

Obituaries



“I’m capable of anything; my imagination can give me wings to fly like doves over the streets watchin’ many things”
-TRAVIS IAN HANNAH



IN LOVING MEMORY,

Travis Ian Hannah, 18-year-old resident of El Segundo, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Travis was a freshman at Santa Monica Community College and had recently been accepted to the Musicians Institute to pursue his dream of working in the music industry. Travis attended El Segundo High School. He loved baseball, travel, swimming and sushi. Travis truly understood and appreciated the value of friendship and family, and his sense of humor and loyalty will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know him. Travis is survived by his father, Kevin Kelly

of El Segundo; grandparents, Twyla and Jack Hannah; brother, Ryan and Laurie of Gilbert, AZ; grandmother, Barbara Kelly of Roseville, MN; Many, many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends attended a beautiful service at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in El Segundo on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Travis Hannah Scholarship Fund (via check) at The Musicians Foundation, c/o Beth Marlis, 6752 Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90028. The scholarship fund will enable others who share Travis' passion to pursue a career in the music industry.

HENRY WALTON

On Friday, November 20, Henry Walton died at the age of 92. A long time resident of El Segundo, Henry was an active and beloved member of the First Baptist Church. Henry was seized with the conviction that Jesus Christ, through His sacrifice on the cross, has fully paid the penalty for all the sins of those who will trust in Him. It was Henry’s

great passion to share that good news with the world. A memorial service for Henry will be held this coming Saturday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church (591 E. Palm Ave). A light luncheon will follow the service. All are invited to attend as we gather to honor this faithful servant of God. For more information on Henry, please contact the web site: henry.walton.com. •

Purrrfect

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Maddy and Emma are very attached to each other need to be adopted together.

AJ, short for Artemis Jr., is a lover who enjoys cuddling and people’s company. AJ is also good with children! He will follow you around the house and waits for you to sit down so he can get his chin rubbed. AJ is a chill cat and loves to play with string, straws, bags and anything else that will make noise. He makes an endearing little moan when he’s upset. His best friend is Pico.

She is a quiet cat who doesn’t demand very much. This sweet Maine Coon/Angora mix is curious about most objects. She likes to play with her brothers and sisters at her foster home. Most of all, Pico and AJ love playing together as they run in and out of their cat condo.

They are so bonded that they really need to be adopted together. They are good with other cats and have been around dogs, so they could probably get used to a friendly one.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat

rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations.

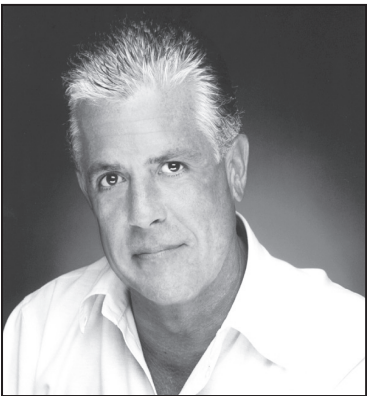
For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org. You can also email us at mail@kittenrescue.org to find out more about this week’s featured pets and to contact us about adoption. •

We have several weekly adoption events in the Westside. On Saturday/Sunday, we are at a venue located in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard.

On Saturday only, we are in West Los Angeles at 11055 West Pico Boulevard at Sepulveda.

On Sunday, we are in Santa Monica at 2910 Wilshire Boulevard at Yale Street. Adoption hours at these venues are from noon to 3:30 p.m. We also have our fourth Saturday of the month venue in Manhattan Beach located at 1816 North Sepulveda Boulevard, with adoption hours from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. •

Cityscape



By Mayor Kelly McDowell

I think I’ve explained before in this space that the city budget has taken a beating and continues to do so. We whacked \$7 million out of the current fiscal year’s budget of about \$62 million--over 11 percent in total expenditures. We’ve started work early on next year’s budget and are looking so far at a whopping shortfall estimate of \$8.6 million--nearly 15 percent of city general fund spending.

The news gets worse. Preliminary five-year estimates for the period starting with the current fiscal year through the end of fiscal year 2014-2015, which ends September 30, 2015, show a possible total five-year shortfall of over \$37 million. That’s a ton of money, especially for a city that has been historically financially healthy with reserves that are the envy of other agencies.

So what do we do? Well, we will get more aggressive than ever about recruiting new business, that’s for sure. Our low tax and crime rates will continue to attract business to town, of that I’m confident. Business pays the bills in El Segundo and more business means more bills get paid.

But business isn’t in good shape these days, even in Our Fair City, where it’s in better shape than it is in most places. So how do

you make up revenue and spending gaps that are that big in a city that’s financially healthy, compared to its neighbors?

You make some hard choices and tough decisions, that’s what you do. This week the city council considered taking the first step toward contracting with Los Angeles County for fire department services instead of maintaining an independent fire department within our city.

While I’m obviously writing this in advance of any decision on that issue, I’m pretty confident that we will approve taking that first step--an economic and service level study--at least. Using L.A. County’s fire department could save El Segundo as much as \$8 million a year. And that would pretty much bridge the budget gap all by itself.

Going that route raises all kinds of concerns, from quality of service to local control, all of which we’d need answered to our satisfaction before making a decision. But up to \$8 million a year in savings would mean that we would not have to eliminate programs across the board, cut aid to our schools drastically or dramatically reduce our high level of services to bridge the gap.

These are going to be exceedingly difficult decisions, not just now but for years to come. If we don’t make the cuts in the fire department, where do we make them? Public safety costs represent 55 percent of city expenses. Cutting other departments’ budgets doesn’t have nearly the same effect on the city budget as reducing fire or police department costs.

We’ve got to do something dramatic and we’ve got to do it now.

Please let your city council members know how you feel about these issues--and the sooner the better. We need to stop the bleeding from the city’s treasury and we need to do it now. •

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PEOPLE ITEMS: Prior Friday at noon.
DISPLAY AD CHANGES: Prior Thursday at noon.
CLASSIFIEDS: Tuesday at noon.
LEGAL NOTICES: Monday at noon.
NEW DISPLAY ADS: Prior Thursday at noon.
REAL ESTATE ADS: Monday at noon.
AD CANCELLATIONS: Prior Thursday.
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