

# Business Briefs

## MEET THE AUTHOR, EL SEGUNDO ONE CITY, ONE BOOK Provided by Ellen Cunningham

The El Segundo Public Library will present a "Meet the Author" event as part of The El Segundo One City, One Book program. Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, will appear via Skype, on November 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Friends of the Library room. Mr. Stein will read from his book, talk about writing it, and take questions from the audience.

The Library is located at 111 West Mariposa Avenue (at Main Street) in El Segundo. For more information, please call (310) 524-2728.

## LOCAL HAIR SALON KEEPS CLIENTS IN STYLE WHILE SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY AND WORTHWHILE CAUSES Provided by Kristi Hale

Kristi Jackson Hale and her team of hair experts are making waves and more in downtown El Segundo at the recently opened salon, Looks etc. While keeping their clients looking sharp, they are supporting our schools by hosting a fundraising week for El Segundo Middle School. Looks etc. will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to ESMS PTSA beginning November 1 through 10 2009.

"I am passionate about my work and an avid supporter of our schools and community! Right now it is giving us double reason to celebrate our new venture and feel good about what we are doing. Our clients are happy because they feel like they are also able to contribute while supporting a local business-and, of course, they look fabulous when they leave! That's good news too!

Looks etc. supported breast cancer awareness through the month of October by using, promoting and selling the cutting edged product-line Bio-Ionic. Through the product line 30 percent of the proceeds were donated

to Breast Cancer Research. "El Segundo is home to me and my two boys. It's our town, our community and I think that everyone who comes to Looks etc. gets the sense that we are proud of where we are and what we are doing. When it comes to Hair fashion and style, we are all about now, but we still have traditional values too!

## For more information contact Kristi at 310-322-0020 or email looksetc@yahoo.com. 'BIRTH OF AVIATION' CENTENNIAL PREVIEW SET AT FLIGHT PATH

Next year's area-wide celebration of 100 years of aviation in Southern California will be previewed November 10 at 10 a.m. at the LAX Flight Path Learning Center and Museum in the LAX Imperial Terminal, 6661 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles. Admission and parking are free. The program will review preparations now in full swing for the 2010 anniversary of the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet, often called the "birth of aviation in Southern California." Alison Bruesehoff, executive director of the Rancho Dominguez Adobe Museum, near the site of the 1910 event, will be featured speaker.

An estimated 226,000 aviation enthusiasts attended the Dominguez Air Meet between January 10 and 20, 1910, at Dominguez Field, part of the original Rancho San Pedro Spanish land grant. A special Pacific Electric railway platform was constructed to accommodate spectators arriving by rail from all over Southern California.

The Flight Path Learning Center and Museum is operated by Flight Path in cooperation with Los Angeles World Airports, the city agency which operates LAX.

Flight Path is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission and parking are free.

For information call (310) 215-5291 or visit the museum website at [www.flightpath.us/](http://www.flightpath.us/).

# Earthtalk®

## From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

*Dear EarthTalk: Hunting seems to be a real controversy among environmental advocates. Can you set the record straight: Is hunting good or bad for the environment?*

-- Bill Davis, New York, NY

Like so many hot button issues, the answer to this question depends upon who you ask. On the one hand, some say, nothing could be more natural than hunting, and indeed just about every animal species—including humans—has been either predator or prey at some point in its evolution. And, ironic as it sounds, since humans have wiped out many animal predators, some see hunting as a natural way to cull the herds of prey animals that, as a result, now reproduce beyond the environment's carrying capacity.

On the other hand, many environmental and animal advocates see hunting as barbaric, arguing that it is morally wrong to kill animals, regardless of practical considerations. According to Glenn Kirk of the California-based The Animals Voice, hunting "causes immense suffering to individual wild animals..." and is "gratuitously cruel because unlike natural predation hunters kill for pleasure..." He adds that, despite hunters' claims that hunting keeps wildlife populations in balance, hunters' license fees are used to "manipulate a few game [target] species into overpopulation at the expense of a much larger number of non-game species, resulting in the loss of biological diversity, genetic integrity and ecological balance."

Beyond moral issues, others contend that hunting is not practical. According to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the vast majority of hunted species—such as waterfowl, upland birds, mourning doves, squirrels and raccoons—"provide minimal

sustenance and do not require population control."

Author Gary E. Varner suggests in his book, *In Nature's Interests*, that some types of hunting may be morally justifiable while others may not be. Hunting "designed to secure the aggregate welfare of the target species, the integrity of its ecosystem, or both"—what Varner terms 'therapeutic hunting'—is defensible, while subsistence and sport hunting—both of which only benefit human beings—is not.

Regardless of one's individual stance, fewer Americans hunt today than in recent history. Data gathered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for its most recent (2006) National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, show that only five percent of Americans—some 12.5 million individuals—consider themselves hunters today, down from nine percent in 2001 and 15 percent in 1996.

Public support for hunting, however, is on the rise. A 2007 survey by Responsive Management Inc., a social research firm specializing in natural resource issues, found that 78 percent of Americans support hunting today versus 73 percent in 1995. Eighty percent of respondents agreed that "hunting has a legitimate place in modern society," and the percent of Americans indicating disapproval of hunting declined from 22 percent in 1995 to 16 percent in 2007.

Perhaps matching the trend among the public, green leaders are increasingly advocating for cooperation between hunters and environmental groups: After all, both lament urban sprawl and habitat destruction.

Send your environmental questions to: [EarthTalk@earthtalk.com](mailto:EarthTalk@earthtalk.com). Read past columns at: [www.emagazine.com/earth-talk/archives.php](http://www.emagazine.com/earth-talk/archives.php).

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