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West Basin's 2017 Water Harvest Festival Reaches New Heights!



This aerial view is of last Saturday's Water Harvest Festival at West Basin Municipal Water District's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo. The fun-filled annual event featured tours, food, games, stage shows, a kids' costume contest, reptile petting zoo, and more. See inside for additional photo highlights. Photo Provided by West Basin. ♦

Council Considers Preemptive Sales Tax Measure for April Ballot

By Brian Simon

Faced with the prospect of increasing budget deficits after next year, the El Segundo City Council on Tuesday night discussed possible tax measures for the April 2018 ballot in order to generate additional revenues. The general consensus was that the members do not want to raise any taxes, as the group did not wish to pursue a utility user tax (UUT) hike or change the rate, structure or sales tax credit connected to the business license tax (BLT).

However, the Council did direct staff to take the next steps in placing a general local sales tax initiative on the ballot—but one that (if passed by a majority of El Segundo voters) would only take effect if Los Angeles County later implements its own sales tax increase. The current sales tax is 9.50 percent. The potential ballot measure is a 0.75 percent increase to go to 10.25 percent (the maximum cap allowed). If the City is first to pass the increase before the County, the extra monies stay local. If the County beats the City to the punch, the lion's share of the funds stay with the County.

Each 0.25 percent (or, one-quarter of a cent) increase would yield the City an additional \$3 million in annual revenue—which grows to \$9 million at 0.75 percent. During his presentation to the Council on Tuesday, Finance Director Joseph Lillio spoke of the County's Measure M half-cent (0.50 percent) sales tax increase that went into effect on July 1 of this year. While all El Segundo residents and businesses pay the extra amount, the City's annual share

of the overall bounty is only \$251,000. But had it implemented its own half-cent tax increase before Measure M happened, El Segundo would have garnered \$6 million a year. With that in mind, the thought was if people may ultimately have to pay an additional tax regardless—and most pundits expect the County to seek another sales tax hike sooner than later—why not have those monies go to the City and help the bottom line here? Hence the concept of a preemptive measure.

Councilmember Don Brann thought staff should move quickly on the matter. "If we wait on this, they're [the County] gonna get the drop on this again," he said. He later emphasized the importance of a support group launching a campaign to educate voters on the item. Mayor Pro Tem Drew Boyles referred to the potential measure as a "reactive tax" that only kicks in if the County passes its own increase.

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Wiseburn School Board Looking to Select a New Superintendent

By Duane Plank

Barely six weeks into the new school year, and with the work on the new edifice on Douglas Street that will house the new high school continuing to move forward, the Wiseburn School Board bumped up its normal Thursday meeting to Tuesday last week so that all the assembled members could hear a presentation led by Leadership Associates. The search firm is tasked with looking for a new superintendent for the Wiseburn Unified School District (WUSD) with Tom Johnstone set to retire at the end of the school year after more than 10 years on the job.

The bulk of the nearly two-hour meeting involved the delineation of the selection

process for the new superintendent as the construction process winds down on Douglas Street. The opening launch celebration for the high school is set for early December.

Said Johnstone, regarding the new school launch: "My goal is to provide the most outstanding education for our kids, and that is happening." He noted he had received a little push-back, but added, "I don't care if it is charter, I don't care whatever—that is my mission and I am convinced that it is happening and I have a clear conscience."

Johnstone is looking for a quick move-in to the new digs on Douglas Street, but

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
72°/59°



Saturday

Sunny
80°/62°



Sunday

Sunny
88°/66°



Obituaries

Paul Wesley Martin

Paul Wesley Martin, who was raised in El Segundo, passed away on May 18th, at the age of 80. Paul graduated from El Segundo High School in 1955, and it was there that



he met his wife, Doreen Harr, Class of 1956. Paul had a 33 year career as an Orange County Deputy Marshal, after which he and Doreen retired to Bullhead City, Arizona.

Police Reports

Thursday, October 5

A found property report was taken at 1430 hours from the 800 block of East Grand Avenue. A California vehicle license plate was found.

Burglary report was taken at 0937 hours from the 600 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a locked construction trailer and stole the victim's property.

Grand theft (auto) occurred between 0545 and 1615 hours from the 100 block of Richmond Street. Taken was a 2007 Cadillac Escalade.

One male adult was arrested at 1709 hours from Imperial Avenue and McCarthy Court for possession of a controlled substance.

One female adult was arrested at 1709 hours from Imperial Avenue and McCarthy Court for possession of a controlled substance and possession of access cards.

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 1718 hours from the 100 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

Friday, October 6

One male adult was arrested at 0735 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Sheldon Street for public intoxication.

One male adult was arrested at 0923 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance.

One male adult was arrested at 0953 hours from Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for possession of a controlled substance.

A vandalism report was taken at 1106 hours from the 500 block of East Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted a trash can at the location.

One male adult was arrested at 1354 hours from Sheldon Street and Sycamore Avenue for petty theft.

A forgery report was taken at 1834 hours from the 2000 block of East Park Place. Fraudulent currency was used to buy merchandise at a business.

Saturday, October 7

A found property report was taken at 0230 hours from Main Street and El Segundo Boulevard. A brown backpack containing a hard hat, miscellaneous tools, miscellaneous clothing and a black wallet was found at the location.

One male adult was arrested at 1014 hours from Holly Avenue and Kansas Street for

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Calendar of Events

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, OCT. 19

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.
- Drop In Lobby Event: The Fortune Teller, Book Reading and Signing, 7:00 PM. – 8:00 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

- 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.
- Starting Today - City Hall will be OPEN every other Friday.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

- Make a Difference Day, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., "Marcie the Marvelous Tree", Tree Musketeers, 330 W. Imperial Ave., register at: treemusketeers.com.
- 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.
- Concerts in the Library: Paul Livingstone Duo- The Music of India, 2:00 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2722.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

MONDAY, OCT. 23

- 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, OCT. 24

- Pinochle, 11:30 AM. – 3:30 PM., Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

- 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.
- Drop –In Lobby Event: Fall Jar Lanterns, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM., free, supplies included, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-527-2728.
- Evening Book Discussion Featuring The Watchmaker of Filigree Street, 6:30 PM., free, El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., Call: 310-524-2728.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

- El Segundo Farmer's Market, 3:00 PM. – 7:00 PM., located on Main Street, Downtown El Segundo.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

- 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.
- Pumpkin Pool-Ooza, 7:00 PM., The Plunge, \$5 with Rec ID./\$7 without Rec ID., RSVP is required, Call: 310-524-2738.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

- 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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

- Bridge & Pinochle Groups, 11:30 AM. – 3:45 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call Pam at: 310-318-2856.
- Skechers Friendship Walk – 8:00 AM Check – In, 9:00 Walk, registration required, Manhattan Beach Pier.

MONDAY, OCT. 30

- 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, OCT. 31

- HALLOWEEN FROLIC, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM., Lots of fun, games & candy, 300-400 Block of Main Street, Downtown ES. •

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Letters

Fireworks Show at the High School

Just a quick "Thank You" to the person and persons responsible for the fantastic fireworks show this past Sat at the high school. A job well done. My wife and I have lived in El Segundo pretty much all of our lives and never have we seen such an amazing display in our city. At one point during the show I leaned over to my wife and said "this is better than being at Disneyland" so again thank

you El Segundo.
- Henry and Ann Arredondo
Mankind Second Best
I love Mother Nature. I think the Saturday creation of the 100 year anniversary celebration of El Segundo's founding, sponsored by CDC, Chevron and Mattel, though not equal to Mother Nature's creation of the Grand Canyon was a mankind second best.
P.S. Thank you City Council for your no vote on Top Golf
- Liz Garnholz

Community Briefs

St. John's Lutheran Church Announces Installation and Reformation Celebration

On Sunday, October 29 St. John's Lutheran Church remembers the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with the installation of Reverend Chuck Brady.
Pastor Brady is a veteran of the US Navy. He is a 1968 graduate of UC Berkeley and a 1978 graduate of Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pastor Chuck served as a police chaplain for South Gate Police Department for 25 years, and the community of South Gate as chairman of the city youth

commission and also president of Churches in Action, an association of South Gate churches.
Pastor is married to Sandra, his bride of many years. The Brady's have 4 grown children, 5 grandchildren, and one great-grand daughter.
Come and join us for this celebration at 10 a.m. Sunday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church 1611 E. Sycamore Avenue, El Segundo, CA. 310-615-1072 visit us at: www.stjohnses.com
- Source: St. John's Lutheran Church

"See Something, Say Something!" Catches More Suspected Thieves on Main Street

In yet another example of how effective it is when citizens report suspicious activity, a phone call to El Segundo Police Department (ESPD) led to the arrest of two suspected thieves on Main Street.
On October 12, at approximately 1:54 pm, ESPD received the call of two suspicious men in an apartment complex's gated parking area in the 900 block of Main Street. Officers detained both men to determine if a crime was occurring. Based upon the evidence in the garage and in the men's vehicle, it appeared they drove into the garage and were trying to and/or had

siphoned gasoline from at least one parked car in the garage. Both men were arrested on theft related charges.
In addition to trying to steal gasoline, the suspects may have been attempting to open unlocked car doors to steal items inside.
Thanks to the sharp eyes and quick thinking of our witnesses, these two suspected criminals learned that "See Something, Say Something" works! One phone call lead to their capture and stopped them from victimizing more people.
- Source: ESPD

New City Hall and Yard Hours

Starting tomorrow, the offices at El Segundo City Hall and City Yard will have new office hours and will now be open every other Friday. City Hall's hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as the same hours on alternate Fridays. The

City Yard is open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on alternate Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first alternate Friday when both locations will be open is October 20.
- Source: City of El Segundo

Fire Incident at Chevron Tuesday

A reported pump failure resulted in an explosion and subsequent fire that broke out at the west end of the Chevron refinery Tuesday night at 10:30 p.m. Fire department crews quickly contained it and put out the blaze 48 minutes later. Power lines were down due to the incident, prompting the temporary closure of nearby Vista del Mar from Grand Avenue

to 45th Street. Chevron issued a statement, a portion of which stated, "Chevron's primary concern is to ensure the safety of its employees and the surrounding community and the environment. Chevron is working very closely with the local agencies to ensure that we meet those expectations in responding to this incident,"
- Statement taken from ABC website.

California's Health Premiums Are Holding Steady for the Time Being

By Rob McCarthy
California's healthcare exchange will raise premiums for a second consecutive year, but limit the 2018 increase to the silver mid-level plans as a way to offset a possible loss of federal assistance, it has announced.
President Trump's threat to withhold the federal government's contribution toward making health insurance affordable for individuals and families will only affect the silver-tiered plans for now, said Executive Director Peter Lee for Covered California. Silver plans will average a 12 percent price hike next year, but could go as high as 27 percent for some policyholders who receive financial assistance, his office said.
A surcharge on silver plans was necessary because of the "ongoing uncertainty at the

federal level," Lee's office said last week. The federal government partners with states that created and run health insurance marketplaces-like Covered California--to pay some of the premiums so that individuals and families can comply with the Affordable Care Act. Under the law, every child and adult must be covered by a private or government-sponsored health plan.
The President on October 12 also signed an executive order that allows low-cost, low-benefit plans to be sold to individuals in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. It was widely reported that the President's directive would weaken the law and keep to his promise to "let it die." The consequences of the presidential order on Californians and their health insurers were unclear at press time.
See Health Premiums, page 14



Peter V. Lee, executive director of Covered California.

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- PEOPLE ITEMS: Monday at noon.
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- REAL ESTATE ADS: Monday at noon.
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— BUDDHA

Police Reports

suspicion of burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A vehicle theft report was taken at 1044 hours from the 300 block of South Douglas Street. Taken was a 2014 Ford truck.

A misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1358 hours from the 400 block of Main Street, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1514 hours from the 1500 block of East Franklin Avenue for public intoxication.

One male adult was arrested at 1606 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Imperial Avenue for felony vandalism.

A found property report was taken at 2100 hours from Main Street and Palm Avenue. A purse containing a wallet was found at the location.

Sunday, October 8

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 1044 hours from the 1600 block of East Maple Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to an underground parking garage and stole the victim's property.

A female adult was detained at 1445 hours from the 600 block of Sheldon Street and transported to Marina Del Rey Hospital for a 72-hour psychiatric evaluation.

One male adult was arrested at 1621 hours

from the 200 block of West Mariposa Avenue for a violation of a domestic violence restraining order.

Monday, October 9

One male adult was arrested at 0311 hours from Imperial Avenue and Eucalyptus Drive for one outstanding ESPD misdemeanor warrant, possession of a controlled substance and misappropriation of lost property.

A found property report was taken at 0844 hours from the 400 block of Sheldon Street. Found was a bicycle.

A found property report was taken at 1243 hours from the 700 block of South Douglas Street. Found was a set of keys.

An identity theft report was taken at 1257 hours from the 2100 block of East Mariposa Avenue.

A burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1414 hours from the 800 block of Apollo Street. Taken were two laptops, multiple pairs of shoes, and a toy.

A grand theft report was taken at 1437 hours from the 500 block of Sheldon Street. Taken was drone from an unlocked vehicle.

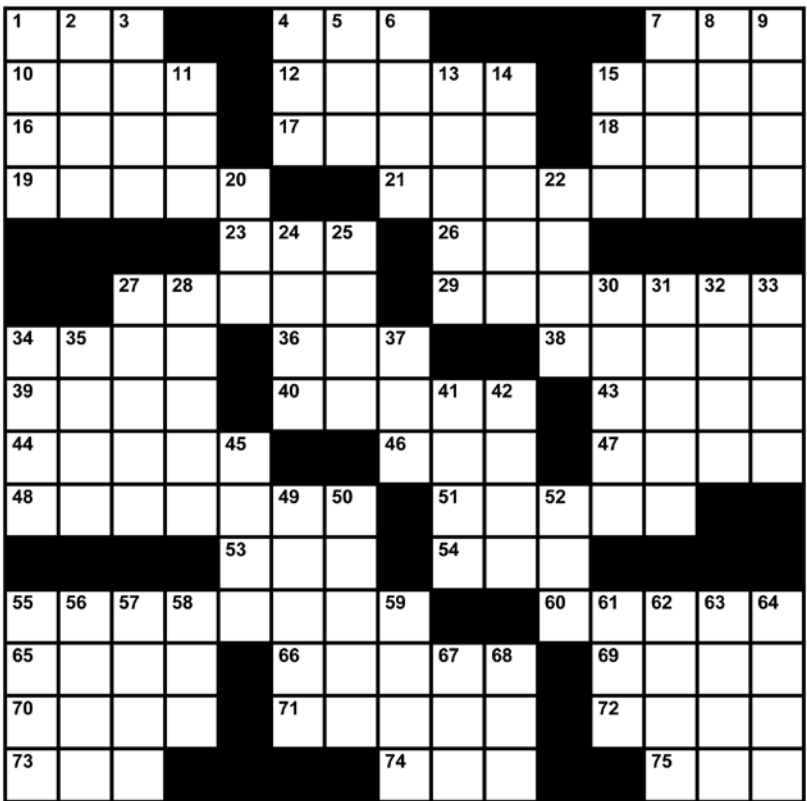
Tuesday, October 10

An attempted burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1046 hours from the 200 block of Kansas Street. Unknown suspect(s) damaged the front window. •

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

See Answers Next Week



Across

- Curve
- Silvery gray
- Card level
- Kind of cheese
- Bureau
- Video
- Facility
- Explain
- Neck and neck
- Fantasize
- Expecting
- Have something
- Voice
- Fistful
- Supply
- Bettable item
- Damp and chilly
- Wonder lady?
- Female pronoun
- Them
- Gold or platinum
- Court call
- Speller or stinger?
- Stretches
- Placards
- American symbol
- “___ a chance”
- Essay

55. Green Zebras, for example

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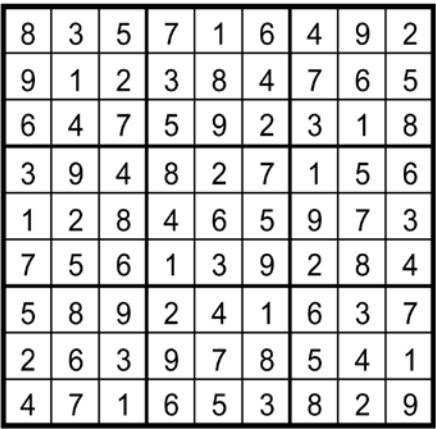
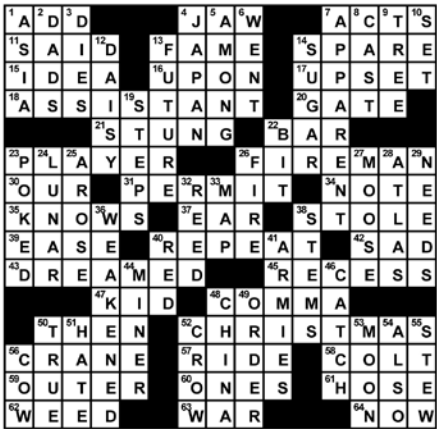
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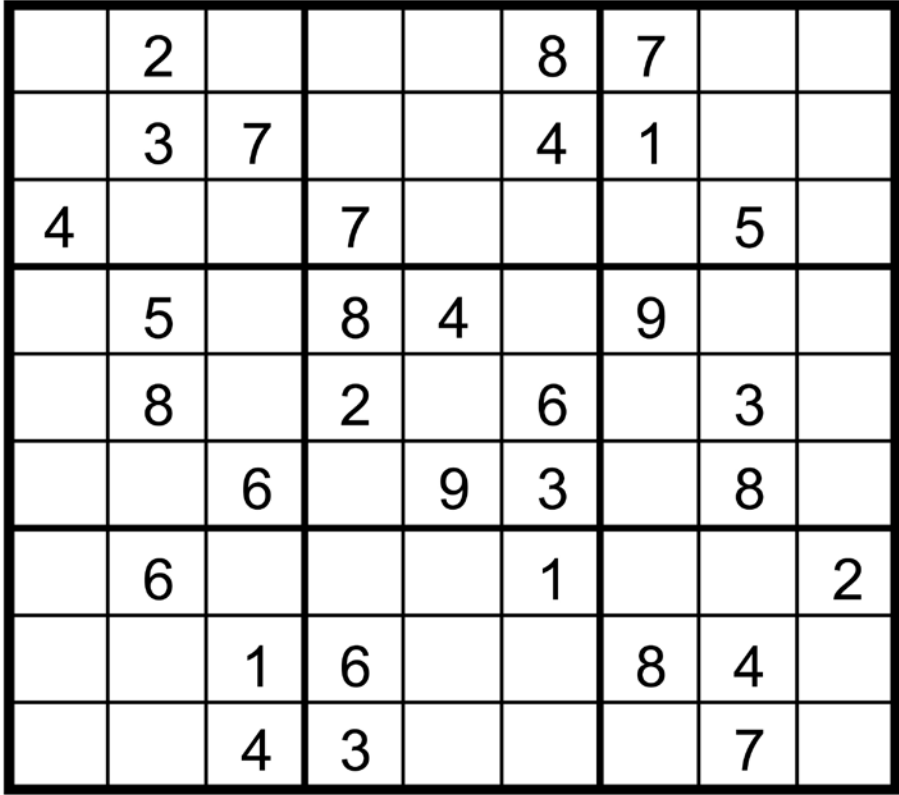
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- Spin doctor's concern
- Truth or ___
- Stopping points
- Cut!
- 1992 Hoffman film
- Internet
- Face up to
- Two semesters
- 1996 Broadway musical
- House coverings
- Demanding
- Fitness center
- Short or long follower
- Kaput
- Mare's-nest
- Craft
- Large amounts
- Belongs to something
- Depressed
- Massive
- Wigwam
- Winter sport
- Lyndon Johnson's dog

Last Week's Answers



SUDOKU Medium



Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3x3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9.

Sports

Are Lakers Ready for Showtime?

Eagles Take Care of Beverly Hills

By Adam Serrao

It's that time of the year again. Once everyone has finally gotten fully involved in the football season, the NBA has done its part to sneak up around the corner to begin its regular season slate across the league. The main question on the hearts and minds of Lakers fans everywhere in Los Angeles seems to be: "Just how good will this Lakers team be?" The answer? While the addition of Lonzo Ball may have added a lot of juice to the watch-ability factor of the team, don't expect this year's roster to compete with other elite squads of the Western Conference for a championship or playoff spot anytime soon.

The last four seasons haven't been easy for Lakers fans. The team has averaged 22 wins per year, players have come and gone, and the most exciting point of the year has come during the NBA Draft, when the Lakers are picking near the top of an order that includes the absolute worst teams in the league. The Lakers have, indeed, been among the absolute worst--a fate that the organization had previously eluded for decades as they hung championship banners from the rafters seemingly year after year. Even through the bad times, however, Laker fans have remained among the most loyal in the entire sports world. Can this be the year that their loyalty actually pays off?

The answer to that question lies in each fan's very own definition of success. With every bad season comes a high draft pick for the Lakers. Those high draft picks have, to this point, accumulated talent like Julius Randle, Brandon Ingram and--making his debut in the purple and gold this year--Lonzo Ball. A high draft pick or two isn't the only thing that will make this year's Lakers team feel brand new. The additions of Lakers legend Magic Johnson (who seemingly turned around the Dodgers) and new general manager Rob Pelinka, who have been deemed with the task of running Los Angeles's front office, should not only have the Lakers arrow trending upward, but also make the Staples Center a destination that other free agents would now like to put on their respective maps once again.

That fact alone, though, doesn't mean that the Lakers will be great this year. The accumulation of talent that now comprises Los Angeles's roster is still relatively unproven, especially when it is held in comparison to other powerhouse teams like the Golden State Warriors and now, the Houston Rockets and Oklahoma City Thunder. A quick glance at the Western Conference landscape would leave any enquiring Lakers fans' minds stuck with the simple fact that a finish within the Top eight in their conference seems relatively impossible, to say the least. While many

Laker fans are eternal optimists, that simple fact makes them some of the most loyal around. Seeing how an extremely young and inexperienced roster will beat out the likes of teams like the Utah Jazz or New Orleans Pelicans (who project as the number eight and nine teams in the standings) would take enough optimism to make even a New York Knicks fan think that even they will make it to the Finals this year.

The fact about the Lakers remains that despite their additions of talent including the point guard Ball and even number 27 draft pick Kyle Kuzma to go along with other new names, the team is still in the process of taking baby steps back towards greatness. And let's all face it--while the Warriors remain at the top doing their thing, the Lakers might as well take their time with the process. The Lakers should improve drastically on the offensive side of the ball this season, but still project to be one of the worst defensive teams in the entire league. Even still, that's okay for a team coming off of the worst four-year stretch in franchise history that only won a grand total of 26 games one year ago.

The real key to the Lakers' eventual success and return to greatness won't, in fact, be their record at the end of this season. The key to the Lakers raising another banner will be what the team does in next year's summer when the free agent pool will be as deep as the middle of the ocean. LeBron James, Paul George, Chris Paul, DeMarcus Cousins and many more top names from across the league will all be eligible to sign with the Lakers in the 2018 offseason. As much as anything else, this year is about how the young nucleus of Ball, Ingram, Clarkson and Randle all play together to not only make the Lakers as appealing as possible to free agents, but also to make themselves appealing enough to other teams that may inquire about young talent in any possible trade scenarios.

The expectation of the 2017-18 Lakers season isn't as dull and dreary as reading this article may make it seem. The key to enjoying this season revolves around just where you set your expectations for the team. Don't expect this year's Lakers to make a run at an NBA championship just because there will be new names on the back of the jerseys running up and down the basketball court. Do expect to see some of the most entertaining basketball that you've seen on the Staples Center floor at least in the last four years. That exciting basketball is exactly what has the opportunity to signal the reinvention of Showtime in Los Angeles whether the Lakers finish each game with an "L" or a "W" in either column of the standings.

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By Gregg McMullin

The El Segundo Eagles traveled to Beverly Hills last Friday to take on the Normans. Beverly Hills was once a proud football program that was regarded as one of the best in the CIF Southern Section. But the Eagles rolled by scoring quickly and often on their way to a 56-7 win.

The final score was a shell of what it could have been. Eagles head coach Steve Shevlin started subbing players to start the second quarter when the Eagles took a 35-0 lead. The win was so lopsided and the teams so unevenly matched that Shevlin was hoping his team would escape with no injuries to any of his players. "We [coaching staff] recognized that the game wasn't going to be close early on, so we wanted to get playing time in for everyone and come away without any injuries," he said.

It didn't take long for the drubbing to begin. On El Segundo's third play of the first possession of the game, Matt Romero threw a strike to Devin Bonney on a 48-yard catch and run touchdown. Then on Beverly Hills' ensuing possession, sophomore quarterback Thomas Recuperero threw a pass that was intercepted by Jorge Montani who returned it 23 yards for a touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff, Jeremiah Klapper fumbled the ball and Alex Ron recovered for the Eagles at the Beverly Hills 16-yard line. On the first play, Romero dumped a pass off to Danny McEntee for a 16-yard touchdown and a 21-0 lead. On the Eagles' next possession, Romero found McEntee wide open on a 27-yard catch and run for a TD to widen the lead to 28-0--and there were still four minutes remaining in the first quarter. McEntee returned a punt 58 yards for a touchdown with 1:51 remaining in the first quarter and the lead swelled to 35-0.

With second stringers starting the second quarter, not much changed. With Dariush Sayson taking over for Romero at quarterback, the senior guided the Eagles on a nine-play drive. It was capped by Joey Gorte's 12-yard

run to the end zone and a 42-0 lead. Beverly Hills picked up its initial first down of the game on an offside penalty on the Eagles. It helped extend a seven-play drive that ended on a fumble recovered by the Eagles at the Normans' 43-yard line. Sophomore running back James Fraelich then busted through the line and outran the Norman secondary on a 43-yard touchdown run to cap the first half scoring with a 49-0 halftime lead.

At halftime, it was clear that Romero's night was through after playing just one quarter and throwing three TD passes. Also done were most of the starting defensive stars. The second half was a brisk one since the teams agreed to a running clock.

Beverly Hills opened the second half with a sustainable drive until Daniel Van Heuven forced a fumble and returned it to the El Segundo 23-yard line. After El Segundo's only punt of the game, Beverly Hills got on the scoreboard with a short two-yard touchdown run by Kenny Villanueva. On the ensuing kickoff, Joey Gorte returned the kick 74 yards to set up Alex Heflin's five-yard touchdown run and the final score of the evening.

There wasn't too much celebrating, but rather a focus on the Eagles' next game. Friday night, the Eagles travel to Lawndale to take on the top-ranked team in the CIF-Southern Section Division 5. The Eagles have defeated Lawndale 12 of the past 13 times they've met, including last year's epic 14-7 win. The Cardinals are 2-0 in Ocean League play and 7-0 overall this season.

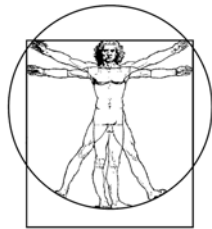
Freshman Team Rolls

The Eagle freshman football team steam-rolled to a 35-0 win over Beverly Hills to even its Ocean League record at 1-1. El Segundo's defense was lock-solid and Beverly Hills was stymied all game long. The Normans could muster up just two first downs total.

James Pearson tossed four touchdown passes to lead the Eagles. The first one

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Eagles

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went to Ian Michael in the first quarter to start El Segundo's scoring. Pearson also found Max Meidunas open for a 61-yard touchdown play. Matt Kusserow caught two TD passes—one for seven yards after the Eagles recovered a Beverly Hills fumble on the Norman nine-yard line; and the other a 15-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Adrian Wexler added a rushing touchdown in the first quarter to start the Eagles' scoring.

Girls' Volleyball Team

The Lady Eagles lost to Culver City 18-25, 26-28, 23-25 in an evenly played match. The second and third games were highly contested. In the second game, Gracie Covey's ace tied the game at 14-14 and El Segundo went on to win the next five points. The Lady Eagles

held a 22-20 advantage after Lexi Tecun's serve, but couldn't hang on.

In the third game, poor passing and communication led to a 16-10 deficit before El Segundo battled back. Alyssa Pearson gave her team a 19-18 lead and its first lead of the game. The Lady Eagles then led 21-19, but couldn't close it out before dropping the game 25-23.

El Segundo bounced back against Beverly Hills by sweeping the Normans 25-14, 25-17, 25-19. Maddie Kurke had 11 kills, while Kassy McFadden and Anna Allen each had eight assists and Malia Hui had seven assists and three digs to lead the team.

Boys' Water Polo

The Eagles improved to 5-0 in the Ocean League with an emotional, hard-fought

8-7 victory over league rival Santa Monica and an easier 15-3 win over Culver City. The Eagles were trailing 4-2 against Samo before some defensive adjustments were made. The Eagles controlled the second half and needed a last-second save by goalie Caden Kastigar to secure the win. Kyle Crist led the way with three goals, while Kalan Smith had two goals and Owen Hale, Nolan Young and Mason Jaeger each had one goal apiece.

Against Culver City, the Eagles dominated from the start and Cameron Dornblaser had one of his best games of the season pounding the net from outside to lead the scoring for El Segundo.

The Eagles dropped a non-league matchup with Bay League contender Palos Verdes

19-10 in a game that might have been closer than the score indicated. Too many unforced errors, missed wide open shots and PV's depth resulted in the loss that dropped the Eagles to 18-6 overall.

El Segundo is on the road this week facing Beverly Hills on Tuesday and then heads to the Don Lugo Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Eagles wrap up their Ocean League schedule next week on the road at Torrance on Tuesday and at Santa Monica next Thursday. Wins against Beverly Hills and Torrance would not only give the Eagles their seventh win in league play, but also 20 overall wins for the fourth consecutive season. It would also guarantee, at the very least, a share of the Ocean League title for the fourth year in row. •



Freshman QB James Pearson led his team to a 35-0 win over Beverly Hills by throwing four TD passes.



Matt Kusserow outruns the Beverly Hills defenders for a 15-yard touchdown.



#13 Tyler Villalobos puts a big hit on Beverly Hills' Josh Johnson.



The Eagles' Dariush Sayson drags Beverly Hills defender Kenny Villanueva on a big gain.



Colin McEwan helped the Eagles' defense hold Beverly Hills to 81 yards of total offense in the first half.



Daniel Van Heuven returns a fumble he forced 14 yards.



Entertainment



Film Review

Morgen’s Jane is an Intimate and Immersive Cinematic Experience

By Morgan Rojas
for www.cinemacy.com

When I was young, I wanted to be Jane Goodall. My love of monkeys aside, I was inspired by the strong and confident woman who appeared on the covers of magazines, championing women’s independence and respect in leadership roles. The genesis of Goodall’s expansive and colorful career is explored in *Jane*, the new film from famed documentarian Brett Morgen (*Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck*, *The Kid Stays in The Picture*). The movie is cinematic in its aesthetic (including an enchanting score from Philip Glass) while keeping to Morgen’s minimalist style. *Jane* is a powerhouse film that not only sheds light on this incredible woman, but also serves as a reminder to stop and appreciate the natural wonders and beauty in our surroundings.

Yes, there have been a number of films chronicling the life and times of Jane Goodall, who is most widely known for her study of chimpanzees and their behavior in the wild--but this is not just another documentary. *Jane* was comprised of footage shot by notable wildlife photographer (and her eventual husband) Hugo van Lawick during her assignment in Gombe, Tanzania in the 1960s. What truly makes this film special is the fact that this archived footage--140 hours of 16mm color footage, to be exact--was only recently discovered by National Geographic. Upon finding this treasure trove of material, Nat Geo called upon Brett Morgen to piece together a story that would serve as the definitive in-depth portrait of Goodall’s life, and the result is nothing short of transfixing.

The film is told in a linear format aided by the present-day interviews from Jane herself,

which are interwoven sporadically throughout. As she talks about traveling to Tanzania at the age of 26 with no formal college training, images of a vibrant young Jane hiking through the wilderness in high-top Converse and her khaki jungle uniform fill the screen. Here we see a self-proclaimed “naïve” young girl braving the Gombe Stream alone and coming face to face with a group of chimpanzees, whose trust would take many months to earn.

These never-before-seen moments of Jane’s initial bonding with chimpanzees and the relationship she would develop with them over time are priceless. One of the first times Jane witnesses a chimp use a tool to extract bugs from a hole for food is caught on camera. It is then when she realizes that similarities between humans and chimpanzees exist in much more than genetic make-up, but also in emotion, intelligence and the hierarchy of relationships. These findings catapulted Jane to international acclaim as she brought controversial observations to the forefront of science.

Jane highlights the substantial impact Goodall has made on this planet, as well as encourages exploration and environmental conservation. But perhaps the most refreshing reason to be grateful for this archived footage is its timeliness, given the string of recent cultural events. Jane was a pioneer for women in science and a trailblazer for those who pursued their passion instead of just being satisfied with societal expectations. Those who see *Jane* will no doubt walk away with newfound respect and admiration for her unassuming feminism and her contribution to the world.

Jane is not rated. 90 minutes. Opening at The Landmark this Friday. •



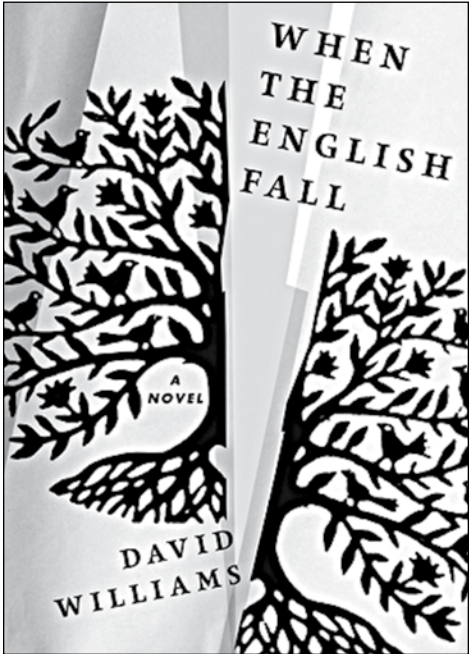
Jane Goodall in *Jane*. Courtesy of National Geographic.

Check It Out

When the English Fall Delivers Quiet, But Riveting Message

By Roz Templin, Library Assistant,
El Segundo Public Library

When the English Fall is a quiet book, yet with great impact. An Amish order in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania experiences the aftermath of a solar storm, complete with visions of the



When the English Fall by David Williams.

Aurora Borealis, interpreted as “angels” by some viewing the sight. The “English” (all those participating in the modern world outside their order) collapse under the stress of the fall of their way of life and unease turns to violence upon a peaceful community.

Jacob is a witness to this catastrophe, making daily entries into his diary. Before the storm, he writes of everyday farm and labor duties, his family (wife Hannah, son Jacob and daughter Sadie) and interactions with those in his Amish community as well as the “outsiders,” neighbors and those they deal with for business reasons.

Jacob records the (at first) slow descent into fear that his fellow citizens experience. The power grid goes down and airplanes, automobiles and farm machinery no longer work. Soon the stores have empty shelves and people run

out of food. Before long Jacob and his family see people walking along the road, carrying what they can and looking for help. Local law enforcement and military personnel make visits to the local farms to share news and requisition supplies and food. The Amish freely share what they have and listen grimly to what little information is available about this plunge into darkness. Stories of looting and, ultimately, killing make their way into Jacob’s home.

The question the Amish face is whether to face violence with arms or to remain peaceful even when confronted by those who would harm them (or worse). They cannot turn away those in need, yet they don’t have the means to assist all those who need help. What really is “civilization” and what happens when that concept begins to unravel?

This is a book that discusses the deep subjects of faith and morality that delves into what is good and evil and all of the shades of grey in between. The author writes with spare clarity in his prose and asks the reader to consider what it truly means to be human. There is opportunity to think long and hard to answer “what if ...” It may be an exercise you would find interesting.

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More Water Festival Highlights

Here are some of the fun festivities that took place on October 14 during the Water Harvest Festival. All photos courtesy of West Basin Municipal Water District.



2017 Water Reliability Award Recipients with West Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors including Scott Houston, Carol W. Kwan, Gloria D. Gray and Harold C. Williams.



Contestants show us their moves during the Hula Hoop contest.



A young girl holds a snake at the Reptile Petting booth at Water Harvest 2017.



Professional pumpkin carver using pumpkins grown with recycled water at Water Harvest 2017.



Attendees gather to watch one of the many stage shows throughout the day.



A group of young girls cool down with ice cream at Water Harvest 2017.



Water Harvest 2017 attendee enjoys water from the 125-gallon water tank.



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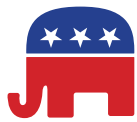
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5. Serve with small sides of sauces for each person. For example, use tartar sauce, cocktail sauce, barbecue sauce and ranch dressing.. •



Politically Speaking



One Man's Opinion

No Laws Were Going to Prevent the Tragedy in Las Vegas

By Cristian Vasquez

It is heartbreaking and exhausting that we, as a country, must once again live through the trauma of a mass shooting. Unfortunately, there was really no law that could exist that would have prevented this massacre. This time the senseless violence occurred in Las Vegas during a music festival--and given the modern-day news cycle, most if not all of you are aware of the details. While I have always advocated for extensive background checks in order to avoid unstable individuals from owning guns, the truth is that the shooting that occurred on October 1 would not have been prevented by any legislative measure.

For starters, there is no criminal record indicating that the shooter was a violent person who posed a risk to society. So there was no type of background check (which the shooter actually passed) that would have given authorities any indication that he would lash out in a violent shooting. As far as investigators know, the murderer had no more than a traffic violation. In addition, the man had no history of mental disorders or instabilities. Which brings me back to the original argument: No amount of laws could have prevented this shooting. One argument I've heard is to ban anyone from owning that many weapons. While that's an idea that doesn't seem unreasonable, it too fails to prevent instances like these from occurring.

Let's assume for argument's sake that the shooter had half of the arsenal found in the room--heck, a fourth of the weaponry. He still

would have carried out his attack. This monster could have had one gun and still caused horrific damage, but the difference would be a lesser death toll. Is that where we're at as a nation? Are we really willing to settle for less casualties?

I'll play along and say that banning guns altogether would have prevented this massacre. That too is an erroneous approach. Where to begin? Timothy McVeigh killed 168 innocent people and injured 600 without a single bullet. Let's look at our neighbors to the south and how their ban on guns is working out. Mexico has one of the highest murder rates in the world (22,967 in 2016) with no indication of things getting better. If we take the time to learn from our past mistakes, it should come as no surprise that the moment our nation makes something illegal, it paves the road for black market activities that then become nearly impossible to control. So before banning guns to avoid gun violence, let's remember that prohibition made America a violent alcoholic.

Sadly, I don't have an answer and it seems that nobody else will have the solution anytime soon. Background checks, mental evaluations and other safety measures will definitely help prevent violence-prone people from obtaining guns. However, what people with spotless criminal records/mental evaluations do with the guns isn't something anyone can really control. Sure, we could argue to ban guns altogether, but good luck with that new black market that will be created. Last I heard, there are no background checks required. •

Another Man's Opinion

Do Lefties Care as Elitist Perverts Continue Preying on Women?

By Duane Plank

So recently was ambushed on a weekend while I was doing my due diligence studying the voluminous policy papers written by President Trump...ha, ha, with the fact that another liberal pervert was somehow being outted because he/she had not been acting in a chivalrous, genteel manner to folks of the other sex.

Now, as I was turning the dial on the radio, just heard that "Stein" name was being excoriated for fondling people of the opposite sex. Shocked, I was, and could not fathom how our glorious Senator Dianne Feinstein, who is now poised to run for a sixth term as a US Senator, would take young minions into her bathtub, disrobe and ask for a massage.

Somewhat shocked and appalled with the revelation that my duly elected Senator, whom I, as a bit of a righty, admire her cunning and ability to get things done in the cesspool that is Washington, would invite youngsters up to her palatial room to give her a pat-down.

Dang, I thought, she doesn't need to do that to get reelected in 2018. She is basically running unopposed because the Republican Party in this state is in a state of disarray and will continue to be until, as the great band the Eagles said, "Hell Freezes Over."

Anyway, when I started to pay more attention to the pervert "Stein," it wasn't the distinguished Senator, but pervert Harvey Weinstein, who--according to the fawning lefty media--is/was an indie film impresario, mega-star producer, yada, yada, yada.

Except this corpulent, ugly 65-year-old man

used his alleged power as a "movie mogul" to coerce women--and I am sure some of them played the game--to accompany him back to his room to watch him shower.

My great friend Andy, a Redondo land baron, had a great line about men with power and, not-so-coincidentally, money appealing to the basic interests of some women..." It's a job... for a job," he said. Think about it.

So, Weinstein the pervert has been abusing ladies for years and yet there seems to be a silence about that? How can that happen? Smidge of hypocrisy? Now that the Weinstein story has sullied the media, A-listers like the... well, they aren't A-listers anymore, but still have their calling cards--like Jolie and Paltrow emerged and said they too were harassed by the pig Weinstein. I even think the great Meryl Streep may have chimed in. Yeah, the one who every bleeping awards show she is on, pontificates about women's rights, "go, sister" and the WNBA. She said Weinstein never tried to harass her. No comment here why he would pass on throwing a pass at her.

And the biggest hypocrite in the Weinstein imbroglio would be the biggest loser, Hillary Clinton, still traveling around the country, pimping her book. On the heels of five days of silence after the Weinstein disgrace began, presumably walking in the woods and drinking as much wine as a big Dixie cup could hold, she said she had no idea that one of her biggest donors was a lecher and pervert.

So help me, Bill Clinton, Anthony Wiener and Harve Weinstein. Lefties all! •

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5 Ways To Create Big Luxury In A Small Master Bathroom

(BPT) - If you're thinking about remodeling your small bathroom, you may know that studies show updating a bathroom of any size can increase the value of a home. However, there's a statistic from a Houzz survey you might not know: 75 percent of people who renovate a master bathroom don't make it bigger.

Enlarging a small master bathroom is often impractical; you may need to take space from another room, or extend an exterior wall to accomplish an expansion. Both options have disadvantages and costs. The truth is, you don't need to move walls or spend like a home improvement show host in order to create big luxury in a small master bathroom.

Here are five ways to make a small bathroom space feel lavish and spa-like:

1. Rethink the shower stall versus tub debate.

Many large luxury bathrooms have a separate shower and soaking tub. In a small bathroom, which may be used by multiple members and generations of a household, creating an upscale feeling by separating the tub from the shower might not be a realistic option. Instead, look for ways to boost the appeal of your tub/shower space, perhaps by choosing a visually appealing, bright-white model for an updated, yet classic, style.

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2. Step up your shower game.

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any need to open the wall to change piping. For added indulgence, consider a shower system with an elegant brushed nickel finish to elevate the look of your overall shower and bathroom decor.

3. Splurge on luxury materials.

Yes, materials like travertine tile or granite countertops can be costly, but when you're renovating a small bathroom, you need less of those materials. Adding marble tile above a small tub/shower area will cost far less than outfitting a large walk-in shower. Replacing a modestly sized vanity with a new cabinet and granite countertop won't be nearly as expensive as redoing a large, double-sink vanity.

When you have less real estate to refurbish, high-end materials can be a cost-effective choice. For a reasonable price, you can use quality materials to significantly boost the upscale feeling of your small bathroom.

4. Add pizzazz to functional elements.

You can increase a small bathroom's feeling of extravagance by adding some flare to functional items like faucets, mirrors and cabinet hardware. For a modest investment, you can turn everyday, often-overlooked elements

into items that underscore the overall beauty of the room.

For example, replacing an ordinary or

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it's also a morning wake-up tool or end-of-day relaxation therapy treatment. Deluxe showers often feature multiple jets, rainfall showerheads and hand showers. Replacing an ordinary showerhead with a shower system

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all of that is predicated on the fire safety sign-offs, and other i's dotted and t's crossed.

Vince Madsen, Director of Facility Planning, chimed in on where the Douglas Street project is standing in mid-October: "Basically we are still finalizing all the mechanical and fire life safety systems in the building and have had preliminary inspections and rework ongoing with re-inspections getting scheduled in the hopes of getting things signed off by the end of the month."

Leadership Associates partner Peggy Lynch, one of the principals heading the search for the new superintendent, spoke to the Board about potential candidates during a closed session meeting. Once the open meeting kicked off, Lynch listed the characteristics that the Board wants to see in choosing the new superintendent, including gathering community and staff input; utilizing an online survey, enhanced with position description; establishing a search timeline; and setting up a meeting schedule that will lead to the new contract.

According to Leadership Associates and the Board, the timeline currently in place involves a mid-November gathering of community staff and staff input; a January 12 deadline for receiving applications; and an early February Board meeting to "discuss applicants and determine who they will interview," with interviews scheduled for late February. Johnstone said the hope is for the new superintendent to be in place no later than mid-May, so that the new hire can work with Johnstone for about six weeks before the latter retires.

Board Vice President JoAnne Kaneda noted that she will lament Johnstone's retirement: "The WUSD community has an opportunity to define and select our new superintendent. Our search firm plans to involve our community groups, WUSD staff and the Board to join in this important decision," she said. "We salute Dr. Tom Johnstone for 10 years of dedication to WUSD. We will build on our strong foundation with our new superintendent."

Board member Neil Goldman also gave praise to the retiring Johnstone: "We salute Dr. Tom Johnstone for 10 years of dedication to WUSD," he said. "We will build on our strong foundation with our new superintendent. Dr. Tom Johnstone has remained an exceptional superintendent serving our district and community for 10 years. We have immensely large shoes to fill when he retires at the end of this school year. We have started the process of searching for a new superintendent with the Board sharing our priorities at this last meeting and now will be seeking extensive community input through surveys and meetings with parents, residents, businesses, and community and educational partners. We look forward to hearing and learning from the community in this very important process and decision."

Wendy Tsubaki, who was recently selected as the classified employee of the year in the district and serves as Johnstone's right-hand staff person with nearly two decades of service to the District, also praised her boss. Tsubaki emailed that "when you meet [Johnstone], you will feel as if you've known him all your life. It has been one of my greatest honors to support such a great human being. Upon meeting Tom, he will more than likely take you on the journey of Wiseburn. I have worked in Wiseburn for some 18 years now in various forms and jobs and I can tell you that I continue to love and adore this wonderful community and district. Our board members are prestigious, honorable, community-minded people that I also am proud to call my friends. This is just a wonderful place to be. We certainly have our ups and downs like any organization, but we remain committed that 'together as a community' we can make it through anything."

The second presentation Tuesday evening involved the launch of Tromba, which is the new District calendar system linking dates between Wiseburn and Da Vinci. Assistant Superintendent Chris Jones emailed, "It was very complex to create a calendar system that included all Wiseburn and Da Vinci schools, including sports and the arts. The benefit of the new system is that it allows the user to move quickly between school calendars. Users can also subscribe to the calendar or add specific events to their personal calendar on their phone or computer. These events will be updated and changes will show for the user. You can also set up email or text reminders. We are happy to provide this new tool for our Wiseburn and Da Vinci families. The Tromba calendar system puts a lot of important information at their fingertips!"

The next Wiseburn School Board meeting is set for Thursday, October 26. •

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones was critical of the executive order that allows insurers to sell policies across state lines. Jones called it "President Trump's latest attempt to sabotage the Affordable Care Act" and to strip away protections for Californians with pre-existing conditions who were priced out of insurance before the 2013 law took effect.

"This change in the long-standing state-based regulatory approach is very harmful to consumers. We will do everything within our power to prevent it from going into effect," Jones said immediately after the White House released the Presidential Executive Order Promoting Health Care Choice and Competition nationwide.

The order can be viewed at www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/10/12/presidential-executive-order-promoting-healthcare-choice-and-competition, on the White House's website.

Under the Obamacare law in effect since 2013, participating health plans must offer lower premiums or deductibles to low-income consumers. The federal government reimburses the carriers for the lower-adjusted cost to the consumer. Those reimbursements from Washington, D.C., total \$800 million in cost savings to Californians, according to estimates from Lee's office.

"Covered California worked hard to come up with a plan that ensures a stable market and protects as many consumers as possible from an unnecessary price hike," Lee said last week as the 2018 rates were announced. Silver plans will cost less than \$25 per month more next year with the surcharge, the exchange estimates.

In the South Bay, the number of health plans participating in the ACA marketplace remains strong. Residents will have their choice of eight health plans next year through Covered California. Anthem is dropping out of the individual marketplace and will sell only employer-sponsored health plans next year, the insurer said in August.

Health plan participants in next year's individual ACA market will be:

- Blue Shield HMO and PPO
- Health Net of California HMO and HSP
- Kaiser Permanente
- L.A. Care
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People also use their employer-sponsored health plans, Medi-Cal, Medicare or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to comply with the coverage requirement in the nation's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, passed by Congress in 2011.

Lee urged the White House not to withhold the ACA subsidy money, which the President said he was considering doing after the Republican-controlled Congress failed to deliver on his campaign promise to repeal Obamacare along with the individual mandate that all Americans be insured or pay an annual penalty.

Commissioner Jones opposed the White House intervention after failed attempts by the House and Senate to pass repeal bills ending the Obama administration's law.

"We can expect this to result in the sale of products that don't cover our healthcare needs, cost most consumers more," Jones said about the President's order.

It's too early to know if health plans based outside California will make a foray into the nation's largest insurance market. Jones, a Democrat, said the President's order weakens his office's power to protect consumers who must buy their own insurance under the law.

The President has chosen to "promote a race to the bottom, where insurers choose to incorporate in the state with the weakest laws and requirements providing the fewest benefits and skimpiest consumer protections," Jones said.

More than 1.4 million California residents use Covered California to compare plan benefits and select the most affordable coverage for them and their families, the exchange says. Of that number, 1.2 million receive some financial assistance to defray the monthly premium for their coverage.

Lee echoed what he advised consumers last year when their premiums through Covered California jumped almost 12 percent: Compare the plans and shop for one that makes sense financially and medically. The average silver plan was under \$100 per month last year for three-in-five people, and \$10 for the bronze plans, he said.

A bronze plan offers higher out-of-pocket co-pays and deductibles for physician and hospital services. This lower-tier option is recommended for healthy young people and families without pre-existing medical conditions that could require hospitalization and surgery. A bronze meets the individual mandate at a lower monthly cost.

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Haumea, the Most Peculiar of Pluto Companions, Has a Ring Around It

Based on Press Release from the Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía, Provided by Bob Eklund

At the ends of the Solar System, beyond the orbit of Neptune, there is a belt of objects composed of ice and rocks, among which four dwarf planets stand out: Pluto, Eris, Makemake and Haumea. The latter is the least well known of the four and was recently the object of an international observation campaign which was able to establish its main physical characteristics. The study, led by astronomers from the Institute of Astrophysics of Andalusia (IAA) in Granada, Spain, and published in the journal Nature, reveals the presence of a ring around the planet.

Trans-neptunian objects are difficult to study because of their small size, their low brightness, and the enormous distances that separate us from them. A very efficient but complex method lies in the study of stellar occultations, or the passing of these objects in front of a star. It allows astronomers to determine the main physical characteristics of an object (size, shape, and density) and has been successfully applied to dwarf planets Pluto, Eris and Makemake.

“We predicted that Haumea would pass in front of a star on the 21st of January 2017, and 12 telescopes from ten different European observatories converged on the phenomenon,”

says José Luis Ortiz, researcher at IAA in charge of the study. “This allowed us to re-construct with a very high precision the shape and size of Haumea, and discover to our surprise that it is considerably bigger and less reflecting than was previously believed. It is also much less dense than previously thought.”

Haumea is an interesting object: it rotates around the Sun in an elliptic orbit which takes

it 284 years to complete (it presently lies 50 times further from the Sun than the Earth), and it takes 3.9 hours to rotate around its axis. This rotational speed causes it to flatten out, giving it an ellipsoid shape similar to a rugby ball. The recently published data reveal that Haumea measures about 1,400 miles in its largest axis—almost the same as Pluto—but lacks the global atmosphere

that Pluto has.

“One of the most interesting and unexpected findings was the discovery of a ring around Haumea. Until a few years ago we only knew of the existence of rings around the giant planets; then, recently, our team discovered that two small bodies situated between Jupiter and Neptune, belonging to a group called centaurs, have dense rings around them, which came as a big surprise. Now we have discovered that bodies even farther away than the centaurs, bigger and with very different general characteristics, can also have rings,” says IAA’s Pablo Santos-Sanz.

According to the data obtained from the stellar occultation, the ring lies on the equatorial plane of the dwarf planet, just like its biggest satellite, Hi’iaka, and it displays a 3:1 resonance with respect to the rotation of Haumea, which means that the frozen particles which compose the ring rotate three times slower around the planet than it rotates around its own axis.

Haumea is the name of the goddess of childbirth and fertility in Hawaiian mythology. The name is particularly apt, as the goddess Haumea also represents the element of stone and observations of Haumea hint that the dwarf planet is composed largely of stony material with a crust of pure ice. •



Artist concept of Haumea, with the correct proportions of the main body and the ring. The ring is at a distance of 2287 kilometers from the center of the main body and is darker than the surface of the dwarf planet itself. Image from Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (IAA-CSIC).

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5. Lighten up the space.

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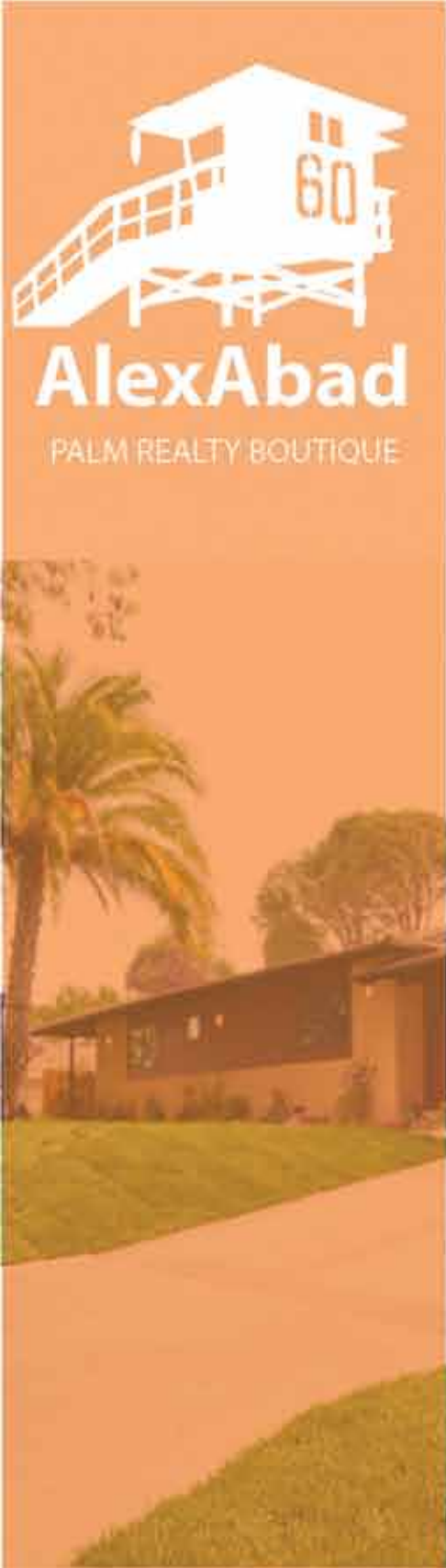
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