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## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
63°/50°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
66°/54°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
72°/59°



## Voters Turn Out for El Segundo City Municipal Elections



Joanne Kramer turns in her vote at the El Segundo Public Library polling station on April 8th and receives a sticker from Betty Kirsch, who has been a volunteer for the past five elections. Photo by Kimberly Roach. ♦

## Treasurer Looks to Safeguard City Monies, Builds Portfolio

By Brian Simon

While various components contributed to the projected future year budget deficits that prompted the El Segundo City Council to place the Measure A initiative on the ballot, one of the lesser discussed culprits was a substantial loss of investment income. Over the last few years, interest rates have dropped to well below one percent on certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market accounts that used to earn considerably more—and those have not made a comeback. Additionally, the City's higher-yielding bonds also reached maturity during that period. Interest on investments fell from \$1.17 million in 2010 to just under \$70,000 in 2012, according to data provided by the City's Finance Department.

While opportunities to bolster yield remain limited, City Treasurer Crista Binder continues to look for ways to maximize El Segundo's investments. "Since I started with the City [in January 2013], we've added medium-term notes to the portfolio—these are corporate securities that can add value when other investments are not yielding the same," Binder explained. "We added about 10 percent of these to the portfolio, making sure we diversified amongst the issuers by name and also sector. In other words, we purchased securities in incremental amounts from different companies that work in different industries. We are also shortening the duration of the portfolio to mitigate risk. In a rising interest rate environment, you want to shorten duration so you are not exposed on the long end of the curve to interest rate fluctuations."

Through these moves, the yield on the City's portfolio has increased by 40 basis points, or 0.40 percent overall. While growth potential on short-term investments is still very low, Binder said that she looks for value where she can without incurring too much risk. "Our

primary goal with the portfolio is safety first—then liquidity and then seeing market rate of return," she explained. Binder added that she is also looking at adding "non-callable" bullet securities to the portfolio that can be held to maturity and won't subject the City to the risk of only being able to reinvest at lower rates.

Upon her appointment to City Treasurer 15 months ago, Binder hit the ground running by scheduling meetings with all the department heads to get a better sense of their operational needs as well the workings of her own office. She discovered the City was using four banks to manage the needs of the various departments—a practice she felt was not optimal. "We needed a much more streamlined cash management operation and so I issued an RFP [Request

For Proposal] for banking services to find the right bank to meet all our treasury needs," Binder said.

Binder put together a panel to review bids from five banks and the group ultimately selected JPMorgan Chase, officially contracting with the firm as of last August. "They presented the best solution to meet the City's needs, including financial incentives to improve our cash management operation," Binder said. In implementing the new banking services, Binder and staff worked with JPMorgan Chase to design an optimal structure comprised of one master concentration account and three zero-balance accounts. "We also have four stand-alone accounts and one custody account

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## \*\*\* ELECTION 2014 \*\*\*

### UNOFFICIAL SEMI-FINAL COUNT For CITY COUNCIL & MEASURE A\*

| FOR CITY COUNCIL | TOTALS |
|------------------|--------|
| Suzanne Fuentes  | 1,878  |
| Bill Fisher      | 1,403  |
| Michael Dugan    | 1,701  |

| For MEASURE A | TOTALS |
|---------------|--------|
| Yes           | 1,287  |
| No            | 1,678  |

Number of Votes Cast = 7,947

Registered Voters (Active) = 11,734

\*RESULTS DO NOT INCLUDE TOTALS FROM PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

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Obituaries

Elliot “E” Mills  
1/17/61 - 3/29/14

Elliot “E” Mills, was 53 years old. He lived in El Segundo CA. He passed away in his home of natural causes.

Elliot was born in Reno, Nevada and raised in the Northeast L.A. neighborhood of Mount Washington. For the people that knew and loved Elliot Mills, he was a larger than life individual. Nothing was more profoundly satisfying to him than the love he had for his family and friends. He could frequently be found cheering for his sons at their sporting events or driving groups of boys to BMX and skate parks and was loved by many. He leaves his family and friends



knowing he lived his life to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife Janese, his sons Andrew and Sebastian, his mother Louetta Riley, father Ronald Mills, stepfather Robert Briffett, brother Cliff Mills and sister Julia Mills-Harrison. He is preceded in death by his stepmother Pat Mills.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the George E. Gordon Clubhouse in El Segundo Park, 300 East Pine Ave., El Segundo CA, 90245. Anyone that knew him is welcome. In lieu of flowers, contributions are being accepted at <http://www.gofundme.com/7wzz6k>.

Calendar

There is a limited word count of 20 words and fees will apply. Email to [escalendar@heraldpublications.com](mailto:escalendar@heraldpublications.com). Deadline for submissions is Thursday at 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- Charity Rummage Sale sponsored by Mom’s Club of El Segundo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., United Methodist Church, Johnson Hall, 540 Main St.
- City of El Segundo Recreation & Parks Department inaugural “Junk in Your Trunk” Community Sale event, 8-11 a.m., Joslyn Center parking lot, 339 Sheldon St. To reserve a space, please call (310) 524-2705. For more information call (310) 524-2700.
- Tree Musketeers’ Tree Care Group, 10 a.m.-noon, at Memory Row on Imperial Ave. For more information email [volunteers@treemusketeers.org](mailto:volunteers@treemusketeers.org) or call (310) 322-0263.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Council Chambers. For more information call (310) 524-2306.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

- Mattel E-Waste Recycling Event: drop

off your electronic waste at 2043 Mariposa Ave from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Recyclable items include computer monitors, printers, cables, and CPUS; TV sets; and stereo equipment.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- City of El Segundo’s Annual Underwater Eggstravaganza, 7 p.m., The Plunge (Urho Saari Swim Stadium), at Mariposa Ave and Concord St. Reservations are required. For more information call (310) 524-2738.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- City of El Segundo Recreation & Parks Department annual Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza event at Recreation Park, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Recreation Park between Grand Avenue and Pine Avenue along Eucalyptus Street. For more information call (310) 524-2700.

ONGOING

- Farmer’s Market, Thursdays 3-7 p.m., Main St. between Holly and Pine Avenues. For more information call Val at (310) 615-2649.
- El Segundo Library open on Fridays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

ELECTION 2014

Fuentes, Dugan Elected to Council; Tax Measure Fails

By Brian Simon

El Segundo will have a leadership change beginning next week, as local voters elected newcomer Mike Dugan to the City Council along with incumbent Suzanne Fuentes during Tuesday’s municipal election. With three candidates vying for two open slots on the dais, Mayor Bill Fisher fell short in his bid for a third term. The just-elected two Council members will be sworn in on April 15 and the full group of five will select a new Mayor the same evening. Also on Tuesday, El Segundo voters rejected the Measure A tax initiative that the Council and corporate business community had supported in hopes of shoring up the City’s looming budget deficits.

Unofficial results as of Wednesday morning with all three precincts reporting showed Fuentes with a total of 1,878 votes, Dugan with 1,701 and Fisher with 1,403. Measure A, which needed a simple majority of voters in order to pass, failed by a 1,678 to 1,287 margin. A small number of provisional ballots were still left to be counted yesterday and today, but are not expected to impact the final outcome.

The total number of non-provisional ballots cast for this election was 3,030, reflecting 26.5 percent of registered voters (down from about 29 percent two years ago). Of that number, 1,550 were vote by mail and 1,480 from precinct turnout on Tuesday.

Voters also encountered a new ballot type, the County-approved “Opto-Mark” that replaced the now obsolete punch card. “Of the 65-plus cities in Los Angeles County that conduct their own elections, we were the last holdout two years ago still using the punch cards where you have to make sure the hole is punched fully and remove any hanging chads—but that ballot card stock is no longer available and the punch card ballot counter no longer supported,” said Deputy City Clerk I Cathy Domann. The Opto-Mark asked voters to use a black marker and darken in the circled items of choice. “This made for a more accurate system as far as confirming voter intent, but it was also more labor-intensive for us since we had to make sure the ink didn’t bleed into one of the other ovals or that there wasn’t an extra mark,” Domann added. “Also some of people who voted by mail used pencil or different-colored pens.”

For a period on Tuesday night, many local residents were left in the dark (literally) waiting for ballot count results as a transformer blew in the area of Mariposa Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard around

9 p.m., mainly affecting Center Street east to Nash Street and from Mariposa north to Imperial Avenue—but also the cable studio that was broadcasting the live feed at City Hall. This temporarily prevented any viewers from watching the proceedings on television or on their computers. Cable eventually got up and running again despite continued power outages on the east side of town. The last precinct count and unofficial totals posted shortly before 11 p.m.

In securing a second term on the Council and finishing as the leading vote-getter, Fuentes said, “I am so grateful and humbled by the voters, my supporters and volunteers and am very excited to welcome Mike Dugan to the Council and work with him.” She attributed her successful campaign to her love for and commitment to the City. “I’ve worked hard and treated this as my second job.” Looking at the immediate future, Fuentes noted, “We have our work cut out for us with Measure A falling at the polls. We’re going to have to roll up our sleeves and get to the City’s business.” Fuentes added that she thought Measure A would prevail with all five Council members backing it as well as the business community, but pointed out that “historically El Segundo hasn’t passed tax increases.”

Fisher, who joined the Council in 2006 and became Mayor last May, said, “It has been an honor serving the El Segundo community for eight years. It’s unfortunate that I will not have the opportunity to continue the work we started to move the City forward. I wish the new City Council the wisdom necessary to meet the challenges that lie ahead.”

Dugan, a management consultant who came up short in his first Council bid two years ago, was not available for comment as of press time. He was on record as opposed to Measure A. The author of the ballot argument against Measure A, El Segundo resident and former City Councilmember Mike Robbins, could also not be reached for comment in time for this edition.

Measure A sought to increase utility user taxes on businesses by 2.5 percent, impose a new 2.5 percent utility user tax on residents (with both reduced to two percent after three years), raise transient occupancy taxes on lodging by two percent, reduce business license tax credits, and levy a business license tax on long-term parking facilities—with the goal of increasing City revenues by roughly \$6.6 million annually in the first three years

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Treasurer

from front page

which we are keeping from the old relationship, but in the end we will have reduced our total accounts by four,” Binder added.

Among the more notable services as part of the new banking relationship will be a lockbox that will accept Automated Clearing House (ACH) collections for water bill payments so customers can sign up to have their accounts debited automatically. This should be in place by the end of May, Binder estimated.

Last July, Binder and staff also completed an analysis of three years worth of cash flows in order to determine seasonal trends and the City’s ongoing liquidity needs. “Without a good understanding of our cash flows, then we may not have enough money on hand to pay the City’s obligations,” Binder said.

As for the aforementioned staff, Binder’s department recently underwent a significant change when long-time Deputy Treasurer II Mary Kobus retired at the end of December. The recruitment process brought a replacement in Dino Marsocci, who started two months ago. “We were fortunate to find Dino, as he brings not only cash management experience, but has

worked as a controller in private industry as well,” Binder said.

Meanwhile, Accounting Specialist Thim Whiteside earned a promotion to Deputy Treasurer I last fall to enable Binder to add duties she deemed critical to the operation. “Thim can now perform many of the functions of the Deputy Treasurer II, which provides us with an experienced backup in the absence of either one of us,” Binder said. “Thim was instrumental in managing the operation after Mary retired and before we hired Dino.”

To culminate Binder’s first year-plus at the helm, the department next month will produce its first monthly investment report as opposed to just the standard portfolio statement. The report will feature charts and graphs along with economic trends so the public can gain a better understanding of how the City’s investments are faring in relation to the overall economy. And though not a fixture at the podium during City Council meetings during her tenure thus far, Binder indicated this will change once the investment report is complete. “You’ll be seeing more of me in the future,” she promised.

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# Police Reports

## Monday, March 31, 2014

Traffic accident (without injuries) occurred at 0423 hours at Grand Avenue and Nash Street, bus versus a fire hydrant

Found property report was taken at 1313 hours from the 900 block of McCarthy Court. A Smith and Wesson handgun was found in the middle of the street at the location

## Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Lost property report was taken at 0532 hours from the 300 block of Virginia Street. A backpack containing a passport and a laptop computer was lost at the location

Traffic accident (with injuries) occurred at 0654 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard, three vehicles involved

One male adult was arrested at 0727 hours from the 200 block of West Imperial Avenue for possession of stolen property

Forgery report was taken at 0904 hours from the 600 block of West Imperial Avenue. Victim discovered there was an unknown female attached to his tax account after filing his tax return

Burglary/fraudulent use of an access card/identity theft report was taken at 1240 hours from the 2200 block of East Rosecrans Avenue. Unknown suspect attempted to use the victim's access card for a cash advance

Misdemeanor hit and run report was taken at 1323 hours from Sepulveda Boulevard and Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle

One male adult was arrested at 1538 hours from Main Street and Oak Avenue for suspicion of burglary, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia

## Wednesday, April 2, 2014

One female adult was arrested at 0214 hours from Eucalyptus Drive and Mariposa Avenue for misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or above

Traffic accident (with no injuries) occurred at 0803 hours at the intersection of Mariposa

Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle

One male adult was arrested at 1308 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard for one outstanding LASD felony warrant

Burglary (commercial) occurred between 1920 hours on 04/01/14 and 0910 hours on 04/02/14 from the 300 block of North Continental Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) stole a floor safe from an office suite

## Thursday, April 3, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0149 hours from the 800 block of Virginia Street for domestic violence

One female adult was arrested at 0143 hours from the 800 block of Virginia Street for plain drunk in public

Petty theft report was taken at 0742 hours from the 900 block of Nash Street. A WiFi hot spot was stolen from a vehicle

Traffic accident (with no injuries) occurred at 0935 hours in the 1900 block of East Grand Avenue, vehicle versus vehicle

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1310 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Numerous bottles of Vodka were stolen from the business

## Friday, April 4, 2014

One male adult was arrested at 0258 hours from Rosecrans Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard for misdemeanor DUI

Hit and run report was taken at 0710 hours from the 600 block of West Mariposa Avenue, vehicle versus parked vehicle

Vandalism occurred between 04/03/14 and 04/04/14 in the 600 block of South Douglas Street. Graffiti was spray painted on a building

One male adult was detained at 1114 hours and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychological evaluation

One female juvenile was detained at 1838 hours and transported to Harbor General Hospital for a 72 hour psychological evaluation

Burglary (residential) report was taken at 2057 hours from the 1400 block of East Oak Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) broke into a residence and attempted to steal property

Found property report was taken at 0006 hours from the 400 block of Main Street. A credit card was found

## Saturday, April 5, 2014

Petty theft report was taken at 0324 hours from the 600 block of Illinois Court. A cell phone was taken

Burglary (vehicle) report was taken at 1005 hours from the 900 block of Cypress Street. Unknown suspect(s) broke into the vehicle and stole miscellaneous items and U.S. currency

One male adult was arrested at 1230 hours from LASD Lakewood station for one outstanding ESPD felony warrant

One male adult was arrested at 1342 hours

from Imperial Avenue and Main Street for one outstanding LASD misdemeanor traffic warrant

Petty theft report was taken at 1415 hours from the 500 block of North Sepulveda Boulevard. Unknown suspect(s) took a bag and a wallet from a cart

Burglary (commercial) report was taken at 1734 hours from the 700 block of Allied Way. Unknown suspects attempted to steal clothing

One male adult was arrested at 0042 hours from the 1800 block of East Sycamore Avenue for plain drunk in public

## Sunday, April 6, 2014

Petty theft report was taken at 1140 hours from the 700 block of Indiana Court. Taken was an Apple iPad, and jewelry

One male adult was arrested at 1253 hours from Inglewood PD for one outstanding El Segundo PD felony warrant

One male adult was arrested at 1051 hours from Bungalow Drive and Walnut Avenue for one outstanding LAPD misdemeanor warrant

Battery report was taken at 1949 hours from the 600 block of Main Street. The incident occurred on 04/03/14 •

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Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project

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Spring 2014 Project Update

As construction progresses on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Metro and Walsh-Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC) are committed to providing the most up-to-date information on construction activities being performed along the 8.5-mile project route.

Running from the Expo Line to the Green Line, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project has eight stations and will serve the Crenshaw District, Inglewood, Westchester and the surrounding LAX area with stations at Crenshaw/Exposition, Crenshaw/Martin Luther King Bl, Crenshaw/Vernon (Leimert Park), Crenshaw/Slauson, Florence/West, Florence/La Brea, Florence/Hindry and Aviation/Century.

Current Construction

Construction on the underground stations is anticipated to begin in late April with pile installation at Crenshaw Bl/Exposition Bl and Crenshaw Bl/Martin Luther King Bl. Concurrently, demolition work is slated to begin on the Florence construction yard located at Florence Av/LaBrea Av. As the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project is a design-build project, project design continues while construction begins.

Properties located at the future Expo construction yard have been cleared, and work on a 16-foot sound wall surrounding the yard has begun. Along the route, geographical boring (obtaining soil samples) and potholing (checking for underground utilities), as well as railroad track removal along Florence Av and utility relocation continue.

Community Updates

Metro held a January 2014 groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the start of construction. More recently, the project held its first community construction update meeting, an Open House at its new Airport Project Office at 9323 Bellanca Av. The event saw hundreds in attendance.

Metro now provides daily project updates via Facebook (facebook.com/crenshawrail), Twitter (@crenshawrail) and emails. Several project factsheets pertaining to trees, work permits and environmental standards have been distributed. Metro will also continue to meet with community stakeholders to provide project updates.


Other activities include partnering with community organizations to coordinate events promoting careers in construction. This has included appearances at Career Day at Crenshaw and Inglewood High Schools and mentoring two Morningside High School students for the day at Metro headquarters.

Further, outreach to local artists has begun regarding the process of submitting art for Metro stations. The project team has also expanded with the addition of new members to WSCC and Metro. Moreover, the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project and WSCC have contracted with several local vendors to provide a myriad of services to the project.

WSCC is a joint venture between Walsh Construction and J.F. Shea Company. Together, they have collaborated on many rail projects in the United States, including systems in Dallas, Phoenix, Charlotte and Chicago. In addition to its October Business Opportunities Summit, WSCC has made an immediate impact in the Crenshaw/LAX community by hosting two food drives and a toy drive for the 2013 holiday season.

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Oh yes, there is a God....and a mighty one he is. As a matter of fact, He is greater than the pretender that came before. Why, the old God took seven days to create heaven and earth, but he didn't have as many naysayers. Today's God took the same time--one week--to sign up two million people for Obamacare, the most unanimously disliked legislation in history! Now that is an act of God!

Why, on March 26, naysayer Nancy Pelosi said the healthcare law was not passed to insure the uninsured, but to give quality healthcare and

have been covered by Obamacare. But God plunged on.

Most people would have been discouraged when the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said 26-27 million uninsured people would never obtain insurance under Obamacare, but God showed grit and stayed the course.

When the March 6 edition of the RealClear-Politics poll of polls showed only 39 percent of Americans approved of Obamacare, God Poo-pooed all his people.

When the Breitbart news report contradicted God and Nancy, stating that Obamacare would

*"Agents argued that Walmart's health plans are better and less expensive than Obamacare."*

affordable healthcare. "Don't measure the ACA by how many uninsured get insurance." Ohhh, Nancy, what a Doubting Thomas you were.

The Washington Examiner interviewed policy experts and independent insurance agents who argued that Walmart's health plans are better and less expensive than Obamacare. The Journal of the American Medical Association concurred that unsubsidized Obamacare enrollees will face monthly premiums five to nine times higher than Walmart premiums. So the JAMA contradicts both God and Nancy. But God was undeterred.

As late as March 23, God's disciples CNBC and the Washington Post both reported that the then-five million enrollees were bogus. In fact, only 715,000 were previously uninsured. The other 4.3 million were those who had migrated over from God's cancelled private policies to mandated Obamacare programs. That means that as of the third week of March, just 1.4 percent of the estimated 48.6 million uninsured

cost taxpayers \$2.6 trillion over the next 10 years, God simply shrugged. On a similar vein, on March 10, the Washington Post reported that with only three weeks remaining to enroll, only one in 10 eligible signees had signed up. Ironically, the Affordable Care Act was deemed unaffordable. Out of five possible reasons for failing to enroll, most chose, "I could not afford to pay the premium."

But perhaps the greatest hurdle God had to overcome was the law itself. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revealed that the law contains 14 exemptions from Obamacare. If anyone has any hardship in obtaining insurance, he need only ask for an exemption. Since this applies to anyone, it is an abandonment of the individual mandate--the very heart of the law.

Chanting, "We will Overcome," God got two million to sign up in the last week. Surely Charlton Heston himself would have stood in awe. God is, after all, omnipotent and can achieve miracles. Allahu Akbar! •

## Another Man's Opinion

### Supreme Court Allows More Influence from Money

By Cristian Vasquez

As if the Supreme Court hadn't caused enough damage to the democratic process through Citizens United, last week the court gave more freedom to wealthy donors to influence elections. In a 5-4 ruling, the court bypassed longstanding restrictions on campaign donations by allowing those with enough money to donate a total of \$3.6 million to the list of candidates running for Congress. This decision by the court strikes down a limit imposed by Congress back in the Watergate Era that prevented any single donor from hashing out large amounts of money to influence Capitol Hill. Under the old restrictions, a donor could donate \$5,200 to a Congressional candidate each election cycle and no more than \$123,200 to all candidates and political party committees put together.

Under the new ruling, which was acted upon an appeal from the Republican National Committee, the court's decision allows individuals to give the individual maximum to every candidate for Congress. As a result, the new maximum contribution that can be made to candidates and party committees during a two-year election cycle has been raised to \$3.6 million.

Everyone has the right to do as they wish with their money. If you earn it, then of course it's your right to spend it as you see fit. However, to have the court determine that political contributions are protected as free speech and by removing limits on monetary donations, the court has just placed a large majority of

Americans at a disadvantage. Politicians already spend a ridiculous amount of money on elections. Politico reported that President Obama and Mitt Romney were able to fundraise \$1.123 billion and \$1.019 billion, respectively. Yet, the court found it necessary to raise the limits on campaign contributions. Absurd.

At this rate, our vote and opinion really will not matter. It already feels like all we can do is kick and scream while special interest groups and lobbyists manipulate the legislative process. I would expect elected officials to take a backseat in trying to impose campaign contribution restrictions of any kind. It is after all a big reason that they get elected into office. Yet, to have the Supreme Court remove contribution restrictions under the guise of free speech is ridiculous and dangerous. It gives corporations and the few in the millionaire income bracket an even bigger advantage over the rest of the population.

As it is, money influences the voting process enough. Elections are already about which candidate has the most ad space, airtime and the best-run campaign. It is more about the tour bus and the campaign stops than addressing actual issues that concern voters. This decision by the Supreme Court hinders our democratic process. It allows for this flawed two-party system to continue thriving. While we do have other political parties, the truth is that two parties control our election process because they obtain the most money. With the court's most recent decision, this situation is not going to end anytime soon. •



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# Sports

## Sports

### Eagles’ Talented Softball Team Starting to Gel

By Gregg McMullin

The 2014 high school softball season is in full swing. For the El Segundo Lady Eagles, who are off to a 3-3 start, this could be the last season in which they vie for a Pioneer League championship. With the realignment of the South Bay high schools into different leagues starting in the fall, this will be El Segundo’s opportunity to make a statement before heading to the Ocean League.

With a roster full of talent, head coach Keith Cameron has a problem every coach would love to have--too many good players and not enough positions. He noted that on his roster of 15 players, any of them would be starters at any other school. “That’s the beauty of this team--there is no real drop-off if we make a substitute. They’re all good,” Cameron said.

Cameron enters his 18th year as head coach, but has been coaching for 27 years altogether. He’s not one for record-keeping and has no idea what his coaching won/loss mark might be, but one thing for certain is that his teams are winners. In the past 10 years, Cameron’s teams have won 179 games and advanced to the playoffs in each of those years. Cameron says he can’t remember the last time one of his teams failed to make the playoffs.

The El Segundo baseball program doesn’t rebuild, but rather reloads. You could say the same for the softball program that ranks up there with other South Bay premiere programs such as Mira Costa, San Pedro and Torrance.

With just three seniors on this team, you might assume the Lady Eagles are short on both experience and talent. Not so. The three seniors provide the leadership and have been with the team for three years or more. Nicki Honsowetz is a three-year letterman and will start at second base. Tess Von Flue is a three-year starter who was brought up as a freshman, while McCall James is a four-year starter.

James, who has signed a letter of intent to play for Santa Clara next year, has been an all league selection and made the All-South Bay team. She returns as one of the area’s

top pitchers and will be hidden down in the lineup with her bat.

Von Flue’s versatility makes her one of the team’s top players defensively. She can play any of the outfield positions and can be inserted anywhere in the infield as well. Honsowetz’s slick fielding and speed helps solidify the infield.

Standout junior catcher Kaitlin Covington is still recovering from an injury. Nayeli Diaz, just a sophomore, has been starting in place of Covington and has improved dramatically while handling a top-notch pitching staff.

The infield is so impressive that Cameron believes it’s as good as any he has ever had. At first base sophomore Julie Roach is solid, but it’s her bat that stands out to Cameron. Rhianna Rich is a three-year starter and the junior shortstop will most likely be the team’s leadoff hitter. Alyssa Pelegrin is also a sophomore, but is already being considered one of the top third basemen in the South Bay.

Joining Von Flue in the outfield are Katherine Burner and Allison Tatnal, both returnees. Burner’s speed makes her a natural for centerfield, while Tatnal’s big arm and speed give the Eagles a very talented outfield.

Opposing pitchers trying to get through the Eagles’ lineup could be in for a long day. There’s speed and power at the top of the lineup with more power down in the lineup. Cameron believes with Rich, Burner and Tatnal at the top of the order, it will set the tone for what could be a long inning.

Pelegrin, who has verbally committed to Oregon State, will most likely hit fourth. Don’t let her size fool you because she has power and has demonstrated that by hammering batting practice home runs into the pitcher’s mound at Stevenson Field.

Hitting fifth should be Shannon Brooker, who is also one of the team’s top pitchers. Brooker combines her power with the ability to read the defense to slap singles. With Von Flue hitting sixth, it sets the table for James, Roach and Honsowetz.

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### Dodgers Come Back Home

By Adam Serrao

Last Friday afternoon, Dodger Stadium opened its doors once again for the 2014 Major League Baseball season and with it, a new chapter began in its assembly. With great hopes built up from last season, Dodger fans have now begun to expect greatness from their team that now dominates the minds and imaginations of the L.A. faithful. Baseball is back in Los Angeles and indeed that is a good sign. It is time, once again, for the sport that takes place under the stars and under the great lights that shine down upon the players mastering their crafts on the field. It’s that time of the year for fathers and sons, friends, loved ones or--most importantly--family to appreciate an all-American pastime once again. There is no telling what this chapter in Dodger lore might hold, but judging from the beginning of the season thus far, there will be much to keep our attention for the entirety of a 162-game season.

From all the way across the world in Australia, back down to San Diego and all the way back up to L.A., the 2014 Los Angeles Dodgers have already been all over the world, yet the season has just begun. Some might say that the Dodgers’ tough traveling schedule has resulted in their first two losses of the season. L.A. looked good in Australia, taking two straight games over the Arizona Diamondbacks to start the season at 2-0. It wasn’t getting to Australia that was the problem, though--it was coming back. Clayton Kershaw had a muscle in his back flare up while Brian Wilson had nerve irritation in his elbow that, after just two appearances, has now sent him to the 15-day disabled list. Both Kershaw and Wilson looked good in their appearances in Australia, but once they arrived back in the States, it was clear that their workload in Australia in combination with the altitude from the flight home was what ultimately led to injury. Wilson knew he was injured in San Diego but attempted to pitch anyway, leading to the Dodgers’ first loss. Kershaw was slated to pitch Opening Day in Los Angeles, but because of injury, Hyun-Jin Ryu got the nod and gave up eight runs through just two innings en route to the Dodgers’ 8-4 loss.


So what does this new chapter of Dodger baseball tell us so far? Well, it looks a lot like last season--at least when it comes to the injuries. Having to use the disabled list within the first five games of the season is never a good sign for a ballclub that isn’t necessarily the youngest in the league. Don’t expect the injuries to stop, but at least this year Mattingly and company are more prepared. With four outfielders and a cache of pitchers on the roster, the Dodgers just might have the

depth to withstand injury this season. There is no timetable for Kershaw’s return and some even say that he will be sidelined well into the month of June. With Zack Greinke, Ryu, an impressive first start by Dan Haren, a stable newcomer in Paul Maholm and Josh Beckett and Chad Billingsley on the mend, the Dodgers should have more than enough firepower to endure Kershaw’s absence.

Though the Dodgers suffered a terrible loss last Friday afternoon in what was the L.A. opener, their 8-4 loss might actually have been a good thing for the team. Ryu looked horrible (despite the Dodgers’ poor defensive play), sure, but he will almost undoubtedly rebound. It was the entire bullpen that was finally on display and feeling at home, though, as Jose Dominguez, Chris Withrow and Jamey Wright each entered the game and succeeded in not even allowing a hit. Even Brandon League got into the game and despite a collective groan of discomfort from the Los Angeles crowd, he threw to seven batters, struck out three and didn’t allow a hit in two innings.

Not everything is optimistic, though. There is some cause for concern. The Dodgers’ offense, save for a few batters, looked anemic over the first seven games of the season. In the series against the Padres, the Dodgers batted .185 through three games. Back-to-back home runs helped to raise that average in the opener against the Giants, but there were still seven runners left on base and the team was 3 for 14 with runners in scoring position. With all of the bats on the roster, one would think that those numbers would certainly have to improve. Adding to the pessimism movement comes Yasiel Puig and the “problem” of having four outfielders. Puig is still his typical “Wild Horse” self, showing up later on Opening Day and getting benched for his first game in front of hometown fans. Were it not for his benching, Matt Kemp would have been left off the Opening Day roster, which admittedly was much to the latter’s disliking.

As the great Dodger announcer Vin Scully said himself, “Baseball can be such a humbling game, like life itself, and the Dodgers are certainly tasting vinegar right now.” Truer words may never have been spoken. Sure, the Dodgers tasted that vinegar in front of a sold-out crowd at Dodger Stadium in their home opener, but baseball is just like life. It has its ups and downs and fortunately enough for the Dodgers, it is early enough in the season that they can easily rebound from the minor downs that they have experienced so far this season. It is, indeed, going to be a long one and the first chapter is yet to be completed. So Dodger fans, strap in. It’s going to be one long season full of ups and downs, adversity and glory. •



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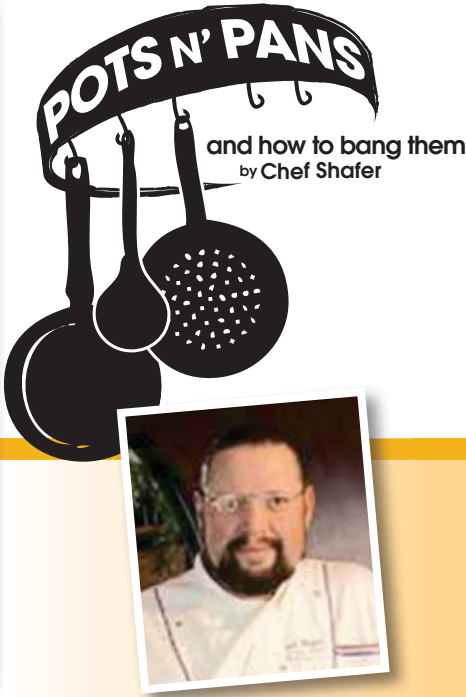
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The Chef



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Sports

Los Angeles D-Fenders Are Playoff Bound

By Gregg McMullin

The Los Angeles Lakers will not make the playoffs this season, but another professional

ponent. The D-Fenders have played the Santa Cruz Warriors eight times this season, earning a 4-4 record against their division foe. It marks



basketball team that calls El Segundo home will. The Los Angeles D-Fenders finished their regular season 31-19 and winners of the Western Division. This is the second division title in franchise history for the Lakers' D-League affiliate.

The D-Fenders will play the Santa Cruz Warriors in the first round of the NBA D-League Playoffs in a best of three series. The D-Fenders finished as the number two overall seed and earned the right to select their op-

the first time that these two teams have met in the postseason.

The D-Fenders open their playoff run tonight in Santa Cruz and host the Warriors on Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Toyota Sports Center. If a third game is necessary, it will be held at the Toyota Sports Center on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Join the action of playoff basketball for a fraction of what you'd pay at Staples Center. For more information and tickets, contact Benny Garcia at (310) 426-6043. •

Sports

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Off the bench are young, eager and talented players. Freshman second baseman Emma Burner is pushing to get into the lineup. Junior Sydney Wilbanks and sophomore outfielders Emily Skulick and Taylor Armijo give the outfield depth. Cameron believes any of his players on the bench could start at any program in the South Bay, "They're that good," he said.

To open up the season, the team retired Lizzy Garland's number 16 before the home season opener against Santa Monica. Garland, a standout player for the Lady Eagles, succumbed to cancer on May 26, 2013. During the ceremony both teams lined the infield and were visibly moved when the banner was unveiled as Garland's father, John, threw out the first pitch. "There wasn't a dry eye," Cameron said.

The Eagles could easily be 6-0, but defensive lapses against Mira Costa cost them the non-league game. Advancing to the semifinals of the Savannah Tournament, they faced fourth-ranked St Paul. They gave up five unearned runs in the first inning and ended up losing 9-7. Against second-ranked El Rancho in the third place game, the Eagles gave up two unearned runs and fell 2-1.

Most teams have played at least 10 games to this point of the season. The Eagles played a doubleheader yesterday against Peninsula and host third-ranked Burbank in a doubleheader on Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m. The Bulldogs have a potent lineup featuring standout junior Caitlyn Brooks, who is batting .500 with four home runs. Brooks also brings with her a gaudy pitching resume that includes a 9-0 record with a 1.29 ERA and 112 strikeouts

in 76 innings.

Later this month, the Eagles will host their own tournament--they fell to Agoura in the finals a year ago. This year's tournament slated for Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 5, features some of the South Bay's top teams including San Pedro, P.O.L.A. (Port of LA), West Torrance, Redondo and Bishop Montgomery as well as Agoura. Games will be played at Richmond Street School and at Recreation Park.

The Alumni Game is set for May 10 at 7 p.m. The game will feature some of the past legends and stars of the softball program. It will also be a fundraiser for the Liz Garland Scholarship given to a senior to help with her college education.

There are three former Lady Eagles currently playing collegiate softball: Erin Burner, Iliana Morales and Miranda Pederson. Burner, who is at St. John's, has had a stellar career making the All-Big East team in her freshman and sophomore seasons. For the third time this season, she was named to the BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll. The junior led the Red Storm (14-15, 0-2 BIG EAST) with a three for four performance, including a pair of home runs. The Honor Roll recognition marks the fourth of her career after being named three times already this season.

Morales is playing for Biola University. As a freshman, she played in 41 of the team's games and started in 27 of them. This season, the sophomore second baseman has helped the Eagles to a 29-7 record.

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# Seniors

## Baby Boomers: Three Crucial Times to Review Your Medicare Options for Retirement

(BPT) - Baby boomers facing the big decision of when to take Social Security retirement shouldn’t overlook the importance of signing up for Medicare at age 65.

Although Social Security offers an age range, generally 62 to 70, for starting retirement benefits - you don’t have this type of flexibility with Medicare health insurance.

“Turning 65 is the trigger for your Medicare enrollment, so it’s important to study this decision as your birthday approaches,” says Paula Muschler, operations manager of the Allsup Medicare Advisor. This is a Medicare plan selection service offering personalized help that includes customized research, a tailor-made report and enrollment assistance. “You have three months before, the month of and three months after your birthday to enroll properly in Medicare when you turn 65.”

One important caution: You may decide to delay Medicare enrollment. “But if you make a mistake with this decision, you could end up with lifetime penalties that add to your Medicare costs,” Muschler says.

Anyone turning 65 should examine their Medicare choices carefully. Muschler outlines three situations that require close study.

1. You are reaching age 65, but you plan to continue working a few more years.

“You need to examine your Medicare enrollment because it interacts with your employer’s group health plan,” Muschler says. “Depending on your employer benefits and the size of your employer, you may need to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.” Original Medicare is made up of Part A, which is hospital insurance, and Part B, which is medical insurance.

2. You are reaching age 65 and retiring from work at the same time.

If you combine retirement with turning 65, it’s important to coordinate the dates of actual retirement and your 65th birthday, Muschler says. “You should take steps to ensure that you don’t have a gap in health care coverage, and you’ll need to choose Medicare plans. This is especially true if you leave work a few months before you turn 65.”

3. You retired from work before age 65 and

have used other health insurance.

“You need to closely examine your health care options as you get ready to turn 65 and move into Medicare,” Muschler says. “There may be special considerations with ending COBRA, health insurance exchange or retiree coverage, depending on your situation. Once you determine that, yes, you do need to get ready for Medicare - carefully review all available Medicare plans.”

Generally, people enrolling in Medicare choose from two paths. One option is to choose Original Medicare and a prescription drug plan, known as Medicare Part D. Many people also buy supplemental coverage, called Medigap, for added benefits.

A second option is to shop among the Medicare Advantage plans available in your area. Depending on where you live, there is an average of 20 Medicare Advantage plans available. In addition, there may be 35 available Part D prescription drug plans from which to choose.

Other factors to consider:

- Relocation. Are you planning to move after retiring?

- Frequent travel. Do you plan to split your year between two states or travel the country?

- Health. What needs do you have? Do you have any chronic health issues?

- Cost. What’s your retirement income? Have you considered saving money with your Medicare plan?

- Medication. It’s critical to examine how your Part D plan covers the drugs you take when you first enroll and during each annual enrollment period.

“We frequently get calls from Medicare beneficiaries who didn’t realize they could save so much money with their choices,” Muschler says. “Sometimes they choose a plan because a friend recommended it, but they end up paying much more than they need to.”

After first-time enrollment, participants can use Medicare annual open enrollment from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 each year to make changes.

“Your Medicare plan can be one of the best things about your retirement if you find the plan that truly matches your needs, lifestyle and budget,” Muschler says. •

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Notice Inviting Sealed Bids

#### CITY OF EL SEGUNDO RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

**Group 53 (RSI 14-03)**  
The City of El Segundo is accepting sealed Bids for its Residential Sound Insulation Program Group 53 (RSI 14-03) in the City Clerk’s office, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids will not be accepted after that time. Bidders are required to attend the **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245. Bidders are strongly encouraged to arrive early as the meeting is expected to start promptly. Any bidder who arrives after the start of the meeting will not be considered in attendance.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to purchase Contract Documents and review them prior to the pre-bid meeting to afford themselves the opportunity to have requirements that may be unclear to them clarified by the City during the meeting. Bids will be received for Group 53 (“Project”) of the Residential Sound Insulation Program, which consists of sound insulation improvements and related work at 30 (thirty) homes in the City of El Segundo, including installation of acoustically rated windows and doors, heating and ventilation modifications, associated electrical work, attic insulation and associated abatement of asbestos containing materials and lead-based painted surfaces. Work on the Project must be performed

in strict conformity with the Contract Documents. A compact disk (CD) of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the City for a non-refundable fee of \$10.00.

The terms and conditions for bidding on the Project are described in the Instructions to Bidders in the Contract Documents.

This Project requires payment of State prevailing rates of wages for Los Angeles County. The Contractor must post copies of the prevailing schedule at each job site. Copies of these rates of wages are available from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Prevailing Wage Unit, Telephone No. (415) 703-4774. The website for this agency is currently located at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov)

The Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded must assist in locating, qualifying, hiring and increasing the skills of minority group employees and applicants for employment, as set forth in Executive Order 11246 and 11375. Bidders must submit a Bid Security (or “bid guarantee”) with their Bid, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Bid (Contract Sum), as a guarantee that Bidder will fulfill its obligation to enter into a Contract with the City in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Five percent (5%) will be deducted from each progress payment and retained by the City. The remainder less the amount of all previous payments will be paid to the Contractor. Pursuant to Public Contracts Code (“PCC”) § 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for retention monies held by the City or request that the City place such monies into an escrow account. The Contractor is notified that, pursuant to PCC § 22300, any such election will be at the Contractor

own expense and will include costs incurred by the City to accommodate the Contractor’s request.

**FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS:**  
The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions.

All Labor on the project must be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Bidders must supply all the information required by the Contract Documents.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the Contract Documents and are available for inspection at the Residential Sound Insulation (RSI) offices, 333 Main Street, Unit A, El Segundo, California 90245. Davis-Bacon prevailing wage information may be obtained directly from the Government Printing Office via the internet at [www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon](http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon) or call toll-free at 1-888-293-6498 or fax your request to 1-202-512-1262.

Bidders must complete, sign and furnish, the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause,” a “Certification, of Nonsegregated Facilities,” and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation.”

A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his Subcontractors having fifty (50) or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program,

the standards for which are contained in the Contract Documents.

To be eligible for award, Bidders must comply with their affirmative action requirements.

Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) as defined in 49 CFR Part 23 must have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds under this agreement. Consequently, the DBE requirements of 49 CFR Part 23 apply to this agreement.

All solicitations, contracts, and subcontracts resulting from projects funded under the AIP must contain the foreign trade restriction required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries That Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

Certification of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Contractors and Subcontractors by Caltrans must be submitted for each DBE and must be submitted within forty eight (48) hours after the opening of bids.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014  
City of El Segundo, California  
Tracy Weaver, City Clerk  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 4/10/14  
**H-24223**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
RECEIVE AND FILE  
DIRECTOR’S DETERMINATION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
NO. 1055 AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT  
AUP NO. 14-01**  
DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
PLACE: City Council Chambers  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, California

TAKE NOTICE that the City of El Segundo Planning Commission will consider the determination of the Director of Planning and Building Safety on the following:

Environmental Assessment No. EA-1055  
and Administrative Use Permit No. 14-01

An Administrative Use Permit to allow the placement and construction of two twenty-foot tall multi-tenant monument signs for the Queen Esther Square Shopping Center.

Address: 600-630 North Sepulveda Boulevard  
Applicant: Ken McKently  
Property Owner:  
Queen Esther Square, L.P.

The applicant requests an Administrative Use Permit allowing placement and construction of two internally illuminated monument signs greater than six feet in height for the Queen Esther Square Shopping Center located at 600-630 North Sepulveda Boulevard. The proposed monument signs will not exceed the maximum permitted height of 20 feet and the maximum permitted sign face area of 150 square-feet. The sign would be located within the landscaped setback areas along Sepulveda Boulevard (west side) and Mariposa Avenue (south side).

The subject property is located in the General Commercial (C-3) Zone. The project site is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Mariposa Avenue.

The proposed project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15311(a), as a Class 11 categorical exemption (on-premise sign).

Planning staff has reviewed the application and the Director made the necessary findings to grant the Administrative Use Permit. The file for the above-mentioned proposal is available for public review, Monday through Thursday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Planning and Building Safety Department, located at 350 Main Street, El Segundo. All persons may give testimony at the public hearing at the time and place indicated above. Please contact Principal Planner Masa Alkire in the City Planning Division at (310) 524-2371 for further information.

Note that any appeal of a decision made following a public hearing may be limited to the issues raised by evidence submitted before or during that public hearing.

Sam Lee,  
Planning and Building Safety Department Director; and,  
Secretary to the Planning Commission  
City of El Segundo

Mailing Date: April 10, 2014  
Publication Date: April 10, 2014  
Posting Date: April 10, 2014  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 4/10/14  
**H-24224**

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. ES017625

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles  
Petition of: Kurush Rohinton Desai for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner Kurush Rohinton Desai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Kurush Rohinton Desai to Quinn Desai  
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 5/2/14, Time: 8:30AM, Dept.: B  
The address of the court is  
300 East Olive Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91502

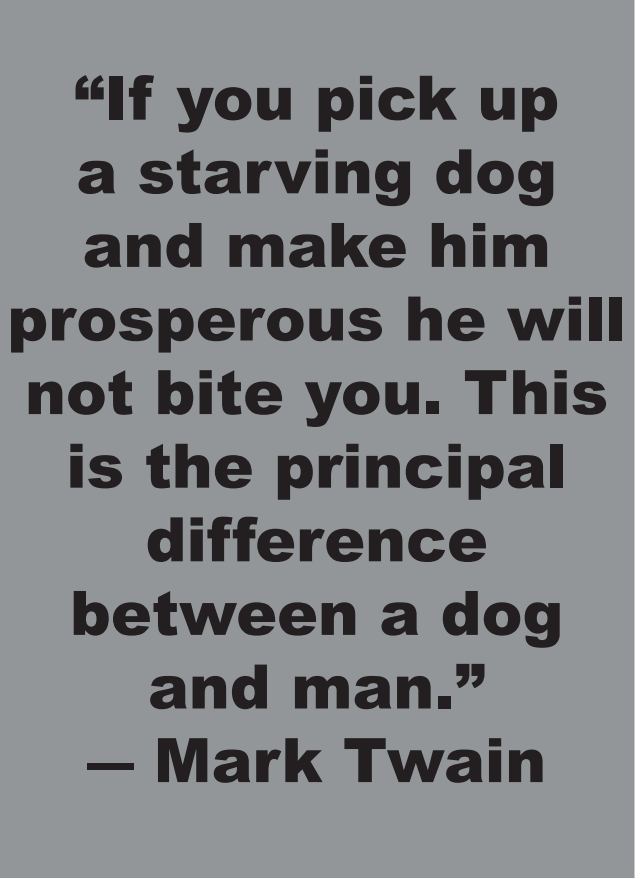
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles  
Date: 5/11/14  
Mary Thornton House  
Judge of the Superior Court  
El Segundo Herald Pub. 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/14

**H-24205**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE T.S. No.: 9551-1317 TSG Order No.: 130237098-CA-MAI A.P.N.: 4132-004-027 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 12/27/2006 as Document No.: 20062871958, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: GORDON G VASQUEZ AND KIMBERLY S VASQUEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier’s check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date and Time: 04/25/2014 at 11:00 AM Sale Location: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real

property described above is purported to be: 811 VIRGINIA STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245-2147 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an “AS IS” condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$767,862.80 (Estimated) as of 04/21/2014. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the

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El Segundo Herald Pub. 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/14  
**H-24214**





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Stay Ahead of Cybercriminals: Use Caution and Common Sense Online

(BPT) - Cybercrime is everywhere these days. It happens in the dead of night, in broad daylight, in homes, hotels, restaurants and airports.

In fact, due to the explosion of online transactions, social media and mobile technology, it can happen almost anywhere at any time. The good news, however, is that it doesn't take a computer genius to protect yourself and your family from the proliferation of cyber criminals who are running scams or seeking to steal your identity.

Cybercriminals victimized 71 million people in the United States in 2012, according to a recent report by the electronic security company Symantec. The problem has become so bad that FBI Director Robert Muller expects cybercrime to eventually overtake both terrorism and counter intelligence as his agency's No. 1 crime-fighting priority.

"Cybercrime has become a national plague that can damage us all," says Don Culpepper, who specializes in family safety and security at Fireman's Fund. "But much of the time it's our own online behavior that opens us up to crime. By changing the way we interact online, by becoming more aware of our behavior, we can take a huge step toward becoming cyber secure."

By refraining from giving out personal information, you can keep your accounts and identity safe from fraud and theft. Never give out any personal information via email, the telephone or through the mail unless you are 100 percent certain that the person or organization you're dealing with is legitimate and you have initiated the contact.

"Your greatest tool to protect yourself and your family from fraud of all kinds, including cybercrime and Internet fraud, is common sense," Culpepper says. "Trust your instincts and if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Tips for staying cyber secure:

- Provision your home Wi-Fi router with a high-level encrypted firewall and make it undiscoverable.
- Monitor you children's social network and mobile computing activity, and stay up-to-date on privacy settings.
- Make certain that you're adequately insured to withstand a loss.
- Use sophisticated passwords and update them regularly.

Still, there are times when even savvy Internet users can be vulnerable to crime. Fake pop-

up alerts that claim your computer has been hacked or is infected with a virus direct you to third-party websites that ask for personal information or direct you to download an actual piece of malware. These programs can run through your computer looking for personal information to send back to the criminals. Many of these programs look legitimate. If you're not familiar with the program that has popped up on your computer, simply close it without clicking on any links.

Companies you interact with, such as banks and retail stores, transfer your information digitally. If those companies' networks are compromised, then your personal information is at risk. Private information you use to identify yourself like usernames, birthdays and even the answers to personal questions can be collected from a compromised system to commit fraud.

"Wi-Fi networks can be especially vulnerable to hacking, particularly public networks that many of us rely on daily," Culpepper says.

Once criminals have this information, they are able to do all sorts of damage. They can get driver's licenses or other identification in your name, access your bank accounts, open utility accounts, apply for jobs and apartments

in your name and even take out loans.

Once your identity has been stolen, it is very difficult to stop the damage, but here are a few steps you should take immediately upon discovering the fraud:

- Monitor your credit report and place a fraud alert on your file with one of the three major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, TransUnion or Experian.
- Close the accounts you suspect have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.
- Create a police report.

In addition, many insurance companies offer policies that can help you recover from the ravages of identity theft. Typical coverage can include attorney fees, new loan application fees, lost income as a result of missing work to deal with the identity theft, among other things.

"While it seems like cybercriminals are always one step ahead of our security counter measures, there are things we can do to stay safe," Culpepper says. "Use common sense, stay alert and regularly install and update the security software on your computers and mobile devices." •

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014064845

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FRIESIAN AUTO SALES. 1326 W ANAHEIM ST, WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Registered Owner(s): Jessie Alexander Renteria, 1208 W 65<sup>th</sup> St, Los Angeles, CA 90044. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: March 01, 2014. Signed: Jessie Alexander Renteria, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 12, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 12, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 12, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: March 20, 27, 2014 and April 3, 10, 2014. HT-1064.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014077030

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PREMIER CONSULTING SOLUTIONS. 3241 FLOWER STREET, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Registered Owner(s): Jose Manuel Villegas, 3241 Flower Street, Lynwood, CA 90262. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: March 01, 2014. Signed: Jose Manuel Villegas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 21, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 21, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 21, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: March 27, 2014 and April 03, 10, 17, 2014. HT-1068.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOPHORT ENTERPRISES. 213 N. DIANTHUS STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266. Registered Owner(s): Sheila Ennis, 213 N. Dianthus Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Sheila Ennis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 27, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 27, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 27, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: April 10, 17, 24, 2014 and May 01, 2014. H-1074.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014060910

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARINA SORIA JEWELRY DESIGNS. 821 GLENWAY DRIVE #2, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302. Registered Owner(s): Carina Soria, 821 Glenway Drive #2, Inglewood, CA 90302. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: March 6, 2014. Signed: Carina Soria, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 06, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 06, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 06, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: March 20, 27, 2014 and April 03, 10, 2014. HI-1065.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014080028

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. MAYEB PUBLICATIONS. 2. MAYEB CONSULTING. 1369 E GRAND AVE UNIT D, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Bonnie M Maye, 1369 E Grand Ave Unit D, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Bonnie M Maye, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 25, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 25, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 25, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: April 03, 10, 17, 24, 2014. H-1070.



Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014057850

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CLOUD AUTO RENTAL. 5959 W. CENTURY BLVD., SUITE 118, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. Registered Owner(s): Cloud Auto Rental, Inc., 5959 W. Century Blvd., Suite 118, Los Angeles, CA 90045. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Yvonne Kazerouni, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 04, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 04, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 04, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Inglewood News: March 20, 27, 2014 and April 03, 10, 2014. HI-1066.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014080029

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ESHS JA. 640 MAIN STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. 1369 E GRAND AVE UNIT D, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245. Registered Owner(s): Bonnie M Maye, 1369 E Grand Ave Unit D, El Segundo, CA 90245. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Bonnie M Maye, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 25, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 25, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 25, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). El Segundo Herald: April 03, 10, 17, 24, 2014. H-1071.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082177

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. RED WILLOW FOOTWEAR. 2. RED WILLOW. 2660 COLUMBIA STREET, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Registered Owner(s): Shoes West, Inc, 2660 Columbia Street, Torrance, CA 90503. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: William R Langrell, Chief Operating Officer, Shoes West, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 27, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 27, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 27, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 2014 and May 01, 2014. HT-1075.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014080609

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AKA BEAUTIFUL. 3525 W. CARSON 276, TORRANCE, CA 90503. 1469 CORONADO AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. Registered Owner(s): 1. Rosalba Barrera, 1469 Coronado Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. 2. Maria G Barrera, 1469 Coronado Ave, Long Beach, CA 90804. This business is being conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Rosalba Barrera, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 26, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 26, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 26, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: April 03, 10, 17, 24, 2014. HT-1072.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082558

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 1. HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAMS. 2. HSS CONSULTANTS. 3. GERM BUSTER PRODUCTS. 6475 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY #162, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Registered Owner(s): Rebecca Martinez, 6475 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. 162, Long Beach, CA 90803. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Rebecca Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 27, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 27, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 27, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 2014 and May 01, 2014. HT-1076.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014092537

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FABULOUS GRILL. 12829 CRENSHAW BLVD, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Registered Owner(s): Helenstar Corp, 12829 Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250. This business is being conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Helenstar Corp, President, Sonia Contreras. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 7, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 7, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 7, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Hawthorne Press Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 2014 and May 1, 2014. HH-1079.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014082339

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GATEWAY DAY CARE AND HOME PRESCHOOL. 4609 SEPULVEDA BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90505. Registered Owner(s): 1. Nayana Niranjalee Wijetunge, 4609 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505. 2. Sarath Wijetunge Weda Arachchige, 4609 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505. This business is being conducted by a Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Nayana Niranjalee Wijetunge, Co-owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on March 27, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on March 27, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to March 27, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: April 03, 10, 17, 24, 2014. HT-1073.

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2014092522

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BRAND HADDEN CONSULTING. 2928 KNOXVILLE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. Registered Owner(s): Naomi Hadden, 2928 Knoxville Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815. This business is being conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed: N/A. Signed: Naomi Hadden, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Recorder of Los Angeles County on April 7, 2014. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires on April 7, 2019. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to April 7, 2019. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14400 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). Torrance Tribune: April 10, 17, 24, 26, 2014 and May 01, 2014. HT-1078.

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# A Student's Perspective

## Spring Break for a High Schooler in El Segundo

**By Cece Stewart**  
**Freshman at El Segundo High School**  
Spring Break for a high school student in El Segundo is a glorious week, a break to be a kid again instead of a student. Some of our friends go to Palm Springs, a lucky few go to Hawaii or Mexico. But for those who stay in El Segundo here is what we do in Gundo on the week off: We stay up late, and then we sleep in, sometimes until past noon. Once up, here are some fun activities that our community of High School kids do: go to the beach; get food; whatever it is we are hanging out with friends, enjoying our Mayberry by the Sea. Living next to the beach means everyone should take great advantage of it. Whenever you are bored, a simple beach jog can cheer you up and get you excited and ready for the day. A beach day is fun too. Just to lay out on the beach with friends while listening to music and eating pizza and the wave's crash before your very eyes is a huge blessing we have by living this close to the beach.

Jamie Mark says that her favorite thing to do on spring break is to go to the beach with friends. She enjoys laying out on a towel and soaking in the sun, then going for a swim while letting her hair get beach curls. Also, there is a shuttle that goes through El Segundo to the beach  
There are many food options in El Segundo that are easy to walk to, and taste delicious. For instance, on Grand and Main, there are food choices all throughout the street that children enjoy. Local skater, Wyatt Adler (9<sup>th</sup> grade), says that he enjoys getting boba drinks on Grand after a tiring day of skating with his friends. Molly Hudson (9<sup>th</sup> grade) likes being able to do multiple Starbucks trips a day, and a favorite is the Cool Lime refresher. Although the new Blue Butterfly has a great Chai. And then there is always the coveted late night runs to McDonald's or even In-n-Out if you have a Senior like Amanda Goeglein (12<sup>th</sup> grade) to drive you! Which leads to the next idea, hanging out with friends. Whenever someone is bored, calling

up a friend is a perfect solution. Just walking around town, going to Rec, and just being together. Or of course, if you are feeling too lazy, you can socialize from the comfort of your couch by face-timing, tweeting, or sharing a snap-chart story. Either way, we document it all via Instagram. Since we have a week of spring break, did

I mention to be sure to sleep in? Mostly, make sure to make memories that will last a life time, and be sure to have fun! Having one week to do whatever you want is a great gift that should be taken advantage of through enjoying your week of Spring Break and being stress free. Next stop, summer, only 10 weeks to go! •

### Elected to Council

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(and \$5.9 million per year thereafter) to cover projected budget shortfalls and also pay for much-needed capital improvements. In placing the item on the ballot, the Council members said they felt it was the only viable option to address the deficit. That message did not resonate with voters, however. "It is a sad thing for El Segundo that the community isn't willing to support keeping our town special—particularly when the businesses in town were willing to pitch in 98 percent of the costs to do so," commented Councilmember Marie Fellhauer on the failure of Measure A. Similarly in 2010, voters

declined on a proposed one percent utility user tax increase also supported by the businesses that would have footed the bill. Representing the business community, Yes on Measure A co-chair Joe Harding, added, "We're obviously disappointed in the results on Measure A given the serious economic situation El Segundo faces. It will now be incumbent upon everyone to think of new and constructive options to ensure El Segundo can continue to provide the services we have come to expect. The tough decisions ahead will not be easy..." •

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