

Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

• Body Doc Healing Center host Food and Paper Products Drive for C.A.S.E A Non-Profit El Segundo Food Bank, 7 a.m. – 12 Noon. Please bring in 10 cans or a bag of paper products for a Complimentary Chiropractic Adjustment.* *Call for details and to get list of needed supplies 310-546-6863.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

• Center Street School PTA hosts first Holiday Boutique Fundraiser 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. at 700 Center Street. Shop for unique holiday gifts. Cougar Choir performing at 6 p.m. Information 310-640-0887.

• El Segundo United Methodist Church Annual Harvest Bazaar, 1:00- 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch will be served on Saturday. 540 Main Street. 310-322-3782

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

• The El Segundo Woman’s Club will have a “Granny’s Treasure Sale” 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Club House is at 541 Standard Street. Fundraiser sale.

• The California Federated Woman’s Club Marina District of which El Segundo Woman’s Club is a member hosts fundraiser, “4 Knights of Comedy”, featuring four well known comedians who will provide an evening of fun and laughter at Torrance Woman’s Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under ten years of age. Tickets, call Gina 310-379-8315.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

• Community-please note change of location for Sunday Dance, the Beach Cities Swing Band Live at the Gold Crest Rebekah Lodge 406 E. Grand Avenue. Enjoy an evening of music and dancing 7 pm - 9:30 pm. Call for details 310-936-3454 www.beachcityesswing.org

• Free Sunday Concert in the Library The Joel Lish Quartet will present “Pearls of the Baroque: Beyond Bach. This free concert will be presented from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Friends of the Library Room. Call the reference desk at 310-524-2728 with any questions.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

• The South Bay Chapter of the California Republican Assembly meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the El Segundo Library. 310-406-5429

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

• LAX Area Democratic Club monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. will be in the Friends of the Library room at the El Segundo Public Library.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

• Tavern On Main’s 2nd Annual “Home For The Holidays Pet Photo Op.” 3:00- 8:00 p.m. 123 Main St. 310-322-3645. Proceeds will benefit ES animal rescue groups Sparky & the Gang and Pal Rescue. Silent auction, raffle and holiday photos by Marcy Dugan.

UPCOMING

• A Mom’s Night of Fashionable Fun. Thursday, November 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Occasions 139 Richmond St. Fashion show, Comedy Fun, Friends and Food. Tickets \$40 per person. All proceeds will benefit the El Segundo Educational Foundation. For more information 310-615-2650 x229 info@ElSegundoEdFoundation.org or visit website www.ElSegundoEdFoundation.org

• Plaza El Segundo delivers holiday cheer at Holiday Open House. A motivating combination of raising money for local South Bay charities and kicking off holiday shopping with friends and family. Exclusive sales and discounts at the stores, VIP tickets for \$10 each are available with 100% of the ticket sale proceeds going directly to participating charities.

Friday, November 20, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Tree Lighting with Santa is at 7:00pm. Plaza El Segundo located on Sepulveda Blvd. just north of Rosecrans Ave. 310-647-3431.

• 1st Annual El Segundo High School Lady Eagles Alumni vs. ESHS Girls Varsity Soccer Team (Alumni must RSVP by Friday, December 4) Soccer Game on Thursday December 17, 6:00 p.m., Campus El Segundo. Contacts Rick Reaser, 310-227-5534 rick-reaser@msn.com, or Coach Juan Mosquera, 310-365-7593 mjuanssoccerclub@aol.com.

• El Segundo Methodist Church will have a Community Sing-A-Long featuring the high school and middle school chorus groups on Sunday, December 6. Program begins at 5 p.m. 540 Main Street.

ONGOING

• The 2010 Entertainment Book has arrived. Perfect gift, amazing discounts for dining, theaters, retail stores and more. It supports El Segundo Rotary Club. Available at Industrial Lock & Security 401 Main Street 310-322-3252.

• Art Display during the month of November, ES Art Association will be spotlighted during El Segundo’s “One City One Book” event. Artworks were inspired by the novel The Art of Racing in the Rain, a novel that features dogs and race cars. The exhibit will be in the ES Public Library, beginning Sunday, November 1. 310-524- 2728.

Dear Carol

Dear Carol,
What has happened to common courtesy? People I meet every day are so rude. Drivers cut me off in traffic, the language is full of profanity, and clothing people wear is obscene. What happened to good manners? I’ve gotten to the place where I avoiding being with people, I find them so offensive.

Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners,
What are you looking for? Are you looking for opportunities to be insulted, holding everyone to high and rigid standards of behavior and seeking occasions to be offended? May I suggest that you look for the good in people and, more importantly, set such a high standard of displaying good manners, kindness and compassion that you set an example for everyone that you meet? Studies have shown that an act of kindness not only has a positive effect on the people who perform and receive the action but those who witness such an event are positively affected as well. Instead of looking for darkness, are you willing to be the light and set an example of how we should treat each other?

Dear Carol,
My husband likes to have a “boy’s night out” at our house. Some of his buddies come over and watch sports on our big TV. In the past, they would have a few beers, cheer for their teams, eat the snacks I’d set out and leave when the game was through. Over the years it has gotten to be a drunken affair where one friend in particular helps himself

to the hard liquor and anything he finds in the refrigerator. They get really drunk, are loud, crude, and obnoxious and stay well into the wee hours. I’m getting tired of having these drunks in my house keeping me awake, costing me for food and alcohol and being unpleasant. I’m afraid one of them is going to get in an accident on the way home, too. My husband says they just need to talk and let off steam but I think they are becoming alcoholics. How can I get this to stop?

M. C.,
Dear M. C.,
Have you talked with your husband about this when he is sober? Does he see the danger his friends create as they drive away from your home drunk? If there is an accident you might be held responsible. Can you get him to agree to end the evenings at a certain, reasonable time? If, for example, he agrees on 11 p.m., talk to each friend as they arrive in front of your husband, getting an agreement that 11 p.m. is time to leave. Then at 11 p.m. announce it is time to go, remind them of their agreement and tell them good night. If your husband does not back you up it may be time to see a counselor. If your description is accurate, he is enabling his friends to break the law, endanger others on the road and disrespect his closest friend, you.

Send questions to askcarolnow@gmail.com or mail to Herald Publications.

Carol is a Life Coach available for private consultation in person or on the phone. •

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank
There was some supposedly good news recently on the economic front. New claims for unemployment were down, according to the people crunching the numbers in the Labor Department.

The numbers are the numbers, but suffice it to say less people than expected were laid off and filed for new unemployment benefits in the early part of November. But the number I saw mentioning new claims still topped 500,000, so it appears that conditions, while improving, are doing so at a snail’s pace.

And the members of Congress are doing their part to help out during this drib-drib, crawling recovery. The House passed a bill that will extend unemployment benefits in the Golden Bankrupt State to nearly two years for those folks in need. Cali was one of the states granted an additional 20 weeks of benefits.

But while things may be getting a tad bit rosier, don’t look for business as usual to ever return to the American employment landscape. Not to say that some folks may have been cruising through their workday, updating their Facebook page, e-mailing any and all on their contact list, texting, texting, and, oh, occasionally using their computer at work to actually “work.”

Seems that employers may have come to the realization that less sometimes is more, that they could squeeze more productive time out of fewer employees. Some of the jobs that were out there ain’t coming back, folks. No matter how strong the recovery is, no matter what the well-paid, some may say over-compensated, talking heads on the tube may tell us. Those folks are still raking in the bucks, by the way. And if the TV stars are cut loose, they almost always have a wonderful “golden parachute” awaiting them as they ponder their next job option.

Reminds me of, guess what, a Springsteen song, circa 25 years ago. Said the Boss, in the tune “My Hometown,” about jobs in his city: “They’re closing down the textile mill across the railroad tracks. Foreman says these

jobs are going, boys, and they ain’t coming back, to your hometown...”

Okay, maybe the textile mill across the way didn’t shutter its doors. Probably because we don’t have any textile mills in the South Bay. Least none that I know of. Might be one in the far reaches of Carson, but I can’t be sure. But you get the idea, right? New economy out there. Time to deal, folks.

Course a day or two after the somewhat uplifting unemployment numbers were floated out there, the headlines above the fold warned us that the natives were again restless, that the nation’s unemployment rate had risen above 10 percent. So what gives?

Well, in the Great Bankrupt State, unemployment hovers a tad bit above the 12 percent level. Getting people back on the job and off of the dole will surely be the numero uno issue resonating with most voters next year when the 2010 mid-year elections take center stage.

The Demos didn’t fair to well in last week’s elections, did they? Did you vote? Were we supposed to vote on something? Gotta say, ashamedly, that if “we the people” were supposed to decide something locally, I was totally out of it. Sorry.

Nationally, the GOP picked up governorships in Virginia and New Jersey. And the fine folks in Maine voted to repeal a state law that would have allowed gay marriage, so help me Rock Hudson!

The Republican spinmeisters were giddy with the wins in the gubernatorial races, citing the victories as a repudiation of President Obama and his policies. Maybe, maybe not. According to exit polls, many of the Independent voters who helped fuel Mr. Obama’s impressive win over Senator McCain a year ago did not transfer their support to the Demo candidate in either state.

And the party in power didn’t garner quite the support that they received in the Presidential election this time around from first-time minority and young voters, who were so energized by the cult of personality

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