Community Briefs

CANDY DELIVERY TRANSPORT SYSTEM



Provided by Monica and Eric Hedman. This photo is of the "candy delivery transport system" built by Eric and Monica Hedman. They used their system on Halloween to give candy to kids. Eric named it the "Candy Asset Relief Program" as seen in the sign he painted, bottom right. The kids who trick-or-treated really seemed to enjoy it and got quite excited when the candy dropped through the chutes.



(Left to right) El Segundo Police Department's Captain Mitch Tavera, Alex Sanchez, El Segundo Kiwanis Club President Gerry Katz.

KIWANIS CLUB'S GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Provided by Laurie Risk

The El Segundo Kiwanis Club and El Segundo Police Department honor Alex Sanchez with the Kiwanis Club's Good Citizen Award. Sanchez observed two suspicious males wearing dark clothing and carrying a bag, walking slowly through the alley looking at open carport garages. Sanchez also noticed a van driving slowly through an adjacent property. Believing the suspicious males and the van might be involved in criminal activity, he called police. The suspects were located and found to be in possession of a burglary tool. Unable to account for why they were in the area, the suspects were placed under arrest.

GABRIELA GUEFEN BECOMES A TOP FUNDRAISER FOR THE AR-THRITIS FOUNDATION; CREATES A SOCCER CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH ARTHRITIS

Provided by Hind Baki

Vistamar School sophomore Gabriela Guefen can't play her beloved sport of soccer at the moment. But, that doesn't mean the 16-year-old is not applying the rules of that game to her life: when heading towards your goal, move around obstacles, change course if you have to, make constant adjustments to your strategy.

To that end, when Gabriela was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis at the age

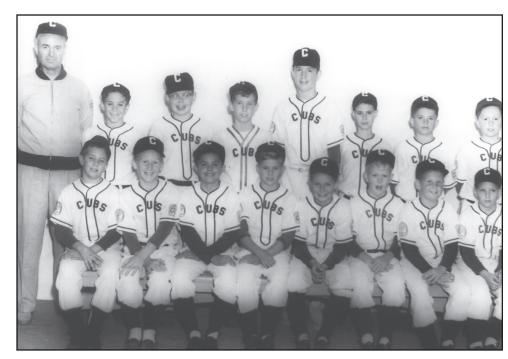
of 14 and told that she will need to avoid contact sports, she decided to get involved with other extracurricular activities. Gabe (pronounced Gabby, as she is known to family and friends) established a free soccer camp, called Camp Courage, for kids with arthritis and their siblings, and spent countless hours applying for grants and soliciting sponsorships and donations to fund and expand the camp's activities.

When Gabe was faced with skepticism that her disease required special accommodations in class (like extra time on tests and homework when she was suffering from pain), she decided to take action. First, she switched schools, enrolling at Vistamar School, where small classes and a nurturing environment were just what she needed. Then, she joined the Arthritis Foundation, a national organization that educates the public and advocates for those with arthritis. Being fluent in Spanish, thanks to her Mexican-born father, Gabe hopes to use her language skills for more public education in coming years.

Her soccer playing days may be behind her, but Gabe now has her eyes on a new goal: becoming a pediatric rheumatologist.

Vistamar School, located at 737 Hawaii Street in El Segundo, provides an engaging academic program that empowers students to excel in higher education and in life. For more information about Vistamar, visit www. vistamarschool.org •

Memory Lane



Provided by Bruce Dobos

Major Cubs of El Segundo National Little League. 1955 Lil' Candlestick Park. Standing next to adult manager is Lester Rowley. Roger Seigel seated lower left. Ralph Spargo seated second from right. Charlie Davis and Mike McGrath are seated middle. This is one of the teams in the second season of Little League in El Segundo.

Head and shoulders over everyone is recently deceased ESHS graduate, Class of 1961, Dick Traweek. Mr. Traweek pitched for the Cubs and in Babe Ruth for the Angels. He then played Basketball on a very good El Segundo Eagles team. Dick and his sister, Sharon, grew up on the corner of Valley St. and Pine Avenue. •

Opinion

chose, could "opt out" of the Federal program. The problem is that the state would have to continue paying into the system while refusing to accept its benefits. Which genius thought that one up?

The Russian news agency, Pravda coined a phrase, calling Americans "sheeple," a cross

between sheep and people, willing to give up their freedoms without a whimper. In an editorial last April, Pravda said when that happens the world will only laugh.

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We are in the Halloween season, but this Administration is the spookiest thing of all. BOO! •

