and in the process, made our student-athletes stand out.

The basketball teams suffered through a season of close losses. The soccer teams made a run at league titles but came up short, and the girls' water polo team won thirteen games. The softball team kept their consecutive playoff appearance alive. The baseball team had another 19-win season while the golf team played with the elite. The girls' lacrosse team made history with their CIF championship while the swim team brought home a CIF Championship.

Winter Sports: Basketball, Soccer and Girls Water Polo

The girls' basketball team was led by junior guard Ella Sabosky and seniors Kalista McMillon and Bridgett Michel. But it was freshman guard Ella Huang who made the biggest impact, leading the team in scoring and being named to the All-Pioneer League. Stella Pollard, Brooklyn Harper and Julia Kelly have played inspirationally, but with an arduous schedule, the Eagles couldn't overcome some of their opponents' lineups.

The boys' basketball team, which included Cole Shoepe, Tate Pintens and Miles Nguyen from the 2023 team that played for a CIF title, welcomed Mason McLennan. McLennan wound up leading the team in scoring and was named to the All-Pioneer League along with Carson Smith. Even with a talented lineup, the Eagles lost several close games and were left out of the postseason.

The boys's soccer team was led by nine seniors, captains Max Abroms and Brad

Haug alongside goalkeeper Andre Sugden, midfielders Tiki Hummel, Pierce Moore, Kai Fujimoto, Ethan Walker, Taylor McCarthy, and attacker Micah Matthews.

The Eagles finished fourth in the challenging Bay League but still managed to advance to the CIF Southern Section playoffs for the ninth consecutive season. Brad Haug, Bryant Waites, Tiki Hummel, and Max Abroms were selected to the All-Bay League team. El Segundo secured the second seed in Division 1 with their high ranking. They emerged victorious in their first- and second-round CIF Division 1 matches. The Eagles put together scrappy but sure victories over Summit High 1-0 in the first round and Rialto High 3-1 in the second round. The Eagles would fall to Fontana 3-0 in the quarter-finals, ending their season.

The girls' soccer team was guided by its seniors, who included Cara King, Charlee Rosenwald, Madeleine Palka, Kimberly Kehl, Sophia Abrams, Jade Van Kleeck, and Josie Topar. The Eagles ended the regular season on a roll going 3-0-1 and finishing second to South Torrance in the Pioneer League. They were well represented on the All-League team that included Most Outstanding Player: Rosa Luarca, First Team: Emma Rubio, Kailey Keith, Jo Topar and

Second Team: Saya Elliot, Quinn Ramirez and Brooke Immel. They would face the Milikan Rams in the first round of the CIF-SS playoffs and fall 3-0.

The girls' water polo team has been one of the South Bay's top programs for years. For that reason, the Eagles were elevated to the Bay League, the top conference in the South Bay. The Eagles made the jump and competed against some of the best. The Eagles came up short of advancing to the playoffs. They did, however, have three players honored on the All-Bay League team. Brianna Nelson was selected to the first team while Harper Liberty and Camila Martinez

made second team.

Spring Sports Softball, Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse

The softball team played another challenging schedule. But that didn't stop the Eagles from advancing to their twenty-fourth consecutive CIF-SS playoffs. They faced sixteen teams that advanced to the playoffs and were competitive, finishing with a 13-13 record heading into the CIF-SS Division 3 playoffs.

The Eagles were led by seniors Emma Stevens, Ashley Couch, Deklan McCormack, Emma Reyna, Dani Benjamin, Taryn Walker, Ava King, Elissa Campos and Ava Martinez. In addition to the seniors' leadership, juniors like Carter Cswaykus, Sullivan McLaughlin, Marilyn McCaverty, Molly McAndrews and Ella Sabosky helped the Eagles advance to the playoffs.

The Eagles traveled to Huntington Beach to face the Edison Chargers in the first round of the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs but lost 8-5 when their comeback fell short. Cswaykus, McLaughlin and McCaverty were named to the All-Bay League to highlight their season.

The baseball team came up one game short of winning the Pioneer League but were one of the top teams in the South Bay. With a loaded lineup of hitters, the Eagles' team batting average was .365. The thirty-four homeruns was the most by a team in twenty years when the 2006 team clobbered forty during their CIF runners-up season. Logan Brooks and Chase Mattoon each hit eleven home runs this season, the most since Robi Estrada hit twelve in 2006. The Eagles' young pitching staff was guided by freshman Declan McRoberts, who won eight games and had an ERA of 1.90.

The Eagles overwhelmed their opponents with their scoring averaging of eight runs per game; They scored in double digits in half of their games. With a solid defense that included one of the top infields around, it

was a recipe for another successful season. Logan Brooks was named the MVP of the Pioneer League while Chase Mattoon, Jaiden Rico, Austin Hohman, Lincoln Quaintance and Alton DeBlanc were named to the All-Pioneer League team.

The Eagles won their own tournament when they hit four home runs against South Torrance in a 18-5 win in the Fifty-Sixth.

Their second place finish meant a road first round CIF Division 2 playoff game against the Gahr Gladiators. The Eagles managed just four hits and were shutout 3-0 to end their season with a 19-8 record.

The boys' golf team had another spectacular season, winning their third consecutive Ocean League title. El Segundo's greatest strength has been their experience, led by a strong core of seven seniors including Joey Schobel, Ronald Lemus, Remy Romero, Andre Sugden, Matias Arauz, Tate Pintens and Theo Bong.

The Eagle garnered plenty of Ocean League awards, including Player of the Year: Lukas Da Silva and first-team members: Remy Romero, Ronald Lemus and Andre Sugden, and second-team honors for Matias Arauz.

Girls' lacrosse won the school's first CIF Lacrosse championship after their 2025 runner-up appearance. The Eagles cruised to the 2026 championship game by defeating San Marcos, Royal (Simi Valley) and Roosevelt (Norco). The Eagles would face a familiar foe in the finals when they lined up opposite the Huntington Beach Oilers. These two teams met last season in the CIF-SS Division 2 Semi-Finals at Huntington Beach where the Eagles prevailed in a nail biter 13-11. The Eagles would fall in the finals to St. Margaret's (Irvine) 11-8 but in the process learned some valuable lessons.

In this season's CIF final, the Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period. Sophomore midfielder Tessa Tipton scored the

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Ella Sabosky helped lead the Eagles this past season.



The seniors helped lead the team to a twenty-fourth consecutive playoff appearance.



The Eagles finished 19-8 thanks to the team's senior leadership.



Riley Clinton on the attack in the CIF-SS championship game against the Huntington Beach Oilers.

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★ – *GERALD STANLEY LEE* ★

Police Reports

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Avenue and transported to Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

One male adult was arrested at 1310 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway for public intoxication.

A petty theft report was taken at 1326 hours from the 300 block of Main Street. A wallet was stolen.

A lost property report was taken at 1334 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue. Luggage was lost.

One male adult was detained at 1406 hours from the 400 block of Main Street and transported to MLK Exodus for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

A residential burglary report was taken at 1645 hours from the 500 block of West Imperial Avenue. An e-bike was stolen from a locked garage.

A grand theft report was taken at 2015 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. An E-bike was stolen.

A vehicle burglary report was taken at

0234 hours from Imperial Avenue and McCarthy Court.

One male adult was arrested at 0333 hours from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm, resisting/obstructing/delaying a peace officer, felon in possession of a firearm, and carrying a loaded firearm in public.

Sunday, Jun 28

One male adult was cited and released in the field at 1126 hours from the 2500 block of East El Segundo Boulevard for shoplifting.

A located stolen vehicle report was taken at 1900 hours from the 900 block of Loma Vista Street. A 2017 Hyundai Elantra was located.

One male adult was arrested at 2245 hours from Hillcrest Street and West Imperial Avenue for one LASO misdemeanor warrant.

An injury report was taken at 0153 hours from West Grand Avenue and Loma Vista Street. A male adult fell from his skateboard and was transported to the hospital. •

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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Across

1. Take care of a bill
4. Massage
7. Married woman
10. Everything
13. Pile up debt
14. Purpose
15. Absorb, as losses
16. Pizza
17. In demand
19. Confided
21. Bringing up the rear
22. Lease
23. "I ___ return"
26. Dessert
28. Musical pieces
32. Magician's stock item
33. It's said on Sundays
35. Concept
36. Ogle
37. Gait
39. Compensate for
41. Understand
42. Antagonist
43. Attractive quality
46. Leap ___
48. Deuce
51. Palpable
52. Overshadow
54. Musician's gift
55. Check ___
56. Drinks seller

Down

1. Pea's keeper
2. Stupefied state
3. Shout of triumph
4. Country
5. Plays for a sap
6. Occasion for storytelling
7. Distances
8. Like the spotted owl
9. Phaser setting
10. Likely
11. Deception
12. Went before
18. "___ treat!"
20. Turmoil
23. "___ Loves You"
24. Farming product

25. Ingested
27. Headgear
29. Billboard displays
30. Turn to the right
31. Was ensconced
34. Place for a remote
37. Mediterranean or Baltic, e.g.
38. Spill the beans
40. Supporting
41. Pick
43. Boxer's measurement
44. Royal sleep disturbance, in a tale
45. Overly smooth
46. "I kid ___ not"
47. Permanent diplomatic mission
48. Buy it by the bagful
49. Had a position as
50. Refinery material
53. Began
57. Grower in a pot
58. Skirt's edge
60. Table part
61. Advise
63. Distraught
64. Legolas of Middle Earth
65. Travel medium
66. Snoop
68. Chart
69. Geological time span
70. Thieves' hangout

Last Week's Answers

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Entertainment

Film Review

¡Quba! Review: For Cuba’s LGBTQ Community, Love Wins

Reviewed by **Morgan Rojas**
for Cinemacy

As Pride month concludes, I want to talk about a film currently on the film festival circuit that is worth keeping an eye out for: *¡Quba!*. The veil of mystery shields much of the world from daily life in the socialist country of Cuba. Director Kim Anno bravely and successfully lifts the lid on Cuba’s marginalized queer community in the documentary *¡Quba!*. Shining a spotlight on the LGBTQ+ people who have struggled for visibility and safety in their communities, *¡Quba!* offers a beacon of light and the promise of a more inclusive future.

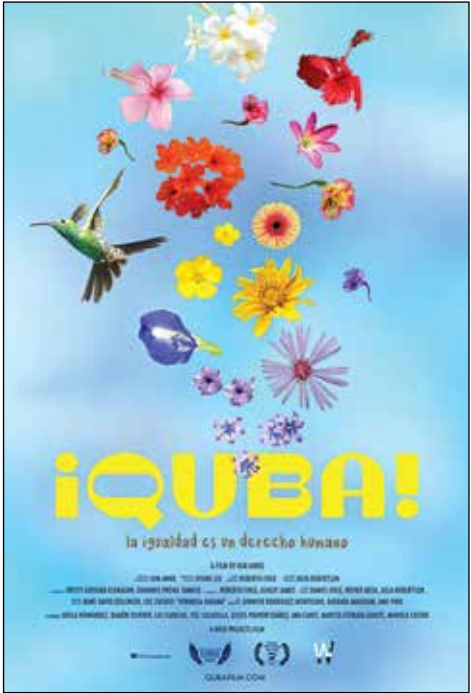
The vibrancy of Cuba’s colorful buildings and vibrant coastline act as a backdrop to this important human rights story. The film takes place around five cities: Havana, Santa Clara, Caibarién, Matanzas, and Santiago de Cuba. They share a similar background where the population’s education is low but activism is high. The protagonist is Adela Hernandez, a trans politician who overcame a four-year stay in prison due to her sexual identity to then become the first transgender official in Cuba’s government.

The documentary also interviews Ramon Silverio, a trailblazer who has dedicated his

life to El Mejunje Center, often regarded as a cultural haven for the queer community. This safe space aims to challenge prejudice through the universal language of art. Fidel Castro’s niece, Mariela Castro, Las Isabellas, and Ulises Suarez further propel the social revolution by leading the charge on the Marriage Equality Act, which resulted in a victory in 2022.

Combining modern interviews with archival footage from Fidel Castro’s reign, *¡Quba!* documents just how far the country has come. Gone are the days of machismo patriarchy and religious bigotry. The Cuba of the past is transforming into a country of acceptance and belonging. Says filmmaker Kim Anno, “The Cuban LGBTQ community opened their minds and hearts to our film and I am the first LGBTQ director to make a feature film about this topic.”

For most Americans, visiting Cuba for tourist purposes is off the table. Due to a trade embargo and travel restrictions implemented in 1961, U.S. citizens may only enter the country for specific reasons, like visiting family, journalism requirements, or humanitarian projects. Until this ban is lifted, if it ever is, Kim Anno’s *¡Quba!* is our only window into the Cuban way of life. Thankfully, we have a front-row seat to their LGBTQ revolution. Remember, homosexuality is not a danger. Homophobia is. For updates on the film, including upcoming screenings, visit www.qubafilm.com. •



¡Quba!, courtesy of Cinemacy



Morgan Rojas

Check It Out

Love & Other Monsters by Emily Franklin

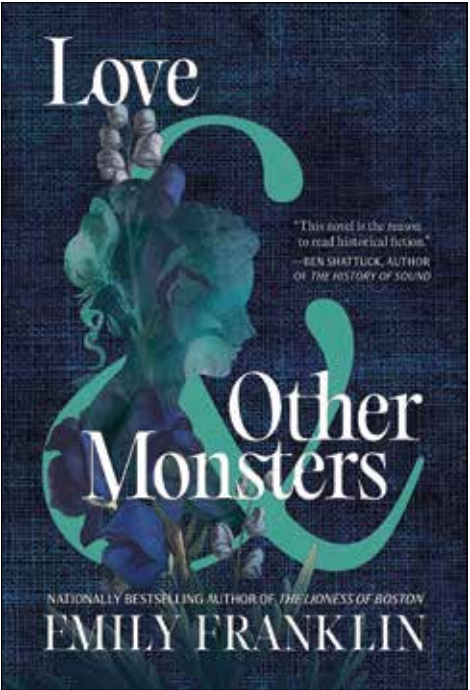
Reviewed by **Mary Martes**, Library Assistant, El Segundo Public Library

An immersive, character-driven novel, *Love & Other Monsters* is a first-person narrative written in the voice of Claire Clairmont, step-sister to Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*; or, the Modern Prometheus. The novel explores the internal life of intelligent, loyal, and unconventional Claire, often overlooked, certainly underestimated, and mostly lost to history.

Claire is seventeen years old and the third wheel in the relationship of Mary and Mary’s fiancé Percy Shelley. They depend on her, use her, belittle her, and love her. She is a pawn shuffled back and forth between the two. Terribly lonely, Claire dares to write to the notorious rake Lord Byron. Surprisingly, he writes back and a passionate affair ensues, but before long, Byron casts Claire off and she is devastated.

Desperate to renew Byron’s interest, she convinces Mary and Percy to vacation near Villa Diodati, there to meet up again with her lover. The book is mainly focused on the infamous summer that Claire and Mary, along with Percy Shelley and Lord Byron with his personal physician John Polidori spent at Lake Geneva, Switzerland in 1816 as they become a celebrity scandal. There, Byron challenges Mary, Shelley, and Polidori to all write a ghost story. This is of course the birth of Mary Shelley’s “creature” *Frankenstein*. While the others focus on their ghost stories, Claire keeps a keen eye on her companions and records her observations in a journal she carries with her at all times, knowing that any one of them will read it at any opportunity.

Claire’s despair in being trapped with no control of her own life is brilliantly written by Franklin, showcasing the lack of agency women had at that time, despite the modernism espoused by their contemporaries. Claire’s self-discovery is a fascinating look into a woman’s attempt at an independent life despite the odds. •



Love & Other Monsters by Emily Franklin



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Sports

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first period hat trick by scoring at the 9:23 mark with a slicing shot inside. After a save by freshman goalkeeper Makena Burton, the Eagles worked their patient offense around Tipton, who scored with 4:38 remaining to make it 2-0. On El Segundo's next possession, as time was running out, Tipton slid the ball into the net with 00:01 showing on the scoreboard for a 3-0 lead. The Oilers would tie the game in the third period at 3-3, but

Tipton scored with 6:30 left in regulation when she pushed the ball past three defenders inside and past Oilers' goaltender Lauren Young for the go-ahead and eventual winning goal for a 4-3 win. Kalista McMillon was named CIF Player of the Year while Tipton was named to the first team.

CIF Scholar Athletes Named
The CIF Southern Section recognizes one boy and one girl who exemplify what student athletics is all about. It is the CIF's operating principle that athletics achieves its highest potential when competition reflects the six pillars of pursuing victory with honor: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. These athletes must maintain a 3.5 GPA on an unweighted scale and be strong contributors to their sport(s).

This year's athletes, Andre Sugden, a standout soccer player, and Brianna Nelson, a standout water polo player and swimmer, have pursued the philosophy of victory with honor and were recognized as the El Segundo CIF Scholar Athletes of the Year. •



Andre Sugden was named El Segundo CIF-SS Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.



The Eagles defeated Huntington Beach 4-3 to win the CIF-SS Division 2 girls lacrosse championship.



Brianna Nelson was named El Segundo CIF-SS Scholar Female Athlete of the Year.



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Prep: 30 mins. | Total Time: 5 hours 10 mins. | Serves: 8

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups Golden Grahams™ cereal
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/3 cup butter, melted
 - 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 - 4 oz (about 1 2/3 cups) Cool Whip frozen whipped topping, thawed

Flag Design

- 25 fresh blueberries (about 1/4 cup)
 - 17 fresh raspberries (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries

Directions

- **Step 1:** Heat oven to 350°F. Using food processor, finely crush cereal.
- **Step 2:** In medium bowl, mix crushed cereal and brown sugar with fork. Stir in melted butter until well mixed. Press in bottom and up side of ungreased 9-inch pie plate.
- **Step 3:** Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
- **Step 4:** Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in granulated sugar. Add sour cream, vanilla, lemon peel and lemon juice; beat until well mixed. Fold in whipped topping. Refrigerate until ready to fill pie.
- **Step 5:** Spread filling evenly into fully cooled crust. Cover and refrigerate 4 hours to set.
- **Step 6:** For flag design, arrange blueberries in upper left area of pie to create stars; alternately arrange raspberries and strawberry slices in rows over pie to create stripes. Serve immediately. Store covered in refrigerator.

Tips

Folding whipped topping into the filling keeps it light and fluffy. A rubber spatula works best for folding. Use an offset spatula to smooth top of cheesecake filling, if desired.

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Rethinking Career Decisions: Why College is No Longer the Unquestioned Path

(Feature Impact) - For generations, students have been told a college degree is key to landing a well-paying job and building a stable future. Long treated as the gold standard for post-secondary education, albeit an expensive one, the four-year degree is no longer the unquestioned path to career success.

New research from the U.S. Career Institute, an online career training provider, suggests many Americans are rethinking what education and long-term job security actually look like. While college remains a popular path, 26% of adults surveyed said certifications or skills-based programs are the safer choice. Just 18% said the same about a four-year degree.

In fact, if given the chance to do it all over again, 27% of respondents said they would choose a different path entirely, and 33% said they would look for something faster or more affordable. Knowing what they know now, just 17% reported they would make the same choice again; meaning more U.S. adults are now willing to ask if college is the right call.

Cost is Getting Harder to Ignore

Long sold as an investment that would pay for itself in time, the price tag that accompanies that college degree is increasingly scrutinized. While 38% of survey respondents said paying for college feels like a necessary investment despite the expense, 29% said they question whether it's a worthwhile expenditure.

What's more, 32% of respondents said they would reconsider investing in a college education if student loan debt exceeded \$10,000, even as the price of obtaining a degree continues to climb.



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AI is Leading to Job Security Concerns

The rapid rise of artificial intelligence is adding another layer of uncertainty. In fact, 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. believe office-based and white-collar workers are the type of employees most likely to be replaced by AI in the next five years. As automation becomes a bigger part of workplace conversations, it's also influencing how people think about their futures, with more than half (54%) of respondents reconsidering their education or career path due to concerns about job security or automation.

For some, that reconsideration is already translating into action. A quarter of respondents (25%) have already completed a certificate or skills-based training program while another 29% said they've seriously considered pursuing one.

Stability is Taking Center Stage

Prestige, job title and earning potential have long influenced post-secondary education choices. However, stability has become the most commonly cited factor influencing career decisions today, named by 53% of respondents, ranking it above prestige and status.

That same mindset is shaping the advice people give younger generations. For those starting their careers now, 30% of survey respondents said they would recommend a certification or skills-based program while 24% said they'd still recommend pursuing a four-year degree.

For many careers, a college degree remains a requirement. However, it may no longer be the only path forward for every student entering the workforce. To explore skills-based training and certification programs as an alternative, visit uscareerinstitute.edu.

— Source Provided by U.S. Career Institute •

Seniors

Ty Pennington Encourages People to Take a Deeper Look at Their Lung Health

(StatePoint) - Some respiratory symptoms are easy to dismiss, especially when they come and go over time. But recurring symptoms can be a sign that it's time to ask more questions and take a deeper look at what's going on beneath the surface.

Bronchiectasis (BE) is a serious and chronic lung disease that can get worse over time, and people living with BE may experience recurring respiratory symptoms such as chronic cough, excess mucus, and repeated lung infections. Because these symptoms can overlap with other respiratory conditions, like COPD or asthma, some people may live with BE for years before receiving a diagnosis.

July 1 marks World Bronchiectasis Day, a global observance dedicated to raising awareness of the disease and supporting people living with bronchiectasis, as well as caregivers, clinicians, researchers and advocates. Helping shine a light on the disease is Emmy Award-winning TV host, designer and carpenter Ty Pennington, whose mother has lived with bronchiectasis for nearly two decades. Her journey living with unresolved respiratory symptoms for more than 40 years, along with the extended time it took to receive a BE diagnosis, inspired Pennington to team up with Insmed on the Suspect Bronchiectasis (Suspect BE) initiative to raise awareness about the disease.

An estimated 500,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with BE, yet

experts believe many more may be living with the condition without knowing it. World Bronchiectasis Day serves as an important reminder that persistent respiratory symptoms deserve attention and may warrant further discussion with a pulmonologist.

As part of the initiative, Pennington draws on his home improvement expertise to highlight an important parallel: whether in a home or the lungs, taking a deeper look means exploring beyond the surface.

"In my world of home renovation, if something isn't working, you don't just paint over the problem — you look deeper to understand what's really going on. Lung health isn't that different," Pennington said. "My mom is one of the most resilient people I know, and her experience taught our family the importance of asking questions and continuing to search for answers. If recurring respiratory symptoms keep coming back or don't seem to improve, it may be worth talking with a pulmonologist and learning whether bronchiectasis could be part of the picture."

To learn more about bronchiectasis and the Suspect BE initiative, visit SuspectBE.com.

If you or someone you love is experiencing recurring respiratory symptoms, it may be worth asking a pulmonologist whether additional testing, like a CT scan, is the right next step to rule out or confirm bronchiectasis.

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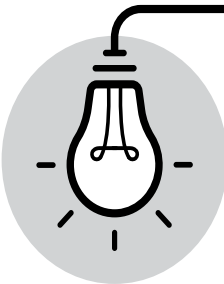
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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026114858

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TSC, 201 CONTINENTAL BLVD. STE 250, EL SEGUNDO, CA, 90245, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): TITAN SECURITY CORPORATION, 1040 CROWN POINTE PKWY STE. 975, ATLANTA, GA 30338. CORP: DE

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2026.

Signed: TITAN SECURITY CORPORATION, CEO, DAVID PACK.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 26, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 26, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 26, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26 **H-4509**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026129948

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DUSTY FINDS, 4332 W. 179TH ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90504, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): ARTHUR HUNG, 4332 W. 179TH ST, TORRANCE, CA, 90504.

This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: ARTHUR HUNG, OWNER.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 15, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 15, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 15, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26 **H-4515**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026133709

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARBY’S RESSTAURANT #329, 913 W. MANCHESTER BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON B20250272275

Registered Owner(s): MAITECO INC, 913 W. MANCHESTER BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA, 90301. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2026.

Signed: MAITECO INC, CFO, MIN JUNG JUNG.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 18, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 18, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 18, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4521**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026130691

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MONTAGE RECOVERY CA, 516 LARCHMONT BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90004, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 202565917054

Registered Owner(s): MONTAGE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS, LLC, 516 LARCHMONT BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA, 90004. CORP: NEVADA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: MONTAGE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS, LLC, CFO, ELLIOTT LIEBHARD.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 15, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 15, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 15, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4527**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026120186

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLACK HOUSE COMBATIVE MMA, 3865 PACIFIC COAST HWY, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): ELITE TRAINING CENTER LLC, 3865 PACIFIC COAST HWY, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: ELITE TRAINING CENTER LLC, MANAGER, KATHARINE TONEY.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 2, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 2, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 2, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26 **H-4510**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026126306

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MQ PRIVATE WEALTH, 3838 CARSON ST SUITE 370, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): MACRO QUANT PRIVATE WEALTH LLC, 3838 CARSON ST SUITE 370, TORRANCE, CA, 90503.

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2026.

Signed: MACRO QUANT PRIVATE WEALTH LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, EDWARD YOON.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 9, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 9, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 9, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26 **H-4516**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026134657

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARESIT GLOBAL ENTERPRISE, 826 FONTHILL AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90503, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): MIGUEL CALZADILLA, 826 FONTHILL AVE, TORRANCE, CA, 90503.

This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: MIGUEL CALZADILLA, OWNER.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 22, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 22, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 22, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4522**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026131417

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as T.J. MAXX, 30805 E THOUSAND OAKS BLVD, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA, 91362, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): T.J. MAXX OF CA, LLC, 770 COCHITUATE ROAD, FRAMINGHAM, MA, 01701. CORP: VA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/2020.

Signed: T.J. MAXX OF CA, LLC, MANAGER, DAVID L. AVERILL.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 16, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 16, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 16, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4528**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026124340

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ASPIREINSPIREORG, 24703 ABITA AVE., LOMITA, CA, 90717, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): SCHEILLA A. PEREZ RAMOS, 24703 ABITA AVE., LOMITA, CA, 90717.

This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: SCHEILLA A. PEREZ RAMOS, OWNER.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 5, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 5, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 5, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26 **H-4511**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026121330

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GETPRO, 3138 NEWTON STREET APT 202F, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): SOCAL PROPERTY SERVICES LLC, 3138 NEWTON STREET APT 202F, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: SOCAL PROPERTY SERVICES LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, ABAI KUSHAIYNOV.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 3, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 3, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 3, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26 **H-4517**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026119780

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STRAND BOARDS, 1601 N SEPULVEDA BLVD 706, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): TRENDING NOW, LLC, 1601 N SEPULVEDA BLVD 706, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: TRENDING NOW, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, HANSNI THADHANI.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 2, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 2, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 2, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4523**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026138622

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEAF OPTOMETRY, 220 N AVIATION BLVD UNIT B, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266, LA COUNTY. AI #ON 4717660

Registered Owner(s): CHAN DIEP, OD, INC., 220 N AVIATION BLVD UNIT B, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, 90266. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/2021.

Signed: CHAN DIEP, OD, INC., PRESIDENT, CHAN DIEP.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 24, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 24, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 24, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/26 **H-4529**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026121999

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PICKLEBALL ESCORT, 23825 ANZA AVE 144, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): SHAWN LOPEZ, P.O. BOX 806, LOMITA, CA, 90717

This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2026.

Signed: SHAWN LOPEZ, OWNER.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 4, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 4, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 4, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26 **H-4512**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026110388

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LIGHTHOUSE, 970 W 190TH ST. #620, TORRANCE, CA, 90502, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 1668352

Registered Owner(s): LEVERAGES LIGHTHOUSE INC., 970 W 190TH ST. #620, TORRANCE, CA, 90502. CORP: CALIFORNIA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/2017.

Signed: LEVERAGES LIGHTHOUSE INC., CEO, HAYATO SASAKI.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on May 19, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on May 19, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to May 19, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26 **H-4518**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026128817

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as UMENOYA, 24222 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): JIKISAI INC, 24222 CRENSHAW BLVD, TORRANCE, CA, 90505. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/2012.

Signed: JIKISAI INC, SECRETARY, TOMOMI OGUSHI.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 11, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 11, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 11, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4524**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026123426

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KYLE B. BOONE P.H.D., 24564 HAWTHORNE BLVD. SUITE 208, TORRANCE, CA, 90505, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): KYLE B BOONE, 24564 HAWTHORNE BLVD. SUITE 208, TORRANCE, CA, 90505.

This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/2026.

Signed: KYLE B BOONE, OWNER.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 5, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 5, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 5, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/26 **H-4530**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026135907

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as METALCENTER, 12034 GREENSTONE AVENUE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA, 90670, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AI #ON 3795238

Registered Owner(s): RELIANCE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, 555 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE SUITE 500, PASADENA, CA, 91101. CORP: DELAWARE

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

Signed: RELIANCE, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, VICE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM A SMITH II.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 5, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 5, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 5, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/26 **H-4513**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026135193

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REGEMIFY, 7 CLIPPER RD D, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA, 90275, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): CITRINE SOUTH BAY 1243 LLC, 7 CLIPPER RD D, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA, 90275. CORP: CA

This business is being conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/2026.

Signed: CITRINE SOUTH BAY 1243 LLC, CEO, ALYSSA CONTRERAS.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 22, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 22, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 22, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4519**

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2026129557

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMTECH ELEVATOR SERVICES, 9808 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA, 90241, LA COUNTY.

Registered Owner(s): PACIFIC COAST ELEVATOR CORPORATION, ONE CARRIER PLACE, FARMINGTON, CT, 06032. CORP: DELAWARE

This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/2015.

Signed: PACIFIC COAST ELEVATOR CORPORATION, SECRETARY, JORGE CASTILLO.

This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on June 12, 2026.

NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on June 12, 2031. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to June 12, 2031. Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code).

El Segundo Herald: Pub. 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/26 **H-4525**

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of El Segundo
Notice of Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of El Segundo on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the following Officers:

For Two (2) members of the City Council Full term of four years

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 13, 2026 and closes on August 7, 2026.

The City Clerk’s Office hours are Monday -Thursday, 7AM – 5PM and Fridays 7AM – 4PM. Please call 310-524-2305 to schedule an appointment with the City Clerk.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by § 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Susan Truax
City Clerk
06/25/2026

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“Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty.” —

Louis D. Brandeist

City of El Segundo
Public Hearing Notice



The PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on:

Site Plan Review and Related Entitlements for the
El Segundo Surf Club Project

Project Address: 100-200 South Nash Street

Project Description: The project includes a Site Plan Review for construction of a commercial recreational facility on a 9.27-acre property in the El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan (ESSCSP). The facility consists of five buildings totaling 50,236 gross square feet, five pools, outdoor seating areas and amenities, landscaped areas, padel courts, and 161 parking spaces. A conditional use permit is required for the proposed outdoor dining areas, and administrative use permits are required for the sale and consumption of alcohol onsite and for locating a parking lot within 100 feet of El Segundo Boulevard. Amendments to Development Agreement No. 4972 (DA 11-02), the ESSCSP Circulation Plan, and the ESSCSP Project and Vesting Map No. 71551 conditions of approval are required to eliminate a required pedestrian easement and walkway through the property. (Environmental Assessment EA 1411, Site Plan Review SPR 25-03, Conditional Use Permit CUP 25-02, Administrative Use Permits AUP 25-07 and AUP 25-08, Development Agreement DA 26-01, and Specific Plan Amendment SPA 26-01).

Applicant: El Segundo Surf Club, LLC c/o Colin O'Byrne
Hearing: Thursday, July 23, 2026, 5:30pm
City Council Chamber
350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Environmental Determination: In 2016, the City certified the ESSC Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2012101081). The EIR analyzed 2,142,457 GSF of new development, including 192,438 GSF on the subject site.

State CEQA Guidelines § 15183 states that projects consistent with the density established by existing zoning and general plan policies for which an EIR was certified do not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project specific significant effects peculiar to the project or its site. Therefore, no additional analysis under CEQA is required.

Further Information: The project file and plans are available for public review, Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the City of El Segundo Community Development Department, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA, 90245.

The public can participate in person at the location above and may provide comments via email to planning@elsegundo.org by no later than noon on Thursday, July 23, 2026. In the subject line please state “Public Hearing for EA-1411.” The emails will be provided to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted by mail to 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (Attn: Paul Samaras). Note that comments are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

The agenda packet for the meeting date is available at least 72 hours before the meeting date. The following is a link to the City’s website and barcode where you can find the Planning Commission agenda packet:
<https://www.elsegundo.org/government/departments/city-clerk/agendas-minutes>



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H-29222

Trustee Sale No. F26-00106
Notice of Trustee's Sale
Loan No. Muller Title Order No. LTTSG2600494 APN: 7515-010-041
You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 07/13/2021 And More Fully Described Below. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashiers check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to Assured Lender Services, Inc.), will be held by a duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, legal fees and costs, charges and expenses of the undersigned trustee ("Trustee") for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): Jason Muller, a married man, as his sole and separate property Recorded: recorded on 08/09/21 as Document No. 20211215583 of Official Records in the

office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California Date of Sale: 07/23/2026 at 11:00AM Place of Sale: In the courtyard of the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,655,452.54 The purported property address is: 22621 Susana Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505-3218 Legal Description Lot 107 Of Tract No. 17920, In The City Of Torrance, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded In Book 434, Page(S) 18 And 19 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Except Therefrom All Oil, Gas, Minerals And Other Hydrocarbon Substances Lying Below The Surface Of Said Land, But With No Right Of Surface Entry Thereto, As Provided In The Deed Recorded June 18, 1957 In Book 54806 Page 217, Of Official Records. Personal Property Description See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof Assessors Parcel No. 7515-010-141 The beneficiary under the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust (the "Notice of Default and Election to Sell"). The undersigned caused the Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee

disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you

should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877)440-4460 or visit this internet web-site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F26-00106. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer" you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and

highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877)440-4460 or visit this internet website site www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case F26-00106 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.* NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: WE REQUIRE CERTIFIED FUNDS AT SALE BY CASHIER'S CHECK(S) PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO "ASSURED LENDER SERVICES, INC." TO AVOID DELAYS IN ISSUING THE FINAL DEED. THE PROPERTY COVERED IN THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL SUCH REAL PROPERTY AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE BENEFICIARY HAS A SECURITY INTEREST DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO,

IT BEING THE ELECTION OF THE CURRENT BENEFICIARY UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST TO CAUSE A UNIFIED SALE TO BE MADE OF SAID REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2924F(b) (2) OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE. Date: 6/15/26 Assured Lender Services, Inc. /s/ Cherie Maples, Vice President of Trustee Operations Assured Lender Services, Inc. 111 Pacifica Suite 140 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (714) 508-7373 Sales Line: (877)440-4460 Sales Website: www.mkconsultantsinc.com Reinstatement Line: (714) 508-7373 To request reinstatement and/or payoff FAX request to: (714) 505-3831 This Office Is Attempting To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. Exhibit "A" (Personal Property) The words "Personal Property" mean all equipment, fixtures, and other articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Trustor, and now or hereafter attached or affixed to the Real Property; together with all accessions, parts, and additions to, all replacements of, and all substitutions for, any of such property; and together with all proceeds (including without limitation all insurance proceeds and refunds of premiums) from any sale or other disposition of the Property. El Segundo Herald Pub 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/26

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